

St Joseph's Parish Primary School Newsletter



Coming Events

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**TODAY: P&F MEETING @
3.00 pm**

**Sacrament meeting @ 3.00
pm**

**Wednesday 27th July: Year 5-
6 Lions Club Public
Speaking competition –
school round. 9.15 am**

Happy Birthday



Our happiest of Happy Birthday wishes are extended to **Levi Barrett** who will be celebrating his 8th birthday on **Saturday**. We hope you have a fantastic and fun filled day Levi!

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.

Tuesday, 26th July 2016.

Dear Parents and community members,

Yesterday we gathered to say our final farewell to a dear friend and valued colleague, Geri Coates. It was a very tough day for all of us. Something that stood out to me was the love and respect that our whole community has for Geri and the impact that she had on everyone – not just those of us who were lucky enough to be her colleagues and students.

I have received phone calls and other messages of support from all around the diocese as well as from past staff members who all share our heartache. Bishop Columba and the World Youth Day pilgrims were saying Mass for all of us in Poland and the Southern Cluster Athletics carnival held a minutes silence at 11.00 am yesterday to show us that they were thinking of us and as a sign of respect for Geri. The children have been given a wild card to participate in the diocesan athletics carnival in Parkes. Please see me if you are interested in your child attending.

I would like to thank our hard working P&F for the fantastic catering at the wake. The family were so appreciative of everyone's efforts and the beautiful food that was donated by family and friends. The wake was donated to the family as a gift in recognition of the fantastic contribution that Geri made to our beautiful school for many, many years.

Mrs Coates' family have donated her beautiful orange urn to St Joseph's and it is taking pride of place at our front door. They also donated a garden bench that will be included in our quiet memorial garden that we are in the process of organising.

The school committee meeting that was listed on the term planner has been postponed until next week. If you have any agenda items, please see a committee member or myself before next week.

Miss Amy Zanker started at St Joseph's today after a planning day with Mr Astill yesterday. We hope Amy enjoys her time with us.

Term 3 class newsletters are going home this week.

Have a great week everyone and thank you all so much for your support over this very difficult time – I am the luckiest Principal in the world,

Natalie Lay - Principal

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.

Washington Irving



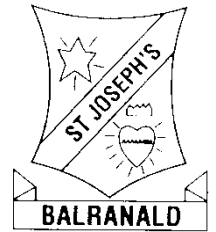
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CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS



WHOLE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: 'RESPECT' (second week)

Home Reading Update

**75 night's home
reading**



Cruz Jolliffe

**100 night's home
reading**



Ayla Campbell

Bailey Duryea

Jordan Cimino

Tarkyn Doyle

**125 night's home
reading**



Holly Haines

Nicole Kayne

2016 Lions Club public speaking competition

Last Friday, we began our public speaking competition. The year 3 / 4 students presented their speeches about their special super powers. The quality of the speeches was very high once again, with the final results incredibly close. Our adjudicator, Ms. Caryn Jones did an outstanding job and we are very grateful to Ms Jones.

The Year 3 /4 results are as follows:

1st Place: Lilian Matarazzo

Runner-up: Camden Matarazzo

The 5/6 students will be presenting their speeches tomorrow morning at 9.15 am. All are more than welcome to come and listen to these great speeches.

The winners and runner-up speakers will participate in the local round which involves all local schools.

General School News

Canteen Corner

Thursday 28th July Special

Cheesy Spag Bol

\$4.00 per serve

*Chewy choc chip cookies
now available - \$1.00*

RED Day treats available tomorrow

P&F News

Meeting today @ 3.00 pm

Many thanks to the wonderful helpers who gave of their time yesterday to help at Mrs Coates' wake. We had an overwhelming response to our call for food donations and the family were so appreciative of our efforts and were very, very grateful.

People who left containers, platters etc at the Auditorium yesterday, they are at school in the front office ready to be picked up.

Many, many thanks once again,

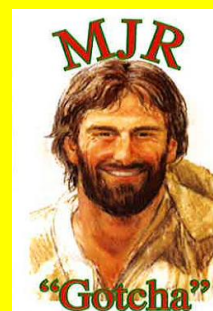
P&F executive

MJR - MAKING JESUS REAL BE A POSITIVE PERSON

Seeing the goodness in others will help you be a good person.

Positive people see goodness but negative people pick out the human weaknesses that we all have.

Positive people become better people; negative people become jealous and insecure.

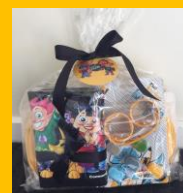


Kindergarten 2017

Enrolments

Next Friday we will be completing our school census. This information informs our staffing for 2017. If you are sending your child to St Joseph's in 2017, can you please let the school know so that we can include them in our projected figures for our census? If you have family or friends who might be looking at St Joseph's for 2017, please pass on this information. Many thanks.

School Banking Deposit blitz



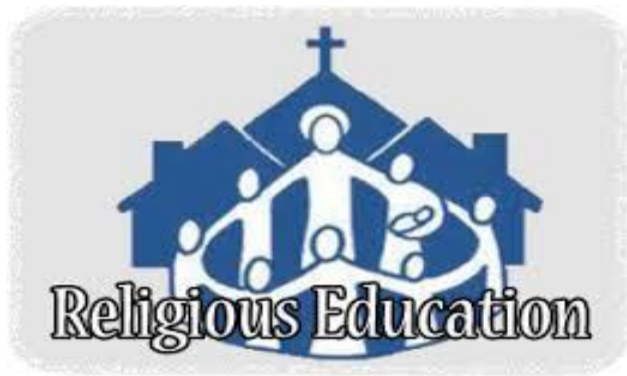
Dollarmites Prize pack.

Winner:

Cruz Jolliffe

Changes to the term planner

*Assemblies will be held on Wednesdays @ 2.20pm
of the same week as stated in the planner.*



Saint for the Week

Saint Martha

Feast Day July 29

One of the most precious things in life is to have a home where you can go at any time and find people who accept, love, and understand you. Jesus found such a home in Bethany, at the house of a woman named Martha. She welcomed him and served him, and they developed a special bond of friendship.

Martha lived with her sister Mary. Like many other pairs of sisters, these two women were different in personality. Martha was energetic and outspoken, while Mary was quiet and reflective. Jesus loved both of them and appreciated the gifts that each one had. The Gospel of Luke records that once, when Jesus was visiting, Martha prepared the meal while Mary sat talking to their visitor. Martha complained that Jesus should tell Mary to help her. Jesus said that because Martha was worrying so much about the work, she did not have time to enjoy being with him and listening to his words. Another time recorded in John's Gospel, the sisters sent a message to Jesus that their brother, Lazarus, was ill. They knew Jesus would come and cure him; they trusted in his loving care for them. When Jesus finally came, Lazarus had already been dead for four days. As soon as she heard that Jesus was nearby, Martha, a woman of action, went out to meet him, while Mary stayed in the house. In her grief, Martha told Jesus honestly what she had expected from him. Jesus asked her to believe that he was the resurrection and that he had power to give eternal life to all who believe in him. Without really understanding this mystery, Martha trusted Jesus totally and said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world" (John 11:27). That day Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead, showing that he has power over life and death and power to give eternal life. The home Jesus found in Bethany was not only in the house but in the faithful heart of a woman named Martha

Trish Gaston

Religious Education Co-ordinator

DATES FOR SACRAMENTS

10th August FIRST RECONCILIATION

14th August CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Sacramental Preparation

It is pleasing to see a few young children going to Mass as we get ready to receive the sacraments. The Commitment Poster from each child will be hung in the church this week. This acknowledges their preparation for their sacrament and asks you to pray for them on this special journey. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Following our meeting this afternoon to discuss details of the sacramental day I will send a note home outlining our decisions regarding clothes, food etc.

Jesus you showed us how to love. We thank you for your example and ask you for your help in learning to be more like you. Amen

MASS ON SUNDAY

Date	31 st July 2016	
MC	Natalie Lay	
Lector	Natalie Lay Kath Weaver	
Collectors	Sharlene Cameron Heather Murphy	
Gifts	Lay Family	
Eucharist	Wendy Murphy Joanne Simpson	
Altar Servers	Toby Lay April Manning Tegan Bruton	

Farewell to our precious Mrs Coates



On Friday, our school community came together with members of Mrs Coates's family to give thanks and say goodbye to our much loved teacher and colleague, Mrs Geraldine Coates.

Every child wrote a prayer or a thank you thought for Geri, which were placed in a jar and will form part of our school memorial to Mrs Coates.

Each class was presented with a special candle, which will remain in the classrooms as part of our prayer focus as a reminder of the light and joy that Mrs Coates brought to all of our lives.

Special thanks to Mrs Gaston for organising this very special ceremony, the members of Mrs Coates' family who were able to attend and the many

