



Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES Term 1

Sun 26th March

Inverell Legacy President's Lunch 12.00 - 3.00 pm

Mon 27th & Tue 28th March

Mr Dimech & Mrs Riley at Mini Lit Training Armidale / Mr Wisemantel in

Tue 28th March

Mini Vinnies meeting 12.45 pm

Wed 5th April

Easter craft and parade with Warialda Pre-School 10.00

Visit to Warialda Library TBC

Parish Lent Reconciliation

7 pm

Fri 7th April

Last Day Of Term

Sat 8th April

Warialda Races

P&F are running the canteen

Palm Sunday Mass 6 pm

Thurs 13th April

Holy Thursday Mass 7 pm

Fri 14th April

Good Friday Service 5 pm

Sat 15th April

Easter Vigil Mass 6 pm

Term 2

Mon 24th April / Fri 5th May

Pupil Free Days

The school will be closed on these days.

Tues 25th April

ANZAC Day

Thurs 27th April

School Photos
in summer uniform

Wed 3rd May (Week 2)

Cross Country at school



Happy Birthday to Erika who turned six last weekend.

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Term 1 2017

Week 9 Thursday 23rd March

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thank you to the families and friends of St Joseph's and parishioners of St Patrick's for attending last Saturday's Family Mass and dinner at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club. It was a wonderful evening of community building. We welcomed Fr Joseph to our community, he spoke of his home country Ghana.

I told the community of an ABC New England radio interview I listened to in May last year titled "How a taste for chicken led a boy from Ghana on a path to God" where Fr Joseph was interviewed by reporter Jennifer Ingall. You can read the transcript online at <http://ab.co/2n8LedE>

Thank you to Mrs Guest and the children who participated in the Mass.

Congratulations on a job well done.



School Support Officer Position

We have shortlisted the applicants for our two day a week office position and are in the process of interviewing. Lisa Moore is working on Mondays and Tuesdays until the position has been filled.

Term 2 Pupil-free Days

Monday, April 24th will be a Staff Development Day and the school will be closed. ANZAC Day falls on Tuesday, April 25th and as part of our tradition, St Joseph's students will march in the morning parade in their summer uniform. The students of St Joseph's will return to school for Term 2 on Wednesday, April 26th.

Friday, May 5th will be a pupil-free day. The school will be closed as the staff will be attending the Catholic Core Principals' and Values professional development day at St Philomena's Moree.

Lent Reflection (from the Chancery, Armidale)

The gospel reading from last Sunday's Mass centred around the Samaritan woman encountering Jesus at the well. A lesson for us is to see and recognise God reaching out to us. When we respond to God's call with a change of heart, we, like the Samaritan woman, can be the first drop that causes a ripple effect of change. Now that is an opportunity worth considering! Who better to turn to when we mess up than Our Lord. He knows, He cares, He heals us and changes us.

Let us Pray....

Jesus answered,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Jn 4:13-14)

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech

Principal



Be obedient in heart and deed.

Mary MacKillop 1878



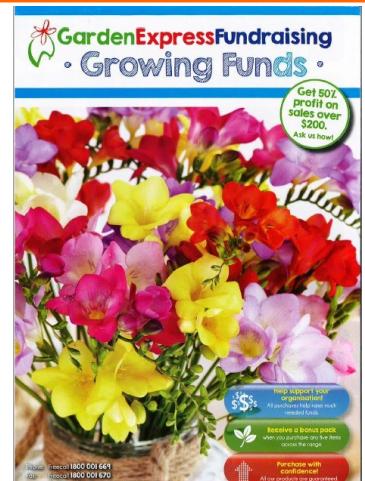
SCHOOL NEWS

St Joseph P&F Garden Express Bulb Fundraising Drive

St Joseph's P&F are holding a Garden Express Bulb Fundraising drive. Catalogues are available at the Warialda Information Centre and Warialda Newsagency as well as St Joseph's School and the Warialda Regional Australia Bank where orders can be placed.

Order forms with payment need to be returned by the 5th April 2017. The Committee wish to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding your order please contact St Joseph's School or Sharon Cuell at Warialda Regional Australia Bank.

You will receive a special surprise bulb pack if you purchase any 5 individual packs or more!



Vitamin D and Sun Protection *St Joseph's Warialda is a Sun Smart school.*

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is both a major cause of skin cancer and our best source of vitamin D. We need vitamin D to develop and maintain strong and healthy bones, muscles and teeth.

How do we get vitamin D?

Vitamin D is made in the body when skin is exposed to UVB radiation from the sun. We can get a small amount of vitamin D from some foods such as fish with skin on, eggs, mushrooms that have been exposed to light, and margarines that have vitamin D added. However it is difficult to get enough vitamin D from food alone. In Australia, almost all our vitamin D comes from the sun's UV radiation. However, the need for exposure to sunlight for vitamin D must be balanced against the risk of skin cancer. Too much UV radiation exposure can cause skin damage that can lead to melanoma and other skin cancers.

At St Joseph's we have a "no hat, no play" policy, make sunscreen available to students and play under cover on extremely hot and high UV days.

These items have been left over from past school events. Please ring the school office to claim.



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



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RE NEWS

St Patrick's Day

Last Friday was St Patrick's Day! Children and staff dressed in all shades of green and enjoyed some St Patrick's Day craft and fun throughout the day. The children raised \$25 from their gold coin donation to go towards Project Compassion. Well done children on a fun and well supported day - sorry I missed it!



Family Mass

On Saturday night, the parish and school came together for a Family mass followed by dinner at the club. Thank you to Darcy, Isabel, Lachlan, Breeanna, Jasmine and Amica who participated in the mass by reading and bringing up the offertory. It was lovely to have you all and your families at the mass. So many parishioners commented on your participation and involvement. Well done! Following mass we had a meal at the club to officially welcome Fr Joseph. He is very much looking forward to his future in Warialda and his involvement with the school.

St Joseph's Day Liturgy

St Joseph is the patron saint of our school and we had a liturgy on Tuesday to celebrate his feast day. Thank you to all who were able to attend and join us for morning tea after the liturgy. Sr Anne was our special guest for the day as she is a Sister of St Joseph, a religious order which was founded by Saint Mary MacKillop. Happy St Joseph's Day!

Project Compassion: Nguyet's story - Vietnam

In a small town in Vietnam, a severe disability kept young Nguyet behind closed doors. Constrained by the high demands of her condition, her parents were also isolated from their neighbours. There is a high level of disability in Vietnam, particularly as a legacy of war, but little support for families whose children have disabilities. People with disability have poorer health outcomes, lower educational achievements, lower economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disability.

The future seemed bleak for the whole family, until Nguyet's family became participants in a program supported by Caritas Australia. A neighbour kindly introduced the family to the Capacity Building for Parent Associations Supporting Children with Disabilities program, which has given them support on several levels.



The neighbour, a teacher, has been able to offer Nguyet home-based education, and there is capacity building for her parents and others in the same situation, through their local Parents' Association. At Association meetings, Nguyet's mother has been able to increase her skills for managing her daughter's condition, and share her experiences with other parents of children with disabilities.

Nguyet has learnt to read and write and better manage her physical needs, and her creative gifts have been unlocked. Now she is increasingly engaging with her neighbours, and she and her parents are more confident about her future.

"Whenever they are supported and cared for properly, children with disabilities can [achieve] change."
- Duong, Nguyet's case manager

God Bless,
Mary-Jane Guest

St Joseph's Day



Mrs Pat Densley talked about growing up in the past



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Bingara Preschool 9:00am - 3.30pm

5yrs - 12yrs

Monday - Thursday
10th - 13th April 2017
&
Tuesday - Friday
18th - 21st April 2017

There will be a bus leaving Warialda Visitor Information Centre at 8:30am and return to Warialda at approx. 4:00pm daily. A Gwydir Shire Council Employee will accompany the children to and from Bingara Preschool daily.

Children will need to bring a hat, morning tea, lunch and drink bottle.

\$10 per day per child or \$20 per family per day

Bookings for School Holiday Fun are essential as there are limited spaces available. Call Alyse Steiger on 0408454813 for all bookings and enquiries

GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 1

Starting Monday 6th February Finishing Friday 7th April

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	24 th March		
Monday	27th March	Danni Smith	Danni Smith
Friday	31 st March	Lisa Moore	Lisa Moore
Monday	3 rd April	Sharon Cuell	Sharon Cuell