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Term 4 Week 9 9th December 2019

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

TERM 4 DATES

Mon 9 - Fri 13 Dec

Swimming Program

10:30 - 11:30 am

Tue 10 Dec

Whole school visit to Naroo 2 pm

Fri 13 Dec

End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation

9:30 am *Students wear school uniform for Mass*

Semester 2 Reports Out

Mon 16 Dec

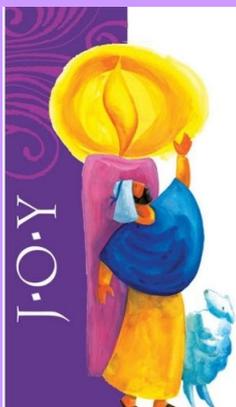
Excursion To Shake, Rattle & Bowl

Wed 18 Dec

Last day of school



Second Week of Advent



We Believe in You, Lord.

We know that You can help us to love each other better.

You are our light. Come, Lord Jesus.



I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who work tirelessly to make our school a friendly and safe environment for our children. I would like to thank the families, friends of St Joseph's and our local community for supporting our annual Presentation Night through their attendance and sponsorship. It was a great night capping off an engaging year of learning and it was gratifying to see our students publicly acknowledged for their successes. Many thanks to our P&F for organising the supper and for presenting gifts to the staff. Thank you to the families who contributed food. I also wish to thank Miss Jennifer and Mr Wisemantel for preparing the children for the nativity play, Lisa Moore for coordinating the invitations and sponsorship, Sue and Kev Bell for preparing the prizes and Dymity Logan for assisting on the night.

I would like to thank the Catholic Schools Office Armidale for their support this year especially School Consultant Gary McSweeney and Cluster Coach Carmel McCosker. I also wish to thank the sponsors who supported our Presentation Night ... *Carmel Ann and Don Stevenson, Helen Perrett, Jan Hawkins, Margaret Keath, Shirley Canham, Armidale Diocesan Investment Group, Carinda House, County of Burnett CWA, Gwydir Shire Council, MTY Trophies, St Vincent de Paul Society, Warialda Jockey Club, Warialda Pharmacy, Warialda Chamber of Commerce, Warialda CWA, Warialda Garden Club, Warialda Historical Society, Warialda Lions Club, Warialda Post Office, Warialda Rotary Club, Warialda Apex and Warialda Sport Council.* Your support of our Presentation Night is greatly appreciated.

2019 Staffing

Staffing for 2020 is being finalised and will be announced in next week's newsletter.



Year 6 Graduation and End Of Year Mass

We have had to move our Year 6 Graduation and End Of Year Mass to Friday the 13th of December at 9am as Fr Thaddeus will be attending the Anniversary of the Dedication of St Mary and St Joseph Cathedral in Armidale. The cathedral marks its centenary on December 13th. At our Mass we will celebrate our year of learning and congratulate Breeanna, Darcy and Scarlett on their graduation from primary school.

School Leaders

Congratulations to Sydnei and Zinnia on taking on the role of school captain for 2020. We look forward to great things next year.

Bushfire Alerts

The Catholic Schools Office has been communicating **TOBAN** (Total Fire Ban) declarations to all principals during this period of heightened fire risk. These usually affect one or two districts in NSW however, they have almost become a daily occurrence with many advising of catastrophic declarations. We have been keeping the children indoors as the air quality has been very poor on account of smoke. As part of our risk management I have updated our fire safety charts and staff have been briefed on our **Fire Safety Plan**. Our **shelter in place** is the staffroom with the hall as a backup. We will not evacuate the children to another centre in town but rather call parents to take them home if safe to do so. In the event of an **Emergency Warning** we will be directed by the police, RFS and Fire and Rescue NSW.



I'm sending home **Bushfire Survival Plans** to each family. The kit contains useful information on preparing your homes and what to do in the event of a bushfire. We pray for all those affected by the current bushfires, for those who have died and for the volunteers in the emergency services who are laying their lives on the line for their communities.



Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech
Principal

Are not God's ways wonderful !

Mary MacKillop 1873



SCHOOL NEWS

Learn To Swim and Primary Swimming Program

Students will wear their school uniform to school each day this week and their sports uniform on Thursday during our Swimming Program. They will dry their swimmers and towel each day and leave them at school. They have been reminded to apply sunblock before school and to bring their swimming goggles.



End Of Year Student Treat

Our End Of Year Treat to Inverell Shake Rattle and Bowl will take place on Monday the 16th of December. We will be having morning tea at school and we'll leave at 10am. Our excursion will include two games of bowling and a pizza lunch. We aim to be back at school for afternoon bus pickup.



Muffti Day - Last Day Of Term

The students can come to school in muffti (home clothes) on the last day of term; Wednesday December 19th. We will be cleaning out tote trays, sorting classroom equipment, packing things away for the holidays and make Christmas craft.

School Reports

Students end of year reports will be sent home Friday the 13th of December. If you would like to organise an interview with the teachers, please contact the school office.

End Of School 2019 and Start Of School 2020

Our students finish school on Wednesday the 19th of December.
School resumes for students on Wednesday the 5th of February 2020.



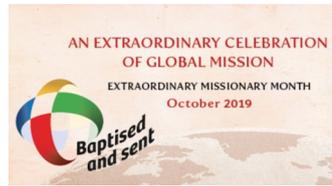
REC NEWS

Second Sunday of Advent

We mark the Second Week of Advent this week. We celebrate the peace that God has given us in Christ. Just treatment of our neighbour and devoted love of Christ are the roads on which we and God meet.



The Second Sunday of Advent symbolises faith with the "Bethlehem Candle", which is purple, reminding us that Jesus is coming. The candle also reminds us of the joy Mary and Joseph's had in returning to Bethlehem.



Catholic Mission

Fr Brian Lucas, National Director of Catholic Mission Australia has written to St Joseph's to thank us for donating \$74 for Catholic Mission Month appeal. This is a tremendous effort given the size of St Joseph's and money raised will help people like Sr Stan from Ghana and her home for disadvantaged children. This is great example of the Catholic Principle and Value or Preferential Option For The Poor in action.

End Of Year Visit To Naroo

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

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

We are finalising our Vinnies Christmas Appeal this Friday. We kindly ask that donations of non-perishable food items be placed in the basket in the office foyer. Thank you for your generosity.



God bless,

Joe Dimech
Religious Education Co-ordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Luca
for receiving the
Student of the Week
Award for
his great work in History.



Happy Birthday

Happy birthday
to Breeanna, Shianne,
Miss Jennifer and Miss Logan
who celebrate
their birthdays in December.



Thank You to our Presentation Night Sponsors



Mini Vinnies students buying items for the Vinnies
Christmas Hampers



RS 50ML 3.99
Total \$ 230.17
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End Of Year Lunch and Dance

We will hold the "Country Music" Dance on Friday the 13th December at 1.30pm. The children can bring in a change of clothes to dance in for the afternoon. A Lunch of chicken and gravy rolls will be provided, children can bring their own packed lunch if they prefer. At 1pm the children will also participate in the "Bust the Dust" dance campaign organised by St John's Parish School in Trangie to try and help break the drought.

