



# St Joseph's Primary School

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**Term 4 2016 Week 1 October 11th**

**Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar**

## TERM 4 DATES

**Tue 11 October**  
First Day of Term  
Summer Uniform

P&F Meeting 5.30 pm  
School Board 6.30 pm

**Tue 18 October**  
Sydney Excursion Meeting  
5.30 pm

**Wed 19 October**  
Feast Of St Luke  
School Mass at 12 noon

**Thurs 20 October**  
School Photos  
Stage 3 Personal Development  
Mothers/Daughters Night 6.30 pm @ WPS

**Fri 21 October**  
Kinder '17 Transition (all day)  
Stage 3 Students Personal Development @ WPS  
9.00—10.00 am

**Sat 22 October**  
Family Mass 6 pm and meal

**Tue 25 October**  
Brain Olympia Yrs 3-6  
(Holy Trinity Inverell)

**Wed 26 October**  
Socktober Day

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back to school for the fourth and final school term for 2016. I trust everyone had a lovely holiday. Term 4 will be busy with our primary students going to Sydney in Week 4, our full day Kinder 2017 transitions and our Presentation Night on Thursday December 1st. This will be a brief newsletter with upcoming events and a revised term calendar.

### HONEY I'VE GOT TALENT WRAP UP

I was pleasantly surprised during the holidays to receive our 1st place certificate and prize money for our Honey I've Got Talent performance. Many thanks to Amber from the Bees Knees for sponsoring the primary schools section and to the Warialda Honey Festival Committee for organising the HONEY I'VE GOT TALENT CONCERT.



### DIOCESAN RESPONSE TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION

Chris Smyth, CSO Armidale Director, has asked that all Catholic schools in the diocese publish Bishop Michael Kennedy's statement in response to the recent Royal Commission...

#### Hearing Their Cry : A Pastoral Statement from Bishop Michael Kennedy

I recently attended the Public Hearing of the Royal Commission into the response of Catholic Church authorities to allegations of child sexual abuse by John Farrell, a former priest of the Diocese of Armidale. I was deeply moved by the testimony given by victims and survivors and their families. I heard of their horror, pain, fear and hurt. I heard of their betrayal, of their inhuman treatment, and of the torment they continue to suffer as the abuse has long lasting effects on their lives.

The treatment they received from the Church at the time was appalling. They, and others who brought the matter into the open should have been encouraged to do so and should have been listened to. I and the Church owe them a debt of gratitude that they did bring this matter to everybody's attention for the sake and safety of children.

The Pastoral Statement *Hearing Their Cry* is my personal reflection following my attendance at the Royal Commission Hearing. It is my hope that by reading it you may come to an understanding of my own depth of sorrow and shame for the failings of our Church and Diocese. I know that many of you feel it too. I hope that you might also be informed of the many changes that have been taking place in the Diocese to ensure that our parishes are safe places for all the children and vulnerable in our care.

Please read it by clicking on this link to the Diocesan website  
<http://armidale.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Pastoral-statement.pdf>

Please share it with others and please keep the victims in your prayers.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy  
Bishop of Armidale

## TERM 4 DATES

A revised Term 4 Parents Calendar will be sent home today. Please add any new events / dates as they appear in our weekly newsletter.

Please pray for the Year 12 students who begin their HSC this week.

Mr Joe Dimech  
Principal



**Thurs 20 October**  
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*We have much to be thankful for.*

*Mary MacKillop 1873*





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## RE News Term 4 Week 1

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Term 4! The year is certainly going quickly. Although there is only this term left of the year, there is lots happening and much to prepare for.

### Feast of Saint Luke

We will be celebrating the feast of Saint Luke at Mass with Fr Abmar on Wednesday the 19th of October at 12noon. Luke was a faithful disciple of Jesus and writer of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome to attend this mass.

### Family Mass and Meal

On Saturday the 22nd of October at 6pm, we will be having another family mass with the Parish followed by dinner together at the Royal Hotel. Please complete the accompanying note to indicate whether your family is able to join us and if your child/children would like to participate in the mass.

### Socktober - Catholic Mission

Each year we are asked to raise money to support Catholic Mission Australia. This year we are going to participate in "Socktober." "Socktober" is a Catholic Mission initiative which encourages young Australians to raise vital funds for children in need around the world so that they may have a better opportunity for a hope-filled future. On Wednesday the 26th of October, children are asked to wear 'Crazy Socks' and bring in a gold coin donation to support Catholic Mission.



### End of Year of Mercy - Feast of Christ the King

The Year of Mercy will be concluding on Sunday 20th November 2016 - The Feast of Christ the King. School and Parish members from around the Diocese have been invited to attend this special mass followed by "Grace on the Green."

If you would like to attend, please let Mrs Guest know to RSVP.

Kind regards,  
Mary-Jane Guest  
Religious Education Coordinator



### ST PATRICK'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Mass WARIALDA at 6 pm on Saturdays

Mass DELUNGRA at 5pm on Sundays

