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Term 4 2019 Week 6 18th November

Please add these
events and dates
to your Term Calendar

TERM 4 DATES

Tue 19 Nov

Mini Vinnies Visit to Naroo

Wed 20 - Thurs 21 Nov

Miss Jennifer @ Student Support Meeting

Thurs 21 Nov

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 (noon)

The girls and boys are to be commended for welcoming Neve, Angus and Matilda to St Joseph's last week and on the way they have kept focus on their learning in this busy part of the term. Next Sunday is the feast of Christ The King, marking the end of Ordinary Time in our church liturgical calendar. We will soon be preparing for the season of Advent. We have planned lots of wonderful experiences for our students in the remaining weeks of the year and we are looking forward to performing a nativity play at our Presentation Night.

Last week the children from Years 4 to 6 together with Ms Moore, Aaron Gunn and myself attended the Lake Keepit camp. You can read all about our adventures on page 2 and on our Facebook page.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

We have a lot going on in the last half of the term.
Here are some events that are coming up :

Teddy Bear's Picnic

We will celebrate the "Teddy Bear's Picnic" on Friday as part of our Kinder 2020 Transition Day. All children are asked to bring their teddy bear or favourite stuffed toy to school and some shared food for morning tea.

Carinda House Twilight Christmas Markets

Carinda House will be holding their Twilight Christmas Markets on Saturday the 30th of November from 5 to 10 pm. They have asked if children from St Joseph's could sing some Christmas carols around 7 pm. We would need a number of children to make this viable. Could you please return the reply slip on the attached note by Monday the 25th of November.

Presentation Night

A note will go out this week asking families to RSVP numbers for our Presentation Night and Supper. You will also be asked bring a dish; either a salad or desert.

URGENT Chocolate Drive

Can all monies from our Chocolate Drive be returned ASAP so we can finalise our accounts before the end of the month.

Proposed End Of Year BBQ and Dance

Year 6 propose to hold a BBQ and country music dance night on Friday the 13th December.

At this stage we are looking for an expression of interest from our families. If we can't get a majority of families attending then we'll hold the event during school time on Friday afternoon. Could you please return the reply slip on the attached note by Monday the 25th of November.

End Of Year Student Treat

We would like to take the children on an End Of Year Treat to Inverell Shake Rattle and Bowl on Monday the 16th of December using the money we've raised from our bottle and can recycling. We invite families to join us and are also looking for parents to provide transport as we now have 18 students. Could you please call the office on 6729 1328 if you can help.



Happy Birthday
to Neve who turned 6
last week.



God's holy will be done.

Mary MacKillop 1870



Lake Keepit Wrap Up

Last week Izzy, Sydnei, Zinnia, Breeanna, Darcy and Scarlettte attended the Lake Keepit Sport and Rec Camp with the primary students from Sacred Heart Boggabri and St Joseph's Quirindi. We arrived on Wednesday in time for morning tea and our orientation session. Our camp instructors Ash, Matt and Scotty organised the students from the three schools into groups; we formed the red group with the students from Boggabri. Our first activity was rogaining which is an orienteering activity where we had to follow a map and find cards of superheroes and villains. After a lunch of sandwiches we walked to the river which would normally be on the bottom of Lake Keepit. We were given a canoeing lesson then paddled down the river and were challenged by the strong wind. The children had the choice of spending the afternoon either in the pool or playing games on the tennis court. Dinner on the first night was nachos followed by a games night in the homestead. The games tested the children's hand-eye co-ordination and developed team spirit.

Day 2 of camp started with a hearty breakfast. Our first activity was the bush archery course where we walked through the bush to the targets. Next up was the Road Block. The three tasks on the tennis court required the groups to think critically and work as a team. The next activity was the Keepit Komando. All the children were eager to get started and face the challenges of the mud course, climbing frames, tyres and barrels. After that, the children showered the mud off then cooled down on the giant slip and slide. Dinner on our second night was roast and vegies and it was yummy! Our day ended with another evening of team building games in the homestead.

We woke early on our last day and packed our belongings before breakfast. After a brief visit to the souvenir shop we walked to the giant swing. This activity took a lot of children out of their comfort zones however with our instructor Scotty's gentle encouragement all students put on their harnesses and climbed the ladder to the control line. The more adventurous had a go while those who weren't so sure were swung by Scotty.

Our three days were action packed! The daily activities developed listening and communication skills and resilience. The children had a great time and were presented with many new experiences. They worked with other children, participated fully in all activities and displayed impeccable manners.

Some special "Thank You's" to those who made our camp a wonderful experience ... to Lisa Moore and Aaron Gunn for coming with us and supervising our children, St Joseph's P&F and the Inverell and Warialda Lions Clubs for donating to our excursion, to principals Dallas Hyatt (Boggabri) and Daryl Martin (Quirindi) for inviting us to the camp, Reynolds-Fogarty Bus service for providing the transport and to all the staff from Lake Keepit for making our stay enjoyable and safe.





REC NEWS

Online RE Test Pilot

This week Year 5 and 6 will sit for an online RE Test in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office Bathurst. This pilot will test the delivery of the Year 6 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 families present to celebrate our year of learning and to congratulate Breeanna, Darcy and Scarlette on their graduation from primary school.



End Of Year Visit To Naroo

Our Mini Vinnies will accompany our Kinder to Year 2 children on a visit to Naroo on Tuesday the 10th of December at 2pm. We will present Christmas gifts to the residents as well as sing some songs from our Presentation Night and Christmas carols.

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, vegies, 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.

God bless,

Joe Dimech
Religious Education Co-ordinator



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Harley
for receiving the
Student of the Week Award
for
always "having a go".



Courage To Care Exhibit

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	22nd November	Teddy's Bear Picnic Morning Tea	
Monday	25th November	Yr 5&6 Morning Tea ONLY	
Friday	29th November	Naomi Jones	Naomi Jones