



# St Joseph's School

## Newsletter

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Students of the week

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BULLYING. NO WAY!

Friday the 16th of March was the National Day of Action Against Bullying.

## What is bullying?

*Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).*

*Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.*

*Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.*

Bullying has three main features:

- It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- It is ongoing and repeated, and
- It involves behaviours that can cause harm.

How can we stand up against bullying & violence?

The biggest aspect is for anyone being bullied is to speak with a teacher, parent or trusted adult. This allows the issue to be addressed. If parents are concerned their child is being bullied at school, they can make an appointment with their child's teacher to ensure they are aware of your concerns.

**It is a great conversation to have with your child using their hand and asking them to identify five people who they can talk to and could help anytime they feel upset, lonely or distressed.**

Bullying and violence will not be accepted. This includes Cyber bullying which is indeed a big issue for youth in our modern world.

I would encourage families to visit the following two sites for information on how to address both bullying and cyberbullying.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

***Together we can take a stand against bullying***

Rachel Caskey

## RE News

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Next week is Holy Week, one of the most holy times in the Catholic church calendar.

To help prepare the students for this time, each class will lead us in a short liturgy in the church focusing on the events of Holy Week. Everyone is most welcome to come along to these liturgies.

“O, God, have mercy on me. Create a clean heart in me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, and I will share my faith with everyone around me.”

## Students of the Week

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K/1/2	Christina	Enthusiasm towards learning new things
3/4	Indigo	Dedication and consistency to all areas of school life
5/6	Campbell	A consistent effort and positive attitude everyday

## L.O.P News

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Today we completed our NAPLAN online omnibus practice test. Everything went smoothly, the students responded well to the online format. This has given all year 3 and year 5 the opportunity to see what NAPLAN online looks like and allowed them to use the different formats within the testing area.

There is a practice site if you or your children want to have a look at the format.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Maria Wilson

Leader of Pedagogy

## Canteen Volunteers Roster

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Monday <del>19 March</del>	Friday VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 23 March (Leisa away at a training day)	
Monday 26 March	Friday 30 March CLOSED – Good Friday	
Monday 2 April CLOSED Easter Monday	Tuesday 3 April OPEN	Friday 6 April
Monday 9 April	Friday 13 April	

**Please remember to order some hot cross buns through the google form emailed to parents on Monday. This canteen fundraiser also supports our local bakery. If you didn't receive the form please contact the school office and I can forward one to you.**

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### **Student Health – Head Lice**

There have been a few reported cases of head lice. We ask parents to please be vigilant and check your children's hair regularly. Children are to return to school when they have been treated with a product for head lice, and the hair is completely free from nits, especially the eggs. We suggest children do not share hats or combs at school. Please notify the school if head lice are found at any stage throughout the year.

ICAS SUBJECT	ICAS SITTING DATE	PRICE*: AUSTRALIA (INC GST)
Science	Tuesday, 29 May 2018	AUD 9.90
Spelling	Wednesday, 13 June 2018	AUD 19.80
Writing	Thursday, 14 June 2018	AUD 13.20
English	Tuesday, 31 July 2018	AUD 9.90
Mathematics	Tuesday, 14 August 2018	AUD 9.90

If you would like your child/ren to sit an ICAS test, could you please have all entries WITH money back into the school office before the end of Term 1. A google form was emailed to parents who have children in years 3-6.

Several parents have asked me about whether or not they should encourage their child to sit the ICAS tests. My view is that it is a good way to learn to cope with time pressure under exam conditions and also good practice for future exams. Probably not the most definitive answer but the decision is yours.

### **DIOCESAN WINTER TRIALS**

Notes have been sent home with children who have been nominated for the Diocesan Winter Trials in Tamworth on Friday 6th April. Please complete these forms as soon as possible and return to the school office.

### **St Patrick's Green Day**

Last Friday 16 March our school celebrated St Patrick's Day and in honour of this day the children came out of school uniform dressed in "green" and gee didn't they look fabulous! We raised a total of \$57 for Caritas. What a fantastic effort and thank you to all our families for your contributions and generosity!!



### **Coles Supermarket Vouchers**

Our school is participating in the Coles Sports for School 2018 Program. For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sport for Schools voucher. Families can bring the vouchers to school and place them in the collection box at either School Office. Every voucher received will go towards our tally to order sports equipment for our students.

This program will run until Friday 11 May.

# Term 1 Calendar 2018

	<u><b>Monday</b></u>	<u><b>Tuesday</b></u>	<u><b>Wednesday</b></u>	<u><b>Thursday</b></u>	<u><b>Friday</b></u>
<u><b>Week 8</b></u>	19 Canteen St Joseph's Day	20	21	22 Remembrance Ceremony Day Centre 5.30pm	23 Canteen School Mass 10am K/1/2 leading St Joseph's Day celebration
<u><b>Week 9</b></u>	26 Canteen	27 Centacare Visit  Chrism Mass Armidale  Book Club Due Back at school	28 Palm Sunday Liturgy 12noon lead by class K/1/2	29 Holy Thursday Liturgy 12noon lead by class 3/4  Good Friday Liturgy 2.30pm lead by class 5/6	30 GOOD FRIDAY
<u><b>Week 10</b></u>	2 Easter Monday	3 Canteen	4	5	6 Canteen  Diocesan Winter Trials – Tamworth  Cross Country training
<u><b>Week 11</b></u>	9 Canteen	10 Centacare Visit	11 SAC Meeting 5.15pm	12	13 FRIDAY FUN DAY – Mufti  Parent Assembly followed by games and fun activities  Canteen  Cross Country training

# Term 2 Calendar 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	30 April	1 May	2	3	4 Polding Winter Trials  School Cross Country
<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	7	8	9	10	11
<b><u>Week 3</u></b>	14 Diocesan Cross country - Barraba	15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Language and Writing	16 NAPLAN Yrs 3&5 Reading	17 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Numeracy	18
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	21 Rugby League, Netball & Soccer Gala Day - Inverell	22	23	24	25
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	28	29 ICAS Science	30	31	1 June Polding Touch Trials Parkes - Good Luck Cate Bishton
<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	4 Diocesan Rugby Trials - Tamworth	5	6	7	8
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	11 QUEENS BIRTHDAY Public Holiday	12	13 Year 6 RE Test  ICAS Spelling	14  ICAS Writing	15
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	18	19	20	21	22
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	25	26	27	28	29
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	2 July	3	4	5	6 Last Day of Term