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Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES

Thurs 8 Feb

Swimming Program commences

Tue 13 Feb

Shrove Tuesday / Pancake making

Wed 14 Feb

Ash Wednesday Mass 12 noon
Combined Swimming Carnival with Gravesend and Pallamallawa 4pm
Qualifying students to proceed to Diocesan Regional Carnival in Armidale on Friday February 23rd

Thurs 15 Feb

Parent Information Meeting 5.30 pm then Welcome BBQ from 6 pm @ Captain Cook Park

Thurs 15 Feb

Opening School Mass 12 noon

Swimming Program

THURS	8th Feb
THURS	15th Feb
THURS	22nd Feb
THURS	1st Mar
THURS	8th Mar



BIRTHDAYS

The following students celebrated their birthday recently:

**Shianne
Lachlan
Luca**

Term 1 2018
Week 2 Tuesday 6th February

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome to our first school newsletter for 2018. I hope everyone had a an enjoyable Christmas and New Years Break. We welcome three new staff members to St Joseph's this year; Miss Jennifer Cutcliffe, Mrs Katie Higham and Miss Dymity Logan. A special welcome to our Kinder student Claire Smith who joins her sisters Izabel and Scarlett at St Joseph's. We all are looking forward to the new school year.



Staff for 2018

Principal, Class Teacher, Religious Education Co-ordinator, Leader Of Pedagogy
Class teacher (Mon - Fri) – Mr Joe Dimech
Class teacher (Thurs, Fri) – Miss Jennifer Cutcliffe
Education Assistant (Mon - Fri) – Mrs Katie Higham
MiniLit tutor (Mon - Thurs) – Mrs Deanne Bostock
Administration (Mon - Thurs) – Miss Dymity Logan
Administration (Wed - Fri) – Ms Lisa Moore
Cleaner – Mrs Sue Bell
Groundsman – Ms Doreen Schmidt
– Mr Kevin Bell

Congratulations to Brooke and Blaec on the birth of Willow Grace, sister to Indi May. We look forward to a visit in the not to distant future.



2018 SCHOOL LEADERS

Our 2018 Year 6 school leaders will be commissioned and given their badges at the Opening School Mass on Thursday 22nd February at 12 noon.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING AND WELCOME BBQ (Sausage Sanga)

We will be holding a Parent Information Meeting on Thursday 15th February at 5.30 pm at school to introduce the new staff and to provide an overview of school routines. After the meeting we will have our Welcome BBQ at Captain Cook Park from 6 pm. This year, the P&F will supply sausages for "sausage sanga". Families are asked to BYO drinks and chairs.

Could you please indicate if you are attending the Parent Information and Welcome BBQ on the attached note and return it by Tuesday 13th February.



Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech
Principal

Try always to be generous with God.

Mary MacKillop 1882





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SCHOOL NEWS

PARENTS ADVISORY BODIES

Our School Advisory Council Board will meet at 5.30 pm on Tuesday March 6th.
Our P&F will meet at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 7th March.

TERM CALENDAR

Our term calendar is attached with the newsletter. Please update future events that appear in our weekly newsletter.

BEGINNING OF YEAR NOTES

A number of important notes have been sent home today. Could you please return these **this Thursday (February 8th)**.

MEDIA CONSENT (use of your child's photos)
SWIMMING PROGRAM and SWIMMING CARNIVAL permission notes.
WALKING EXCURSION NOTE
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING AND WELCOME BBQ.

Thank you for your co-operation.

AFTERNOON BOOK

A reminder to contact the school office if there's a change in how your child goes home of an afternoon. Changes to routine are recorded in an "Afternoon Book" and the information if passed onto the teachers.

SCHOOL START TIME

Before school playground supervision begins at 8.30 am. Children arriving before 8.30 are asked to sit under the COLA. School starts at 8.50 am with line up and morning admin with lessons beginning at 9 am.

HEADPHONES

A reminder for students to bring their headphones to school. They will need them for their Chromebooks and iPads.

TUCKSHOP

Our Tuckshop is run on the generosity of our parents. Lisa Moore will send out a note calling for volunteers. Please return the reply slip ASAP as she needs to draw up the roster.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our weekly awards assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.40 pm to celebrate the week's successes. Parents, families and friends are welcome to attend.

LIBRARY

The students will borrow books from the school library every Friday this year. All students need to bring their library bag in order to take books home. Books are generally loaned out for two weeks with an option to renew for a further week.

SPORTS UNIFORM

Our sports day is on Thursday this year. Students should wear sports uniform with short white socks and runners or joggers and not black school shoes.

SPORT (SWIMMING PROGRAM)

Our Swimming Program will take place at Warialda Pool over the next five Thursdays. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform to school and bring swimming gear in a bag to change into together with a rashie, sunblock and the entrance fee of \$3.50 or their season pass.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL WITH GRAVESEND and PALLAMALLAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Swimming Carnival with Gravesend and Pallamallawa Public Schools will be held on Wednesday 14th February. It will be at 4pm with qualifying students being selected for the Diocesan Regional Carnival in Armidale on Friday February 23th. We will keep the children at school after 3pm and walk them down at 3.30 pm. **Students are reminded to wear their normal summer uniform to school** and bring their swimming gear in a bag to change into together with a rashie, sunblock and the entrance fee of \$3.50 or their season pass. The Gravesend P&F will be operating a BBQ. Please note that being Ash Wednesday, the Church asks Catholics to abstain from eating meat on this day and on Fridays in Lent.



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REC NEWS Term 1 Week 2

Welcome to a new school year! It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas when we now come back to school and prepare for Easter with Lent beginning next week. I had the opportunity of call Sisters Anne, Anita and Yvonne during the break and they all send their love to the children and their families.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

We will celebrate our Opening School Mass on Thursday February 22nd at midday. At this Mass we will welcome Claire (our Kindergarten student), commission our school leaders and Mini Vinnies. All families and friends of St Joseph's are invited to join us in celebrating this special mass together.

LENT 2018

Next week, the children will take a Project Compassion Box home for Lent and one will be placed on our class prayer table. Money raised is distributed by Caritas to those in need in Australia and overseas. Here is some information on the season of Lent from the chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Armidale:

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is a day when Catholics come to Mass to receive the Ashes. Family members who belong to other Christian Communities and Churches may also receive the ashes on this day. It begins our special time of preparation for celebrating the Easter mysteries.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of **fast** and **abstinence**. The law of fasting (*one full meal only on this day*) binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence (*no meat on this day*) binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97,1251-52).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (This is known at our *Easter Duty*, or the *Paschal Precept*). Catholics are also obliged to confess serious sins at least once a year to a priest.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. It was the day that people used their eggs, butter and milk and traditionally made pancakes as they abstained from eating these and fasted during Lent. Next Tuesday, Joey's students will celebrate the end of Ordinary Time in our Church calendar by making pancakes. We ask for a coin donation for Project Compassion.

Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies will be up and running again this term. St Joseph's Mini Vinnies will work with our St Vincent de Paul conference to support the disadvantaged in our local area, the nation and overseas.

May God bless,

Joe Dimech
Religious Education Coordinator

WANTED FOR PANCAKE DAY

We need two electric frypans and aprons on Tuesday Feb 13th.



Could you contact the office if you can help?

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CRUNCH AND SIP

We stop at 10 o'clock each day for a 5 minute fruit and water break.

A reminder that this is a time for a **fresh** healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or carrot or celery and not a time to eat processed food (ie. diced fruit in syrup).

All uneaten food will need to be eaten at recess after the 5 minutes is up.

Students should not eat their recess at this time.

We also encourage students to bring their water bottles to school. The bottles can sit on desks during class time.



Welcome Claire Smith to St Joseph's. She is well looked after by her sisters Scarlett and Izabel.

Don't forget Crunch&Sip® in the school bag every day...

CRUNCH:

- ✓ Easy-to-eat seasonal fruit such as a small apple, a container with hulled strawberries, a mandarin or banana OR
- ✓ Vegetables such as carrot or celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or snow peas

AND SIP:

- ✓ A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water

Crunch&Sip® is a set break for your child to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom.

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This initiative is funded by the Australian Government. It is supported by the Department of Health Western Australia and Cancer Council WA.



St Joseph's students welcomed Claire to her first day at Joey's.



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