



*St Joseph's School, Nyngan*  
The Educational Ministry of St Patrick's Catholic Parish in Nyngan



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

# Catholic Schools' Week 2014



Dear Lord,

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools. It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom.

We acknowledge and thank all who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.

We thank you for the wisdom and understanding of teachers the enthusiasm and energy of students the leadership of school Principals and executive staff, the skill, care and commitment of administrative and support staff, the guidance of our pastors and religious leaders, the support and partnership of parents, carers and local communities.

We pray that each student's learning journey be inspired by a search for your wisdom and truth.

We pray that we never take for granted the learning opportunities that we have all been given, and that we use the gifts of learning wisely and responsibly.

We ask that we use what we have learnt to create a better world for all people, particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dear Parents,

- To Geoff Gibbons for being the teacher in charge at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Hay on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the parents who transported their children to the carnival.
- To Geoff Gibbons for organising the Year 6 Leadership Day in Brewarrina last Friday as well as being bus driver for the day.
- To Rachele Rope who travelled to Brewarrina with Year 6 and conducted lessons on Leadership with Mr Gibbons on the day.
- To Katie Moody for preparing the Ash Wednesday Mass and to children of St Joseph's who sang so beautifully at the Mass.
- To Katie Sinclair for all the work involved in coordinating the food for the two-day Secretarial Inservice last Thursday & Friday and to all those who provided food and made monetary donations. I have been asked by the Diocesan Office to pass on their appreciation for the excellent morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas.
- To Petra Ramsay for her assistance at the inservice and for the beautiful lunch that she prepared for the Diocesan Director's visit on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- To the students of St Joseph's School for the fantastic response on our special Ally Robb Day on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The amount of \$430.00 has been forwarded to Karina for the Ally Robb Trust Fund.

Thank You!

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## **DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL, HAY - MONDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

Well done to the students of St Joseph's who competed in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Hay on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. History was made on the day!! It's fantastic news that St Joseph's School will have three relay teams swimming for the Diocese at the Polding Trials which will be held in Homebush on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March as well as eight children competing in individual events.



**Results for our students are as follows:-**

Bill Quarmby - 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Open 100m F/Style; 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys 12 Yrs 50m F/Style;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Boys Senior 50m Br/Stroke; 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Boys 200m Ind Medley;

Rory Quarmby - 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys Open 100m F/Style; 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 10 Yrs 50m F/Style;  
1<sup>st</sup> Boys Junior 50m Bk/Stroke; 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Junior 50m B/Fly;  
1<sup>st</sup> Boys Junior 50m Br/Stroke; 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Junior 200m Ind Medley;

Jack Finlay - 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys 8 Yrs Boys 50m F/Style;

Abbie Smith - 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls 8 Yrs 50m F/Style;

Will Black - 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 9 Yrs 50m F/Style;

Toby Smith - 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys 10 Yrs 50m F/Style; 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys Junior 50m B/Fly;

Will Boag - 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys 12 Yrs 50m F/Style; 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys Senior 50m Bk/Stroke;

Lachlan Donnelly - 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys Senior 50m Br/Stroke;

St Joseph's Nyngan 1<sup>st</sup> Girls Jun Relay (Molly Smith, Millie Smith, Anastasia Walsh, Abbie Smith)

St Joseph's Nyngan 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Jun Relay (Rory Quarmby, Will Black, Reg Herbert, Toby Smith)

St Joseph's Nyngan 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Sen Relay (Bill Quarmby, Will Boag, Lachlan Donnelly, Xander Wood)

## **NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTOR'S VISIT**

On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, Mr Anthony Morgan, our new Diocesan Director, visited St Joseph's along with Mrs Deborah Fryer, our Diocesan Education Consultant. Anthony and Deb visited each of the classrooms before sharing lunch with the staff. Anthony comes to us with a wealth of knowledge on education. He has worked for the Tasmanian Department of Education and the Minister for Education in Tasmania prior to his moving to the Sydney and Parramatta CEO's before taking up the position of Diocesan Director for the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK**

Catholic Schools throughout NSW and the ACT are celebrating Catholic Schools' Week this week. We, at St Joseph's, have postponed celebrations until next week with our Open Day to be held on the Feast of St Joseph - Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Further details later in the newsletter.

## **SPORTS SHORTS & SKIRTS**

We have another shipment of these items at school - a strange array of sizes:-

Shorts Sizes: 4, 10, 14, 16

Skorts Sizes: 4, 10, 12, 14, 16

Another shipment of T-Shirts should arrive soon.

## **BREAKFAST!!!**

Several of our students have mentioned that they haven't had breakfast before they come to school. I realise it's difficult for the children to get out of bed these mornings as it is still dark at 7:00 am!! I cannot stress enough how important breakfast is for the children as some of them are not ready to learn on an empty stomach!!!

## **MEETINGS**

**\*\*P. & F. MEETING** - Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March - 6:00 pm MacKillop Hall

**\*\*SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March - 6:00 pm MacKillop Hall

## SCHOOL SWIMMING HAS CONCLUDED FOR ALL CLASSES

School swimming has finished for this season. Tomorrow, the primary classes will be training for the upcoming Rugby League and Netball Carnivals to be held in Cobar on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March and enjoying some skills activities.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Our updated canteen roster is included today. My sincere appreciation to everyone who volunteered for the Term 1 Roster. I appreciate the big effort you have all made to keep our canteen operating as usual.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Grimmond  
Principal

### COMING UP!!

- Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Assembly 12:30 pm  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 Class Mass 9:30 am  
Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day - Whole-School Mass 9:30 am (Green Mufti Day)  
Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph's Day - Whole-School Mass 9:30 am  
Open Day at St Joseph's - Badging of Student Leaders/Book Fair/  
Open Classrooms/Morning Tea/Family Picnic Lunch  
Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March - Rugby League & Netball Carnivals in Cobar  
P. & F. Meeting 6:00 pm - MacKillop Hall  
Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph's School Committee 6:00 pm - MacKillop Hall  
Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 Assembly 12:30 pm  
Kinder Information Afternoon (Change of Date)

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S

#### MONDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH - ST PATRICK'S DAY - WHOLE-SCHOOL MASS AT 9:30 AM

HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Donation for wearing 'green mufti'. Your donations on St Patrick's Day will be especially for Patrick Walsh who will turn 7 on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Patrick has been diagnosed with Ebstein's Anomaly and requires life-saving heart surgery in America at a cost of \$200,000. Patrick is the son of John & Mel Walsh (John is an ex-student of St Joseph's) and grandson of Lynne & Frank Walsh. The Staff & SRC Members have decided that all monies raised on St Patrick's Day will go towards little Patrick's operation. Any other donations for Patrick can be made at the National Australia Bank.

The Canteen will have some special St Patrick's Day treats on sale at lunch time:-

\*\*Ice-cream & green topping \*\*Mini pancakes.

#### WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH - ST JOSEPH'S DAY - OPEN DAY AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



WHOLE-SCHOOL MASS AT 9:30 AM - Our student leaders will receive their badges at this Mass. After Mass, you are invited to come along for morning tea, enjoy a visit to your child's /children's classrooms, visit our Book Fair in MacKillop Hall (open at recess and lunchtime) and bring along a picnic lunch to share with your family.

**CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1, 2014**

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>
<u>3/2/14</u> <b><u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u></b>	<u>6/2/14</u> <b><u>NO CANTEEN</u></b>
<u>10/2/14</u> <b><u>NO CANTEEN</u></b>	<u>13/2/14</u> <b><u>NO CANTEEN</u></b> <b><u>ST JOSEPH'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL</u></b>
<u>17/2/14</u> Kirsty Burley Bec Smith	<u>20/2/14</u> <b><u>NO CANTEEN</u></b> <b><u>CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL/NYNGAN</u></b>
<u>24/2/14</u> Maryanne Bourke Sharon Blake	<u>27/2/14</u> Megan Holmes Lesa Boland
<u>3/3/14</u> Anne Waterhouse Sue Wardman	<u>6/3/14</u> Anita Smith Alison Kennedy
<u>10/3/14</u> Sharon Blake Rachel Hannah	<u>13/3/14</u> Anita Smith Kieran Smith
<u>17/3/14</u> Karen Francis Fiona Garment	<u>20/3/14</u> Fiorina Gibbons Sonia Black
<u>24/3/14</u>	<u>27/3/14</u> Katie Sinclair Rata English
<u>31/3/14</u> Karen Francis Wen Yao	<u>3/4/14</u> Katie Sinclair Megan Holmes
<u>7/4/14</u> A. Waterhouse M. Bourke	<u>10/4/14</u> Katie Sinclair Jody Smith

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ADULT TENNIS** – Starts Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – 6:30 pm. \$5 per night per player.

For more info phone Julie Walsh on 68322546.

**NYNGAN JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE** - REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL OPEN. ALL PLAYERS WELCOME FROM 5 TO 16 YRS (GIRLS UP TO 12YRS). TEAMS WILL BE UNDER 7'S,8'S,9'S,10'S,11'S,12'S,14'S AND16'S.

\$65 A PLAYER OR \$100 A FAMILY (FEES INCLUDE; SHORTS, SOCKS, CLUB POLO SHIRT

AND A **FREE NRL SEASON PASS, WHICH ENTITLES YOU FREE ACCESS TO ANY NRL GAMES THIS YEAR**)

...CHEAPEST REGO IN NSW!!!! FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY. NEW PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A REGO FORM AND MEDICAL CARD WHICH ARE BOTH AVAILABLE AT **NYNGAN INNOVATIONS**.

TRAINING WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY, WITH THE SEASON TO START ON SATURDAY MAY THE 3<sup>RD</sup>.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY DETAILS REGARDING JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE IN NYNGAN PLEASE CONTACT  
BRENDAN 0409 222 903.

### **NJRLC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS**

The learning scale for Rugby League is broken up into three categories with the two earlier categories **Mini footy** and **Mod League** designed around modified rules. This ensures a fun and safe environment for all ages and children can begin playing Rugby League as young as five years of age and caters for both boys and girls. **Mini Footy (5-8 years)** has been developed to meet the needs of younger children and focuses on involvement and encouraging learning skills through play without the pressure of sticking to the straight rules of the game. The fields are smaller, no contact is permitted above the armpits and games are played over three 10 minute periods. **Mod League (9-12 years)** is the middle ground when the demands of adult Rugby League is too much but the simple Mini Footy is not challenging enough. Matches are played over two 20 minutes halves, no contact is permitted above the armpits, and the ball carrier may not be tripped, pushed or lifted from the ground to be then driven to the ground when tackled. The benefits of playing a team sport are enormous providing children not only with exercise but can help with vital life-lessons in personal values, team work and relationship building as well as being a positive social outlet for the whole family. Sport assists in the development of motor skills and assisting with cognitive development, listening skills and taking instructions as well as learning valuable social skills, including cooperation, confidence and respect for others.