



ST JOSEPH'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



BARRABA

**25 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Spring Gallop today has been great for everyone. Students and staff have had a lot of fun with the surprise 'Colour run'. The students' fitness with the running and obstacle course has also been very impressive!

I hope everyone has a well-earned break over the holidays. School resumes for term 4 on Monday 12

October. There is NO pupil free day at the beginning of fourth term. Students are to wear full summer uniforms.

Thank you once again for making adjustments with us along the way as we manage learning in the current environment. Your adaptability and support mean a great deal.

Have a great weekend!

Rachel Caskey  
Principal

## FAREWELL

Farewell to Kurt and Chloe. We wish you both the very best at your new schools. Thank you to Kurt and Chloe's families for all the support you have provided to St Joseph's over your long association with our school.



## The Spring Gallop





# RE NOTES

## End of Term Prayer

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents And a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

## Storytelling

Our teachers participated in training on the art of Storytelling recently. In Religion classes, we use the storytelling method to help students access, understand and respond to stories from the Bible. Here the teachers are responding to the story of the Poor Widow (Mark 12:41-44) using sand art, painting, scratch paper, collage, and paper craft.

## Save the date - Confirmation

Father has agreed to having Confirmation over two weekends at the scheduled Parish masses: **Sunday 8 and Sunday 15 November (9am)**. At this stage we will have 4 candidates at each mass and attendees will be limited in number due to Covid measures.

Both Father Curran and I will be hosting a compulsory meeting for parents via the Zoom platform on Monday 12 October where we will go over the Sacrament information, Covid measures for attending St John's and the changes to the actual Sacrament rites as per the direction of the Bishop. Parents should have received an invitation for this meeting on Wednesday. If not, please contact the school and let us know. Students will begin specific preparations in Week 1 of Term 4.

## Weekend Mass

Sunday, 27 September at 9am  
St John's Catholic Church, Barraba

God bless, safe holidays  
Deb McDouall





# THE SPRING GALLOP



Before



After





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**Overleaf:**

Top left - Leisa pursued by Jake with Jock

Top right - Charlotte, Bella and Zara.

Bottom - Chloe, Alessia, and Sophie.

**This page:**

Top - Chace, Chloe, Bella

Bottom - Dallas and Nat

**Next page:**

Mrs Caskey, Dallas and Matilda









# READING AWARDS

Congratulations to **Becky Lott** for reading for 50 nights, **Takoda Brown** for reading for 100 nights, and **Myla Brown** for reading for 125 nights! **Felix Urquhart** was the first student to make it to 200 nights of reading. Felix will be "Principal for a day" next term. He is going to think over the holidays about what three things he will do as Principal.



Becky, Myla and Takoda



Felix checking out his new office for when he is Principal for the day





Clockwise from top left:  
Chastity and Ruby, Oliver, Chastity and  
Christina, Dallas.





# DIARY Term 3

Additions and amendments are noted in red

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
10	21 Canteen Guitar/uke lessons	22	23 Talk Homework	24 Big Write	25 Last day of term Canteen Spring Gallop Closing date KAS testing	26/27 Mass Sun 9am

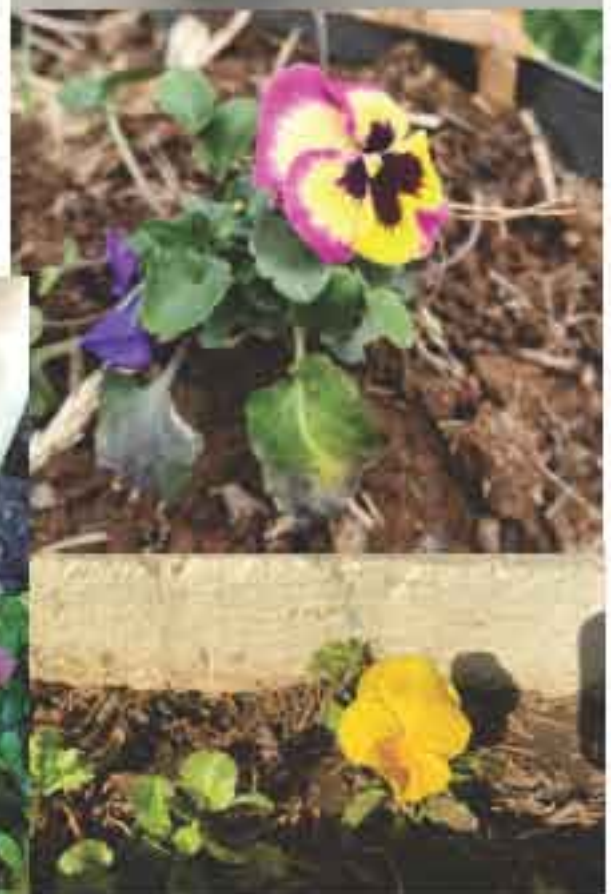
**School resumes: Monday 14 October**

## PEACEFUL KIDS

It's so great to see all the photos coming in of our 'peaceful plants' from our students. Keep them coming! Tending a plant is a great opportunity to remind ourselves to stop for a moment and take three deep calming breaths for our brain!

Well done Clare, Henry, Kobi and Charlotte on your growing skills!

Deb McDouall





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**At St Joseph's it is our shared responsibility to help children develop spiritually, academically, and socially, according to their abilities through the teaching of all key learning areas.**

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**Joshua, Royce and Ruby**

**Congratulations to our Students of the Week! Well done to Ruby for wonderful acting playing the Fox in our Gruffalo play, Joshua for dedication to mathematics, and to Royce for amazing Yr 5/6 dance presentation.**