



St Joseph's Primary School

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Term 1 Week 5 24th February 2020

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES

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

Tue 17 Mar

St Patrick's Feast Day
Liturgy 9am

Thurs 19 Mar

St Joseph's Feast Day
Mass 12 noon

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Last week we celebrated our Opening School Mass for 2020. Our School Captains Sydnei and Zinnia received their leadership badges after their blessing and commissioning. We also commissioned our Mini Vinnies team and blessed our new students, their families and staff. Thank you to Fr Thaddeus for your memorable homily.

We welcome Mrs Joy McDonald to St Joseph's school. Joy has had extensive experience in education throughout Australia and more recently in remote Western Australia and Perth. There will be an opportunity to meet Joy at next week's Parent Information Night and Welcome BBQ.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT AND WELCOME BBQ

We will be holding our Parent Information Night and Welcome BBQ on Thursday the 5th of March at 5.30 pm. At the formal part of the meeting the staff will talk about their role at St Joseph's and I will highlight key areas from our Parent Information Book that relates to school procedures and child safety. The meeting will take place in our learning space with the BBQ to take place under the COLA. The school will supply nibbles, sausage sandwiches and drinks. We look forward to catching up with all our families.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our Swimming Program will take place next week from Monday to Friday. Danni Colley will instruct the children in two groups; I will accompany the non swimmers and Mrs McDonald will go with the children who can swim laps. We didn't have children qualify for our Diocesan Swimming Carnival this year. The Term 1 and Term 4 swimming programs provide a great opportunity for our children to further develop their skills and correct their swimming strokes and techniques.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Our staff hold current First Aid certificates and undergo annual training in CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis. All medication is administered by Lisa Moore, our school First Aid Officer, in our office and currently records are entered into our office management software called School Administration System (SAS). I will administer medication in the presence of another adult when Lisa is away. We are migrating to a new system called Compass in a few weeks and due to government legislative requirements I remind parents that:

- prescribed medication will only be administered where a student's parent/guardian has provided written permission to the School
- Asthma puffers cannot be administered at school without written permission indicating dosage and/or a current and dated Asthma Management Plan
- medical devices such as Asthma puffers and spacers are not be shared between siblings; each child must have their own
- non-prescription medication such as Panadol, Nurofen and even throat lozenges need a permission note indicating dosage
- parents/guardians are responsible for providing medication and for making the school aware if it needs refrigeration and making sure that it returns home each day
- students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the School and the student's parents/guardians. A current student's individual health care plan where is needed stating that a student can self-administer prescription medication under staff supervision. This may apply to children in Year 3 and older.



St Joseph's is an **ALLERGY AWARE** school. A reminder that children are not permitted to share food at school including lollies and snacks.

As always, our staff make the care and wellbeing of every student their priority.

Have a great week,
Joe Dimech

ONE KIND WORD
can change
someone's
entire day

The Golden Rule

Take fresh courage. Lean more on God
and less on ourselves.

Mary MacKillop 1877



NOTICE

ATTENTION

This property is protected by the "Inclosed Lands Protection Act. Entry without permission is not permitted. You are asked to seek permission before entry, failure to do so may result in removal or prosecution. All visitors must register at the office.

Authorised by the Catholic Schools Office, Armidale

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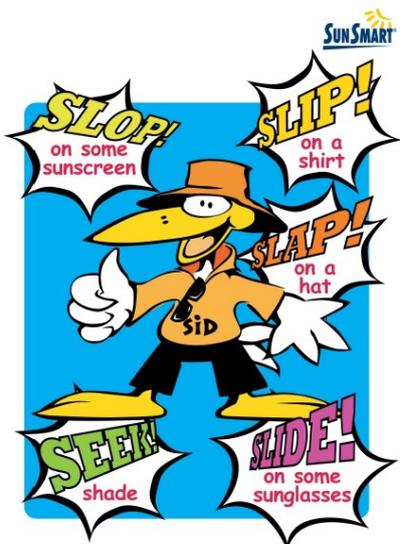
The Catholic Schools Office has kindly offered to order metal copies of the Inclosed Lands signs that we put up before the school holidays. Permission is needed to enter school grounds and all visitors must report to the office and sign our Visitors Book.

HOMEWORK, HOME READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS

A large number of children did not return their homework or home readers last week. The Homework booklet contains one page of literacy and one page of numeracy activities and is marked on Friday. Home Readers are selected on Monday and need to be returned in Friday. Setting up regular routines teaches the children independence and responsibility.

SUN PROTECTION

St Joseph's Warialda is a **SunSmart school** and follows the guidelines of the NSW Cancer Council for eye and skin protection. We encourage all students to apply sunblock at home and they have access to Cancer Council sunscreen at school. Students were given approved sunglasses last year and may choose to wear them when outside. We have replacement pairs in our classroom. A reminder that children without their school hat will be asked to play under the COLA.



CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY

St Joseph's students will be participating in Clean Up Australia's **SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY** on Friday March 28th. We will be cleaning around the school and church grounds and we have bags, gloves as well a grabbing tool. The students will at no time be asked to pick up glass, cigarette butts, nails etc. This school event is a lead up to **Clean Up Australia Day** that will be held on Sunday March 1st.



St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	28th February	Naomi Jones	Naomi Jones
Monday	2nd March	NO CANTEEN	
Friday	6th March	Danni Smith	Danni Smith
Monday	9th March	NO CANTEEN	

REC NEWS

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends of St Joseph's at Last week's Opening School Mass. Congratulations to Sydnei and Zinnia for your first "official duty" as school captains.



SHROVE TUESDAY (Tuesday 25th Feb Pancake Day)

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. It was the day that people used their eggs, butter and milk and traditionally made pancakes as they abstained from eating these and fasted during Lent. On Tuesday, Joey's students will celebrate the end of **Ordinary Time** in our Church calendar by making pancakes. Our Mini Vinnies ask for a coin donation for Project Compassion.



LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Copies of the Lenten prayer reflection booklet "Grace" can be ordered through Trish Coulton. As in previous years there will be a weekly reflection prayer group to be held at the parish meeting room every Wednesday during Lent at 7pm. Please see me for further details.

LENT 2020- Ash Wednesday Mass

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 to donate to Project Compassion during Lent. 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.

CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

The Catholic Core Principal of **Solidarity and Fraternity** reminds us that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, whoever they may be and wherever they may be. This value sees Catholics consciously working for the fair distribution of goods and resources for all human persons so that their human dignity can be upheld. In Lent, we practice solidarity and fraternity by supporting Project Compassion and each week the girls and boys will focus on a person whose life had been greatly changed through the support of Caritas.

This week the season of **Lent** begins with **Ash Wednesday**, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via our website at lent.caritas.org.au



May God bless you as you begin your Lenten journey.

Joe Dimech
Religious Education Coordinator

Our
Opening
School
Mass



Photos from last week

