

# St Joseph's Parish Primary School Newsletter



## Coming Events

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**TODAY:** School Committee  
meeting @ 7.00 pm

## Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Dear Parents and community members,

It is great to be back after my trip to Forbes. Our gatherings are always very informative and valuable.

Our day spent with Lyn Sharratt was a particular highlight. Dr Sharratt is an internationally renowned educator who has co-written 4 books devoted to education and ensuring the best outcomes for all students. The diocese has made a significant commitment for the past 3 years to the work of Dr Sharratt and it was an amazing opportunity to be able speak to her and listen to what she had to say around school improvement and better educational outcomes for all students. A critical aspect of success that resonated with me was the importance of the collaboration between parents (first teachers), teachers at school and the learning environment to ensure successful learning outcomes for all students. I am very proud of how our teaching and support staff work hard to develop a culture of learning and its importance at St Joseph's. Joyce Epstein (PhD) from John Hopkins School of Education has developed a framework that outlines six types of parental involvement in their child's education which I am exploring at the moment in a quest to highlight the overall benefits for all stakeholders – students, parents and teachers of a strong bond between home and school. Very interesting and thought provoking information!

Tonight our school committee will meet for the first time this year. On behalf of the school I would like to publically thank Mrs Jayne Farnsworth for her participation and engagement in the school committee for the past three years. Jayne has stepped down from the committee and we are very grateful for the valuable contribution she has made, fulfilling the role of secretary admirably. Many thanks Jayne.

We will be having our 2017 annual athletics carnival on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. We will be looking for lots of helpers and supporters on the day. This date ties in with BCS's annual carnival and we are very grateful for their support.

Special welcome back to school this week to Mrs Standen. We wish you and Ryan every joy and happiness. Special thanks to Mrs Allen for working with the 4/5/6 students.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Snow Murphy and his family at this very sad time.

*Natalie Gay*

***Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.***

**Mark Twain**



## Our Mission

St Joseph's is a centre  
of achievement and  
learning where the  
Gospel is lived and  
where people are  
treated with  
respect and  
dignity.

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# CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS



**WHOLE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: *Right place, right time, right task (second week)***

## 25 night's home reading



**Sierra Campbell**

**Jayla Lowe**

**Keegan Hillerman**

**Reid Jolliffe**

**Mikayla Barrett**

**Cohen Cuddy**

**Cohen Doyle**

**Benny Cimino**

**Tarkyn Doyle**

**Tyler Barrett**

**Liam Farnsworth**

## Proud Principal Moments....



Our very own **Bree Hodgson** is on her way to Sydney to participate in the Polding trials. We wish her every success and look forward to hearing about her experience when she returns to school.

Our **students** for the hard work and commitment I am seeing in the classrooms.

Many thanks to **Father Shayne Reade** for your enthusiasm and willingness to be part of the life of our school.



### ICAS 2017 PERMISSION SLIPS

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name

Class

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING 2017 ICAS:

- Digital Technologies—23 MAY (\$8.00)
- Science—30 MAY (\$8.00)
- Writing—12-16 JUNE \$17.00)
- Spelling—14 JUNE (\$11.00)
- English-1 AUGUST (\$8.00)
- Mathematics- 15 AUGUST (\$8.00)
- Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ entry fee.

Amount

Name of Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing date: 31st MARCH 2017**

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

## 2017 ICAS



International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Students in Year 2 are invited to sit the English and Mathematics assessments.

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to sit ALL assessments.

Digital Technologies	Tuesday 23 May	\$8.00
Science	Tuesday 30 May	\$8.00
Writing	Monday 12 – Friday 16 June	\$17.00
Spelling	Wednesday 14 June	\$11.00
English	Tuesday 1 August	\$8.00
Mathematics	Tuesday 15 August	\$8.00



# Religious Education News



## LENT

### *An opportunity to grow in our relationship with God*

*Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism.*

*In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.*

### MASS ON SUNDAY

Date	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
MC	Gemma O'Connor
Lector	Wendy Murphy Lou Bruton
Collectors	Gillbee Family
Gifts	Cimino Family
Eucharist	John Manning Kathy Manning
Altar Servers	Bree Hodgson Camden Matarazzo Sebastian Papa



### First Communion and Confirmation

We now have some tentative dates for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

First Communion will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> August and Confirmation on--- November. Bishop Columba will be here for Confirmation.

Father Shane will require a commitment from parents of those making their Sacraments to attend Sunday Mass for six consecutive weeks before the Sacramental ceremony.

Father is keen to hear for any parents who have any concerns, or who would just like to contact him about any matter. He can be contacted at the presbytery, or his email is

[shanereade@icloud.com](mailto:shanereade@icloud.com)

### Weekly School Mass

We are very fortunate that we will now be able to have a weekly school Mass. Father Shane will be saying Mass for us every Wednesday at 12.30pm. This is a great opportunity for our school children and we would love it if you were all able to come along. If you are unable to come each week, then perhaps just when your child's class will be leading.

### St Joseph's Day Celebrations

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Mass as part of our St Joseph's Day celebrations. Mass will be at 12.30pm, followed by a free sausage sizzle and book fair. Thanks to the P&F for providing the sausages and drinks. Everyone is welcome to come along.

### Making Jesus Real

Remember MJR is all about the way we

**Greet, Treat** and **Speak**

to others.



*Trish Gaston*

# General News



## St Joseph's Day

### Celebrations

**Wednesday, 22nd March**

**12.30pm - Mass**

**1.20pm - Lunch**

**Free Sausage sizzle**

**Book Fair**

**opens at lunch time for  
parents and students**

# Canteen Corner

*No specials for the  
remainder of the term*

## P&F News

Next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 @ 3.00  
pm.



## NET SET GO

Introduction to Netball for 5-10yr olds.  
Come along and learn the basics of netball and develop  
general motor skills in a fun and safe way.

### REGISTRATION SESSION

Thursday 23rd March  
@ 3.30pm at the Netball courts.

\$60 fee covers insurance and participant  
pack. Sessions to be held every Thursday at  
3.30pm plus Saturday mornings of home  
games.

For more information see Dimity Cimino or  
Madison Jolliffe.

## St Joseph's Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival will take  
place on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April.**

Many thanks to our friends at  
BCS for allowing us to use their  
oval.

We will begin practising  
athletics for sport starting this  
week. Swimming is over for the  
term.

## Playground rules – clarification

In response to queries, the staff discussed our playground arrangements, with the  
outcome as follows:

In an organised game such as cricket, soccer or handball, the age groupings are K-3 and 4-  
6. This arrangement factors in appropriate skill development/skill level and safety  
concerns.

If younger children want to spend time with siblings or their buddies it will occur outside  
organised, competitive games. The children have been informed of these arrangements.