



St Joseph's School Newsletter



WELCOME TO TERM 1 AT ST JOSEPH'S

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the beginning of a very exciting year. I hope our families have all had a wonderful break and had time to spend with their loved ones. I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me to start this year. I look forward to working with the students at St Joseph's and with the parents to ensure that each and every child will achieve to their highest potential. I would also like to welcome Mrs Kim Heagney to our staff. I am sure that our new teaching combination brings many talents to our school and will help us to deliver fabulous learning opportunities to our children.

Please remember if you have any concerns at any time throughout the year please make an appointment to chat with me, the earlier issues are addressed the easier it is to solve concerns.

Ash Wednesday

Next week we celebrate Ash Wednesday which signals the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. During this time the children will be asked to concentrate on three things; consideration for others through good deeds or donations, fasting (maybe giving up a little treat eg, lollies, fizzy drinks) and making time for prayer. Children will receive Project Compassion Boxes where they may choose to collect coins or pocket money. Please encourage your children in their efforts, especially towards prayer. The students will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass to be celebrated at 9:10 in the church.

PT&F Meeting

Next Wednesday 10th February we will hold our first PT&F meeting for the year. I encourage all parents to attend as the role of the P&F is very important within our school. PT&F meetings are a great place to find out what is happening in the school, gain a better understanding about school policies and activities, make a comment, raise a concern or ask a question, and get to know other parents in our school community.

At St Joseph's School, I want to build a very close and positive relationship between the PT&F and the school. The PT&F is one avenue you may like to explore to support the school in making St Joseph's School an even better place for your children and our students.

So please come along it will be great to meet everyone and together build our school community.

Judy Elks

Lent

*Jesus, we read in the Bible,
about the time you went alone into the desert,
where you ate nothing for forty days.
Help us, in the forty days of Lent,
to remember what you suffered for us,
because you wanted to save us.
Help us, in the forty days of Lent,
to go without some of the nice
things we often have,
to be kind and helpful to others, to
make our home a happy place.
Help us, in the forty days of Lent, to pray more,
and to remember you,
suffering and dying on the cross,
because you wanted to save us.*

SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 5 February at 9:10 in St Joseph's Church. There will be an additional Mass next Wednesday 10 February at 9:10am for Ash Wednesday. All welcome.

SWIMMING

We will be taking the children to the pool **this Friday 5 February** for a swimming session from 11:30am to 1:00pm in preparation for our **annual school swimming carnival to be held on Thursday 11 February**.

Please ensure that your child has all their swimming gear for both days, including sunscreen and school hat, in a bag clearly labelled with their name.

Students are to come to school as usual on carnival day to be marked off the roll at 9:00am then they will walk across to the pool ready to start the carnival at 9:15am

Please pack recess and lunch for your children both days. The students will return to school in time for their lunch on both days.

We look forward to seeing you at the carnival on 11 February to cheer the children on!

Permission notes were sent home yesterday and need to be returned by this Friday. Thank you.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS & BBQ

Our Opening School Mass and induction of School Leaders will take place on Tuesday 16 February at 6:00pm. All our students and families are asked to be there for this special event on our school calendar.

A BBQ tea will take place in the school grounds after the Mass. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

SCHOOL FEES

As notified in the last newsletter of Term 4 2015, there is a slight increase in School Fees for this year.

School Fee Invoices and Statements for Term 1 will be sent out this week and are due for payment by 29 February. If you wish to discuss a payment plan for their fees please contact the school office for an appointment with the Principal. All discussions and arrangements are strictly confidential. Direct Debit Forms are also available from the school office at any time.

STUDENT RESOURCES FEES

Student Resources have already been supplied to your child/children by the school. This guarantees that each child has the same quality and quantity. It also saves you from having to source them in the mad rush before school! The cost of these resources is kept to a minimum for our families and we therefore request that you pay these separately to your school fees as soon as possible:

\$40 for Kindergarten, Yr1, Yr2 students

\$50 for Yr 3/4/5/6 students

You will be issued with a special receipt upon payment for these resources. Thank you.

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR

We are currently compiling the Term 1 Calendar for our school families. We will send the calendar home with next week's newsletter. In the meantime, please refer to the back of this newsletter and to any notes which come home with your children. Thank you.

PT&F CORNER

Carlton's Ram Sale:

The PT&F will be catering for the Carlton's Ram Sale next Tuesday 9 February. This is always a lovely "day out" and as this is our first fundraiser for the year it is a great way for new parents to meet other parents and get involved. The Ram Sales take place at "Queenlee" on Thunderbolts Way. We would be grateful for helpers at the sales as well as volunteers to provide slices and cakes which can be left at the school office on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. We can car pool for anyone wishing to come out on the day. Please contact Kathy on the numbers below if you can help in any way. Thank you.

Meetings:

Our first meeting for the year will be held next Wed 10 February at 5:30pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible especially our new parents. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kathy Dodd (President) Phone 6778 4774 or Mob. 0423 418 467

STAFF CARPARK SAFETY

Parents are reminded that the school's carpark is strictly for the use of school personnel and designated delivery vehicles only. **For the safety of all, especially the children**, parents and other visitors are asked to use the street parking, pedestrian crossing and pathways for entry and exit of the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

WELCOME

St Joseph's School heartily welcomes some new faces to our school family. Ava Hopkinson has joined the Primary Learning Studio in Year 3. We also welcome Ava's parents Chanel and Brett and little sister Rose to Uralla and our school community.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

St Joseph's School has a "developing" website which will have the school newsletter uploaded each week. The site will be improved over time with assistance from the Catholic Schools Office.

Check it out on www.stjosephsuralla.catholic.edu.au



WELCOME TO OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASS 2016

Our delightful Kindergarten group has settled in very well to being at "big school". The big step was made easier by their transition program in Term 4 last year.

Mrs Elks is pictured here with Archie Moir, Cohen Hannaford, Ethan Wooldridge, Jade Redmond, Chelsea Doran and Ruby Bastian.

Dates to Remember

Thur 28 Jan: Students return for Term 1, 2016

Fri 5 Feb: Swimming Session

Tue 9 Feb: Carlons Ram Sale

Wed 10 Feb: PT&F Meeting
5:30pm

Thur 11 Feb: Swimming Carnival

Tue 16 Feb: 6:00pm Opening
School Mass & BBQ

Mon 22 Feb: Board Meeting

Thu 25 Feb: Diocesan
Swimming Carnival

CANTEEN ROSTER

**A NEW ROSTER IS
BEING DRAWN UP &
WILL BE SENT HOME
SOON.**

**If anyone would like
their name added to the
roster please phone the
office.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Feb: Mariah Carlon

