



# St Joseph's Primary School

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Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

## TERM 4 DATES

### Mon 11 Nov

Remembrance Day

### Wed 13 - Fri 15 Nov

Lake Keepit Camp for Years 4 - 6

### Mon 18 Nov

Years 4 - 6 visit to Courage To Care exhibit in Moree

### Tue 19 Nov

Mini Vinnies Visit to Naroo

### Wed 20 - Thurs 21 Nov

Miss Jennifer @ Student Support Meeting  
Jacqui Cronin (RE advisor) visit

### Fri 22 Nov

Kinder Transition and Teddy Bears Picnic

### Tue 26 Nov

SAC AGM and Meeting

### Wed 27 Nov

Mr Dimech and Miss Jennifer at Annual Improvement Plan Meeting at Holy Trinity

### Thurs 29 - Fri 30

Mr Dimech @ Principals Meeting in Armidale

### Mon 2 - Tue 3 Dec

Mr Dimech on leave

### Thurs 5 Dec

Presentation Night 6 pm

### Fri 6 Dec

First Friday Rosary @ midday  
Semester 2 Reports Out

## Term 4 Week 5

11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome the McCudden family to St Joseph's Warialda this week. We especially welcome Neve (Kindy), Angus (Year 2), Matilda (Year 3), their siblings Violet and Felix and parents Anita and Dan. Welcome to Joey's!

Catholic Schools NSW has issued a media release in response to the federal government's drought response package. This will have a positive impact on families who send their children to Catholic schools in our state and supports the Catholic Education Office Armidale initiative of the waving school fees for 2019 to 2020 for St Joseph's Warialda.



## Media Release

Catholic Schools NSW welcomes Federal Government drought relief package for regional schools

The announcement today of an additional \$10 million to support drought affected families and students will provide significant relief to those who have been hit hardest by the drought, it will ensure that they can continue to choose an affordable education alternative for their children, Catholic Schools NSW said today.

CSNSW CEO, Dallas McLnerney said that, "faced with the worst drought on record this announcement today will provide much needed relief and security for those families that have chosen to educate their children at one of our schools."

This announcement will build upon the good work already done by our schools in the provision of fee-relief, school fundraising and a commitment to ensure that fees remain affordable.

The announcement will support schools in areas like Walgett, Brewarrina and Baradine who support remote communities and ensure that parents can choose the best education for their families.

CSNSW thanks the Federal Education Minister and the Prime Minister for their pragmatic response to those areas of acute need for drought affected communities. It doesn't matter how bad the drought is, the education of children should not be impacted. This announcement today responds to this need" Mr McLnerney said.

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, the Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes, who grew up on a farm near Forbes and experienced droughts first-hand, said "that economic conditions across the diocese – which covers the western half of NSW - are difficult and families are struggling. This announcement will be a huge shot in the arm for our schools and the communities they serve." Catholic Schools NSW represents the state's 595 schools, educating more than a quarter of a million students and employing some 30 000 teaching staff.

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Please don't hesitate to contact the school or me directly if there's anything we can do to help.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech

Principal

*May the heart of Jesus bring to one and all its own true spirit.*

*Mary MacKillop 1890*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent Bodies

We rely on the support of our parents in many ways; from advice given at our School Advisory Council meetings through to our parents who fundraise for the school through our P&F. Our parent bodies have meetings coming up in the fortnight ahead.

#### P&F Meeting

Our P&F will meet in the next couple of week's to organise the catering for our Presentation Night and to discuss the Year 6 Disco.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### School Advisory Council Meeting

Our School Advisory Council, (SAC), plays an important role in our school. Our SAC will hold its AGM and term meeting on Tuesday 19th November at 5.30pm. A key item for discussion will be maintaining our plumbing and disconnection from the parish water supply.

#### Lake Keepit Camp

Only a couple more days to go until Ms Moore and I take Years 4 - 6 to Lake Keepit. Sports Manager Peter Chapman sent through our activities schedule. Over the three days the students will take part in rogaining, canoeing, kayaking, raft building, archery, the giant swing, bush archery, road block, the Keepit Kommando, Slip and Slide, low ropes and two night activities. Mrs Bell will replace Ms Moore in the office.



#### Cody The Robot Visit

Miss Helen and Jonathan from Tamworth library visited St Joseph's last Wednesday. They brought Cody the Robot and his robotic dog and gave a presentation on robotics. Thanks to Miss Gail for organising ... the children had a great time and can't wait for the next visit.



#### 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Lexi, Joel, Claire, Gabbie, Isabel, Izzy, Sydnei, Bree, Darcy and Scarlette for completing their 2019 PRC. They will receive the certificates at school on Tuesday. A **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to Luca and Shianne who have completed the PRC for 4 years in a row. They will receive a gold certificate in the post from our Premier, Gladys Berejiklian.



Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	15th November	<b>NO CANTEEN</b> Lake Keepit Excursion	
Monday	18th November	<b>NO CANTEEN</b> Courage to Care	
Friday	22nd November	<b>HELP REQUIRED</b>	
Monday	25th November	YR 5&6 Morning Tea ONLY	

## REC NEWS

We pray for all those affected by the devastating bushfires in NSW and Queensland. I came across this prayer by Christine Sine in response to the 2013 bushfires ....



God Almighty giver and sustainer of life,  
For those whose homes are threatened by fire,  
we ask your mercy.  
For those whose lives are threatened by flames,  
We pray your protection.  
For those who have lost all their possessions,  
We prayer your comfort.  
For those whose health is impaired by smoke,  
We pray your healing.  
Be with those who respond,  
Keep safe firefighters, police and volunteers.  
Make their efforts effective.  
God in your mercy,  
Hear our prayers.  
Amen.



<https://godspacelight.com/2013/10/21/prayer-for-bushfire-victims-in-australia/>

We also pray for those who have died and for the farmers who have lost their stock. St Vincent de Paul NSW is conducting a Bushfire Appeal. Donations can be made at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mr Charles Allen and the Warialda and District RSL for organising a moving Remembrance Day service. Remembrance Day commemorates the Armistice which ended the First World War. Darcy read the Prayer to Queen Elizabeth, Breeanna and Scarlette lay a wreath. Lest we forget.



### Year 5 and 6 Online RE Test Pilot

CSO Armidale in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office Bathurst will trial an online RE Test for Years 5 and 6 in Week 6 this term. This pilot will test the delivery of the RE test using an online platform that will allow for multimedia and text to speech. Marks will not be recorded for the students and if successful it will be implemented next year across a number of primary grades replacing the pen a paper Year 6 RE test.

### Year 6 Graduation and End Of Year Mass

Our Year 6 Graduation and End Of Year Mass will take place on Thursday the 12th of December at 9am. We'd like to see as many parents and families present to celebrate our year of learning and to congratulate Breeanna, Darcy and Scarlette on their graduation from primary school.

### Mini Vinnies Visit To Naroo

Our Mini Vinnies will be visiting Naroo on Tuesday the 19th November in conjunction with the ladies from Vinnies. Mrs Kay Power and I will accompany the students.

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This year Mini Vinnies are going to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items such as tins of ham, veges, pudding etc. These can be left in the basket in the office. Our Mini Vinnies will use some of the money they raised to buy tins of food from our local IGA and will present the donated goods to Vinnies in Week 9. They will also visit Naroo with our K-2 students on Tuesday the 10th of December.



God bless,

Joe Dimech  
Religious Education Co-ordinator

**VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**  
**YOU CAN HELP END POVERTY**



*The hand of Christ  
blesses the cup*



*The hand of love  
offers the cup*



*The hand of suffering  
receives the cup*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Izabel for receiving the Student of the Week Award for acting responsibly.



More Photos from Cody's Visit



Seed Planting



Shell Questacon Science Circus



Good for Kids good for life

**TIPS TO HELP KIDS EAT VEGGIES**

- ADD TO EVERY MEAL**  
 Sold on sandwich/wraps  
 Open cut up veggies as snacks  
 Fill half the plate with veggies
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD**  
 Show them you like eating veggies too  
 Add veggies to food they already like  
 Be positive and patient. It takes 10 to 15 times to like a new food
- TRY A VARIETY**  
 Fresh, Frozen, canned, raw or cooked  
 Different colours  
 Buy in season

**EAT MORE VEGETABLES and fruit**

Vegetables and Fruit taste great and keep us healthy. Everyone should eat Fruit and veggies every day. Most kids eat Fruit each day but they don't eat enough veggies.\*

\*Australian Bureau of Statistics (National Health Survey, 2014-15)