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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With a continuous focus on the learning and well being needs of ALL students at St Joseph's Barraba., our **three new rules for living** (replacing our school rules) are:

- I am safe
- I am valued, respected and cared for
- I am a learner

These rules come from the Living, Well Learning Well framework which has been implemented across all schools in the Armidale diocese. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks, as we work as a school community to ensure our children continue to receive the best education in a caring environment.

Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers for participating in the **Three Way Conferences** over the past two weeks. These conferences have been an important chance to plan the next steps in each child's learning journey, including setting learning goals.

As you know we have been conducting a survey into the need for **Out Of School Hours Child Care in Barraba**. We have good facilities at school to operate a service like this for before and after school care. The first step is to assess whether there is a need for a service like this. Thank you to everyone who has completed the online questionnaire so far. There are a weekly prizes for participants. For the third and final week of the survey **the prize is a \$25 voucher at Barraba Pharmacy**. A link to the survey can be found on the school facebook page and on Compass.

Have a great week!

Rachel Caskey  
Principal



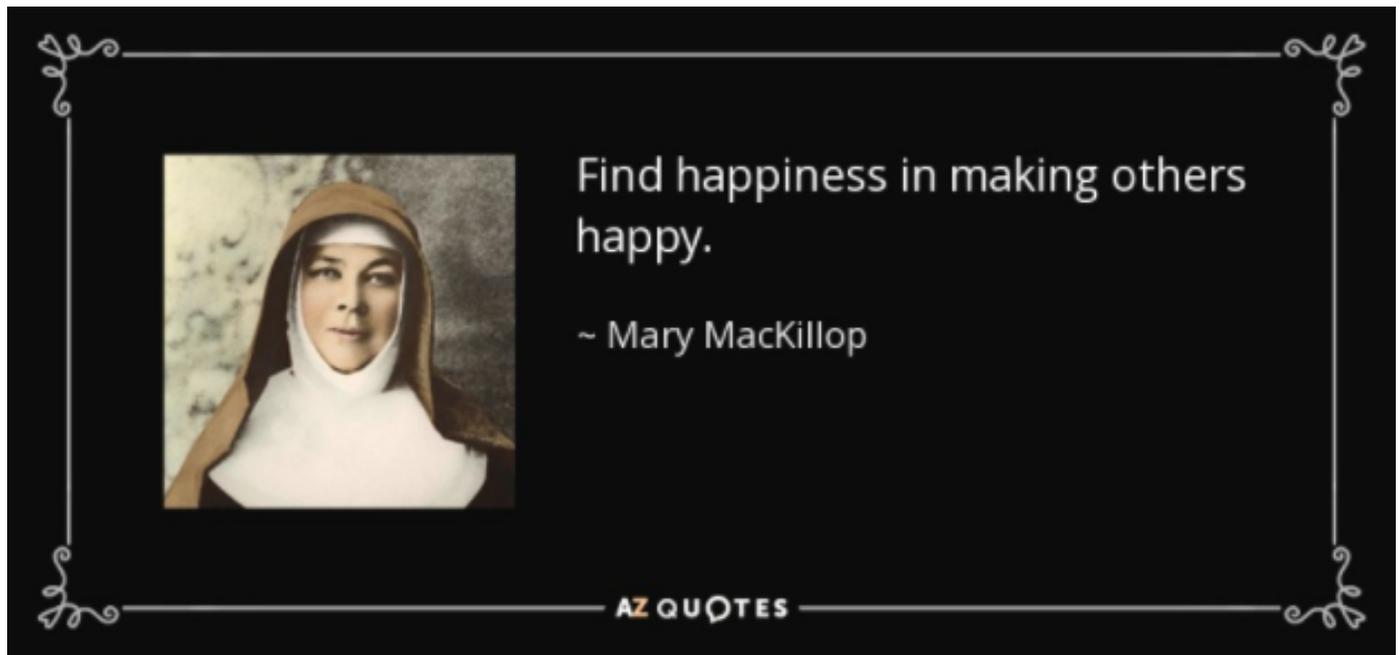
# RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

When parents are running the lunch stall at the Tycolah Bull Sale next term they will take the opportunity to sell raffle tickets. This will boost the fund raising effort. If you are able to donate a raffle prize please get in touch with the School Office.

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Cover: Ava enjoys meeting Healthy Harold

# RE NEWS



## **School Mass**

It is wonderful to be able to come together and celebrate the mass as a school. The next school mass will be this **Friday 18 June at 10am** led by our **K/1 class**. Their theme is kindness. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us. As a special treat we allow students to sit with their family members during mass (if they have a special job we usually wait until that job is complete).

## **New missals**

Father Curran has kindly donated 50 new children's missals to our school. These new missals contain the second Eucharistic prayer along with more readings and prayers for children to follow along during mass. Thank you to Father Curran for buying these for us, we look forward to using them during this week's mass.

## **Sacraments**

A special group of students have begun their preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be on Wednesday 23 June (week 10). Please keep these students in your prayers.

## **Mini Vinnies**

This year the Mini Vinnies group will operate a little differently to past years. Students in stage 3 (years 5 & 6) will lead smaller action-based groups within the school. I am excited about seeing the group up and running in our school community again after last year's challenges. Stay tuned for a report from the group in the next newsletter.

## **Weekend Mass**

Sunday, 20 June at 9am

St John's Catholic Church, Barraba

*God bless,*

Deb McDouall  
RE Coordinator

# MUSIC

Every Friday Mr Ian Hocquard from the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music comes to our school. As well as giving individual and group lessons, Mr Hocquard also teaches a class the Djembe drum. This term K/1 are having lessons with Mr Hocquard. Next term it is Year 2/3/4's turn and in fourth term Year 5/6 will learn the west African instrument. Playing the Djembe is a lot of fun as well as beneficial for students' coordination and rhythm.



# LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Last week's visit from the Life Education van featuring Healthy Harold was enjoyed by students and staff. The program covered topics including: drugs and alcohol, personal safety, cybersafety, food and nutrition, physical activity, social and emotional wellbeing and the human body.





## Farming Problems

Extremely early in the morning  
I thought the day would be boring.  
I thought about the needs  
So I started planting seeds.

I started watering plants,  
then I wet my pants.  
I had a warm shower  
But I soon lost my power.

The plants weren't growing  
then the wind started blowing.  
So I got some fertilizer,  
But my brain was not much wiser.

I wanted to start a new farm  
But brought the wrong lip balm.  
A joke was so funny  
I had to go to the dunny.  
I went outside to think,  
And my skin started to turn pink!

I was starting to care for the plants  
But then I was covered in ants.  
I was covered in bites,  
The ants started some fights!

Then it started raining  
And I started complaining!  
I went inside to wait,  
Then I started to faint.

I woke up with a yawn,  
Then I ate a prawn.  
I went outside to look  
And then my body shook.

I now have a farming team,  
Then I let out a scream.  
The plants are alive,  
now I can survive.

This is the end of this story,  
I called my plants Cory  
I hope to see you soon,  
And I'll bring you a balloon.

Until we meet again,  
I will be your friend.  
Bye for now,  
Next time we meet I will have a  
cow.

**By Felix (Yr 3)**

# AWARDS



Felix, Royce, Indigo and Pippa

Congratulations to the Students of the Week from Week 7. Well done to **Pippa** of K/1 for Effort and Improvement in Literacy, **Felix** in Year 2/3/4 for Incredible narrative poem in this weeks Big Write and to **Indigo** in Yr 5/6 for demonstrating excellent engagement and reflective thinking in all key learning areas. Congratulations too, to **Royce** for receiving the Captains' Award for excellent playground behaviour and being a great sport.

# READING

Well done to these students for completing many nights of reading. Well done to **Oliver** for 75 nights of reading, to **Shae** for 100 nights and to **Christina** for 125 nights.

Overleaf: Shae, Christina and Oliver

# DIARY

Amended or new dates are in red.

Wk	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
9	14 Queen's Birthday Public Hol	15	16 Centacare	17 Toastie Thursday Yr 6 RE Test	18 Canteen 10am Mass (K/1)	19/20
10	21 Canteen CPR Training for Yr 5/6	22 <b>Semester 2 reports go home</b>	23 3.30pm First Reconciliation	24 Toastie Thursday	25 Canteen 	26/27



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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.**

## AWARDS



Courtney, Mason and Jock

Congratulations to the week's Students of the Week. Well done to **Mason** of K/1 for amazing work in writing, **Courtney** in Year 2/3/4 for fantastic work across all KLAs and to **Jock** in Yr 5/6 for his excellent work with the debating team. Congratulations too, to **Mason** for receiving the Captains' Award for excellent playground behaviour and being a great sport.