



# St Joseph's Primary School

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**Term 1 2019 Week 7**  
11th March

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

## DATES

### Wed 13 Mar

Fr Joseph leaves for Wee Waa and Fr Thaddeus arrives

### Fri 15 Mar

St Patrick's Muffin Day

### Sun 17 Mar

Second Sunday of Lent

### Tue 19 Mar

St Joseph Feast Day  
Liturgy 2.20 pm

### Wed 20 Mar

Real Talk Workshops for Yrs 4-6 in Holy Trinity Inverell

### Fri 22 Mar

World Water Day  
Materials Matter Workshop 9.30 am

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

St Joseph's is proud of its strong Catholic tradition and I am equally proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place everyday as well as the contribution our school makes to our community. We began our Lenten journey by attending the Ash Wednesday Mass and our Mini Vinnies students met to vote for their leadership positions. Congratulations to the following students :

<u>President</u>	Breeanna
<u>Vice President</u>	Darcy
<u>Treasurer</u>	Sydnei
<u>Secretary / Publicity</u>	Scarlette



As a Catholic community we support the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society through Caritas' Project Compassion and the Catholic Mission Appeal. Our Mini Vinnies look forward to fundraising for the disadvantaged and visiting Naroo this year.

### Family Mass and Baptism of Marco, Gabbie, Luca and Breeanna

Marco, Gabbie, Luca and Breeanna will be baptised during the vigil Mass on Saturday March 30th. This will be our Family Mass for Term 1 and I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us to participate in the celebration of this important faith experience for these children. The Baptism takes place in two rites during the Mass and we have booked the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club for dinner afterwards. In order to cater for this we ask if you could please return the attached Family Mass / Baptism form by Friday March 22nd.



### Family Information Details

We would like to finalise updating our "Family Information" this week and ask you to return your contact form at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance.

### A thought for the first week of Lent:

During his last sermon in Warialda, Fr Joseph reminded us that Lent is a time to take stock and to use the 40 days to transform our lives. The Gospel reading centred on the temptation of Jesus. Although tempted three times, Jesus chose to remain faithful to his father's will and not be swayed by earthly enticements. We are all vulnerable to temptation and like Jesus we can overcome our weaknesses by making good decisions.

*(from the weekly The Saving Word reflection in our parish bulletin).*

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech  
Principal



# LENT



The temptation of Jesus in the desert.

*God will draw good out of evil.*

*Mary MacKillop 1874*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### P&F AGM

Our P&F will hold its AGM on Monday 25th of March at 5.30 pm. We need some parents to replace outgoing members. We are blessed to have a strong and supportive parent body; without their support we will not be able to run our canteen, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls and fundraise for our school for excursions to the Small Schools Camp and Sydney / Canberra.

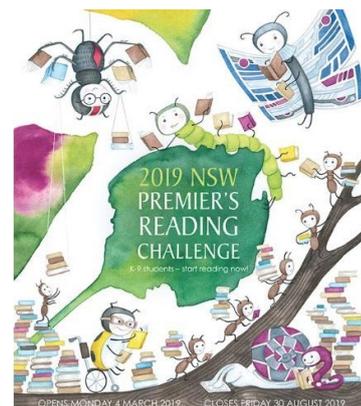
### School Advisory Council

Our SAC will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday 27th of March.

### 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge

All students have been registered for this year's NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

This year they will log the books they've borrowed online. A number of students received their gold and platinum awards last year! The 2019 PRC closes on August 30th.



## VCOP / Big Write News

In the next two weeks the children will be looking at **openers**.

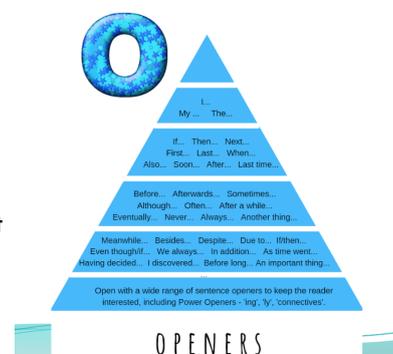
An **opener** is the first word or phrase used in a sentence.

There are lots of different ways of opening sentences. When children start on their writing journey, most sentences initially begin with 'I, they, he/she, then'.

Older children are introduced to **ISPACED** openers.

Here we use an acronym to remind the children to use a variety of ways to start sentences:

**I**ng **S**imile **P**reposition **A**dverb **C**onnective **E**d **D**ialogue



**Running** towards the sparkling sea, Megan couldn't wait to jump in!  
**Like a bottle-nose dolphin**, she swam up and down, in and out of the waves.  
**Underneath** the water, Megan could see a shoal of colourful fish.  
**Silently**, she then tiptoed over to a rock pool to see if she could see a crab.  
**Meanwhile**, Megan's parents fell asleep in the warmth of the sun.

### How can you help at home?

Look out for different types of **ISPACED** openers when reading with your child.

Why has the author chosen to start the sentence in that way?

Ask your child to use the openers you have found and to use them to start their own sentences.



## St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	15 March	Yr 5&6 Morning Tea Only	
Monday	18 March	NO CANTEEN	
Friday	22 March	Alisa Akins	Alisa Akins
Monday	25 March	NO CANTEEN	

## REC NEWS

### Farewell to Fr Joseph and Welcome to Fr Thaddeus

Last Thursday St Patrick's parish celebrated Mass with Fr Joseph and welcomed Fr Thaddeus. Fr Joseph leaves for Wee Waa on Wednesday and Fr Thaddeus will arrive later that day.



### Sr Petra's Visit

It was lovely to have Sr Petra visit us on Friday.

We value our ongoing connection with the Sisters of St Joseph.



Sisters of Saint Joseph  
*of the Sacred Heart*



### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Catholic Social Teaching principles (CST) cover all spheres of life - the economic, political, personal and spiritual. The principles are inspired by the writings of the Pope and other Catholic leaders about social issues. CST reflects the signs of the times through scripture and is a powerful tool to assess social realities in the light of the gospel. St Joseph's students will be looking at the [Preferential Option for the Poor](#) as they learn about Thandolwayo this week's Project Compassion story. Our moral test is gauged by how we care for the most vulnerable brothers and sisters ... our Catholic Tradition teaches us to put the needs of the poor first.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2019



Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



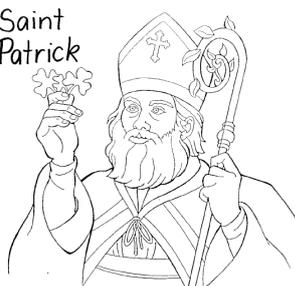
### Muffi Day

St Joseph's Mini Vinnies will hold a St Patrick's Day fundraiser this Friday. Students are asked to **wear green muffi** and bring in a gold coin donation.

### St Patrick and St Joseph Liturgy

Join us in celebrating our school and parish patron Saints at our St Patrick and St Joseph's Day liturgy on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 2.20 pm. It will take place in in our learning space.

Saint  
Patrick



May God bless,

Joe Dimech  
Religious Education Coordinator

### St Patrick's



# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Claire for receiving the Student of the Week award for her artwork.



Our Stage 3 students will open the school canteen every Friday to selling snacks and drinks.



Our Kindies are kicking goals with the sight words



Shianne teaching Lexi and Joel how to water our vege garden



Our Last Mass with Fr Joseph

## Coffee 'n' Chat



A Peer Support group for parents/carers that helps engage with other parents/carers in a safe, friendly & supportive space.

This group runs each week to assist parents to be confident, positive & connected.



To find out more please phone the RPRP team on **6721 6400**

Every Friday from 9.30am

During each school term

WHERE: Centacare NENW

21 Oliver St, Inverell



This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services



**MOREE**  
*on a plate*

**SATURDAY MAY 11TH, 2019**

**FROM 10AM TO 4PM**

*Moree Secondary College*  
Albert Street

Indulge in Moree's growing local talent & local produce. Featuring cooking demonstrations from local chefs & home cooks, entertainment from our town's finest & delicious, quality fare from Moree & beyond.

KIDS KORNER • BLOKES ON THE BBQ COMPETITION • OVER 50 STALL HOLDERS