



St Joseph's School

Newsletter

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Isla



Joshua



Phoebe



Christina



Welcome to our fabulous Kindys for
2018.



Courtney



Felix



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined the St. Joseph's School community in 2018.

We welcomed years 1-6 on Tuesday and the new Kinders on Wednesday. It was great to see so many smiling faces walk into the school on their first day. Looking ready and eager to meet friends and enter the classroom.

We also welcomed Miss Shani Marshall (K/1/2 teacher). Shani is a wonderful addition to our team and she is looking forward to meeting all our families and being part of the St Joseph's and Barraba community.

Mrs Deb McDouall is our new **Religious Education Coordinator (REC)**. I'm confident Deb will be an excellent advocate for strengthening the faith of our school. This is an executive role which means Deb will also be apart of the leadership team, along with Maria and I. Congratulations Deb!

This week as a staff we spent time reflecting on the year ahead, our role as a teaching staff and how we can make St. Joseph's Barraba the best Catholic school we can. These conversations will continue with the wider school community as the year progresses.

Parents and carers are invited to our **parent information night**, to be held on Tuesday 13th Feb. 5.30pm K/1/2, 6.00pm 3/4, 6.30pm 5/6

This is a great opportunity for parents to find out about all the exciting learning experiences happening in their child's classroom this year.

A reminder to save the date of Thursday the 15th of February which will be the school **swimming carnival** for years 2-6. A great day that is always filled with lots of fun and energy! We will also be heading down to the pool for sport this Friday and next.

The year one and Kindergarten students will enjoy a teddy bears picnic and water fun day instead of the swimming carnival. Parents and families are most welcome to attend both events.

Thank you, Rachel Caskey

There will be some changes to the running of our school **Canteen** this year.

- You will be able to order and pay online using our school stream app (bags will still be accepted)
- We will trial canteen for 2 days per week Monday and Friday
- The school will employ a canteen manager (position to be advertised next week) and it will be great to still have our mums and dads come in and help out when they can.
- Some healthier options will be added to the after lunch menu, such as vegie chips, popcorn and fruit cups (available on Monday 6th).

This will allow the canteen to be operational more regularly and hopefully make life easier for parents. More information will be made available next week. Thank you!

****Canteen will be as normal on Monday 6th Feb****

RE News

Welcome back everyone!

Our first school mass for the year will be next **Wednesday, 7 February at 10am.** This will be our opening school mass for the year. During the mass the 2018 school leaders will be blessed and presented with their badges. It is a special occasion and we hope to see as many families there to celebrate the start of the school year together.

We welcome Fr John Curran, the new Parish Priest for Barraba. Fr John will be also looking after St Michael's Parish in Manilla.

Looking ahead, Ash Wednesday will begin our Lenten journey on 14 February this year. We will all be attending mass on this day at 10am.

Save the Date: Confirmation will be on the weekend of 28/29 July.



School Fees

School Fees will be sent out next week. Currently the fees are payable per term for the first 3 terms and term 4 is free! However, if you would prefer to extend the payment over 4 terms and set up a direct deposit, please contact Natalie at the front office to make arrangements for this. Fees are payable

<i>Number of children</i>	<i>Amount per term</i>	<i>Amount per year – Remember Term 4 is Free!</i>
1	\$323	\$969
2	\$498	\$1494
3	\$619	\$1857

If you are experiencing difficulty paying school fees, please come and see me to discuss alternative arrangements.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

At NO time is a child to have any medication at school without a signed note from parents. All medication is to be presented at the school office not kept in a child's bag or pocket. The school is required to keep records of ALL medication supplied to a student whilst they are at school. Regular medication must be accompanied by a signed Medication Form completed in full, with details of the medication, prescribing doctor, dosage and duration of treatment.

Sending medication to school with a child is unacceptable and dangerous. Please assist us in keeping your child safe by following these procedures.

- Contact the school for a Medication Form
- Complete the form in full
- Ensure that the medication is in the ORIGINAL packaging

Line-Up and Duty Times:

Morning 8:30am - 8:50am

Any children arriving before 8.30 must sit down under the COLA until a teacher is present on duty.

Classes commence at 9.00am. Any students arriving after this time, must present to the office before entering the classroom to obtain a late note.

Recess 11.00 am - 11.30am

Lunch 1:00pm - 1:20pm (1st duty)

1:20pm - 1:40pm (2nd duty)

Dismissal 3.05pm

Parents/carers wishing to take children home early must sign the appropriate forms at the school office

Term 1 Calendar 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Week 1</u>	29 <i>Pupil Free Day</i>	30 <i>Yrs 1-6 Return</i>	31 <i>Welcome Kindergarten</i>	1	2 <i>Swimming Sport Yrs 2-6</i>
<u>Week 2</u>	5	6	7 <i>Opening School Mass 10am</i>	8	9 <i>Swimming Sport Yrs 2-6 Polding Summer Trials Newcastle (Cate Bishton)</i>
<u>Week 3</u>	12	13 <i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Parent Information Night 5.30-7pm</i>	14 <i>Ash Wednesday 10am Mass</i>	15 <i>Swimming Carnival</i>	16
<u>Week 4</u>	19	20	21	22 <i>Dio Swimming Carnival - Armidale</i>	23
<u>Week 5</u>	26	27	28	1	2 <i>Diocesan Touch Trials - Tamworth</i>
<u>Week 6</u>	5	6	7	8	9
<u>Week 7</u>	12	13	14	15	16
<u>Week 8</u>	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Diocesan Winter Trials - Inverell</i>
<u>Week 9</u>	26	27	28	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY
<u>Week 10</u>	2 <i>Easter Monday</i>	3	4	5	6
<u>Week 11</u>	9	10	11	12	13

Junior Cricket

Resumes Saturday 10th February.

9am start time and all new registrations welcome

