Enrolling now

Please let your friends and family know that enrolments are now being taken for all grades in 2016.

The children really enjoyed The Life Education Van this year and Tim, Harold's Helper showed his knowledge in a fun and entertaining way. We thank Tim and also the Liverpool Plains Shire Council for sponsoring the Life Ed Van again in 2015.

NO Gymnastics Tomorrow

Please do not send any money for this activity tomorrow. Children will still come to school in their sports uniform.

As of next Wednesday we will have gymnastics under the sails to avoid any more splinters. There were lots of fun activities on offer and many new skills learnt along the way.

Sport in Weeks 5 and 6 will be on Thursdays with Zac Russ from Australian Rugby League

School Readiness is off to a wonderful start with 8 children attending the first session. We loved having the children here at school and hope they enjoyed their day and getting to know their school as well.

Please find this year's school photos in your child's bag today.

Dear Parents, Please try to be aware that, through the day, the church is often used for funeral services and if possible we need to leave the front of the church clear of cars when possible.

SRC Representatives

Congratulations to: Isabella Stinson (Infants), Lily Canham (Year 3 & 4), Brad Forsyth Year 5&6) who were today voted into the position of class representative for the SRC by their peers.

School Performance. My Friends, Canteen; This Friday the canteen will operate thanks to Linda McCulloch and Rachel King

Book Fair 2015

12th and 13th of November
Book Fair Disco 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm

On Thursday the 12th

This year's theme is; Book Fair Under the Sea: Explore an Ocean of Books!

So come up with some underwater ideas for costumes for the disco to make this one of our best disco's yet. We will have a sausage sizzle, music and of course books for sale.

Save up your money and take the opportunity to buy lovely books for Christmas presents this year. Last year we sold over $2000 worth of books and this enabled us to put $700 worth of books into our library as a result of your support which of course we truly appreciate.

All School Readiness children are invited to attend this disco as well.

This week we will have our usual Library timetable. 3/4 and Kindy on Tuesday and 5/6 and 1/2 on Thursday. There will be a few changes over the next few weeks due to different activities; performances, excursions etc to we will all need to be flexible with this. Children can return their books on any day of the week if this helps.

Book Club went home on Friday. Please return any orders by Thursday the 29th of October.

School Notes and Money

Please make sure that all notes are named and dated. Children need to bring their money to school in a clearly marked envelope. Loose change causes many issues when being collected in the classrooms and processed in the office. Please take the time required to assist in this area.

Dates to remember...

Term 4:

October

Week 2

14th Sport
16th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – 1/2 Day
Mass
17th-18th AustSwim Teacher Course
18th Muswellbrook - Lego Brick Show

Week 5

19th Patty Cakes; K Stackman, E Keeyes, C Teuma
21st Sport - Gymnastics
22nd My Friends and I performance
23rd Brain Olympia, Tamworth
24th Junior Super Coaching Clinic
25th Little Athletics; Senior Super Coaching Clinic

Week 4

26th Sport – Gymnastics
Patty Cakes; L McCulloch, J Slade, B Willis
28-30th Lake Keepit Excursion
30th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – 1/2 Day
Mass

November

Week 5

25th Patty Cakes; O Saad, R Aspinall, F Pain
5th Sports Day with Zac Russ
6th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – 1/2 Day
8th Children’s Focus Mass 9.30am

Week 6

9th Patty Cakes; B O’Loughlin, C Seymour, T Moore
11th Quirindel Conversations 6.30pm Royal Theatre
12th Sports Day with Zac Russ
Book Fair 2015

13th Book Fair 2015

14th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – whole Day

Week 7

16th Patty Cakes; A Bennett, R Tetley, M Carroll
20th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – whole Day
Sport – Swimming

Week 8

25th Patty Cakes; S Darnell, E Partridge, T Miller
24th McCarthy Yr 7 2016 Orientation Day & Information Night for Parents
27th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – whole Day
Mass

Week 9

30th Patty Cakes; K Stackman, R Tetley, R Aspinall
Parent Teacher Interviews

December

1st Parent Teacher Interviews
3rd Presentation night in the hall

4th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – whole Day
Sport – Swimming

Week 10

7th Patty Cakes; B O’Loughlin, F Pain, J Slade
9th Christmas Break Begins

Week 11

14th Patty Cakes; E Keeyes, O Saad, A Bennett
Graduation dinner for Year 6
15th Year 6 Big Day Out
16th Graduation Mass 9.30am

Students last day

Dates are subject to change if required

Awards for week 1 – Term 4

AWARDS

Principal's Awards:- A great start to Term 4; Nate Aspinall, Hayden Laird, Tom Devine, Kyle Miller, Charlie Kelly, Elle Flanagan.

Student of the Week Awards:- Riley Hall for fantastic work with his sight words. Jack Wilson for working hard at saying on task all week. Cody Pain for consistently working hard in class. Jazmyn Marshall-Moore for her focus and dedication towards her school work. Phoenix Carroll for fantastic bookwork presentation. Cooper Brown for a great power point presentation in English.

ICAS Mathematics Competition


Mass is usually on the Friday of every even week however Fr Vic is away at present.

PT&F Meetings are usually held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Board Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

School supervision is from 8.30am until 3.45pm. Please do not leave your children at school outside of these hours as they will be unsupervised.

Attachments:

- The Savio Paper
- Rotary Club of NSW, Waste Art Corn Littie Athletics Swimming Club Registration Days, homework flyer
Principal's Address

06 October, 2015

Welcome to Week 2, Term 4!

Many of you may have watched with interest 60 Minutes debate on Sunday night about homework (http://www.9jumpin.com.au/show/60minutes/stories/2015/october/homework/).

It is with some irony that I spoke at a recent school board meeting about the impact of homework and questioning its merit moving forward to 2016.

As a school St Joseph’s stands behind data and research. Future directions are not based on feelings and beliefs, rather fact and research. As I search libraries and the internet I can find no current data supporting primary children completing homework—rather research stating not only is it a waste of time but can be detrimental (I have attached with today’s newsletter one small example). With an eye on 2016 I challenge any member of the St Joseph’s community that supports homework to locate any current research backing the practise.

It is important to clarify that reading should never be considered formal homework. Irrelevant of the position taken on homework in 2016, home reading will continue to play a vital role in every St Joseph’s child’s development.

Finally, I trust you enjoy the 2015 Official School Photos that accompany today’s newsletter.

Have a great week!

John Clery
Principal

“With Christ as the centre of your life, you will never be disappointed.” Pope Francis

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