

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their awards at last Friday's assembly.

**Principal's Award** for "A consistent attitude to work" went to:

**Infants**—Montana Hayes

**Primary**—Alice Prowse

**Class Awards went to:**

**Infants**—Ruby Bastian

**Primary**—Adrian Walters



**NETBALL SKILLS SESSIONS**

We had our first netball session last Friday, our second one today and will have another two sessions before the end of term. One will be this Friday and one next Wednesday. Students are asked to wear their sports clothes next Wednesday.



These sessions not only teach the students about netball but are also designed to improve their gross motor skills and ball skills generally. The students have been engaged and enthusiastic in this activity.

**Dates to Remember**

**Every Wednesday:**  
Transition

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

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

**Sat 28 Oct:** Thunderbolt Festival



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**14 Sep:**

Kaitlyn Walters





# St Joseph's School Newsletter



**THANK YOU PT&F!**

13 SEPTEMBER 2017  
TERM 3 WEEK 9

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### Success For our Boys

Congratulations to Malakye Wright and Jordan Redmond on their performances last week at the Polding Trials. Both boys have been selected to compete for Polding at the NSW State Championships to be held at Homebush on 18th and 19th October. (See photo on page two.)

### Thank you to our PT&F

One of the many ways that our PT&F supports our students within our school is by raising money to help purchase resources that support our children's education. Thank you to our PT&F for the purchase of 4 new Chromebooks for our students. Technological devices have a limited life span and we needed to replace some of our Chromebooks.

Your support of our PT&F is very much appreciated. It is one way you can support your child and also build a sense of community within our school. The next PT&F venture is catering at Thunderbolts Festival to be held on 28 October.

### Classroom Pedagogy

From our recent NAPLAN results, RE test results and our own in-school testing we have been able to see progress with all our students. To further support our students' learning and improve student outcomes our teachers have made "constructive feedback" a major focus within their classrooms. *Feedback has a significant impact on learning; it has been described as "the most powerful single moderator that enhances achievement" (Hattie, 1999).*

Giving feedback is a task we perform again and again, as a teacher, letting our students know where they are and where to go next in terms of expectations and goals. Feedback is an essential part of education. It helps learners to maximise their potential at different stages of learning. It raises their awareness of strengths and areas for improvement, and it identifies actions to be taken to improve performance.

To complement teacher feedback teachers, are also teaching our students to give each other constructive relevant feedback. Our teachers know the value of peer tutoring so teachers have put a focus on working with children to build their capacity to give constructive, timely feedback to their peers.

Kind regards

Judy Elks

### SCHOOL MASS

There will be NO school Mass this Friday as Monsignor will be away at a funeral.

### 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

Assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45pm immediately after netball. All welcome.

### SCHOOL/PARISH FETE

Please mark your calendars for the School/Parish Fete which will be held on Sunday 3 December. There will be lots of opportunities for everyone to be involved in this major fundraiser for our school and parish.

### 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.

### SCHOOL GARDEN

**Dear Home Gardeners**, are you able to help in our school garden beautification programme? We are looking for donations of bulbs, plants and cuttings. We have some parent volunteers who would be happy to assist with digging, dividing, collections etc.

**Worm Farms** Spring is here and the school worm farms have sprung into action. The children are now collecting their green lunchbox scraps and feeding the worms each day. We are looking for an additional worm farm. If you have one available please contact Sam Kauffmann on 0409 566 099.

Tomorrow the students will spend half an hour in our garden after lunch. If you would like your child to change into gardening clothes for this time please send them with appropriate clothing to change into.



### POLDING CHAMPS

Our two champions Malakye and Jordan proudly displaying their medals after competing at the Polding Trials in Tamworth last Friday. Malakye won silver in the 100m, 200m & 800m 9yrs Multiclass events.

Jordan took out the silver in the 12 yrs Shot Put.

They will be training now for their next big event at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Championships in Sydney in October.

Well done, boys!

## IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

The Primary Studio have been learning about putting emotions and tone into a poem. We have been looking at sensory verbs and adjectives to make our writing more dramatic. Here is some of the poems from 3/4/5/6.

*Blanket*

*My blanket washed by tears  
of joy.  
Made by threads of love.  
Too see hope in others eyes,  
just for me to share.  
Mumma, we know how much you  
care  
How you made my blanket,  
Just for me,  
I would never share.*

*By Georgia White*

**Ants**

Ants as I run across the pavement  
trying to dodge you little guys  
The horrible stinging sensation  
of your bite  
is excruciatingly painful  
The joy of creating ant farms  
and gathering you up  
is amazing.

**By Shyan Dodd**

In the Infants Studio we are learning that 3D means 3 dimensional. 3D shapes are fat not flat. They have vertices, edges and they have faces. Some 3D shapes that we have been looking at in our shape museum are spheres, cylinders, cones, rectangular prisms, pyramids, cubes and triangular prisms. We are searching our homes and classrooms to fill our museum of 3D shapes.

