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Term 3 2017 Week 4 August 10th

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES

Tues 15 Aug
ICAS Mathematics test
Yrs 2 - 5
Michael O'Kane
Vinnies Youth Co-ordinator visit

Wed 16 Aug
Kinder 2018 Transition
9am -11am

Fri 18 Aug
Diocesan Athletics in
Tamworth

Thurs 24 Aug
CWA Nepal event in Town
Hall Year 2 - 5 10 am

Fri 25 Aug
Father's Day Stall

Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sept
Small Schools Camp for
Years 4 & 5 at Lake Keepit

Tue 5 - Thurs 7 Sept
Book Fair

Thurs 7 Sept
Book Character Dress Up
Day and Pre-School Visit

Sun 10 Sept
Confirmation 9:30am

BOOK WEEK AT ST JOSEPHS' 4-7 SEPTEMBER

*'If you truly want to
escape this reality all
you have to do is open
a book and
your imagination.'*



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thank you to the families and staff who attended our Athletics Carnival with St Joseph's Barraba last Friday. A special thank you Mrs Rachel Caskey (principal of St Joseph's Barraba) and her staff, their students and families who made us feel so welcome and thank you to Mrs Guest for organising our events. The day began under cool conditions but soon fined up with the students competing in track events before morning tea break where the Barraba P&F presented slab cakes to each colour house. After the break, all students rotated through the field events of shot put, high jump, long jump and discus. We weren't able to hold the relay event at the end of the day due to time. Age champions have been announced and ribbons will be handed out next week. Thank you again to the parents who drove to Barraba and accompanied Joey's students at the events. The day was a great success!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2017 Athletics Champions.

Minor Boy:	Percy Donlan
Minor Girl:	Izabel Smith
Junior Boy:	Darcy Woollett
Junior Girl:	Scarlette Smith
11 Years Girl:	Jasmine Cuell



Cakes presented to our school from the St Joseph's Barraba P&F.

Yesterday we celebrated Mass to mark Mary MacKillop's feast day (August 8th). Mary was born in Melbourne, but was best known for establishing a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor. Mother Mary was canonised a Saint in 2010 and is formally known as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary's motto was *"Never see a need without doing something about it"*.



SCHOOL SURVEY 2017

The Catholic Schools Office Armidale will be using a different parent survey this year. They have decided to use MySchoolSurvey. This is based on the National School Improvement Tool and this survey focuses on School Improvement rather than School Satisfaction. Parents, staff and students from Year 4 will be emailed a link to the survey. Responses that are 'DISAGREE' or 'STRONGLY DISAGREE' will be prompted to supply a comment on how the area in question could be improved. The survey will run from the 28th of August to the 8th of September.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Mr Joe Dimech
Principal

*Do not be uneasy about me
but pray for me.*

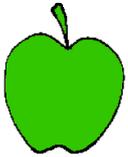
Mary MacKillop 1873



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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has begun. Completed sticker sheets can be dropped off at the Collection Box, either at your local Woolworths supermarket or at school. Extra Earn & Learn sticker sheets are available from the office.



FRUIT BREAK

A reminder that we stop for a morning fruit break at 10 am each day. We request that large apples and oranges be cut into smaller pieces at home in order to make Fruit Break a pleasant experience.

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Father's Day 2017 falls on Sunday the 3rd of September. Our P&F Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday the 25th of August as our primary students will be away at the Small Schools Camp the week before Father's Day. We will host a Father's Day BBQ Breakfast at 8:30am on Tuesday 5th of September 2017 followed by a short liturgy at 9 am. Make sure dad can get the morning off work so we can cook them a BBQ Breakfast to say 'Thanks' for being a great dad!



BOOK WEEK 2017

"Each year, across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time Schools, Libraries, Booksellers, Authors, Illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children's Literature. "

You can view the shortlisted books at <http://cbca.org.au/short-list-2017>



The theme for Book Week 2017 is **ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE**. The theme reminds us that books allow us to escape to any time or place and opens up many imaginary worlds to the reader.

St Joseph's students may come dressed as:

- * their favourite book character or
- * a character from one of the 2017 shortlisted books.

Students are asked to bring the book that their character is based on to school.

We will be having a Book Fair from September 5th to 7th and a Book Character Dress Up Day on Thursday September 7th. As with tradition we have invited Warialda Pre-School to story telling, our book character parade and morning tea on this day.



Mary MacKillop's Feast Day

Thank you to all those who attended the Mass for Mary MacKillop's Feast day. The children read clearly and sang beautifully. I had an email from Sr Anita and Sr Yvonne wishing everyone many blessings on the feast day of St Mary of the Cross. Thank you to Sr Anne and Sr Petra for joining us today to celebrate this special day.



A bit about Mary MacKillop...

Mary MacKillop was born on 15 January 1842 in Melbourne. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. She had three sisters and four brothers. Mary cared about the people who had no one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people. Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tenison Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph's School in an old stable. Two of Mary's younger sisters also taught in the school and other young women came to help them.

On 19 March 1866 (St Joseph's Day) Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcome at the Josephite schools, which provided free Catholic education. Mary MacKillop was kind to all people, even if they did not agree with her. She died on 8 August 1909 in Alma Cottage, North Sydney. Mary helped many people during her lifetime and after she died, the Sisters of St Joseph kept on doing the good work she had started. Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first Saint.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Tuesday, the 15th of August is a Holy day of Obligation to celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. On this day, Mary rose into heaven, body and soul. We will be having a school **Mass at 12noon** in the church. All welcome.

Mini Vinnies

Michael O'Kane from Vinnies in Armidale will be visiting our school on **Tuesday the 15th of August from 1pm**. He is coming to talk about upcoming events with Mini Vinnies, a combined day with other Mini Vinnies groups and Appeals. We look forward to Michael's visit and planning for the future.

Bishop Michael visit

Bishop Michael Kennedy will be visiting our Parish and School on **Friday the 8th to Sunday the 10th of September**. During his time in Warialda, Bishop Kennedy will be involved in many occasions and meeting people within the school, parish and community. To welcome Bishop Michael to the parish, we will host a lunch for him on **Saturday the 9th of September from 12noon** in our school hall. This will be a low key and relaxed lunch, with people bringing a salad or dessert to share. We will order cold cuts of sliced meat from the butchers for everyone.

You are all invited to attend the lunch with the Bishop. A note has gone home about the day. Could you please return the note to school as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend on the Saturday, maybe you can help set the hall up with tables and chairs on Friday afternoon from 3:30pm.

Confirmation Lessons

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Sunday the 10th of September** at 9:30am. Lessons will be on the next three Tuesday's: 15th, 22nd and 29th of August from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

God bless,

Mary-Jane Guest

Religious Education Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

to Gabbie Quarello
for receiving the
Student Of The Week
Award this week.



St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 3

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	August 11		
Monday	August 14	Ange Plain	Ange Plain
Friday	August 18		
Monday	August 21		
Friday	August 25		