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## Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 4  
Friday 19 May 2017

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Monday 22 May 2017 will be Proclaim Lismore Staff 2017, it is a Pupil Free Day called for by the Bishop and entrusted with the purpose of enhancing and strengthening the foundations of Catholic culture in Catholic Education in the Diocese of Lismore. This event on Monday will once again see almost 3000 staff come together from six clusters of the diocese to refocus the outcomes which emerged in the data from Proclaim Lismore 2013-2015 and the Priests/ Principals Gatherings 2014-2016.

The aim of this scheduled Staff Development Day is to reinvigorate staff with prayer, purpose and passion toward a recommitment in their vocation of accompanying students in achieving a fullness of life, in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. I ask that you please pray for the staff of St. Joseph's and that this day held in the presence of God may enrich all our lives.

Peace be with you.  
Brendan Kiely



### PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

Please be aware, that Mr Kiely will be away at the ACSP State Conference next week Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 May 2017. Assistant Principal Mr Toole will be overseeing the running of the school in his absence.



#### TOYS AND GAMES

Children have been bringing items from home onto the playground during the day, such as toys - 'Fidget Toys' and games which were brought in for class news sharing. This can cause issues regarding supervision and appropriate classroom and playground behaviour. We encourage children to play safely and fairly with others by choosing games, which are inclusive and respectful. We request that children who are bringing news items in for their class hand them to their teacher for safekeeping throughout the day.

#### P & F

Thank you to the P & F, that through the Amart initiative, our sport equipment cages are providing great support for our playground equipment, ensuring there is an adequate supply for children during lunchtimes as well as supporting our PE and Sport within the curriculum guidelines.

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## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT 2018

Last Monday night we held our Kindergarten Information evening for enrolments in 2018. We welcomed a large number of new and existing families looking to enrol their child/ren into Kindergarten into St Joseph's School. It may seem early to begin the enrolment process; then again, through an early process of researching schools and confirming your choice of school, this can help in making informed decisions and assist you with the transition from Preschool to Primary school. Preparing your child and getting them ready for '**Big School**' is a huge exercise in itself for parents.

Here are a few tips for parents assisting their child in readiness for Primary school -

- **Social Skills:** Building independence (getting dressed and putting on shoes, toileting) Taking turns. Encourage questions, both asking and answering. Understand and follow a three-step instruction. Understand a story and recall some details in order.
- **Literacy Skills:** Help your child to begin recognising and consolidating beginning sounds by looking at pictures and talking about what they start with. Colouring in and writing, practising the correct pencil grip. Writing their own name. Looking at picture books and being read to often.
- **Numeracy Skills:** Recognising and Counting numbers 1-20. Play card games for turn taking.

We are excited at the prospect of our new Kindergarten enrolments for 2018. Interviews will take place from **Tuesday 13 June to Friday 23 June 2017**, please confirm your appointment at the school Office.

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### SICKNESS/ILLNESS

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Monday-itis. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. However, if they miraculously recover by 11.00 am, ready to race around the backyard, keeping them in bed all day may send the message that staying home is not nearly as much fun as going to school.

Either way, our **Too Sick For School? Chart** will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick children need to miss school.

(<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/documents/49158/49542/Too%20sick%20for%20schoolFINAL.pdf>)

You will be aware; our school has unfortunately seen a severe case of sickness with a number unwell students and teachers in the last few days. When your child is unwell and away, good clear communication with the school can allow us to support you and our school community. Informing the school quickly about any diagnosed illness allows the required action to take place. Sometimes this will result in the school informing families of any particular illness such as Whooping Cough to protect others, particularly vulnerable (to such an illness) groups in our community including expectant mothers, the elderly and infants.

If your child has been sick with an illness that requires them to stay at home with something more than the common cold, upon their return, please seek medical clearance from your doctor to ensure your child is medically fit.

Thank you to all those who have been supporting the families of sick children and the school over the last week. Fingers crossed everyone is back and in good health again soon.

### PUPIL FREE DAY

As per the dates outlined in the Term 2 Dates list, which was sent to all families, earlier this week, Monday 22 May 2017 is a Pupil Free Day. If you have not received the Term 2 Dates list for this term please contact the school Office.

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## FOCUS ON FAITH

### EUCHARIST PREPARATIONS

Each Wednesday and Thursday at 8.00 am, Fr Felix will celebrate Morning Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. If families of the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist are finding it difficult to attend Mass during the week. Mr Kiely and Mrs Dewhurst will be attending the Thursday morning Mass and supervision of children will be available. We do hope that this will give the opportunity for families to bring their children to Mass and become an active participant in the Eucharistic celebration.

### SACRAMENT DATE REMINDERS

During the lead up to our sacraments each week we will have, our dates listed as a reminder for those families involved.

- **Saturday 3 June 2017, 6.00 pm - Confirmation Inscription Mass**  
**This involves our Year 2 candidates**  
We thank Stage 1 families who will be provide supper for this Mass
- **Saturday June 17th, 6pm- Holy Eucharist Mass**  
**This involves our Year 3 candidates**  
Stage 2 will be providing supper for this Mass

## FACE OF JESUS



JACK DALEY

Jack has ensured that he is preparing himself through active participation at Mass during the week for his sacrament of Eucharist. Jack is kind, compassionate and loving to all people from different lifestyles. Jack shines with the light of Jesus through his daily actions toward his peers and teachers.



COOPER EVERINGHAM

Cooper always makes a concerted effort to help keep the Stage 1 area tidy. He is regularly found pushing in chairs, organising pencil tubs, putting away resources that were not his. He is enthusiastic and loves to help his peers in the playground with lost property. Cooper enjoys serving with a smile on his face.

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## MATHLETICS

Have you been using your Mathletics online account? Every child in our school has a Mathletics account to access online Maths games and challenges. Next term we will continue our yearly Mathletics Challenge, but you can start accumulating points now. Go to [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

## WRITING

How often do you write? When teachers were asked this question during and after school PD session, we realised how often (outside of work) we write short, informative texts such as shopping lists, to do lists and birthday cards. As teachers continue to work on improving our students writing skills at school, we are reminded of the many opportunities to write at home. Write out the shopping list, write to Grandma, write the text message to dad, draw a picture and label it or write a story about the picture, write about that book you finished reading or write in your home reading diary.

## READING

It is expected that every child read at home each school night. Sometimes a child may be reading the same book each night, such as a chapter book, or a shorter text each night. It may be a home reader, a Library book or a book from home. If your child says they do not have to read, please consult with their classroom teacher.

## INTERSCHOOL DEBATE

On Tuesday, a selection of Year 6 students competed in an interschool debate as part of the Year 6 debating competition. This first round was against St Joseph's Port Macquarie. Our home team was made up of Teiki Bower, Ellouise Kirkman, Jeffery Keena and Riley Angel and our away team consisted of myself (Bella Kilmurray), Brendan Walsh, McKinley Halls and Ellyra Squires. The scores were very close. Well done to St Joseph's Port Macquarie won both debates for this round. Both teams tried their very best and did an exceptional job. Good luck to everyone and we look forward to our next debate.



Bella Kilmurray

## SPORT



### RUGBY SUCCESS

Blake Haywood (Stage 3) represented our Hastings Zone and our school at the recent Rugby Union Diocesan Trials. He was talented enough to earn selection into the Diocesan Team and will now travel to Forbes to try-out for the Polding Team which represents every Catholic school north of the Harbour Bridge. We wish Blake the best of luck at his next trial and congratulate him on a stand-out performance.

### HOUSE CUP TROPHY

This afternoon at Assembly Mrs Mascord along with our House Captains relaunched our reward system for our sporting Houses. More information about this will be included in next week's newsletter.

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## PBS

### STAGE REWARD AFTERNOON

Next week marks the halfway point of our term and it is time to celebrate the great behaviour of our students. Friday 26 May 2017, any student who has **reached their Stage reward goal** and **has not received an office reflection**, will participate in an afternoon of fun to recognise their wonderful behaviour. Please note that each Stage has slightly different incentives and rewards. Check with your child's teacher to see how your child is progressing towards attending the fun afternoon. A note will go home with details of what students need to bring.



**Kindergarten:** Class Pizza Party

**Stage 1:** Bring in your own device or favourite game from home

**Stage 2:** Class Party and Free Time

**Stage 3:** Class Party

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## ADDITIONAL NEEDS

As part of a child's development, particularly academically and socially, there can be the need for children to see medical practitioners to assist in their development. These medical specialists can include Optometrists and Vision Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Psychologists and Paediatricians. It is vital that these therapies and any reports or feedback are shared with your child's home class teacher and the Office so that they can be best supported in the classroom and copies can be kept in the confidential student file. If you have concerns about your child's learning or would like to look into alternate options to support them in their education please make an appointment to see Mr Seymour to discuss.

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## CANTEEN

Monday 22 May	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
Wednesday 24 May	Julie Keena and Anne Eggert
Friday 26 May	Julie Keena, Tracy Wilson and Tracey O'Malley

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## WHAT'S ON

### WEEK 2, TERM 4

Monday 22 May	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
Tuesday 23 May	School Banking ICAS Digital Technologies Student Leadership Day/Incitare
Wednesday 24 May	Uniform Shop Open – 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm Sport
Friday 26 May	Bundaleer Mas 10.30 am Diocesan Cross Country, Bowraville National Sorry Day

### ADVANCE DATES

Tuesday 30 May	ICAS – Science
Wednesday 31 May	Year 6 Leaders GRIP Leadership Day
Saturday 3 June	Confirmation Inscription Mass
Wednesday 7 June	Athletics Carnival
Week of 12-16 June	ICAS - Writing
Saturday 17 June	Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 14 June	ICAS - Spelling
Friday 23 June	Zone Athletics Carnival

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