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Term 2 2017
Week 7 Thursday 8th June

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES Term 2

Sun 11th June
Feast of the Holy Trinity

Wed 14th June
ICAS Spelling assessment
Year 2 - 5

Fri 23rd June
Sacred Heart Mass at 12 noon
School Reports sent home

Wed 28th June
NRL workshop
(during afternoon sport)

Fri 30th June
NRL day at rec grounds
Yrs 4 and 5
Last Day of Term

Term 3

Mon 17th July
Students return for Term 3

Thurs 27th July
Twilight Prayer Meeting for

Athletics Carnival
Friday 4th
August
@ Barraba



Have courage no matter what your crosses are.

Mary MacKillop 1890



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Last Saturday night we gathered as a Catholic community to celebrate Pentecost at our Family Mass. This feast marks the end of the Easter Season. Fr Joseph delivered his homily with the aid of a torch to explain the Holy Spirit to the children who were present. Thank you to Mrs Guest for organising the Mass, to Jasmin, Jasmine, Darcy, Lachlan, Isabel, Lathan and Nicola (past student) for their participation and to the families and parishioners who joined us for dinner afterwards. We had a lovely get together at the Royal Hotel and thank you to Neal and staff for catering for us.



COMMONWEALTH FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This week I received a communication from our director Chris Smyth regarding the Catholic Schools Office Armidale response to the recent changes in school funding. In it he assures parents that there will be no major increase in school fees in schools in the Diocese of Armidale for 2018. A copy of the letter is included with this newsletter.

Reflections from the Association of Catholic Schools Principals Conference

I attended a keynote address and workshop by Dr Pak Tee Ng who is Associate Dean, at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. In his sessions, Pak Tee described the high value that is placed on education in his country and contrary to popular opinion all students are catered for not just the "high flyers". He described the move from high pressure testing in Singapore to a curriculum that focuses on independent thinking, explicit teaching and unleashing student's creativity. This sits well with St Joseph's current Vision For Learning that is displayed on the bottom of this page.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech
Principal

Vision Of Learning For St Joseph's Warialda

St Joseph's students are confident, independent, proactive and engaged in their own education. Students display a self-reflective, critical and inquiring mindset to the many learning opportunities provided.

They will display high self-efficacy by confidently engaging in collaborative learning and sharing their knowledge, prior and current, to develop new understandings.

All students will develop skills to assist them to contribute to our society and become lifelong learners.

Teaching and learning at St Joseph's is founded on the Catholic Core Principles and Values of the Armidale Diocese.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Isabel and Jasmin for receiving the Student Of The Week award this week.



ADIG POSTER COMPETITION

All students at St Joseph's are entering ADIG's Super Student Saver Poster Competition.

We are sending out a consent form with this newsletter as these need to be attached to the entries.



Get your posters in!

Our Super Student Saver Competition is closing soon. All students from Kindy to Year 6 can enter & you can win a prize for yourself AND your class.

Show us your best ideas about how to save and why it such a good thing to do.

Talk to your teachers or school office for an entry form today.

Join us and make a difference



Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Maths



Family Mass



NRL Workshop



Inverell Rural Outreach Workshop



Family Mass

Thank you to all the families and friends who attended our family mass on Saturday night. Thank you to the children, past and present, for attending and being part at the mass. I had lots of wonderful comments and compliments on your participation and presence in the mass and two parishioners asked if we could have family masses each weekend! There were over 30 people who came together for dinner at the Royal Hotel. Another successful evening!

Trinity Sunday

This weekend is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the **Three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**. The colour white will be worn by Fr Joseph and the altar will also be covered in white cloth.



St Patrick taught the Blessed Trinity to people using a three-leaf clover. The clover is one leaf with three parts, just like God is one being made up of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis surprised the congregation during his homily on Sunday 22nd of May, by taking a fidget spinner from his pocket and using it to demonstrate the Trinity. Just as St Patrick used the three-leaf clover to teach his followers about the Trinity of God, Pope Francis said:

***"I can use my Fidget Spinner to reveal the mysteries of
Our God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

***As the spinner spins faster, the three arms seem to become a single
disc, yet they maintain their individuality. It is one, yet three,
even when I do tricks with it."***



Winter Appeal

Thank you for all the wonderful donations coming in! We will head to SVDP in Week 10 to present them with the items and help sort everything out. Please keep the donations coming.

Take care and God bless,

Mary-Jane Guest
Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL NEWS

Sports person of the month Congratulations to Darcy and Jasmin for being awarded Sports Person of the Month from the Warialda Sports Council for the month of May. Darcy and Jasmin were nominated by the school for their achievements in the recent Cross Country. They will both be automatically nominated for the end of year Sports person of the year. Congratulations!



Book Covering Thank you to Jan Hawkins and Anne Woollett for covering library books last Friday. We are holding book covering sessions in our library each Friday from 2pm. No experience necessary and training will be provided. Please see Mr Dimech or call the office if you are able to help.

Rural Outreach Inverell Workshop Last Tuesday, Kerriane Anderson from Rural Outreach Inverell visited St Joseph's for her follow up workshop. This week the students performed a role play to demonstrate how to deal with their emotions at school and learned the strategy STOP, THINK, ACT.

NRL Workshops and Gala Day We have planned a series of rugby league workshops and a Gala Day for this term. The workshops have been organised by Peter Stevens (NRL Development Officer). The first one took place yesterday (Wednesday June 7th) and a follow up session on June 28th. These will be run by Jacob Hodge from Warialda High School and former St Joseph's student. All students will be involved in these workshops. The Gala Day will be for Years 4 and 5 on Friday the 30th of June. We have invited local small public schools and this will take place at the Rec Ground. A BBQ lunch will be organised and we will send out information on this in coming weeks.



St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 2

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	9th June		
Monday	12th June	Public Holiday	
Friday	16th June	Ange Plain	Ange Plain
Monday	19th June	Danni Smith	Danni Smith