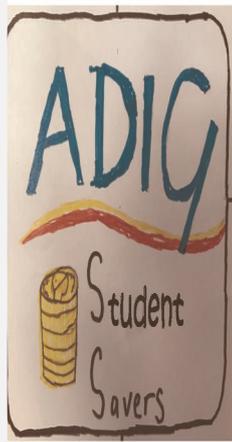


**FIRST EUCHARIST PHOTOS**



**Don't forget to change**

Have you made the change to a Student Saver account?

Letters are being mailed to students soon with instruction explaining how to change to a Student Saver Account.

Join us and make a difference

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**Dates to Remember**

**Every Wednesday: Transition**

**Mon 4 Sep:** MiniVinnies Visit

**Mon 4 Sep:** School Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm

**Fri 8 Sep:** Polding Athletics at Newcastle

**Fri 22 Sep:** Last day of term 3

**Mon 9 Oct:** First day of term 4

**Sat 28 Oct:** Thunderbolt Festival



**CANTEEN**

**Volunteers needed for Term 3.**

**Please contact the school if you can help out on a Monday.**





# St Joseph's School Newsletter



*McMaugh Gardens Visits*

30 AUGUST 2017  
TERM 3 WEEK 7

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### School Surveys

Over the next couple of weeks our school is asking members of our school community—students, staff and parents—to complete a short School Improvement Survey. I encourage you to complete this on-line survey as it is your opportunity to give feedback to us about what you feel we are doing well and where you see our school could improve. Please take the time to share your views.

This survey was emailed to you on Monday 28th August. If you have not received this survey please check your spam/junk folder for an email from [info@surveymyschool.com.au](mailto:info@surveymyschool.com.au) to ensure you have an opportunity to contribute to the future directions of our school. If you have not received a survey please contact the school office and one will be organised for you. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

### School Garden Project

Last Thursday, we commenced the first part of our school gardening project. Thank you to Bunnings for generously donating plants and labour to help beautify our school. Erina and Aaron from Bunnings along with 2 members of our school community, Mrs Gale Decent and Mrs Sam Kauffman, helped to guide our students in planting, weeding and watering for our garden project. The students planted 10 native shrubs along the front fence as well as weeded the flower garden and vegetable patch. Congratulations to our students on their enthusiastic approach to this project. I was very impressed by the students' work ethic and manners throughout the morning. Thank you to Mrs Kauffman and Mrs Decent for taking on this great venture. Thank you also to our Business Group who generously donated sheep manure to this wonderful venture.

The students will be gardening every Thursday afternoon from 1:45—2:30 for the rest of Term 3. If you feel your child will need gardening clothes for this session please send them to school with your child on Thursday.

### McMaugh Gardens Visits

Starting this Thursday our students will be visiting McMaugh Gardens every Thursday. Year 3-6 will go one week and K-2 will go the next. The children and their supervising teacher will leave the school grounds at 12:45 and return at 1:15. The students will be giving up 15 minutes of their school time and 15 minutes of their play time to serve others in our community.

The elderly are a very important part of our community and this interaction between these generations is beneficial for all.

### Netball

Our Netball specialist coach will be in this Friday to assist our students in developing Netball skills. Due to the timing of this session from 2-3 Friday afternoon, we will not have assembly this Friday.

### Thunderbolt Festival Date Correction

Please note that this year's Thunderbolt Festival will be held on **28 October** (not September as mentioned in the last newsletter).

Kind regards

Judy Elks

### SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday at 9:10am. All welcome.

### CHURCH CHOIR



All students are welcome to come and sing in the choir at the Saturday night 6:00pm Mass on the following dates: 16/09/17; 14/10/17; 18/11/17; & 16/12/17. Mrs Toomey will practise the songs at school on the Thursday prior to each of the Masses. For further information please contact Mrs Dawn Toomey on 6778 4162.

### ASSEMBLY

Please note there will be NO assembly this Friday 1 September as we will be having our netball skills clinic from 2:00pm—3:00pm.

### WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN



Have you been collecting your stickers? Please send them in to school when you complete your sheet. More sheets are available from the office if you've run out. The program ends on 19 September.

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### Blind-date with a book

We will be starting something new in the library in the coming weeks. Students who do not have an overdue book will be able to borrow a book that is all wrapped up in paper. They will not know what the book is until they get it home and unwrap the book.

Inside the book is a card on which they can write a book review about whether they liked the book or not. All the books that will be used in blind-date with a book are new books to the library that the students have not seen yet.



I am looking forward to seeing some photos of faces when the students unwrap their books!

*Kim Heagney*

### SPORTS NEWS



Unfortunately, our coach for netball got sick last week and they were not able to find a replacement. At this stage netball should go ahead on Friday. We are hoping to make up the session in the last week of Term 3.

*Kim Heagney*

### NORTHERN NSW FOOTBALL (SOCCER) MINIROOS FOR GIRLS

ALDI MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls is an introductory football program for girls aged 5-11. The Program allows girls to build confidence while learning football skills in a social and relaxed environment, without the added pressure of winning or losing.

MiniRoos is great for girls who are just starting out on their football journey, using short, game-based sessions to introduce the sport of football to newcomers in a fun and inclusive way. ALDI MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls program runs Tuesday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm at Wicklow fields, for 10 weeks during term 4. Each session consists of a 30 minute skills session and a 30 minute game. To register visit [www.northernnswfootball.com.au](http://www.northernnswfootball.com.au)

**IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM**



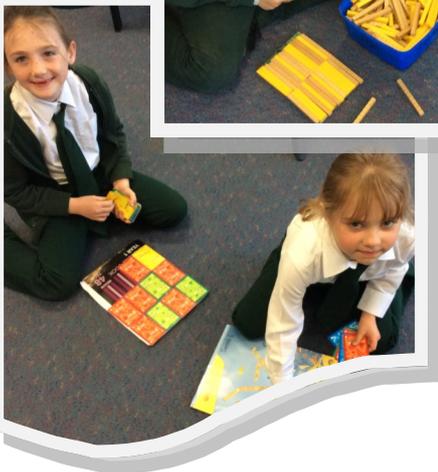
**Transition**

Today's transition group played "Follow the Leader" around the school grounds. Mrs Bianca Walters was assisted by our work experience volunteer Simone Ryan in this activity.

Mackenna, Birdie-Jean, Lyla, Ellen, Brooke and Logan made sure they didn't get lost!



**K/1/2** have been having fun exploring the concept of "area" in maths.



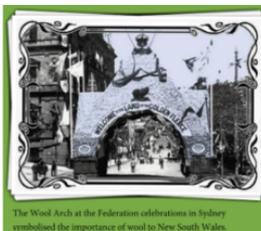
**New South Wales Prospers**

Write down 3 points

- The Wool industry made NSW rich
- The community killed whales for money
- The community transported wool back

to Britain for money

Zoe Walters



The Wool Arch at the Federation celebrations in Sydney symbolised the importance of wool to New South Wales.

**Year 3-6 History Update**

Year 3-6 are learning about early Australian History. Each child was given a set of slides to write down History events in their own words. After completion the children formatted each slide. Below are some findings about the events that happened, in Australia, from 1825 until the Gold Rush.