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Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 1
Friday 21 July 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Blessings to you all and welcome to Term 3. I hope that all students had a restful break and have returned to school refreshed and ready for classroom engagement and learning opportunities. I would particularly like to welcome new students and families to our school, and I wish them a long and happy association with St Joseph's. Welcome Taylor to ES1L.

My appreciation and thanks go out to all parents, for allowing our teachers to once again engage in Professional Learning, which was held on Monday. The staff were able to participate and further deepen their understandings around the art of teaching Writing, as well as, developing quality Assessment tasks for Writing and Numeracy for your children. This day was extremely beneficial for our teachers as they continue to develop best teaching practices around the English Syllabus.

Beginning a new school term brings forth new learning possibilities and positive experiences for our children. As such, it is important that all students begin the term well in every context. It is important that the school uniform is worn well at all times; it means getting down to the core business of working hard in class and working with every teacher to produce the best set of educational results possible; it involves challenging oneself to participate in the vast array of co-curricular activities available; it means embracing the social justice programmes at the school and contributing to these; it also means engaging in the main reason we are all here at St Joseph's School, to be present and available to God during Masses and Liturgies.

With this in mind, I look forward to continuing a very successful school year with you all and I encourage you to come to the many school events we have planned for this term. See you at the Fun Run next week; don't forget to bring your runners or, our Book Week activities in Week 6!

Peace be with You.
Brendan Kiely



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MANAGEMENT OF PARENT CONCERNS

St Joseph's School works in an educational partnership with parents for the benefit of all students. On entering into this partnership, families assume a number of important responsibilities which include: loyalty to the school community, a commitment to the school's Mission statement and support of all St Joseph's policies and expectations.

It is acknowledged that there may be occasions when parents wish to express concerns regarding school matters. Parents are always encouraged to communicate with the relevant teachers first to discuss their concerns. The school is always available to assist parents through discussion in developing a clearer understanding of school expectations in all areas, from student learning progressions to our school's vision with classroom structures and spaces.

Parents are required to express their concerns in a calm and respectful manner towards all staff who may be involved. In having specific concerns addressed we recommend that initial contact be made with the relevant teachers or contact the Office to make an appointment with the Principal or Assistant Principal if concerns are not met. We are always willing to listen and work with all our parents for the benefit of our children.

BASKETBALL COURT UPGRADE

Over the holidays, we have seen a significant upgrade to our Basketball courts. The courts have been colour resurfaced and clearer lines have been repainted on the courts as well as under the Infants Cola and Hall Shelter. This has only been possible through accessing an \$8000 grant from Sports Australia. I thank all those who were involved in making this project happen.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Letters of Acceptance have been sent out to families this week regarding Enrollment of Kindergarten children for 2018. If you have not received your letter of acceptance in the mail by next week, please contact the school, as we require notification of acceptance by Friday 4 August. We are looking forward to meeting all our new Kindergarten children for Joey's Juniors in Term 4.

BABY NEWS

I am sure you will all join me in congratulating **Mrs Rachael Moss and her husband Anthony** on the announcement that they are expecting their second child. Mrs Moss will continue to work throughout the year, as the birth of her baby will take place next year in January.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Please keep Coopa Anderson of ES1 in your thoughts and prayers. Coopa is overcoming a very serious illness while recovering in hospital.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday 1 August 2017**. Please ensure children wear full and correct winter uniform.

Uniform Note – many girls have returned from the holiday wearing nail polish of many and varied colours. We ask that all nail polish is removed and not worn to school. Earrings should be gold/silver studs or sleepers. Coloured costume earrings and hair bands are not part of the school uniform policy.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

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FUN RUN LAST MINUTE DETAILS

Our annual Fun Run is scheduled for next Wednesday at Bonny Hills. We are still encouraging the students to continue to collect sponsorship right up until the weekend. Next Tuesday, we ask that all sponsorship forms be returned to school. At this stage, money does not need to be collected until after the day.

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Bonny Hills Beach

9.30 am – 1.30 pm (Infants 9.30 am – 12 noon)

Bus (Buses depart school at 9.00 am sharp)

Nil charge

Requirements:

- Children are to wear correct sports uniform and hat. (Please label all clothing clearly with your child's name)
- Sunscreen and drink bottle
- Children will be supervised by teachers and taken to the amenities at regular intervals
- Please ensure your child has snacks, extra food and water. We will be running a BBQ as outlined below.
- All children will need to travel to and from the venue by bus. If you are taking your child following the Fun Run, they need to be signed out at the venue from their home class teacher.

PRIZE DRAW – Prize Draw will be drawn later in Term 3 to ensure every chance to gain tickets. Every \$5 returned gains a ticket in the draw.

FOCUS ON FAITH

CONFIRMATION

Our Year 2 students are busily preparing themselves for their Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place, **Friday 4 August 2017 at 5.30 pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The Bishop will be visiting our school on Friday 4 August at 11.00 am prior to the Sacrament. We warmly invite all of our St Joseph's friends and families to join us at Mass on Friday and bare witness, as our students are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their Christian life.

FACE OF JESUS

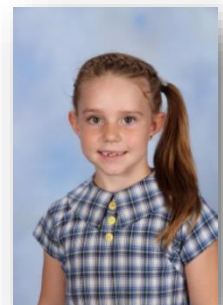


Joel Marchment

Always ready to assist his peers and teachers. He demonstrates kindness to all and puts others needs first.

Teleah Holbert

Always noticing those who are in need and being ready to help with kindness and compassion.



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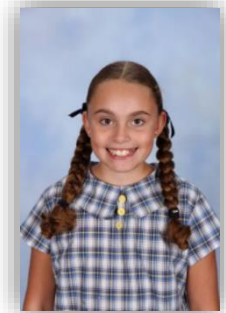
Joel Holbert

Joel is one who never ceases to amaze his teachers and peers as we witness his respect and compassion for all on a daily basis. This is evident through his interactions, deeds and words.

On the first day back at school, Joel greeted a teacher by asking them how their holiday had been. At the end of a lunchtime soccer match, Joel is the boy who goes up to the young boys and shakes their hand displaying great sportsmanship. During learning time if someone needs assistance, Joel is always willing to show understanding and compassion.

Ellyra Squires

Ellyra always puts others before herself and tries to see the good in all people. She is always willing to lend a hand particularly with younger students. Just like Jesus, Ellyra always shows kindness and respect towards others.

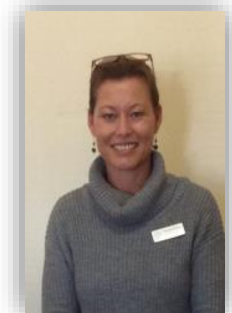


Susan Stewart

I see Susan as being the face of Mother Teresa (but much better looking) in our school. One of Mother Teresa's most powerful quotes is "never see a need without doing something about it". This sums up the little hidden extras that Susan does within our school in her own quiet and unassuming manner, covering duties, being there to help others when its needed most, recognising when something needs doing and going about it without fuss. It is recognised and appreciated.

Trenna Beltzig

Trenna is the true face of Jesus. Nothing is ever too much trouble, she is calm, collected and goes above and beyond to support staff and students. As Jesus did, Trenna does all things by faith, even performing mighty miracles in our office administration area.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

We have some amazing grandparents associated with St Joseph's Wauchope. Towards the end of the term we will be celebrating our grandparents. If you could provide a photo of your child/children with their grandparents for a slideshow presentation during our special Grandparents assembly please forward them to sjpwauch@lism.catholic.edu.au (reference – Grandparents photo).



P & F ASSOCIATION

P & F Facebook has officially opened. Please add the Facebook page to your favourites and keep up to date with special events and fundraising efforts we will be doing at the School.

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ST JOSEPH'S TRIVIA NIGHT - 80'S DISCO THEME

Keep this date free and up on your fridge.

Friday 15 September 2017

More details to come in next week's newsletter.



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK PARADE



Book Week this year will be held during Week 6 with our much-anticipated Book Character Parade on **Tuesday 22 August 2017**. Advance notice will give parents plenty of time to plan costumes for their children to wear for the parade. Children come to school dressed as their favourite book character with our parade held in the Ogilvie Hall following morning assembly at 9.00 am

With emphasis on reading during the term, there will be plenty of activities leading up to Book Week, which will be an extra Library activity. (More information regarding Book Week will come to light over the coming weeks).

There will also be a Book Fair held in conjunction with Book Week with books available for purchase at a very reasonable cost. The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity for new books to be added to our beautiful Library.

Lunchtime Library will now be held twice a week during Lunch 2 - each Monday and Friday. Mrs O'Brien is looking for reliable older students to help out by reading to our younger students during these times.

ICAS COMPETITIONS

Eighteen students participated in the **ICAS Science** Competition. We congratulate the following students for their efforts.

Participation	<i>Blaze Swarris (S1), Maddison Warrener (S2), Lillian Leister (S2), Charlie Smith (S2), Taytum Moylan (S2), Charlotte Davison (S2), Adam Cook (S3), Joshua Pike (S3), Toby Warren (S3) and Hannah Towler (S3)</i>
Merit	<i>Kaeden Thomas (S1) and Ziggy Ewart (S3)</i>
Credit	<i>Summer Tilston (S1), Ethan Begley (S2), Mitchell Stephens (S2), Lily Cook (2) and Amelia Riley (S2)</i>
High Distinction	<i>Matilda Ewart (S2)</i>

Last term eleven students participated in the **ICAS Digital Technologies** Competition. We congratulate the following students -

Participation	<i>Charlie Smith (S2), Lillian Leister (S2), Taytum Moylan (S2), Lukas Tee (S3) and Ziggy Ewart (S3) and Hannah Towler (S3)</i>
Credit	<i>Lily Cook (S2), Mitchell Stephens (S2) and Matilda Ewart (S2)</i>
Merit	<i>Toby Cusato (S3)</i>
Distinction	<i>Alannah Steele (S3)</i>

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT ASSEMBLY – Parents in Partnership

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The term Parent Assembly would like to invite you to join our new Facebook site. All events will be advertised on this site as well as through the school Newsletters. Please feel free to contact Peta Rourke on 0400 420 614 if you would like to know more about Parent Assembly.

AWARD RECIPIENTS – Friday 28 July 2017

Roisin Sonnerville, Zander Holthouse, Sienna Austin, Jake Mann, Mia Rixon, Taylah Ireland, Nicholas Riley, Tyler Smyth, Ellie Smallwood, Evan Webb, Kai Austin, Billy Eggert, Louisa Smith, Jack Shields, Ellie Seymour, Jaylah Murphy, Lucas Hinshelwood, Cooper Everingham, Jaydee Jones, Emily Betts, Annabelle Knox, Lily cook, Isabel Cusato, Shelby Murphy, Michael Rudd, Cameron Cooper, Alyssa Hughes, Bella Cook, Joel Holbert, Ethan Begley, Lacey Copp, Kaedan Martin, Rebecca Ebrole, Riley Bugden, Zachary Copp, Jack Everingham, Mitchell Dorahy, Toby Warren, Jacob Oates, Summer Minturn and Juniper Mea.

CANTEEN

Monday 24 July	Julie Keena and Cheryl Rixon
Wednesday 26 April	Fun Run – Sausage Sizzle pre-ordered. Please supply extra food, treats and water for children.
Friday 28 March	Julie Keena, Rachel Merkus and Jodi Smyth

WHAT'S ON**WEEK 3 TERM 2**

Monday 24 July	Zone Athletics Carnival, St Joseph's Regional College
Tuesday 25 July	School Banking
Wednesday 26 April	Fun Run, Bonny Hills Correct sports uniform and hat Uniform Shop open – 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm
Thursday 27 July	Canteen open for treats/drinks only – Lunch 1
Friday 28 July	Mass, Bundaleer Assembly – 2.30 pm, Ogilvie Hall (S2P to host)

ADVANCE DATES

Tuesday 1 August	School Photos – correct winter uniform ICAS - English
Wednesday 30 August – Friday 1 September	Year 5 Camp at Coffs Coast Adventure Centre, Coffs Harbour
Monday 4 September – Thursday 7 August	Year 6 Camp at Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens
Tuesday 15 August	ICAS - Mathematics

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Joseph's school, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called, 'Seasons for Growth.' This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research, which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision-making, and effective communication and support networks (IT IS NOT COUNSELLING OR THERAPY).

Seasons for Growth runs for 8 weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes. The program concludes with a 'celebration' session. Later in the year, each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning. Seasons for Growth will commence in Week 6 Term 3.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from 'Seasons for Growth' we would encourage you to talk to them about this. Should you decide to participate please fill in the tear off slip below and return it to the school office by Thursday 3 August 2017. You will be notified if your child is participating in Seasons for Growth before the program starts.

St Joseph's School is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you would like further information, please contact Lauren Ayres and Lauren Mascord, your Seasons for Growth companions.

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

I _____ give consent for my child _____

to attend the Seasons For Growth program. I have discussed this with them.

Signature: _____