Confirmation
Congratulations to all of our children who are continuing their sacramental journey through Confirmation this week. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Enrolments are now being taken for all grades in 2016.

Canteen
Thanks to the generosity of Mrs Devine and Mrs Butler the canteen will operate this Friday. Thank you ladies for your willingness to provide this service for the children.

Gymnastics Tomorrow
Please send money in for this activity tomorrow. $3.00 per child.
Weather permitting gymnastics will be under the sails to avoid any more splinters ☺

Lake Keepit Excursion
Next week the children in 3,4,5 and 6 head off for a wonderful time, to Lake Keepit on Wednesday. If you have not already finalised your payments for this excursion please do so at your earliest convenience.

Book Fair 2015
12th and 13th of November
Book Fair Disco on Thursday the 12th 5.30 pm – 7.00pm.

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

Underwater costumes for the disco will make this a night to remember. We will have a sausage sizzle, music and of course books for sale. Glen McCoy has once again offered to supply the music for the disco.

This is a great opportunity to buy lovely books for Christmas presents this year. Scholastic send us a variety of preschool books, picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books as well. Their selection is wide ranging and good quality.

Please support our book fair this year. Year 6 children often donate a book and we place a book plate in to acknowledge this generosity. It is a lovely way for the children to be remembered for years to come by their younger peers.

All School Readiness children are invited to attend this disco.

Please return book club orders by Tuesday the 27th of October.

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

Dates to remember...

October
Week 3
19th - Patty Cakes; K Stackman, E Keeys, C Teuma
21st - Sport – Gymnastics $3
22nd - My Friends and I performance $5 (incl. 2 children)
23rd - Brain Olympiad, Tamworth
24th - Readiness Class: K, 2016–whole Day
Little Athletics
25th - Junior Super Coaching Clinic

Week 4
26th - Sport – Gymnastics $3
27th - Patty Cakes; L McCulloch, J Slade, B Wills
28th - Return Book Club Orders
29th - Lake Keepit Excursion
30th - Readiness Class: K, 2016–whole Day
Mass

November
Week 5
2nd - Patty Cakes; O Saad, R Aspinal, F Pain
5th - Sports Day with Zac Russ
6th - Readiness Class: K, 2016–whole Day
8th - Children's Focus Mass 9.30am

Week 6
9th - Patty Cakes; B O'Loughlin, C Seymour, T Moore
11th - Qunridi Conversations 6.30pm
Royal Theatre
12th - Sports Day with Zac Russ
Book Fair 2015
Book Fair Disco

Week 7
13th - Book Fair 2015
16th - Patty Cakes; A Bennett, R Tetley, M Carroll
20th - Readiness Class: K, 2016–whole Day
Sport – Swimming

Week 8
23rd - Patty Cakes; S Darnell, E Partridge, T Miller
24th - McCarthy Jr 7 2016 Orientation Day & Information Night for Parents
Readiness Class: K, 2016–whole Day
Chess Day: St. Joseph's West Tamworth
Sport – Swimming

Week 9
30th - Patty Cakes; K Stackman, R Tetley, R Aspinal
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 Baine
9th - Christmas Week Begins
11th - Readiness Class: K, 2016–whole Day
Sport – Swimming

AWARDS
Principal's Awards:-
Wearing my uniform with pride
Hayley Hall; Isaiah Keys; Emily Dent; Noah Picton; Latrell Allan.

Student of the Week Awards:-
Clayton King: being a helpful classmate.
Lily Canham: always working to the best of her ability and with a smile.
Eniuka Such: taking on the extra challenges in maths, you are a star.
Tom McCulloch: working hard in literacy and taking pride in his work.
Emily Butler: consistently producing bookwork of an extremely high standard.

SRC Award:- Whole school: wonderful start to Term 4.

Mass is usually on the Friday of every even week however, Fr Vic is away at present.
PTF 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 Saving Word,
Principal's Address

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

Welcome to Week 3, Term 4!

This Sunday St Joseph’s Catholic Year 5 and Year 6 children will be bestowed the gifts of the Holy Spirit with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Michael Kennedy will lead the Parish in this very special time for these children and their families. Thank you to Fr Vic, Catechists, Wendy Rheinberger and Sarah-Janine Canham for the role they have played in preparing the students. I invite, and encourage, you all to join us on Sunday at 9:30am to support our candidates and their families.

Throughout Week 3 St Joseph’s is supporting Catholic Missions through our Sock fundraiser. Children can wear socks of their choice for a daily gold coin donation. Please support this initiative as we raise a few dollars for those much less fortunate.

Since identifying my concerns with homework in last week’s newsletter, I have been inundated from parents who support the concept of “No structured homework in 2016.” Contemporary research informs us that homework is of no value to student learning, while St Joseph’s parents have been informing me of the constant battles they are having convincing their children to complete this weekly task! Please feel free to discuss your views with me on this topic in coming weeks and I once again challenge any parent/carer to find current research that supports homework being of benefit to student learning. I would love to see it as I can’t find it!

Finally, good luck to St Joseph’s Brain Olympia team who will compete against fellow Diocesan schools in Tamworth on Thursday. Brain Olympia requires our team to answer 50 general knowledge questions, prepare a public speaking topic (which one student will present), attempt 6 Mathematics problem solving activities and perform a drama skit from a selected topic. Best of luck to Jade Wilson, Elijah Allan, Jack Atkins, Darcy Devine, Latrell Allan, Luke Wilson, Kyla Allan and Emily Butler.

Have a great week!

John Clery
Principal

“Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed loved and forgiven.” Pope Francis

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