



St Joseph's Primary School

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Term 1 Week 4 18th February 2020

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES

Wed 19 Feb

Opening School Mass
9:30 am in the church

Thurs 20—21 Feb

Mr Dimech @
CSO Armidale

Fri 28 Feb

Diocesan Swimming
Carnival at Moree

Tue 25 Feb

Shrove Tuesday
(Pancake Day)

Wed 26 Feb

Ash Wednesday Mass
12 noon

Fri 28 Feb

School Clean Up Day

Sun 1 Mar

1st Week of Lent

Mon 2 - Fri 6 Mar

Swimming Program

Thurs 5 Mar

Big Vege Crunch

Fri 6 Mar

1st Friday Devotions

Sun 8 Mar

2nd Sunday of lent

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

We've had a great week of learning with the children settling back into the morning routines of our literacy block. We held our Combined Swimming Carnival with Gravesend Public School last Friday and we thank Mrs Jackie Todd and her staff for inviting us and thank our parents and friends for attending. The children enjoyed competing in the freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly races as well as the novelty events.

We welcome Leah Conners and her family to St Joseph's. Leah is a cousin of Merrick, Winter and Harley and she joins our Year 3 students. Welcome to Joey's!

STAFFING NEWS

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Joy McDonald as full time class teacher for 2020. Joy will commence work at St Joseph's once she has moved to Warialda.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

A reminder that our Swimming Program will take place at Warialda Pool in Week 6 from Monday the 2nd of February to Friday the 6th of March. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform to school each day and to bring their swimming gear in a bag to change into together with a rashie, sunblock. The cost of the lessons and pool entrance fee is covered by a Sporting Schools Grant. A note with more information will be sent home later in the week.



NOTES

Thanks to all our families for returning the replies to the notes that were sent out last week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CREATING AN POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

At St Joseph's Warialda we use intrinsic motivation to create a positive and engaging learning environment. Our learning space and the stimulating and challenging learning activities planned by our staff rely on an inner motivation where our students do something because they love to do it or find it interesting rather than doing something for external rewards or to avoid negative consequences. Our students reviewed our Class Charter and we added "We will have a positive mindset and will always try our best" as we worked on mindfulness techniques last year. This charter is based on our Five Class Responsibilities. The children's positive outlook and support from home to build resilience helps make St Joseph's a happy and fun place to learn.



Five Class Responsibilities

- We will look after our things and each other.
- We will treat everyone with respect.
- We will take pride in our school.
- We will have a positive mindset and will always try our best.
- We will be safe at school.

Our nation has been "challenged" by mother nature in recent months. I am reminded of Dorothea Mackellar's poem "My Country" ... *I love a sunburnt country, A land of sweeping plains, Of ragged mountain ranges, Of droughts and flooding rains*". Fr Thaddeus always reminds us that **GOD IS GOOD** and we continue to pray for rain and give thanks for what we have been given.

Have a great week,
Joe Dimech
Principal



If we cannot excuse anything we can at least excuse the intention.

Mary MacKillop 1884



SCHOOL NEWS

OUR LEARNING ROUTINES

At St Joseph's we follow a set routine for the first half of each day. Our morning begins with a two hour **literacy** block that starts at 8.50 am. It's vital that children arrive before the morning bell and are ready to begin. Our **MiniLit** program begins straight after **Crunch and Sip** and the morning's group activities are explained before the children rotate through teacher led and independent groups. After recess each day the children have **Maths** followed by **Religion**. These lessons take place daily regardless of which teachers are in the room as we all co-plan, co-teach and co-assess together. The following Key Learning Areas take place in the afternoons ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PD & Health• Library	Art	Science	History / Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sport• Weekly Learning Reflection• Assembly



SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all the children for participating in the Swimming Carnival on Friday!! All the children done very well either it be in novelty events or swimming events. The children are also to be commended on their great

sportsmanship in cheering on the other children being from either Gravesend or St Joey's. The sun stayed out long enough for us to get all the events completed and back to school in time before a shower of rain came over.

Ribbons and certificates were handed out at Monday Morning's assembly, so please check your child's bag if you have not seen these as yet! Unfortunately we didn't have any children have any qualifying times for the Diocesan Carnival.



Good for Kids good for life



Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program, also known as 'Fruit break'. Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the day to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water.

Below are some examples of what students are allowed to bring for Crunch&Sip®:

- All fresh vegetables and fruit such as carrot sticks or grapes
- Dried fruit or tinned fruit in juice, but only sometimes
- Plain water



Some tips to increase veggie intake for Crunch&Sip® include:

- Start with vegetables your children are familiar with
- Allow children to choose their Crunch&Sip® vegetables
- Try sweeter vegetables like cherry tomatoes or carrots
- Use a variety of colours to make it more appealing
- Let kids pick out a special Crunch&Sip® container from the supermarket
- Get kids involved in cooking vegetables at home

Source: Crunch&Sip® www.crunchandsip.com.au

START OF YEAR REMINDERS

BEING SUN SAFE
"No hat, no play!"

HEATING UP OF FOOD
Thursdays only and bring your own cutlery.

LIBRARY is on Monday.

SPORT is on Friday.

HEADPHONES are needed for our iPads and Chromebooks.

HOMEWORK AND HOME READERS are sent home on Monday and are due back on Friday.



REC NEWS

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

You are cordially invited to our Opening School Mass on Wednesday February 19th at 9:30am. At this Mass we will welcome Merrick, Jada and Leah to St Joseph's, commission our Year 6 school leaders and Mini Vinnies. All families and friends of St Joseph's are invited to join us in celebrating this special mass together.



Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday 25th March Pancake Day)

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is the last day before Lent. It is a tradition on this day to eat pancakes as Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't traditionally allowed in Lent; flour, eggs, butter etc. Shrove Tuesday is celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday.

We will need some help in making pancakes with the students on Tuesday 25th of February. I will be at our AIP Meeting in Moree in the morning and we will need a couple of parents / grandparents who can bring an electric frypan to school and help our Stage 3 students to cook the pancakes. We will be offering plain pancakes as well as ones with butter, jam and maple syrup.

Our Mini Vinnies ask for a **gold coin donation** for Project Compassion and invite you to join us. We will start cooking at 10.30am. Please contact the office on 6729 1328 if you can help or loan us an electric frypan; (we need at least two for our pancake fundraiser). We greatly appreciate all your support and we look forward to enjoying on some pancakes with you.



Ash Wednesday Mass Wednesday 26th March

You are invited to join us to celebrate the start of the liturgical season of Lent with Mass on Ash Wednesday at 12 noon. The children will take home their family Project Compassion boxes and families are asked donate to Project Compassion during Lent with the boxes will be collected on Holy Thursday. Project Compassion is run by Caritas Australia and this annual fundraiser provides funds for Caritas to carry out works of social justice in Australia and abroad.

St Joseph's Warialda School Values

faith
gentleness
hope
justice
love
patience
trust



CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

A Framework for Life



All that we do at St Joseph's is underpinned by the Armidale Diocese's CORE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES. These are evident in our lessons, in how we relate to each other and in the celebrations of our Catholic faith.

There are three main principles ...

The Principle of the Primacy of God

The Principle of Fidelity in Relationships

The Principle of the Common Good

and there are eleven values within these principles.

May God bless you in the week ahead,

Joe Dimech
Religious Education Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations
to Luca
for receiving last week's
merit award for
taking pride at school.



Our Literacy Block



Our Swimming Carnival

