Car Wash and Cake Stall Fundraiser
A great day was had by everyone who helped out at the carwash on Saturday and by everyone who had their car washed. The sausage sizzle and cake stall were a great success and all funds raised will go to defray the costs of the excursion to Sydney later in the year. Thank you to all who helped and supplied cakes and slices as well. The next Y5/6 fundraising meeting will be held this Wednesday, 4th of May at 6pm in the Y5/6 classroom.

The carwashing team hard at work on Saturday!

First Communion: Lessons began last week and will continue every Tuesday afternoon until the Sacrament of First Communion on the 29th of May.

Next P, T&F Meeting; Wednesday May 4th at 6.30pm Please join us :) Weekly Sport: We will be having a netball development officer at school for sport for the first 5 weeks of Term 2. This week sport will be on Thursday and children will need to wear their sports uniform on Thursday only. Normal school uniform will be worn on Friday.

Mothers Day Stall: Children are able to purchase gifts from our Mother’s Day Stall this Friday the 6th of May. Children will need to bring $8.00 to purchase a gift for Mum. If more than one gift is required please send in the additional money and if there are enough items left they can purchased after all children have had the opportunity to buy. PLEASE; Children are to bring the money in ON THE DAY and not beforehand. If they do not have money with them we will assume they are not purchasing a gift. All money needs to be in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and ‘Mother’s Day Stall’.

Canteen: This Friday Nancy Dent has volunteered to run the canteen and Skye Duncan is once again putting her hand up to be the much needed 2nd person. We really do need more people to volunteer to help in the canteen.

NAPLAN: will take place on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May for children in Years 3 and 5.

Board Meeting: The first meeting for the School Board in Term 2 will take place on Wednesday 11th of May at 6.30pm.

Diocesan Cross Country: We will be hosting the Diocesan Cross Country again this year on on the 16th of May. Notes went home last week (and again today) asking for volunteers to help on this day. Please return these notes as soon as possible to enable us to best plan this huge event for our school.

ICAS: Children who returned entry forms will attend the Digital Technologies paper on the 17th of May.

Dio Rugby Trials: will be held in Tamworth on the 20th of May. Paperwork distributed last week.

Wood Raffle: Raffle tickets went home with the newsletter last week and more tickets are available from the office if required. All tickets need to be back at school by Monday the 16th of May. This raffle will be drawn on the morning of Tuesday the 17th of May and results will be published in the newsletter.

Uniform: Children need to be in either full summer uniform or full winter uniform, but not a combination of both. All children will need to be in full winter uniform by Tuesday 14th June. School ties and jumpers are available from Reilly’s menswear and girls uniforms are available from ‘Stitches By Us’ in Lennox Street Quirindi.

Catholic Schools Celebrate: CSC is on again this year and we are very excited to be a part of this amazing production. There are sponsorship packages available to advertise in this year’s CSC production. If you are interested please contact Mr Clery and he will assist you with more information.

Website: Please note that you can register to get our newsletter through our website. This way you can be sure to receive the newsletter each week electronically.

Pupil Free Day: Friday June 3rd. Please note this date on your calendar.

Movie Pass: Congratulations to the Forsyth Family who have won the pass to the movies from the Cookie Dough fundraiser which was donated by The Neyle Family. Well done Forsyth's.

Please check names on jackets and hats to ensure your child has their own clothing!

Dates to remember...

Week 2

2nd Patty Cakes: A Neyle, M Forsyth, C Teuma
GRIP Leadership Tamworth

3rd First Communion Lesson 2 @ 3.50pm

4th Y5/6 Fundraising meeting 6pm Y5/6 room
PT&F Meeting 6.30 Library

5th Netball Development Officer. Sports uniform today!

6th Mass 9.30am
Mother’s Day Stall $8 per gift required
Canteen: Nancy Dent and Skye Duncan

Week 3

9th Patty Cakes; J Slade, M Carroll, K Stackman

10th First Communion Lesson 3 @ 3.50pm

10-12 NAPLAN

11th 6.30pm: Board Meeting

13th Netball Development Officer
Canteen: Linda McCulloch

Week 4

16th Patty Cakes; E Partridge, S Darnell, L Gordon
Dio Cross Country Carnival

17th ICAS digital technologies paper
First Communion Lesson 4 @ 3.50pm
Wood Raffle Drawn

20th Mass 9.30am
Dio Rugby Trials: Tamworth
Netball development officer
Canteen: Liz Gordon

Week 5

23th Patty Cakes; K Duncan, R Wills, J Gamble

24th First Communion Lesson 5 @ 3.50pm

27th Netball Development Officer
First Communion Reflection Day

29th Sacrament of First Communion

Week 6

30th Patty Cakes; B Lawrence, O Saad, E Keeyes
1st PT&F Meeting 6.30pm

3rd Pupil Free Day

Week 7

6th Patty Cakes; A Bennett, L McCulloch, M Gumbleton

8th Long Weekend

13th Mass 9.30am

20th Patty Cakes, R Tetley, L Gordon, J Slade

Week 10

27th Patty Cakes; R Aspinall, R Coward, C Seymour

Principal’s Award: ‘A great start to Term 2: Humay Luqman, Clayton King, Felicity Carroll, Ruby Allan, Yolanda Such.

Student of the week awards: Ayden Coward: fantastic application in whole number activities.
Rebecca Teuma: her great number work and helping others.
Mackenzie Reibel: a warm welcome to St Joseph’s.
Clayton Lawrence: an excellent improvement in persuasive writing.
Clayton Neyle: demonstrating focus and good effort in addition and subtraction skills.

Student leaders award: Mackenzie and Lochlan Reibel: A great start to your new school.

Apology

Apologies for the misprint in last week’s newsletter. Our wonderful Steve Forsyth was in fact the winner of the School Spirit Award for the Cross Country :)”

Attatchments:
• The Saving Word
• Catholic Viewpoint
• Disability data collection letter
• Dio Cross Country Volunteers

First Confession: Sacrament of Penance
Lessons held in the St Joseph’s School commencing at 3.50pm. Tuesday 2nd August, 9 August, 16 August, 23 August and 30 August.

First Confession is on Wednesday 31st August 2016.
Principal's Address

Welcome to Week 2, Term 2.

Yesterday I had the opportunity to accompany St Joseph's two school captains, Brad Forsyth and Amelia Seymour and two prefects, Phoenix Carroll and Yolanda Such to the Grip Student Leadership Conference in Tamworth. This was a wonderful opportunity for our young leaders to learn about this discipline where they were challenged to get out of their comfort zone.

Congratulations to the Term 2 class representatives who were elected by their peers to join the SRC for Term 2. Along with the SRC I looked forward to working with you throughout the term as your classes voice to decisions and directions at St Joseph's.

Infants SRC Term 2 Member: Will Bartholomew
Year 3 & 4 SRC Term 2 Member: Clayton Lawrence
Year 5 & 6 SRC Term 2 Member: Tom McCulloch

Next week St Joseph's Year 3 and Year 5 students will join peers from across the nation in sitting the 2016 NAPLAN Assessments. NAPLAN has its detractors, though used correctly it provides a school with wonderful feedback. NAPLAN should not be a time of anxiety for our students. At St Joseph's the assessments are treated like any other day - where every student is expected to give their best in a dedicated commitment to learning.

Finally, you to the families who have returned notes committing their support to the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival which St Joseph's are hosting on the 19th May. Please support this event, as it not only showcases our great school, but is the PT&F's biggest fundraiser for the year. This fundraiser is significant because we are targeting an outside market and not asking the school community to put their hands in their own pockets.

Have a great week!

John Clerc
Principal

“To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us” Pope Francis

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