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Please add these
events and dates
to your Term Calendar

DATES

Tue 7 Feb

P&F 5.30 pm

School Board 6.30 pm

Wed 8 Feb

Opening School Mass
12.00 noon

Farewell to Fr Abmar &
welcome to Sr Anne

Swimming Program
commences

Thurs 9 Feb

Farewell dinner for
Fr Abmar 7pm @ the
Royal Hotel

Wed 15 Feb

Swimming Carnival with
Gravesend Public School
4.00 pm

Qualifying students to
proceed to Diocesan
Regional Carnival in Moree
on Thursday February 23rd

Swimming Program

WED	8th February
WED	15th February
WED	22nd February
WED	1st March
WED	8th March



BIRTHDAYS

The following students
celebrated their birthday
in January and last week:

Lachlan

Luca Percy

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome to our first school newsletter for 2017 and welcome back to Miss Cutmore who is returning to St Joseph's after maternity leave. A special welcome to our Kinder students Erika, Gabriella, Isabel and Percy and their families. I hope that everyone had a great holiday break and that all are looking forward to the new school year.

Staff for 2017

Principal / Class Teacher – Mr Joe Dimech
Religious Education Co-ordinator, Leader Of Pedagogy
Class teacher (Tues, Wed, Thurs) – Mrs Mary-Jane Guest
Class teacher (Thurs, Fri) – Mrs Merran Riley
Education Assistant (5 days) – Mrs Deanne Bostock
Minilit tutor (4 days) – Miss Brooke Cutmore
Administration Assistant (5 days) - Mrs Sue Bell



Congratulations to Samantha and Steven Quarello on the birth of Marco Augusto. He will be well looked after by his big brother Luca and big sister Gabbie.



2017 SCHOOL LEADERS

As we do not have Year 6 students this year we have appointed Jasmin Briggs and Jasmine Cuell as senior leaders. Congratulations girls. You'll have many opportunities to display your leader skills this year.



OPENING SCHOOL MASS, FAREWELL TO FR ABMAR, WELCOME TO SR ANNE

We will celebrate Mass this Wednesday, February 8th at midday to welcome our kindergarten students, commission our school leaders and Mini Vinnies. The students will have an opportunity to farewell Fr Abmar and welcome Sr Anne.

FR ABMAR FAREWELL DINNER

Fr Abmar has returned from the Philippines. It has been decided to have an informal farewell dinner this Thursday (February 9th) at the Royal Hotel commencing at 7pm. Guests have been asked to order off the board.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech
Principal

God gives me strength for what is necessary.

Mary MacKillop 1907





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SCHOOL NEWS

PARENTS ADVISORY BODIES

Our P&F will meet at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 7th February.
Our School Board will meet at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 7th February.

TERM CALENDAR

Our term calendar will be finalised this week. The P&F will discuss the date of our Welcome BBQ. We had a great turn out last year when we held it in Captain Cook Park. A paper copy of the calendar will be sent home this week. Please update future events that appear in our weekly newsletter.

BEGINNING OF YEAR NOTES

A number of important notes were sent home yesterday. Please **return all notes by Wednesday the 8th February**.

For children to go to swimming tomorrow they will need to make sure the **walking and swimming permission note** is returned. The **Family Information** needs to be returned for Census on Friday and we are asking all parents who will have contact with St Joseph's students during the course of the school day to complete the **working with children clearance form**.

TUCKSHOP

Our Tuckshop is run on the generosity of our parents. Lisa Moore will send out a note calling for volunteers. Please return the reply slip ASAP as she needs to draw up the roster.

LIBRARY

A reminder that students will borrow books from the school library every Monday. All students need to bring their **library bag** in order to take books home. Books are generally loaned out for two weeks with an option to renew for a further week.

BOOK COVERING

Students will be able to take their exercise books home this weekend for covering. Get creative! Paint, draw, make a collage then cover in clear contact. Please ensure they are back on Monday the 13th of February.

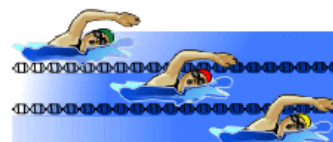


SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our Swimming Program will take place at Warialda Pool over the next five Wednesdays. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform to school and bring swimming gear in a bag to change into together with the entrance fee of \$3.50 or their season pass.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL WITH GRAVESEND PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Swimming Carnival with Gravesend Public School will be held on **Wednesday 15th February beginning at 4pm**. Gravesend School is running the carnival this year but we are still asking for parent volunteers to help with time keeping etc. St Joseph's students with qualifying times will be selected for the Diocesan Regional Carnival in Moree on Thursday February 23th. The Gravesend P&F will be operating a BBQ.



Rainbow Banking

A reminder if your child does Rainbow banking, to bring their money and bank book into school on Tuesday. If you would like your child to sign up to Rainbow Banking through ADIG please see Mrs Bell.

Supervision

The school is supervised for children between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm. If your child is going home by a different means with another person, please notify the school by 3:00pm.



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REC NEWS

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! We especially welcome our four new students into Kindergarten: Erika, Isabel, Percy and Gabbie. We also welcome Sr Anne to our Parish community. I'd also like to keep in our prayers Amica and Nicola as they begin their higher education at WHS - wishing you all the best girls! I also need to pass on blessings and best wishes from Sr Yvonne and Sr Anita. They are missing everyone but have settled into their new ministries.

We will be starting our new school year with our opening school mass and farewell to Fr Abmar on **Wednesday the 8th February at 12noon in St Patrick's Church**. At this mass our school leaders for 2017, *Jasmine Cuell and Jasmin Briggs* will receive a special blessing.

This week we will be farewelling Fr Abmar as he moves to Moree Parish. All are welcome to attend the farewell dinner for him on Thursday evening, **the 9th of February at the Royal Hotel** - *His last in Warialda will be on this Saturday, the 11th February at 6pm.*

A prayer for the beginning of the new school year

*God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Condolences

It was with great sadness to hear of the passing of Jasmin and Nicola's grandfather, Bernie Briggs, in the holidays. Thinking of you and your family during this time.

*May eternal rest grant to Bernie, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies will be up and running again this year. Michael O'Kane will be visiting me in the next few weeks to discuss the year ahead. More information to come.

Looking forward to the year ahead!

Kind regards,

Mary-Jane Guest
Religious Education Coordinator



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Welcome Back Smiling Faces!



WARIALDA PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Classes commence Monday, February 13 2017 at St Joseph's School Hall.

Times as follows:

Pre-schoolers: - 3-4yrs 3:30-4pm, Tiny Tots: -5-7yrs 4-4.45pm

Teeny Boppers: -8-9yrs 4.45-5.30pm, Teeny Boppers -10-12yrs 5.30-6.15pm

Teens: 6.15-7.00pm Ladies: 7.00-7.45pm, Seniors 16 & Over: 7.45-8.30pm

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