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**Term 3 2018**  
Weeks 5 and 6 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

## TERM 3 EVENTS

### Wed 22 - Fri 24 Aug

Mr Dimech @  
REC Conference

### Fri 24 Aug

DIO Athletics Tamworth

### Mon 27 - Tue 28 Aug

Mr Dimech & Miss Jennifer @  
Lyn Sharratt PD Armidale

### Wed 29 Aug

Mr Dimech & Ms Moore  
@ CSO at Admin Workshop

### Thurs 30 Aug

Kinder 2019 Transition  
Fathers Day Breakfast  
@ 8.30 am the Liturgy @ 9am  
Father's Day stall at  
lunchtime  
Visit from Michael O'Kane  
(Mini Vinnies)

### Fri 31st Aug

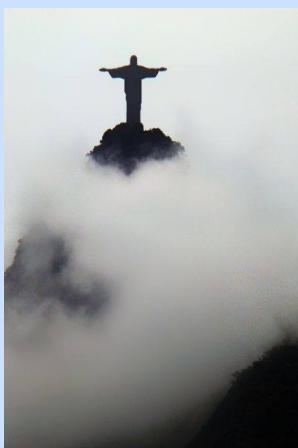
Working Bee & BBQ from  
4.30 pm

### Sat 1st Sep

Family Mass 5pm &  
dinner at the Royal from 6pm

### Fri 6th Sep

Small School NRL Day Yrs 3-6



Open the heavens for us and give us the rain we need.

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Last week I returned to town after attending the ACER RESEARCH CONFERENCE in Sydney. The large delegation of principals and staff from CSO Armidale Diocese were joined by educators and researchers from Australia and overseas. The keynote address was delivered by John Hattie, internationally renowned professor and Director of the Melbourne Education Research Institute at the University of Melbourne. He described the most powerful influence on student learning is the effect of teachers who can adapt to the varying needs of their students. He spoke of the shift from reporting on achievement to reporting on progress, teachers working in teams informed by evidence (student data) and the high expectation that all students will achieve growth. He also talked about the fact that students engage in learning from different entry points and of the different pathways available for them to achieve their learning goals. Our Annual Improvement Plan and CSO Armidale's 2018 AIP are based on Hattie's research and that of Dr Lyn Sharratt. At St Joseph's, our students have been working in ability based groups, undertake pre and post testing, are given timely feedback on their progress and their growth is tracked using learning progressions. It's reassuring to know that our diocese is at the forefront of current world practice!

I will be attending the REC Conference in Moree this week. The agenda includes CSO's Faith Formation Framework, building the capacity of staff to teach Religious Education and the Emmaus Story. This underpins our approach to our RE lessons. Next week, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tue 28<sup>th</sup> August, Miss Jennifer and I will attend the final workshops by Dr Lyn Sharratt in Armidale and on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Ms Moore and I will undergo training in Plan-Check-Go, a new online risk assessment and excursion planning tool.

### Diocese and CSO Support For Families Affected By The Drought

Bishop Kennedy and CSO Armidale have made a commitment to supporting families who are affected by the drought. A \$200,000 Drought School Fee Relief Fund has been set up to support schools whose families who are experiencing hardship. Our director, Chris Smyth, was interviewed on local ABC radio New England North West last Friday and the fund was the lead feature on Prime Seven 6 pm news also on Friday night. You can watch the report online ... <https://goo.gl/c8TZsv>

A copy of the media release will be sent home with this newsletter and families affected are asked to contact the school office.

### ArboSite Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)

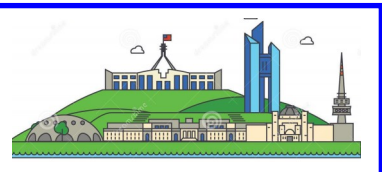
ArboSite conducted their Visual Tree Assessment of St Joseph's recently and have reported that pruning work to be done falls into the low to medium risk category. This year, CSO will tender for an arborist and will cover the cost of tree maintenance for all schools in the diocese.

### P&F Raffle

One month to go until our P&F raffle is drawn! Please publicise our fundraiser by spreading the word and sharing our FaceBook page. Extra raffle books may be obtained from the school office. We will draw the raffle at the School Disco on Friday the 21st of September.

### Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion Payment

A reminder that we would like to finalise the parent contribution for the Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion this term. A payment of \$50 was due last week, Friday the 17th of August, and next one is due on Friday 31st of August. An information meeting will be held later this term for parents whose children are attending.



Our thoughts go out to all those affected by the drought. As Christians, we place our trust in the Lord and hope for our prayers to be answered:

*Now may God give you of the dew of heaven,  
And of the fatness of the earth,  
And an abundance of grain and new wine.  
Genesis 27:28*

Have a wonderful week,  
Joe Dimech  
Principal



*Do not be afraid.  
Mary MacKillop 1909*



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## SCHOOL NEWS



### Working Bee and BBQ

Our Spring Working Bee will be held on Friday 31st August from 4.30 pm. We have some maintenance jobs to be done; re-securing the sports shed roller door, temporary repairs to the shade cloth over the sand pit, repairing the sand pit covers, installing a water pump for our water tank and marking the cracks on the concrete with yellow paint. We'll have BBQ to "feed the troops" on the night!

### Athletics Carnival Results

Thanks to the families who supported our Athletics Carnival two weeks ago. The girls and boys received their ribbons at the school assembly last Friday.



#### The Championship results were:

2018 Minor Girl Champion	Gabbie Quarelo
2018 Junior Boy Champion	Luca Quarelo
2018 Junior Girl Champion	Izzy Smith
2018 11 Years Boy Champion	Darcy Woollett
2018 Senior Girl Champion	Jasmin Briggs



The following students have been nominated for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival and will represent St Joseph's this Friday in Tamworth : Jasmine Cuell, Jasmin Briggs, Izabel Smith and Shianne McKee-Walsh.

### NRL Gala Day

St Joseph's Warialda in conjunction with the NRL Game Development Team are hosting an NRL Small Schools Gala Day on Thursday 6th September. Our students in Years 3 to 6 will attend and it will be held at the Sport and Recreational Grounds. Our P&F will be running a BBQ on the day. A note to these students will go out this week.

### Book Week Dress Up Day

Congratulations goes to our staff and students for getting into the pirate spirit for our Book Week dress up day last Thursday. We were joined by Kinder 2019 transition students Lexie and Joel as well as Joel's brother Max. A special thank you to Miss Jennifer for organising the gold doubloon treasure hunt. Miss Jennifer was not able to attend but I can report that all gold coins were found and that our Joey's pirates enjoyed their chocolatey reward!



## School Disco

Friday 21st  
September  
5 to 8 pm  
*Further details to follow.*

70s and 80s Themed Disco





**ADULTS WELCOME**

ENTRY FEE IS \$10 per Family  
\$3 for a single person

## St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 3

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Thursday	23rd August	Sharon Cuell	Sharon Cuell
Monday	27th August	NO CANTEEN	
Friday	31st August	Alisa Akins	Alisa Akins
Monday	3rd September	Danni Smith	Danni Smith



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## REC NEWS

We wish Fr Joseph a safe journey as he travels to Ghana to visit his family and we welcome Fr Paul McCabe this week who will fill in while Fr Joseph is away. Welcome Fr Paul !

Congratulations to Year 6 for their high achievement in this years Year 6 RE Test. Jasmin received a credit and Jasmine received a distinction. The girls scored exceptionally well and are to be commended on their preparation and religious knowledge. Well done !



### Mini Vinnies To Naroo

St Joseph's Mini Vinnies visited Naroo today. They participated in a prayer service on winter, performed the songs Winter Window, On Eagle's Wings and You Are My Sunshine and visited the Naroo residents. They look forward to further outreach opportunities next term.

### Fathers Day

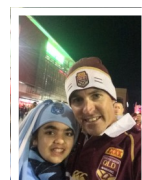
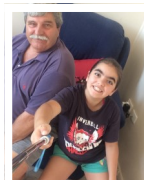
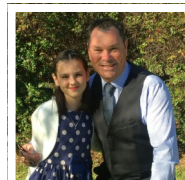
We will celebrate Fathers Day with a breakfast and liturgy on Thursday the 30th August. An egg and bacon breakfast will be served under the COLA from 8.30am and liturgy will be held in the middle room at 9am.



As is our tradition, we will be including a PowerPoint presentation as part of our liturgy. Could I please get a photo of all dads, grandfather, stepdads or significant males with their children **by the end of this week**, Friday 24th of August as I will be in Moree this week then in Sydney then Armidale till Wednesday 29th. You can either email a photo to me to [jdimech@arm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdimech@arm.catholic.edu.au) or text your selfies and pictures to the school mobile 0448 696 162.



A warm welcome is extended to all significant men to our children .... make sure you can get the morning off work so we can cook you brekkie and say 'Thanks' for being a great dad!



### Visit from Michael O'Kane (St Vincent de Paul)

Michael will visit our Mini Vinnies On Thursday August 30th. He will follow up on this year's Mini Vinnies Gathering and on their fundraising campaigns.

### Mini Vinnies Movie Afternoon

Our Mini Vinnies held a movie and pyjama afternoon this week. They raised \$39.00 and will add another \$11.00 from their funds to donate to the Vinnies Drought Appeal. At a meeting last week they voted unanimously to support the drought appeal and decided to support the Assist A Student program next year. This is a great example of the Core Catholic Principle of Solidarity and Fraternity in action.

### Family Mass and Dinner

On Saturday, 1st of September 2018 there will be a Family Mass at St Patrick's Church at 5pm to celebrate Father's Day.

We would love our children and their families to come and be involved in the Mass. After Mass we'd like to come together and have dinner at the Royal Hotel.

Please complete the form on the attached note and return to school by Thursday the 30th August to RSVP.



God bless,  
Joe Dimech  
Religious Education Co-ordinator



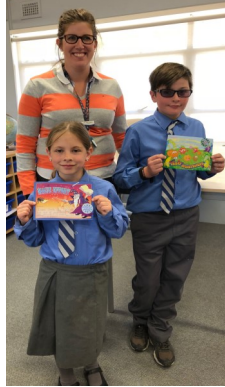


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## CONGRATULATIONS

to Izzy and Lachie  
for receiving the  
Student Of The Week  
award  
last week



You can view more photos on our FaceBook page.

## Fun Things We've Done In The Last Two Weeks



## Athletics Carnival



## Pyjama Day



## Making Ice Cream Sodas



**OVER \$2000.00 IN PRIZES**

**ULTIMATE KIDS PACK**  
Ride on John Deere Pedalled Tractor and Trailer  
Walk Along, Singing/Moving Horse  
Isla's Cubby House Children's Pack  
VALUED AT \$560.00

**TIM THE TOOLMAN PACK**  
Kincombe Socket Set  
Kincombe Universal Set  
Super Tool Spanner Set  
VALUED AT \$410.00

**TREAT YOURSELF KIT**  
Beauty Matters Gift Pack  
RenRut Hair Voucher  
Homedics Neck Massager  
Linen House - Nate Beach Towels x 2  
VALUED AT \$230.00



**CAR LOVERS PACK**  
Tyrepower \$50 Voucher  
Warialda Caltex \$100 Starcard  
Lantern  
VALUED AT \$180.00

**HOUSEWORKS PACK**  
We Clean It - 3 x Bedroom floor cleaning.  
Kill'em All Pest Control - House Spraying  
VALUED AT \$600.00

**GARDEN LOVERS PACK**  
Stihl Blower and Vac  
Mitre 10 - \$100 Gift Voucher  
VALUED AT \$280.00

**KITCHEN RULES PACK**  
Grosvenor 40 Piece Cutlery Set  
Salt and Pepper Rectangle Baking Dish  
VALUED AT \$140.00



## St Joseph's Canberra Excursion Mega Raffle \$2/Ticket

Drawn 21st September 2018

