



# St Joseph's Primary School

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Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

## DATES

**Fri 3 Apr**  
School's Clean Up  
Australia Day

**Tues 7 Mar**  
P&F AGM 5.30 pm

School Advisory Council  
(School Board)  
AGM 6.30 pm

Students to wear their Sports Uniform TODAY

**Wed 8 Mar**  
Catholic Schools Week  
Mass @ St Philomena's  
Moree 11 am

Students to wear their Summer Uniform TODAY

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:  
GREAT LEARNING  
GREAT COMMUNITIES**

**Term 1 2017**  
Week 6 Thursday 2nd March

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through Term 1. Thank you to the staff, families and guests of St Joseph's for making last week's Welcome BBQ a great success. A special thank you to the St Joseph's P&F for organizing the night. It was wonderful catching up with everyone.

Congratulations Jasmine Cuell and Darcy Woollett for representing St Joseph's at last Thursday's Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Moree. Jasmine and Darcy achieved their personal bests for the 50 metres freestyle and were great ambassadors for our school.

### School Support Officer Position

Mrs Sue Bell has requested flexible work hours in her role as school secretary. As such we have advertised for a School Support Officer (secretary) working 6 hours per day on Mondays and Tuesdays. Applications close on Friday 10th of March. The position will commence as soon as possible and concludes on the 19th of December 2017. For an information package contact the school on 6729 1328 or email to: principal@stjosephswarialda.catholic.edu.au

### Catholic Schools Week 6 – 12 March

Catholic Schools Week will be held from the 5th to the 11th of March. Did you know that Catholic schools enrol about 20 per cent of Australian school students and that there are 615 Catholic Primary and Secondary schools across NSW and the ACT, providing quality education in a faith-centred environment.

At St Joseph's Warialda, we teach the same curriculum as government schools, are student centred and have high expectations of achievement. St Joseph's has a strong focus on individual students and caters for a wide range of interests and abilities.

This year the theme for Catholic Schools Week is 'Catholic schools: great learning, great communities'. We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week by attending Mass at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church Moree on Wednesday the 8th of March at 11 am. This will be led by Bishop Michael Kennedy. A note was sent home last week outlining the details including the transport permission forms as the students will be travelling by teachers cars. A reminder that all students will need to have these signed and returned to school in order to attend. All family and friends are warmly invited to celebrate CSW with us.

### Clean Up Australia Day: School Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

St Joseph's' students will be taking part in the annual Clean Up Schools Day on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students will be cleaning around the school, convent and presbytery and look forward to keeping our part of town tidy.

### FAMILY INFORMATION

A reminder that the 'Updated Family Information' forms are due back to school TOMORROW—3<sup>rd</sup> of March.  
We need current phone numbers, email addresses and addresses for our family contact cards and database.

### A thought from the parish Lent program:

In the reflection for the first week of Lent, Shane Dwyer, reminds us of the daily choices we make. He says that "the choices we make reflect the sort of person you are and, more importantly, they reflect the sort of person you are in the process of becoming".

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech  
Principal



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
WEEK 2017 5-11 MARCH**

*God is good and merciful.*

*Mary MacKillop 1870*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### PARENTS ADVISORY BODY AGM

Our P&F will hold its annual AGM at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 7th March.  
Our School Board will hold its annual AGM at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 7th March.

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

### CLASS MUSEUM

We are after items that could be loaned to us for our museum. We would like old toys and games, books, pictures, photographs, items of clothing, examples of technology (telephones, typewriters, LP records, cassette tapes, cameras etc), currency (money) and other artefacts that show these aspects of life in the past. We would love to hear from parents, grandparents and parishioners about life in the past. Please contact Mr Dimech or the school office on 6729 1328 if you would be prepared to talk to the students and or loan us artefacts for our museum.



### CHANGE OF DAY FOR SPORTS UNIFORM

The students will wear their **SPORTS UNIFORM on TUESDAY 7TH MARCH** and will wear their SUMMER Uniform on Wednesday for the catholic schools Week celebrations in Moree.

### SCHOOL RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Our school uniform policy is on our website... <http://stjosephswarialda.catholic.edu.au/learning-teaching/school-uniform/>
2. Thanks for supporting us in wearing the correct **sports uniform**: wearing white socks with their runners/joggers and not black runner like shoes.
3. All students wear **black shoes** with their summer and winter uniform—not joggers
4. Girls can wear sleeper or stud earrings and a signet ring on their finger. They may wear blue or white hair bands, ribbons or scrunchies in their hair.
5. A reminder that homework is sent home on Monday is due back to school on Friday.
6. Children borrow books from the library on Monday and are borrowed for a week.
7. Our school day begins at **8:45am on Monday and Friday** for formal fitness lessons and **8:50am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** for when our Maths block begins.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS AT ST PHILOMENA'S MOREE WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

<b>Fruit / Snack Break</b>	We will have a short fruit / snack break before we depart.
<b>Depart School</b>	9.30 am travelling by teachers' cars.
<b>CSW Mass</b>	11.00 am to 12.10 pm approximately
<b>Lunch</b>	A light lunch at St Philomena's will be provided for all staff and students. <i>Children may wish to bring a packed lunch as well.</i>
<b>Water</b>	All students will need their water bottle.
<b>Transport</b>	By staff private cars.
<b>What To Wear</b>	Clean Summer uniform and school hat.
<b>Arrive Back</b>	We will be back by 3pm in time for afternoon pick up and buses.



## St Joseph's Primary School – Warialda

A vacancy exists at St Joseph's Primary School, Warialda, for the following position. Commencing as soon as possible and concluding on 19 December 2017.

### School Support Officer - Secretary Working 6 hours per day Mondays and Tuesdays

For an information package contact the Principal, Mr Joe Dimech on (02) 6729 1328 or email [principal@stjosephswarialda.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stjosephswarialda.catholic.edu.au)

**Applications must be received by 3 pm Friday 10 March 2017**

*Preferred applicants are subject to employment screening.*



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## RE NEWS

### Lent

Yesterday was the beginning of Lent and as a school we marked this with a liturgy in the church. Children, staff and parishioners were marked with a cross of Ashes, ashes which came from the burnt palms used on Palm Sunday last year.



Lent is a forty day period preparation for Easter. It reminds us of the forty-days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before he took up his ministry. During this time he fasted and prayed. Lent is a time of self-denial and prayer for us as well. During this period, we are called to focus on becoming closer to Jesus by praying a little more, doing good deeds for others, going without something we like and giving generously to others in need. Prayer, almsgiving and fasting are the three pillars of Lenten observance. Fasting, as it's traditionally prescribed by the Church for healthy adults during Lent, usually means giving up meat (abstaining) on the Fridays, and fasting or eating very lightly plus abstaining on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We may also choose to give up things such as self-pity, criticism, blaming, gossiping or a favourite activity or habit, while feasting on being kinder, more generous, more thoughtful or more cheerful.

### Project Compassion

Running through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, they could not do the vital work that they do. In Project Compassion 2016, over \$11 million was raised to help the world's poorest communities.

The theme for Project Compassion 2017 is "Love your neighbour". This year, Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives. For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has worked together with neighbouring countries. Working with their partner agencies in those communities, Caritas have developed the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person.

### Dinia's story - the Philippines

Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas-Australia funded program. Living in the Philippines, she struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities.



People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services. They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and the effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income. For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed and educate her children. She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia. SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. The program foregrounds the need to work together for the common good, awakening Dinia's innate generosity and leadership qualities. She was able to learn about organic farming, managing livestock, and starting a small business.

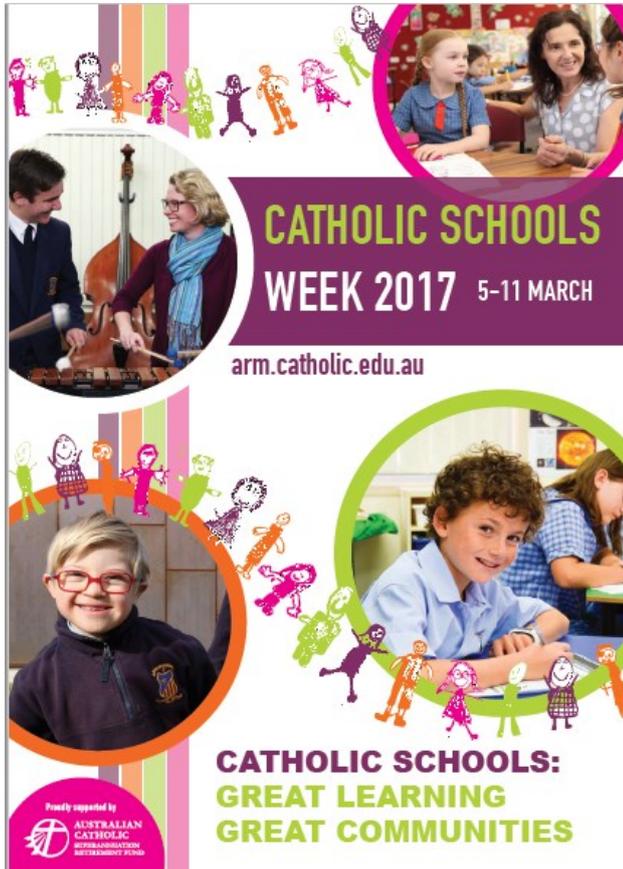
Now she has an integral role in her community, a sustainable livelihood, and a brighter future for her children. "My life is much better now. It is much easier," she says.

God Bless,  
Mary-Jane Guest  
Religious Education Coordinator



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to **Izabel** for  
 receiving the  
 Student Of The Week  
 award this week.



Welcome BBQ



Shrove Tuesday



## St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 1

Starting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February Finishing Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	3rd March		
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Sharon Cuell	Sharon Cuell
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Alisa Akins	Alisa Akins
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Ange Plain	Ange Plain