



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



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 12th February, 2014

A PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOL

We give thanks for our school
a place of learning
a place to have fun and play games with our friends.



Help us to take care of our school
our books and sports equipment.



May we be kind to one another
and respect all members of our school community.

Grant that the 2014 school year be blessed with great achievements
and good times.

Amen.

Dear Parents,

- My sincere appreciation to Brad Toole & Geoff Gibbons who have spent many hours preparing the program for tomorrow's swimming carnival. Thanks boys for a job well done!
- To those who have offered to lend a hand tomorrow. Thanks for the great response.

'SKOOLBAG'/WEBSITE - SCHOOL/PARENT COMMUNICATION APP

This will be the last 'HARD COPY' newsletter at St Joseph's School. All newsletters will be available on 'smart phones' using the Skoolbag App or on the school's website which will now be updated regularly. If you do not have a smart phone or internet access, please complete the slip provided in today's newsletter and your child will be given a hard copy.

I have included again the information that was given to parents at the end of 2013 regarding installing the app

St Joseph's has signed up to this mobile app so we can communicate directly with parents. I have included today the installation instruction leaflet. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (iPads and Tablets). Although this app will not be fully functional until early in 2014, the app is now available for download so that parents can trial Skoolbag. When you are searching for this app in the App Store (Apple) or the Google Play Store for Android, type in Nyngan or St Joseph's School, Nyngan and you will gain access. There is no cost involved for parents. The school will pay a yearly subscription for this service.

ELECTRONIC ROLL MARKING

A reminder that children must be at school by 9:00 am each day, otherwise parents must bring their child/children to the office via Terangion Street for a late note to be signed. All partial absences - whether 5 minutes, 15 minutes or more MUST be recorded. Late notes are initialled and given to the class teacher for their records. Our Diocesan Office in Forbes keep a very close eye on our roll marking. I realise that at times children must leave to attend doctors' appointments, etc., however the less partial absences the better!!!

ABSENTEE NOTES

A reminder also that all absences **must be explained to the school** - in writing - to the child's class teacher or by phoning the school in the case of illness. All unexplained absences are viewed by the Diocesan Office and no doubt they will be contacting us if the absence needs to be explained by you. It is so important that the children attend school every day unless there is sickness or extenuating circumstances.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Phoenix Nincsic who travelled to Newcastle last Friday, 7th February for the Polding Basketball Trials. As Phoenix was the only representative in basketball from the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese he competed with the boys from the Lismore Diocese. I believe Phoenix had a great time and enjoyed the experience.

NEW SUPPORT STAFF

It was with sadness that I received Sheree Bell's resignation during the holidays. Sheree will be greatly missed by everyone at St Joseph's. She was a good friend to all and there was no job that Sheree would not attempt for any student or staff member. I, personally, will miss the great support that Sheree gave to me. We wish her all the very best as she moves closer to her children.

YEAR 6 T-SHIRTS

Year 6 parents would be aware that Year 6 purchase a special class sports shirt each year. We are anxious to get these organised and ask that a kind parent/s from Year 6 may contact us to organise the shirts for 2014. Please contact the school if you can help us out. This would be greatly appreciated.



SOS - CURTAIN MAKER

Would there be a mum willing to sew some simple curtains for our Reading Room? If you can help out, please give me a call. Many thanks in anticipation.

ANYONE OFF TO DUBBO IN A UTE??? We have 6 library chairs that are ready to be collected from Tony Espert Upholstery in Depot Road, West Dubbo and would love to hear from anyone who may be travelling to Dubbo during the next few days who may have room to bring these chairs home for us. I look forward to hearing from you.

ST JOSEPH'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL - TOMORROW, THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY COMMENCING AT 9:30 AM

Children must come to school as usual to be marked off class rolls. They will walk to the pool with class teachers. **Please make sure that all children come to school first and not to the pool as they will have to be marked absent.** Children will need to bring their recess, lunch, plenty of water and sunscreen. There are food items available from the pool shop if required. They will also need their \$2.00 pool entry fee if they do not have a season ticket.

EXTREME HEAT - SWIMMING CARNIVAL & PLAYGROUND

Playground. As per our Extreme Heat Policy, the children remain indoors (older children may elect to play handball in undercroft area) when the temperature reaches 40 deg celsius or above.

Swimming Carnival. The temperature forecast for tomorrow is expected to be in excess of 40 deg celsius. Due to the extreme heat parents will be able to sign their children out when their events are completed. Parents must sign children out at the recording table.

CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL - THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY - NYNGAN POOL

St Joseph's will be hosting the Western Cluster Swimming Carnival in Nyngan on Thursday, 20th February. Qualifying swimmers will receive their paperwork on Friday. These notes must be returned to school by Monday, 17th February. If you are able to help out at the Cluster Carnival, please complete and return the slip included in today's newsletter.

***THE DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN HAY ON MONDAY, 3RD MARCH.
*THE POLDING SWIMMING TRIALS WILL BE IN HOMEBUSH ON FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH.**

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO INFANTS SWIMMING NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL IN NYNGAN.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Today you will receive your child's Class Newsletter informing you about what is happening this term both in the classroom.

TERM PLANNERS WILL BE PLACED ON 'SKOOLBAG' NEXT WEEK.

ROAD SAFETY

You are reminded that if you are driving your child to and from school, you must park in Bogan Street. Children who are riding their bikes will be dismissed after the buses leave from Warren Street. Children who are riding must wear an approved bicycle helmet. Walkers may enter the school grounds from the most convenient entrance. All children must wait to be dismissed by the teacher on duty.

BICYCLE POLICY & PERMISSION

Today, with the newsletter, I have included our Bicycle Policy and Permission Note for those students who will be riding bikes to and from school in 2014. Please return permission notes as soon as possible.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As in previous years, children need:- paint shirt and library bag.

In addition, children in Years 3 - 6 need to have their own:-

- Lead pencils, coloured pencils, glue, textas, red and blue pen, 30cm ruler, rubbers, scissors and pencil case.

All other classroom necessities are provided through the support of our P. & F. Association.

Please don't forget to label all clothing, swimming towels, lunch boxes and drink bottles, etc!!!

NO, GO, TELL

This is part of our Protective Behaviours. The class teachers have commenced revising No, Go, Tell with the children in class.

NEW 'ACHIEVEMENT' REWARDS

It was decided at our first staff meeting to amend our 'Justice & Peace' Policy in regards to rewards for good behaviour. In 2014 the following will apply:-

- 5 Achievements - Free Sock Day
- 10 Achievements - Free Hat Day
- 20 Achievements - Special 'School' Pencil
- 30 Achievements - 'Iceblock' Canteen Voucher
- 40 Achievements - Free Mufti Day
- 50 Achievements - Principal's Award

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ST JOSEPH'S P. & F. ASSOCIATION

Last evening, our P. & F. held their Annual General Meeting in MacKillop Hall. Thanks to those who were able to come along and support the P. & F. Elections were held for executives roles in 2014 with the following parents accepting nominations:- Nicole Donnelly - President; Jody Smith - Vice-President; Monique Wye - Secretary; Wendy Robb - Treasurer; Katie Sinclair - Inservice and Canteen Coordinator. Sincere appreciation to Steph Carter, Joanne Deebank and Neralie Quarmbly for their valuable contributions in their positions over many years.

CANTEEN UPDATE

The general consensus through our canteen survey last year and the discussion at the P. & F. AGM last night was that the canteen should remain open and be manned by our generous parents. You will see on the roster included today that we have just about filled all the spaces on the roster for this term. Thank you so much to the mums who are doing one, two or even three shifts this term. It would be wonderful if we could get a few more mums or dads to help out throughout the year. Katie Sinclair has volunteered to have 'a chat' with new helpers to alleviate any concerns you may have regarding your first canteen duty.

A suggestion was made for a 'canteen buddy system', e.g, I look after your pre-school aged children from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm while you do a canteen stint and you look after mine in return while I do a stint on the canteen!!!

It was also mentioned at the meeting that the canteen ran at a loss last year mainly due to the fact that canteen prices have not risen for quite a while. Therefore, some prices will need to be increased to cover rising expenses.

Please help us to keep the canteen open and continue operations through our P. & F. Association.

BOOK CLUB

Children will regularly receive order forms from Scholastic Book Club - usually once per term. Sometimes there may be items of interest to purchase but you are under no obligation to buy - the book club is run by Scholastic Australia. Thanks to Jodie O'Neill who will continue to collate the orders again this year.

RUSSELL RICHARDSON/DAVID PEACHEY RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL

We have been advised that this carnival is to be held on Tuesday, 25th March in Cobar. We are still awaiting information regarding the day's activities and whether or not there will be a Netball Competition on the day.

GENERAL INFORMATION/MEDICAL UPDATE/PERMISSIONS

We have also been advised by the Diocesan Office of the need for us to have a yearly update of our records - in particular our medical records. It is extremely important that asthmatic and anaphylactic children are known to the school staff and the appropriate 'action plans' have been completed by your family doctor and submitted to the school. This general update form is included today. All families need to complete this form - **ONE FOR EACH CHILD** - with signed permissions or any changes to addresses, telephone numbers, medical information and return it to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Grimmond
Principal

COMING UP!!

YEAR 4 MASS - THIS FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY - 9:30 AM
YEAR 1 CLASS MASS - NEXT FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY - 9:30 AM

GOAL SETTING AT ST JOSEPH'S

Dear Parents,

In 2011 our school was fortunate to participate in a new Diocesan program called 'Leaders Transforming Learning and Learners.' As a staff we agreed that one way to challenge and extend every child would be to set individual goals and to teach our students to take more responsibility for their learning. In order to succeed in school life our children need to develop the skill of self-determination. We will continue this process in 2014 with the hope that the students will be able to make the connection between their own personal choices and the end results....excellence! If we show the students how to set and achieve goals and how to use these principles in the classroom we will give them important life skills and tools they will use for a lifetime.

Each term your child's teacher will spend some time with the students (one-on-one) to set a learning goal for them to work on. A slip will come home each term informing you of your child's academic goal. You may find some time at home to help them reach their goal.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

Wendy Robb

SRC LABELLING CAMPAIGN

Last year, our Class Representatives, House Captains and Student Leaders recognised the need to encourage children to label their items. These include hats, jumpers, lunch boxes, drink bottles, containers, pens, pencils, etc.

Our P. & F. have established a fundraising account at Crazy Camel Fundraising for the students of St Joseph's School. Labels can be ordered and paid for on the website - funschoollabels.com.au –

at any time and will be sent directly to your chosen address. Information sheet is included today.

When you place an order, please select St Joseph's School, Nyngan as the SRC receive a commission for each sale.

A small sample of labels can be viewed at the school office.

Please support the SRC as well as having children's items labelled.

Thank you from St Joseph's Student Leaders



COMMUNITY NEWS

NYNGAN NETBALL REGISTRATION

When: Wednesday 12th February 2014 5pm – 6pm

Where: Nyngan Bowling Club

This is the last registration for all netballers who wish to play in Dubbo. If you are a new player, please bring your birth certificate so it can be sighted. Following will be a meeting where a new president will be elected and any other positions which may be required. Sub committees will also need to be established so Ladies' Netball and Net Set Go can run in Nyngan.

Thank you

Tanya Buchanan



MACQUARIE EMUS

Rugby season is coming up fast AND that means it must be nearly rego time! We plan to have a combined rego day, meet the coaches and training run on Sunday 30th March - 11 am in Trangie. This will include a sausage sizzle lunch and other "refreshments". The Macquarie Emus are planning a few adventures this year so please join up and stay tuned! So here's the important stuff you need to know and pass on..... WALLA RUGBY IS FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4-11 YEARS. 2014 REGISTRATION FEES ARE \$50 FOR THE 1ST CHILD. \$40 FOR SUBSEQUENT SUBSEQUENT FAMILY MEMBER. REGISTRATION INCLUDES SOCKS AND SHORTS. BAG AND CAP FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS. NEW PLAYERS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A PASSPORT SIZED PHOTO & A COPY OF THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE PLEASE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:- ANDREW PEADON 0417278349; CATH JARVIS 68928210; KATE KENNEDY 0427887725; JOHN LEES 68933800; SAM LAWLER 0457847622.

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1, 2014	
<u>MONDAY</u> <u>3/2/14</u> <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>6/2/14</u> <u>NO CANTEEN</u>
<u>10/2/14</u> <u>NO CANTEEN</u>	<u>13/2/14</u> <u>NO CANTEEN</u> <u>ST JOSEPH'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL</u>
<u>17/2/14</u> Kirsty Burley Bec Smith	<u>20/2/14</u> <u>NO CANTEEN</u> <u>CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL/NYNGAN</u>
<u>24/2/14</u> Maryanne Bourke Sharon Blake	<u>27/2/14</u> Sonia Black Megan Holmes
<u>3/3/14</u> A. Waterhouse M. Bourke	<u>6/3/14</u> Anita Smith Alison Kennedy
<u>10/3/14</u> Sharon Blake Rachel Hannah	<u>13/3/14</u>
<u>17/3/14</u> Karen Francis Fiona Garment	<u>20/3/14</u> Fiorina Gibbons
<u>24/3/14</u> Sharon Blake	<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

CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL HELPER - NYNGAN - THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY

I am able to help at the Cluster Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 20th February, 2014

Please tick your preferred job:- Timekeeper Judge Starter

Name: _____



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER/HARD COPY

I will require a hard copy of St Joseph's School Newsletters/Notes as I do not have a smart phone or internet access.

Name: _____ Date: _____