



St Joseph's Primary School

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WARIALDA NSW 2402

Term 4 2017 Week 10 December 15th

**Please add these
events and dates**

TERM 1 2018

Mon 5 Jan
Staff Return

Tue 6 Dec
Students return for 2018
in summer uniform



Happy Birthday to
Lathan
who celebrated
his birthday last week
and to
Shianne
who'll celebrate hers

3rd Week of Advent
Gaudete Sunday or



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I would like to thank the families, parishioners, friends of St Joseph's and our local community for their support throughout 2017. We've had a wonderful year of learning and the girls and boys are to be commended on their positive attitude towards learning and the way they live out our school values every day. A special thank you to Fr Joseph and Sr Anne for their spiritual guidance and to our School Advisory Council and P&F for their promotion of our school. Finally, thank you to our Mrs Guest, Mrs Riley, Mrs Bell, Ms Moore, Mrs Bostock and Miss Cutmore for helping make St Joseph's a happy and nurturing place for our students.

This week we farewelled our staff members who won't be returning in 2018. We wish Mrs Guest every success in her new role at Holy Trinity, Inverell, and wish Miss Cutmore all the best as she prepares for the arrival of her second child. We also farewelled Mrs Riley who is changing her role from classroom teacher / IT Technician to casual teacher and IT Technician in 2018.

Farewell to Sr Anne

We bid farewell to Sr Anne Gibson who has been with us throughout 2017. We wish Sr Anne many blessings as she prepares for her new ministry in Goulburn. There will be an opportunity to farewell Sr Anne at the 6pm Mass and dinner this Saturday (*refer to RE News for further details*).

2018 Staffing

I am pleased to announce that we have finalised our staffing for 2018. We have appointed Miss Jennifer Cutcliffe as class teacher (5 days a week). Jennifer is currently working at St Joseph's Mungindi and has extensive experience working in Catholic and state schools across NSW. We have appointed Mrs Katie Higham as class teacher (2 days a week). Katie worked as a casual teacher at St Joseph's in 2016. We have also appointed Miss Dymity Logan as our paraprofessional (12 hours per week) to work as our MiniLit teacher. Mrs Bell, Ms Moore, Mrs Bostock and myself will continue in our current roles in 2018.

Sr Yvonne has sent us some Christmas wishes ...

I like to take this opportunity to let You all know that you are in my thoughts this Christmas. Happy Christmas to You all. May the loving Saviour bestow many Blessings on you in a special way as we celebrate this special time of the Year.

I like to congratulate the Children for all the wonderful things you all have done in so many ways this year. I am very proud of you all.

I really appreciate receiving the School Newsletter each week from Mrs Bell. Enjoy the holidays. My love & blessings to one & all. Sister Yvonne xo xo

Thanks again to all for making 2017 a wonderful and rewarding year. The old adage "It takes a village to raise a child" is certainly true for St Joseph's. I wish every member of our school family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May the peace of Christ be with you during the Christmas season and may God bless you and keep you safe over the coming holidays.

Mr Joe Dimech
Principal

*Humility and truth will keep
my loved children out of danger.*

Mary MacKillop 1884



School News

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Anna-May**
for receiving
the Student Of The
Week Award this week!



Congratulations to Lachlan for successfully completing the MuliLit program and to Anna-May, Shianne and Luca for successfully completing the MiniLit program .

CAMP SIXERS

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EXCITING GAME BASED ACTIVITIES PLUS A VISIT FROM SYD SIXER

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CAMP SIXERS

LOCATION	DATE
Tamworth	20th December
SCG	21st December
SCG	15th January
Central Coast	17th January
Coffs Harbour	17th January
Newcastle	18th January
Tweed Heads	18th January
Wollongong	19th January
Inverell	23rd January

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St Joseph's Canteen

Thank you to Lisa Moore
for managing and co-ordinating
our canteen and
to all the mums
who volunteered
for canteen duty
this year.



Merry Christmas from ADIG

ADIG would like to wish everyone a safe,
happy and holy Christmas.

We look forward to sharing 2018 with you.

Join us and make a difference

Refer to www.adig.com.au for
our full disclosure statement.



RE News

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Advent

This weekend is the third week in Advent. At Saturday evening mass, the pink coloured candle will be lit. This candle symbolises *Joy*: the “Shepherd’s candle” reminding us of the *joy* the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. It is a different colour to the others because purple is a penitential or preparation colour for fasting, while pink is the colour of *joy*, the *joy* that Jesus is almost here.



We can relate to the pink colour of the candle symbolising *joy* like when parents get ready to bring a new baby home, they typically paint the baby’s room pink or blue. They do this out of *joy* for to baby’s arrival. In the same way, the priest wears pink and we light a pink candle to represent the *joy* we feel to welcome Jesus in Christmas.

End of Year Mass

On **Thursday the 14th of December**, we celebrated another fantastic year at St Joseph’s with our end of Year School Mass. It was a mass with mixed emotions as we gave thanks for the past year yet sadly farewelled some of our teachers and Sr Anne. Thank you to all who were able to join in the mass and thank you to the children for their beautiful participation as always.

Sr Anne Farewell

It is with great sadness that **Sr Anne Gibson** will be leaving the Warialda community just before Christmas. Unfortunately Sr Anne will not be replaced by another Josephite, therefore ending 113 years of a Josephite Sister living within the Warialda community.

This **Saturday, the 16th of December**, there will be **mass at 6pm** to thank Sr Anne for her time here followed by a **dinner in St Joseph’s School Hall**. If you are able to join the parish and school for this event, please bring a salad or dessert to share and your own drinks. Cold meat will now be provided by the Parish. All are welcome to attend. If you are coming, please phone the school to let them know numbers. Thanks



Christmas Blessing

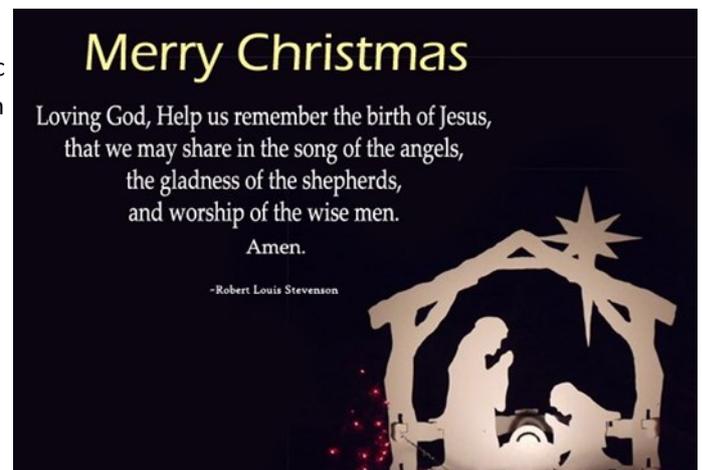
Wishing you all a very safe, Holy and Merry Christmas and fabulous holiday. This is my last RE News for Joey’s and I have loved sharing information with you each week. Thank you for taking the time to read it, keeping up to date and seeing the wonderful things your children have been doing in the religious life of the school.

Wishing you all the very best for 2018. It is going to be a fantastic year - yes a few changes but I’m certain that the mission, passion and spirit of our beautiful school will never change.

God Bless,

Mary-Jane Guest

Religious Education Coordinator



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I have had the most wonderful teaching career here at St Joseph's, a teaching career that has brought me so much joy, many friendships, experiences and so many rewards - though the time has come for me to move on for professional reasons. Although I am looking forward to the new challenges, experiences and the journey ahead, I will never forget my time here: especially the parents and teaching staff but most importantly the children.

I feel truly blessed and privilege to be part of so many children's education over the last 15 years. Not just the teaching and learning side of things, but seeing the tremendous growth in each one of them: academically, as well as socially and their emotional development. Being a teacher is not just about teaching the ABC's and 123. It is the most rewarding role. Not only are you a teacher, you are a companion, a mentor, comforter, listening ear, first aid officer, problem solver, nose wiper, shoe lace tier, friend and "mum" as you often get called.

I will always look back with gratitude on my time here at St Joseph's. I entered my teaching profession here dedicated to assisting children achieve their learning potential and beyond. As I leave Joey's, I am also taking you with me children. You will always live on in my memories. I'll always remember the things we achieved together, no matter how great or small. Thank you, boys and girls, for your commitment. Thank you for taking care of each other and for trying so hard in your work and activities. Thank you for respecting your teachers and bringing your best to school every day. Thank you for sharing your parents with us – for without their support of you and this school, St Joseph's wouldn't be the amazing School that it is. I'll miss your smiling faces in the playground and classroom and your bright and cheerful voices saying "Morning Mrs Guest!" While I will miss everyone dearly, I look forward to the new experiences and the teaching journey that awaits me.

St Joseph's may be a small school, but it will always fill a large part of my heart. I will always remember my time here and it has been a wonderful place to start my teaching career and have the opportunities that I have been able to. Thank you all so much and thank you all for being a part of my journey.

Mary-Jane Guest

December 2017

