

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201702 WEEK 3, TERM 1 2017

Important dates for month of February & March ...



P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20 FEB 7PM - FLEXIBLE LEARNING AREA

Nomination forms/role descriptions for executive committee & subcommittees (Fundraising/Social; Grants; Sustainability committees) positions available at the office

Tuesday 21st February

Cross Country Training commences

When: 7.30am every Tuesday / Thursday morning until Cross Country Carnival 31st March

Week 6 commencing 27th February details to come about Shrove Monday & Ash Wednesday...

Week 7 6-10th March

Laurel Eden School Counsellor visit

Monday 13th March

Mrs Saunders returns from Leave

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

Wonders of Living Program

Friday 17th March

St Patricks Day

Sunday 19th March

St Joseph's Day

Monday 20th March

St Joseph's Day Celebrations

Friday 31st March

Cross Country Carnival

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News from Ms. Harrison...

Dear Families,

What makes St Joseph's a strong school community is our firm commitment in making our School Covenant real in our everyday actions - how we show the Golden rule of 'treating others as you want to be treated' every day. The attitude of gratitude for our many blessings makes a huge difference in our lives. Many classes through the school regularly speak of being 'bucket fillers', focussed on the positives and the things that are going well.

Parents always speak of the values of a Catholic school as an important reason for sending their child to a Catholic school. Every school has values and the humanistic values of generosity, being kind and respectful to others are not unique to a catholic school. You can see those values in many schools.

What really makes our school values come to life is the Spirit of Jesus working in our school. A deep belief in the integrity of each person, made in the likeness of God and our willingness to be the face of Jesus to others, despite all that life throws at us makes that difference. Knowing the loving and forgiving nature of our God encourages us to forgive and show compassion to others.

This week Miss Cook and I had the pleasure of leading the Year 5/6 students through their leadership training. The leadership day was aptly named "Making A Difference, Inspired by Jesus". Throughout the day, we focussed on the qualities and values demonstrated to us by Jesus and other great leaders throughout history. The three key values of our school - Humility, Justice and Compassion were explored in depth during the day with the students completing their own leadership pledge of commitment by days end.

The Year 5/6 students should feel very proud of the manner in which they participated during their training. Over the coming weeks students will be presented with their badges at Assembly as they demonstrate the ability and readiness to take up their Student Leadership role at St Joseph's for 2017.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Thu Bui as our new school tuckshop coordinator. Thu would be known to many in our school community as a very familiar face and support of Miss Sue in preparing food for us at school. We especially welcome Thu to our school staff and look forward to having her continue the fabulous work done by Mrs Sue Gane in establishing our school tuckshop.

Could I ask that all parents please give thought to lending a hand as a tuckshop volunteer. There are many days when an extra pair of hands in food preparation would be wonderful. If you can help, please contact Thu in the tuckshop on 4069 9500.

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter this year, our school is an Allergy Aware school. We do have a few students with allergies, which require that they have an EpiPen with them at all times. Whilst not banning some items entirely, we do ask that items such as nuts, Nutella and peanut butter do not come to school so that we keep our children as safe as possible from an allergic reaction. Click on the following link to refer to our Allergy Aware Policy on the school website [AllergyAwareness](#).

We wish Amanda Saunders our APRE a wonderful break of Long Service leave as she flies out on her way to the USA tomorrow for 3 weeks. Amanda will be attending a professional development conference in LA for Religious educators as well as taking some time off for a delayed honeymoon with her husband, Terry.

Have a great week and God bless,

Rosie

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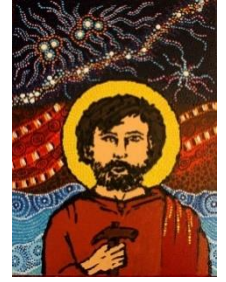
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APRE News..



Week 4 has come and gone so quickly. Firstly, I would like to say a very big thank you to all those who attended the Volunteer induction session on Wednesday. I will try to provide another opportunity later in the term or early Term 2 if there are more participants that are interested.

There have been a few enquiries of late about the Sacramental program for students. Father Dariusz has advised that he is working with the Parish currently to have a look at what this is going to look like and just how the school can support the program. Therefore, I ask for your patience as this process takes place. I have been assured that as the Sacraments commence the school will be notified, those students/families requiring this opportunity will be contacted, and notices placed in or on all of our information systems – school website, portals, newsletters and emails.

During the next few weeks our classes will begin their preparations for Lent and during the 6 weeks of Lent each class will be involved with activities relating to this time of growth and how they can support those in need through Project Compassion.

Project Compassion is always our first term commitment as a part of the Religious Life of our school. I will endeavour to leave information for the newsletter for the weeks whilst I am away about the purpose of Project Compassion and its importance.

As of next Monday, I will officially be on leave for three weeks attending the Los Angeles Religion Congress and extending with a honeymoon. I know I will miss you all but promise to have a relaxing, amazing time to be able to share with you all upon my return. During this time, Mrs Rachel Clements will be teaching the class.

Please stay in touch if you need any further information as I will be able to check in at certain times when needed.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend and the next few weeks,

Amanda

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Classroom News..



Prep

In Prep this week, we have been settling into our routines and transitions between learning experiences and the whole school timetable. We had our first visit to the library and many students borrowed a children's picture book. We also started Homework this week where the emphasis is on alphabet letter and sound knowledge and the M100 Golden Words. We also took home a reader book, with the purpose of simply developing a love of reading. During the Arts we painted a Blue Thingamajig from the story we have been reading. Our class started show and tell and shared either pictures of our family, or something that we had made. In Health we sorted foods into categories and learnt that it is healthy to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables. We have continued learning about Eagle Eye as we pointed to words and looked at pictures in stories for clues. We started writing in our Writing Time text books, following the lines with control and the learning the direction of some letters. We all participated in our Reading Eggs program and started to learn the first couple of lines of the National Anthem.

Year 1

This week year one read the story called "Hairy Bear" by Joy Cowley. We sequenced the steps of the story discussing what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. Then, together as a class we made up our own story adding in some describing words to make our story sound incredible. In mathematics, we have focused on counting in fives. Our mathematics investigation question this week was 'how can we count every student's fingers in our class?' We came up with the answer of counting in fives, each student traced around both of their hands and fingers before cutting them out. We then counted all of the hands in our class in fives and we reached the number of 230, so in our year one class we have 230 fingers. We continued on with our Biological Science unit where we are looking at living and non-living animals and the students had to sort the living and non-living animals into groups.

Year 2

This week we have been focussing on routines and getting ourselves ready to work at our desks with everything we need. This takes time and good listening skills but I am proud of the way everyone has improved and remembered instructions. We are getting the hang of our new spelling patterns we are learning and how to use these in our writing. We have been exploring what an 'information report' looks like and next week we will be writing with a partner about an insect. Our focus in Maths has been Friends of 100 and 100 (or Rainbow Facts) and how these are represented in different ways. We also looked at Portioning numbers and using a new strategy with arrows to help us understand the place value of numbers. The meal worms are changing and the tadpoles are generating a lot of discussion about lifecycles in class. We are exploring ways we can be Peacemakers at home and school and we have talked a lot about being like Ricky Resilient in class to help us deal with different situations. Great work everyone!

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Year 3

This week we have been working on our organisational skills and what this should look like. We have discussed some more rules in our Civics unit as well as going for a walk to look from the outside of the Church. We were interested in some of the symbols we could see and Mrs Saunders is going to ask Father Dariusz to walk us through and explain some more of the symbols when he next visits. This week we also experienced the taste of bone soup and for some of us it was delicious. Miss Cassie sent an email home to explain what it was and just beautifully we responded to some new tastes. Mrs Saunders will be away for the next three weeks so we will be welcoming Mrs Clements next week.

Year 4

Week 4 with the Fabulous Four's and we are enjoying our novel "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing". All of our turtles have now been sent home to become part of their new families. In Maths we are learning about multiplication, including factors and multiples. We also learnt that = means equal, not answer. So it doesn't matter if a sum is written $3 \times 4 = 12$, or $12 = 3 \times 4$, both mean the same thing. During religion we listened to the parable of The Prodigal Son and what Luke's meaning was in this story. Science was exciting as we started an experiment about rotting or remaining using different types of material, like salami, plastic, a pear core, paper and cotton. We will keep checking on the materials to see if they are rotting or remaining. Mrs Bienvenu will continue teaching us next week.

Year 5 - 6

The year 5/6s have been very focussed on their leadership roles this week, with our leadership-training day on Thursday. We spent the whole day with Ms Harrison and Miss Cook, learning how to lead with Humility, Compassion and Justice. We discussed what it means to be a leader, who inspires us to be good leaders, and how we are going to achieve these ourselves. We are very excited to be taking on these important roles. Outside of this, we have worked hard on our Choose-Your-Own-Adventure narratives, similar to "Goosebumps" by R.L. Stine, which are bound to scare Miss Cook! We are looking at the relationships between different times tables in maths and preparing for our science experiments with bread next week to learn more about yeast in science.

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Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L) & Physical Education (P.E)

WOW! Week 4 already, Term 1 is certainly flying.

This Term in Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L) the students have been focussing on the key of Organisation and learning about the following key concepts in their SEL lessons.

Lower Primary Lessons 1 – 3: Meeting Olivia Organisation, becoming Mountain Climbers and Working for it!

Middle Primary Lessons 1 – 3: The goal is to be Organised, Internal Affairs and Bowl them over!

Upper Primary Lessons 1 – 3: It is time to be Organised, Can you reach it? And Unblock the Road Block!

We look forward to focussing on Lessons 4 – 6 later during the term.

During Semester 1 in Physical Education (P.E) the students will be learning about the following units in their year levels:

Prep: How to Keep My Changing Body Healthy

Year 1: I'm a 'Balliever'

Year 2: Kick It, Hit it!

Year 3: Take your Marks, Get Set, Play!

Year 4: Hit it, Catch it, Field it, Throw it!

Year 5/6: People In Motion

Cross Country..

The Cross Country date has been set for the last Friday of the Term (31st March). Cross Country Training will commence Tuesday 21st February and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday morning until Cross Country... Training will start at 7.30am, please wear your running shoes, bring a water bottle and remember to pack your school uniform to change into afterwards.

If you can assist in any way with training, Carnival set up or duties throughout Carnival day, please do not hesitate to contact me on mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au



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- Prep.. Nate Robinson, Taylah Simpson + Lewis Caputo
Year 1.. Louis Argent + Lincoln Scikluna
Year 2.. Aiden Clegg + Judson Gay
Year 3.. Baia Spodniewski + Ewan Haardt
Year 4.. Lucas Hancock + Eva Payne
Year 5 – 6.. Makayla Lobley + Ava Steele

Tuckshop needs volunteers please...

Our Tuckshop would love some helping hands each day, if you can lend a hand please contact Thu in our Tuckshop on 4069 9500...

From Karen in the Library...

If any families have any fishing magazines laying around that they would like to donate to the school, we would love to receive them...

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