



# St Joseph's Primary School

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**Term 3 2019 Week 1**  
22<sup>nd</sup> July

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

## TERM 3 DATES

### Sun 28 July

Family Mass and 1st Reconciliation / Communion Enrolment Mass 10 am & lesson @ 11 am

### Thus 1 Aug

Kinder 2020 Transition Morning 9 - 11 am

### Fri 2 Aug

First Friday Rosary - noon

### Sat 3 Aug

First Recon / Eucharist lesson @ 4 pm followed by Mass @ 5 pm

### Thurs 8 Aug

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

### Fri 9 Aug

Athletics Carnival @ Barraba

### Sat 10 Aug

First Recon / Eucharist lesson @ 4 pm followed by Mass @ 5 pm

### Wed 14 Aug

Roald Dahl play @ the Roxy, Bingara

### Thurs 15 Aug

Feast of the Assumption  
First Reconciliation  
Sacrament @ 5.30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back to school for a new school term. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday and that the students are refreshed and ready to be challenged for another term of learning.

Last Thursday Mrs Higham gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Katie and Matt have named her Maggie Rose. Maggie was 3.7 kg and 51.5 cm at birth. We will be putting together a gift basket to present to Katie in due course.

We welcome Mr Mark Wisemantel back to St Joseph's. Mark will be working on Thursdays and Fridays and will be preparing the children for our athletics carnival.

Our groundsman Mr Kevin Bell is on leave as he recovers from recent knee surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We will be sending out a copy of our Term Calendar with this newsletter. Further dates of school events will be published in our newsletter each week.

Have a great week.

Joe Dimech  
Principal



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Three-Way Interviews

Thank you to the parents who participated in our three-way interviews at the end of last term. Miss Jennifer and I were proud of how well the girls and boys could name their learning goals. We will formalise these this week by signing them with the students.

### Parents And Friends Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting and formed our P&F Committee. The Committee members are Danni Smith, Samantha Quarello and Gail McKee.

### 2020 Kindergarten Transition Program and Enrolments

Our first Kindergarten Transition morning will be on Thursday August 1st from 9 to 11 am. We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 and all other grades. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office, can be emailed upon request or downloaded from our website.



### Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival with St Joseph's Barraba will be on Friday the 9th of August. The carnival is at the Barraba Rugby and Sports Club and we will run the 800 metres race and high jumps at school prior to attending the carnival. Further details to follow.

**Happy Birthday** to Lexi who turned 5 and to Izabel who turned 9 during the holidays.



*God knows what is best for us all.*

*Mary MacKillop 1889*



## REC NEWS

### Wear Your Team Colours Muffi Day WRAP UP

On the last day of Term 2 our Mini Vinnies ran a "Wear Your Team Colours Muffi Day" and games morning for Warialda Pre-School. The day was a great success and our Mini Vinnies raised **\$45.55**



### Marriage and Family Week

The first week of Term 3 is being acknowledged as **Marriage and Family Week** by Armidale Diocese. The theme this year is "**The Family: School of Virtue**". The children will have Family Week lessons during the week and we invite all families to celebrate Mass with us on Sunday 28th July at 10am. At this Mass Fr Thaddeus will enrol candidates to the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs. Morning Tea will be served after Mass.

### **What will the children learn in their RE lessons in Marriage and Family Week?**

As the theme is 'The Family: School of Virtue' we will be looking at what virtues are and the role families play in nurturing these. St Gregory of Nyssa once said that "the goal of a virtuous life is to become like God." In class we will look at the following virtues and discuss how these can help us to achieve this goal.

**Prudence** helps us discern good in every circumstance and to help us to choose the right means of achieving it.

**Justice** reminds us to respect the rights of each other and to promote relationships based on harmony and equity.

**Fortitude** helps us to resist temptation and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude helps us to conquer fear and have the courage of our convictions.

**Temperance** is the moral virtue that reminds us of the attraction of pleasures and worldly goods. It provides balance in our use of created goods and calls for moderation.

The children will look at these in the context of families as the Church reminds us that families are the first educators. In class the girls and boys will be making virtues wrist bands and a "Little Virtues Book".



Dear God,  
Bless all families. Help families to grow to love you more and more each day. Help families to always be faithful and treat one another and others with love, mercy, fairness, respect and kindness.  
Amen.



+ Faith    ↓ Hope    ♥ Charity