

# St Joseph's Parish Primary School Newsletter



## Coming Events

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**TODAY:** ICAS

Science Exam

**School Committee meeting**

**@ 7.00 pm in staff room.**

**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May:**

Whole School Assembly @  
2.15 pm. Year 4/5/6 are our  
hosts. All are welcome to  
attend.

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June:**

P&F Meeting at 3.00 pm in  
the Library. All are welcome  
to attend

## Happy Birthday



Our Happiest birthday  
wishes are extended to  
**Cohen Cuddy** who will be  
celebrating his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday  
tomorrow and **Toby Lay** who  
will be celebrating his 12<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday on Thursday. We  
hope you both have a fun  
filled day.

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

## Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Dear Parents and community members,

Last week I was fortunate to attend the Association of Catholic School Principals State Conference in the Hunter Valley. The theme of the conference was 'Encounter New Horizons' and we were fortunate to listen to Australian and internationally renowned keynote speakers who shared their thoughts about education and educational leadership. A particular highlight for me was listening to Dr Pasi Sahlberg, a Finnish educator who shared his insights into the success of Finland's education system and how the lessons from their success can be applied in an Australian context.

Cardinal John Dew from New Zealand presented a very interesting keynote based on the world we are leaving our children and the critical role that education in its various forms will play in insuring a sustainable world for future generations. A thought provoking comment that the Cardinal made in his introduction was that the children in Kindergarten this year will be living in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century! The Conference was an excellent opportunity to hear and engage with fellow educators.

My only regret about attending the conference was that I missed out on seeing our school choir singing at the Variety concert on Friday night. I was able to catch the performance via a video recording this morning. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in this important community event. Mrs Margaret Butler expressed her thanks on behalf of the organisers yesterday, who indicated that the evening raised \$1 731.70. This is an outstanding effort.

This week our school committee and Parents and Friends will hold their respective meetings. Both these committees are vital parts of our school community and we are fortunate to have committed parents who play an active role in the life of our school.

Tomorrow our school community will gather for our whole school assembly, with Year 4/5/6 our leaders. All are welcome to join us in the library at 2.15 pm.

Miss O'Toole is heading to Melbourne tomorrow to attend the Positive Schools Conference. Laoise has demonstrated an interest in student and staff well-being and this Conference will provide us with valuable information to support our 2017 strategic plan to support our well-being focus. We look forward to hearing about the Conference when Miss O'Toole returns next week. Mrs Allen will be teaching 2/3 for the remainder of the week.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing and invaluable support,

*N Lay*

**Natalie Lay - Principal**

**"The principal goal of education is to create men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done."**

**Jean Piaget**



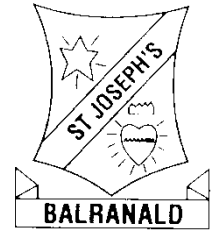
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# CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS



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

## Home Reading Update

**50 nights  
home reading**



**Mikayla Barrett  
Benny Cimino  
Rory Hillerman**

**75 nights  
home reading**



**Sierra Campbell  
Reid Jolliffe  
Hudson Stevens  
Ashlyn Mitchell  
Amy Gillbee  
Camden Matarazzo**

**100 nights  
home reading**



**Kimmy Haines  
Lilian Matarazzo**



**It's a Girl!**

Very special congratulations to Sally Morton and her family on the safe arrival of Phoebe Esther Morton. **Congratulations** to Mandy, Brett, Sally and Tommy.

## AFL Success

Congratulations to Glen Gillbee and Toby Lay who participated in the NSW PSSA AFL Carnival last week in Parkes. By all reports the boys had a great time.

Special congratulations to Khy Jess from Balranald Central School after he was named in the NSW 12 and Under AFL side. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done!

Our boys are pictured with Thomas and Bohden, who were from St Joseph's, Hillston and St Mary's Hay respectively.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FATHER SHANE IS AWAY THIS WEEK SO **THERE WILL BE NO** SCHOOL MASS TOMORROW.

## **DATES FOR SACRAMENTS**

**FIRST COMMUNION: 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**CONFIRMATION: 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

## **ST DYMPNA'S PARISH NEWS**

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**MASS:** Sunday at 10.00am

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 9.30am

Wednesday at 12.30pm

**RECONCILIATION:** before Mass

**EXPOSITION & ROSARY:** after Mass every Thursday

### **MASS HELPERS**

SUNDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	
Altar Servers	Liam Farnsworth Camden Matarazzo Sebastian Papa	
MC	Trish Gaston	
Readers	Sharwyn Foote Gemma O'Connor	
Collectors	Papa Family	
Gifts	Matarazzo Family	
Ministers of Communion	Adrian Gorman Pat Gorman	
Communion to the ill	Gabrielle Doyle	

### **PARISH PRAYER**

God our Father, bless our parish, so that we may love you more. Encircle our families with your loving care. Help parents to be a good example to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen.



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

When Pentecost came, the believers were gathered together. Suddenly they heard a powerful wind and it filled the whole house. Then they saw tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other tongues. People from every nation were amazed to hear them speak in their own languages. Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day' in Greek. It also marks the end of the Easter season. Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples as tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the courage to go out and spread the good news and establish the Church. It united them as one body. For this reason Pentecost is called the birthday of the Church.

**Come Holy Spirit!**

**Fill our hearts with your gifts  
and kindle in them the fire of  
love.**

**Amen**



# Proudest of proud principal moments.....



## Proud Principal Moments....



The picture above makes my heart sing! To see our beautiful students on the stage singing to entertain a very welcoming and encouraging audience makes me so very, very proud to be the principal of St Joseph's. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who was able to attend Friday night's community concert. Thank you to **our parents** who ensured the children were there and special thanks to those families who let us know they were not able to come. While I wasn't there in person, I was thinking of you all as I was travelling home on Friday night.

Many, many thanks to **our school staff** who all played a part in insuring that Friday night was a great success. There were many, many hours of practising and organising. Special thanks to **Mrs Scott**, who took the lead in organising this event.

It was lovely to see **Addison Papa** helping a fellow Kindergarten student to tie their shoe laces without any prompting. Well done!

## General News

### Canteen Corner

*Special*  
**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Butter Chicken & Rice**  
**\$4.50**

*Red Day treats available tomorrow  
via lunch orders including flavoured  
water (\$2.50)*

## P&F News

Congratulations to our treasurer Mandy Haley on the safe arrival of baby Phoebe Esther.

*Don't forget our next meeting will be held **THIS Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3.00 pm** in the library. All are welcome to attend.*

*P&F Executive*

**Orders due  
14th June 2017**

**Book Club Issue 4**

