



St Joseph's School Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Three Way Partnership

Research tells us that family involvement can have a major impact on student learning.. .."Family involvement in schools is therefore central to high quality education and is part of the core business of schools."

When schools and families work together, children have a far better chance of not only being successful in school but being successful in life as well. At St Joseph's we encourage a collaborative relationship between parents, students and teachers. This three way partnership is based on mutual trust, respect, and shared responsibility for the education of the student.

We acknowledge that families are the first educators of their children and they continue to influence their children's learning and development during their school years and beyond. At St Joseph's our teachers are dedicated and committed to supporting your children to achieve to their highest potential. We share the important responsibility with you as parents in providing the best possible educational foundations for your children. Together we can help your children to achieve and become the best person they can be. I encourage you to build a close relationship with our teachers. Our doors are always open to support you and your child in anyway we can. Please work with us to achieve great things for all our children.

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN test. On Tuesday they will sit the Writing test. Year 3 will do this as a pen and paper test and Year 5 will do theirs online. On Wednesday the students will complete 2 tests, Reading and Conventions of Language and on Thursday they will complete the Numeracy test. It is important that all students attend each of the test days as they provide valuable information to assist in future learning.

Mothers Day

"A mother cares about your hurts and fears, but also your dreams and successes. She is a cheerleader, a coach, a trainer and a fan all at the same time."

This Sunday we wish you all a very Happy Mothers Day, we hope you are able to relax, enjoy and create more precious memories with your beautiful families.

Kind regards

Judy Elks

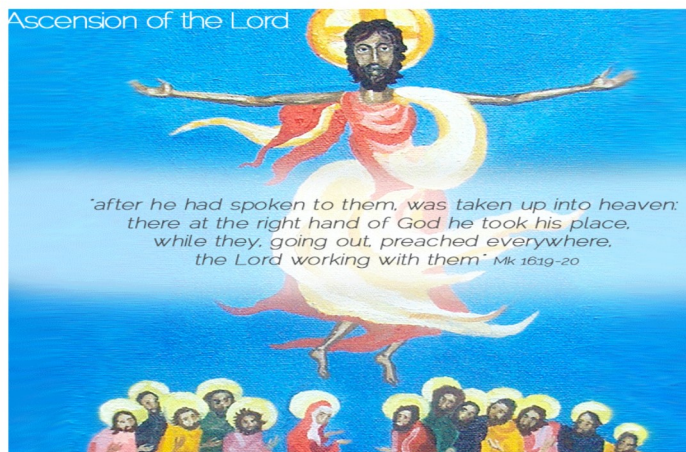
A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

*We thank you Lord for the great gift of motherhood.
It is within our mother's womb, that we began life.
It is in her embrace that we have known safety and comfort.
It is through her encouragement that we grow and mature.*

*Lord, bless our mothers.
Draw close to them and hear their prayers for their children.
Give them the grace of surrendered love –
a love that images the love of our heavenly mother, Mary.*

*May all mothers find daily
the strength to love generously,
the patience to endure graciously,
and the grace to live their vocation of motherhood joyously.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Ascension of the Lord



SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday at St Joseph's Church at 9:10am. The theme for this week is The Ascension. All welcome.

AFTERNOON RETREAT

Parents, friends and parishioners are cordially invited to join with staff in an afternoon retreat here at school today 9 May from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. The retreat will be run by the CSO Spiritual Renewal Team and is a wonderful opportunity to "sit quietly with our God" for a while in a supportive and inclusive environment. All welcome.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Next Monday Malakye will be travelling to Barraba to represent our school at Diocesan Cross Country. We wish him all the best.

YEAR 5 / 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Dates have been confirmed for the Year 5 / 6 excursion to Canberra. Dates have been booked for Monday 3rd SEPT - Friday 7th SEPT. The estimated costing of this excursion is **\$520** per student (to be confirmed when final numbers are known). We are still waiting on a couple of venues to confirm bookings and then we will be able to send out an itinerary and further information regarding this excursion.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note, there will be a **pupil free day on Monday 21st May**. Teachers will be attending a Professional development day on "Numeracy".

LIFE ED VAN

The Life Education Van will be at our school on Thursday 24 May. Expected cost of this for parents will be \$5 per child. A permission note will be sent home next week.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday 29 May with a **bus excursion to Armidale**. The day will begin with Mass in the Cathedral with representation from all the schools in the Diocese. Afterwards the students will have a picnic lunch and then visit one of the cultural/history venues in Armidale before returning in time for their afternoon buses. Further details and a permission note will be sent home next week.

PT&F MEETING

Our next PT&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May at 5:30 in the K-2 classroom. Our classroom teachers Miss Emma Kelly and Mrs Lyn Herden will give a brief outline of subject content being taught this term. Though brief, this is a great opportunity for parents to gain a greater understanding of "what goes on in the classroom". All parents are encouraged to attend. The normal PT&F meeting will follow.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The Year 6 students have organised a wonderful Mothers Day Raffle. Mums will love the pamper pack they have assembled! At only \$1 per ticket and with all proceeds going towards their end of year gift to the school, this is a great way to support their fundraising and to give some lucky mum a chance to win a great prize for Mother's Day. Raffle tickets and money will need to be back at school by this Friday ready to be drawn at assembly.



VISITING MCMAUGH'S RECOUNT

Last Thursday Year 3-6 went to McMaugh Gardens for their fortnightly visit. We wanted to learn more about our friends at McMaugh's so we planned to ask them about their lives. We did this to get to know them and to appreciate them more.

One of the friends, Paul, told us that he worked on a train. Uncle Kevin told me about his job at the pub and how he was the cook. Another friend told us that he had been around the world three times. One of these times he went on a big ship. He said it took him about a year and he really enjoyed it. Mary told me that she used to ice cakes and Grandad told me that he had a blue 'brumby' car when he was younger.

It was great to get to know our friends at McMaugh's and we look forward to visiting again in another fortnight.

Matilda, Sarah, Charlotte and Brittany



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Primary Learning Studio: Jesse Gardiner and Alice Prowse

Infants Learning Studio: Maya Kauffmann and Jade Redmond.

Our next assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45pm. All welcome.



IN THE GARDEN

Mrs Decent and the students planted a variety of bulbs in the front gardens last week. We all look forward to the colourful surprises popping up in the spring!



Dates to Remember

Mon 14 May: Diocesan Cross Country
Tue 15, Wed 16, Thu 17 May: NAPLAN
Mon 21 May: Pupil Free Day
Tue 22 May: PT&F Meeting 5:30pm
Thu 24 May: Life Ed Van Visit
Mon 28 May: SAC Meeting 6:30pm.
Tue 29 May: Catholic Schools Week
Mass in the Cathedral
Thu 31 May: Yr 5 STEP Day @ O'Connor
Fri 1 Jun: NECOM Piano Trio Workshop

Mon 11 Jun: Public Holiday
Wed 13 Jun: Yr 6 RE Test
Thu 14 Jun: Science Excursion
Tue 26, Wed 27 Jun: P/T Interviews
Fri 29 Jun: Pupil Free Day

SATURDAY 19 MAY
URALLA FIRE BRIGADE OPEN DAY
10AM—2PM

Firefighting demos; station tours; fire safety presentations; free kids activity booklet; face-painting; BBQ

TERM DATES 2018

Term 2:
Mon 30 April—Fri 6 July.
Term 3:
Mon 23 July—Fri 28 September.
Term 4:
Mon 15 October—Fri 21 Dec.