



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



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 26th March, 2014

25TH MARCH FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

'Then Mary said, 'Here I am, the servant of the Lord;
May it happen to me as you have said.'

(Luke 1:38)

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen



Dear Parents,

- To Brad Toole for coordinating our many rugby league teams for the Peachey/Richardson Carnival in Cobar yesterday and to Rachelle Rope for organising the netball teams.
- To all the parents who helped in any way with coaching, transport, water running, guernsey washing and caring for our students. It's wonderful to have so many parents actively involved in the children's sport.
- A special thank you to our netball umpires - Anita, Donna, Chantelle and Rachelle who umpired all day on behalf of St Joseph's.
- To our teachers who travelled to Cobar and supported the children.
- To St Joseph's SRC, students and staff of St Joseph's for their support of the special fund-raising day for Patrick Walsh on St Patrick's Day and to Katie and Anita for selling the pancakes and ice-cream and topping along with Karen and Fiona in the canteen.
- To all our families who joined us for our St Joseph's Day Mass, purchased books from the Book Fair, brought along food for morning tea and were able to return for a picnic lunch with the children.
- To Wendy Robb for preparing the St Patrick's Day Mass and to Alex Toole for her preparation of the Mass for St Joseph's Day.

POLDING SWIMMING TRIALS - HOMEBUSH - FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH

Best wishes to the students of St Joseph's School who will compete at the Polding Swimming Trials in Homebush this coming Friday, 28th March:- Bill Quarmbly, Rory Quarmbly, Jack Finlay, Abbie Smith, Will Black, Toby Smith, Will Boag, Lachlan Donnelly, Molly Smith, Millie Smith, Anastasia Walsh, Reg Herbert and Xander Wood. Happy swimming!!

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that if you are planning to be away for periods of over 5 days, you are required to apply at the school for an exemption. I have been informed that these exemptions must be carried with you as you may be asked to provide documentation regarding your child's absence from school. All absences must be explained either through Skoolbag; a written note or a telephone call. Lengthy illness absentee notes must have a doctor's certificate attached.

Thank You!
Thank You!



MUFTI DAY FOR EASTER EGGS - THIS FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH

**At this time each year we have a 'mufti' day with the penalty for being out of uniform easter eggs which will be used to make up some large easter baskets for our P. & F. Association Raffle as well as several small plates of eggs for the children to win.

**On Friday, families will receive a book of 10 tickets which we hope you can sell in the P. & F. Raffle for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize Baskets. These tickets will sell for \$1.00 each. This raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 10th April at the 12:30 pm Assembly.

**This year we are trialling something different with the children's Easter Raffle. The SRC class representatives will sell tickets at 20c per ticket in each classroom commencing on Monday, 7th April. There will be class draws for 1st, 2nd & 3rd on Thursday, 10th April.



LUNCHTIME REMINDERS

It has been brought to my attention that several of the older children are starting to swap food or give it away during recess and lunchtime. I have asked our students not to do this as they **MUST NOT share food and are to only eat what is packed for them. Children who have forgotten their lunch or recess know that they are welcome to come to the staffroom so that parents may be contacted or their lunch ordered from Arandale's or the Canteen.

**I realise that on occasions parents may need to deliver lunches to their children at lunchtime. This is not a problem - the problem is that quite a number of our students are leaving their own lunches to go to the fence to talk to the visiting parents. This makes it difficult for the teacher on duty to supervise the children in his or her care who really should be eating their lunches under the COLA. The children have been informed that they must not go to the fence if it isn't their parents/carers delivering lunches.

CROSS COUNTRY

St Joseph's Cross Country Events will be held on Thursday, 8th May, 2014 which is during our second back at school after the holidays. The Infants will complete their cross country course at Larkin Oval whilst the Primary children will complete their course at the Nyngan Golf Club. The children will begin training during P.E. Lessons next week. Students may wish to bring along their joggers for PE Lessons from next week.

ANZAC DAY - FRIDAY, 25TH APRIL

As you would be aware, once again ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays. We look forward to having as many of our students as possible joining the school squad again this year. As in previous years, we will meet at the IGA Car Park at 10.00 am. Children are to wear their full summer uniform and school hat. We appreciate the effort families put into bringing their children along to represent St Joseph's School on this important day.

PHASE-IN PERIOD FOR CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM

An early reminder to you that we will commence our two-week phase-in period for the children to change to winter uniforms on Monday, 28th April. This will mean that children will be in full winter uniform on Monday, 12th May.

MOORAMBILLA REGIONAL CHOIRS 2014

Over the past few years, our students in Years 3 - 6 have been invited to audition for the Moorambilla Choir. This year - on Monday, 7th April, 2014 from 9:00 - 10:30 am, interested students are invited to Nyngan High School to audition for the Moorambilla Voices - Regional Boys & Girls Choirs. If you would like your child to audition for this choir, please fill out and return the note provided in today's newsletter. If your child is successful at these auditions, he/she will be offered a place in the Moorambilla Voices Program for the year. Residency camps are usually held in August and September and have been at Baradine in the past.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS - YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Each year, the UNSW Global offers these competitions to our students. This year they are offering English, Maths and Science for students in Year 2. They are a wonderful chance for students to learn exam skills and to challenge their abilities. Children may like to try just one of the tests that might interest them or maybe the lot!! The dates and cost for the tests are as follows:-

COMPUTER SKILLS - TUES, 20TH MAY (\$8.80);

SCIENCE - WEDS, 4TH JUNE (\$8.80);

WRITING - TUES, 17TH JUNE (\$18.70);

SPELLING - TUES, 17TH JUNE (\$12.10);

ENGLISH - TUES, 29TH JULY (\$8.80);

MATHS - TUES, 12TH AUGUST (\$8.80);

Please complete the form provided if you would like your child to participate in any of the tests and return to school with payment by **MONDAY, 7TH APRIL** so that names may be submitted. Cheques should be made payable to St Joseph's School. Unfortunately, the fees are non-refundable should your child miss an exam for any reason.

GOOGLE APPS

Today, each child will receive in hard copy a 'Google Apps' Fact Sheet along with a Digital Technology User Agreement and Google Apps Student Agreement. Google Apps is a new and exciting way of communicating information which is not only accessible on class computers but also from home. Please read the facts sheet carefully. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Google Apps, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Rufus here at school. It is imperative that both agreements are completed and returned for every student so that they may commence using the applications. I have been advised by the Diocesan Office that no student is to begin using this new technology without written permission. Please return the forms to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Sharon Grimmond
Principal

COMING UP!!

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| Wednesday, 26 th March | - St Joseph's School Committee 6:00 pm - MacKillop Hall |
| Thursday, 27 th March | - Year 5 Assembly 12:30 pm
Kinder Information Afternoon (Change of Date) |
| Friday, 28 th March | - Polding Swimming Trials - Homebush
- Mufti Day for Easter Eggs |
| Friday, 4 th April | - Kinder/Year 6/Year 3 Mass 9:30 am
Wilcannia-Forbes Winter Trials (Netball/Soccer/League/Hockey) |
| Thursday, 10 th April | - Year 2 Assembly 12:30 pm
Easter Egg Raffles Drawn |
| Friday, 11 th April | - Primary Grades 'Stations of the Cross' 12:00 noon in the Church
- Last day of Term 1 |
| Friday, 25 th April | - ANZAC Day |
| Monday, 28 th April | - First day of Term 2 |

P. & F. NEWS

Dear Parents,

We had a great roll-up at last evening's meeting of St Joseph's P. & F. Association - thanks to those able to come along and make it home safely during the storm!! I have been asked to bring the following items to your notice:-

ANNUAL EASTER BASKET RAFFLE. Tickets will be sent home on Friday for the P. & F. Easter Basket Raffle. We hope you can oblige by selling these tickets at \$1.00 each and return to school by Wednesday, 9th April. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize Baskets will drawn at the school assembly on Thursday, 10th April. Thanks in advance to the children for wearing mufti on Friday for the donation of easter eggs.

MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE. We are in the process of finalising prizes for our annual Mothers' Day Raffle. Tickets for this raffle will be sent home at the end of Term 1 as Mothers' Day falls on Sunday, 11th May (second week back next term). More details prior to the tickets going home.

MANNING THE GATE AT BOGAN BULLS' HOME GAMES. The P. & F. have accepted the offer of \$100 per game to man the gate at the seven home games for the Bogan Bulls. We have included a roster today with the home game dates and are calling on volunteers to take a turn during the season. It would only require two helpers for 2 to 3 hours per game. You might like ask a friend to do a shift with you. We look forward to your response.

St Joseph's P. & F. Association



Disney Princess Necklace – please enquire at the school office.



SRC REPORT

Last week we had two days of celebrations at St Joseph's School.

**On St Patrick's Day everyone came to school dressed in 'green' with donations for being out of school uniform especially for Patrick Walsh.

**On St Joseph's Day we received our Student Leader Badges at Mass before our special school open day. Will Boag, on behalf of the SRC, presented Mr Frank Walsh with a cheque for \$645.00. This money was raised by the students and staff of St Joseph's School for Frank and Lynne Walsh's grandson, Patrick, who is soon to undergo major heart surgery overseas.

Thank you to everyone who supported this most worthwhile local cause.

St Joseph's Student Leaders

COBAR NETBALL CARNIVAL – 25TH MARCH, 2014

Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the Cobar Netball Challenge yesterday. We all had an awesome day. The Year 3/4 White Team won two out of their four games. The 3/4 Green Team won all of their games and defeated St John's Cobar in the final. The 5/6 White Team won all their 4 games and also won the grand-final against St John's Cobar. The 5/6 Green team won three out of their four games and then won the grand-final against Nyngan Public School. We would like to thank all the parents who came and supported us and to the mums who helped coach our teams and score our games. We would especially like to thank Anita Smith, Chantelle Finlay, Donna Smith and Rachelle Rope who umpired all day.

Thank you all once again,

Angela Tonkin and St Joseph's Netballers

DAVID PEACHEY/RUSSELL RICHARDSON LEAGUE DAY – COBAR 25TH MARCH, 2014

Yesterday a fantastic day of Rugby League was held in Cobar. Conditions were perfect for a great day of footy. St Joseph's players showed both excellent skills and sportsmanship throughout the day. A special thank you to all the parents who helped coach, manage, run water and apply first aid throughout the day. Without the help of the parents we wouldn't be able to give the students the opportunity to compete in days like this gala day. A very special thank you to Jody Smith, Wendy Robb and Sharon Grimmond for washing the jumpers, shorts and socks. Due to our fantastic number of students competing, St Joseph's was fortunate to have 5 league teams entered on the day. I think this is definitely a record for a school of our size in this area. All the boys played well in teams that had been only put together for the day. My personal highlight of the day was when the 3/4 Bunnies played against the 3/4 Tigers. The spirit was fantastic with plenty of great runs and hard tackles before the tigers prevailed in a tight game two tries to one. The Tigers and the Bunnies finished the day with one win a piece which was a fantastic effort as they both had players playing their first games of footy. The Knights won all three of their pool games convincingly against Nyngan, Cobar and Bourke Public Schools. In their exciting semi-final (golden try) game, they defeated St Ignatius Bourke three tries to two. In the final the boys went down five tries to three to a very strong St John's Cobar side. The Year 5/6 sides played with a positive attitude all day and both sides worked well as a team to come up with some good results. The Dragons played tough footy all day. Up against tough opposition in the games against Nyngan Public, Cobar Public and St Ignatius Bourke, the boys tackled hard all day and never gave up. They scored some great individual and team tries against Bourke and Cobar. The Eagles 5/6 team made the final after drawing with Bourke Public and having wins over St John's Cobar and St Ignatius Bourke. In the semi-final they defeated Cobar Public School rather comfortably. In the final they went down to a strong Nyngan Public School team. Our boys can hold their heads high as they provided the spectators with quality play throughout the day.

Well done to all the boys who played in Cobar. You all played fantastic footy!

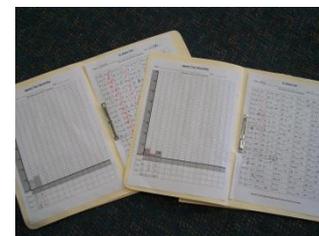
Brad Toole

Rapid Recall

This year we are trialling a program called "Rapid Recall". It mainly focuses on times tables, both multiplication & division, along with friends of 10. The program is implemented in Years 1 to 6 with the aim to improve student's instant recall of these number facts. Kinder will be focussing on number recognition in conjunction with this.



Students participate in a variety of activities to assist with learning the facts & the recall of them. Each year level has a focus with all tables treated by Year 6. These activities range from flash cards, speed tests, reciting & playing a variety of games like multo or table wheels. Students record their progress & are able to plot their results which will allow them to monitor their own growth.



Every fortnight students participate in a 'Masters' Test, which is based on the times tables allocated to their stage. Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) cover 1 to 12 times tables, Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) cover 1 to 7 & 10 times tables & Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) cover friends of 10 & 1, 2, 5 times tables. These tests are timed to monitor quick recall of the facts. At assembly these Master Rapid Recallers will be announced & acknowledged.



Rapid Recall has currently been implemented in Years 3 to 6. Students have had the program explained to them & have been given their recording folders. Classes have already been using a variety of strategies & activities.

We have been fortunate enough to have some 'monsters' assisting us around the school making times tables more amusing. Each class have their own 'big' monster (matching their focus) to name & care for. Students have loved naming these. Year 3 have Ace (3 times tables) & Jerry (4 times tables). We also have some 'little' monsters playing hide and seek around the school - they pop up in a variety of places. This has caused great conversations amongst students especially when they know there are twelve to find. We challenge our parents to find them all.



Next term will see Years 1 & 2 being introduced to the program. At the end of Term 2 staff will be discussing the program & the data gathered. We welcome any parental feedback at this time too.



Although we are spending time at school on recalling number facts it is essential that students are encouraged to practise further at home. Spending 5 - 10 minutes a day simply reciting a times table has been statistically proven to increase recall of the facts, which ultimately assists a variety of other mathematical areas.

We look forward to working together to build our students instant recall of number facts.

Wendy Robb
Lead Teacher



MOORAMBILLA REGIONAL CHOIRS 2014

My child/children _____ is/are interested in auditioning for the Moorambilla Regional Choirs at Nyngan High School on Monday, 7th April, 2014.

Signature of parent: _____ Date: _____



UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS - YRS 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

(Closing date Monday 7th April)

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BOGAN BULLS HOME GAMES GATE ROSTER

Please add your name to your choice of date

GAME 1 - SATURDAY, 3RD MAY

GAME 2 - SATURDAY, 17TH MAY

GAME 3 - SATURDAY, 31ST MAY

GAME 4 - SATURDAY, 14TH JUNE

GAME 5 - SATURDAY, 12TH JULY

GAME 6 - SATURDAY, 9TH AUGUST

GAME 7 - SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST
