Enrolments are now being taken for all grades in 2016.

**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!**

Children will be able to fill in their wish lists on Wednesday the 11th of November to take home to give you a better idea of their interests in the books that they would love to order.

Novelty items will be available for sale at the disco but not during book selling times on Thursday and Friday.

Payments need to be made by cash or cheque as we will not have eftpos or credit card facilities available for book fair.

Books will not be held for anyone so please bring along your method of payment at the time of browsing and selecting. It is a case of first in best dressed for the books on offer, so please be aware that we are not able to put them away for later payment.

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. The cost of the evening will be $5.00.

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 bookplate 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 and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Book Fair and at the Disco as well.

**Dates to remember...**

**Week 4**
26th Patty Cakes; L McCulloch, J Slade, B Wills
Return Book Club Orders
27th First Reconciliation Lesson #1
3.50pm School Library
28-30th Lake Keept Excursion
30th Readiness Class; K, 2016-whole Day Mass

**November Week 5**
2nd Patty Cakes; O Saad, R Aspinall, F Pain
3rd First Reconciliation Lesson #2
4th PT&F Meeting 6.30pm
5th Sports Day with Zac Russ
6th Readiness Class; K, 2016-whole Day Mass
7th Children's Focus Mass 9.30am

**Week 6**
9th Patty Cakes; B O'Loughlin, C Seymour, T Moore
10th First Reconciliation Lesson #3
11th Quirindi Conversations 6.30pm
Royal Theatre
Remembrance Day
12th Sports Day with Zac Russ
**Book Fair 2015**
**Book Fair Disco**
13th **Book Fair 2015**
20th Readiness Class; K, 2016-whole Day Mass
23rd Patty Cakes; S Darnell, E Partridge, T Miller
24th McCarthy Yr 7 2016 Orientation Day & Information Night for Parents
27th First Reconciliation Lesson #5
Readiness Class; K, 2016-whole Day Mass
Chess Day: St. Joseph's West Tamworth
Sport - Swimming

**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 Mass
8th Patty Cakes; B O'Loughlin, F Pain, J Slade
9th Christmas Week Begins
11th Readiness Class; K, 2016-whole Day Mass
Sport - Swimming

**Week 10**
14th Patty Cakes; E Keeyes, O Saad, A Bennett
Graduation dinner for Year 6
Year 6 Big Day Out
15th Graduation Mass 9.30am
16th Students last day

Dates are subject to change if required.

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**Reconciliation Lessons**
Lessons begin today, Tuesday the 27th of October in the School Library at 3.50pm. Please keep these children in your prayers.

**Children's Focus Mass**
This term’s children's focus mass will be held on Sunday the 8th of November at 9.30am. We would like all families to be represented at this mass and especially the children who have just been confirmed and those who are beginning the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Excursion**
Wishing all of our primary children a wonderful excursion to Lake Keepit this week. We hope you, your teachers and parent helpers enjoy your time away and that you learn lots of new skills and make new friends.

**Brain Olympia**
Congratulations to the Brain Olympia Team who travelled to Tamworth on Thursday to participate at St. Edward's School. You represented our school proudly.

**Sport**
Sport will be on **Thursdays in Weeks 5 and 6** with Zac Russ from Australian Rugby League. Children will need to wear their sports uniforms on these two Thursdays.

**Canteen**
Huge thank you call, out to Karen Kelly and Megan Hall for volunteering to run the canteen this week. We still really need helpers so if you can possibly spare a Friday lunchtime please call Linda McCulloch and let her know.

**School Notes and Money**
Please send all notes and money in bags or envelopes clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for. Loose change is too easily lost and unaccounted for.

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Thursday's Performance of My Friends and I was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**AWARDS FOR WEEK 3**

**Principal's Award:** Setting a wonderful example at gymnastics
Isabella Brown; Hannah Seymour; Enrika Such; Jade Wilson; Jacqui Teuma.

**Student of the Week Awards:**
Blake Cook; super work with sight words.
Paige Hanigan; increased reading level.
Jacob Seymour; applying strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.
Isabella Stinson; positive contribution to class discussions. Ben Sharp; consistent effort in completing all tasks.

**SRC Award:** Brain Olympia Team.

**Mass is usually on the Friday of every even week.**

**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.

**Attachments:**
- The Saving Word
- FCWSN Raffle Flyer
- Book Fair Sausage Sizzle Order Form
- Parish Family Mass Note
Principal’s Address

Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Welcome to Week 4, Term 4!

An enormous congratulations to Elijah Allan, a finalist in this year’s Writefun National Competition. From over 9200 entries Eli was one of 30 finalists. This is a remarkable achievement and another acknowledgement of some wonderful learning happening at St Joseph’s! Congratulations Elijah, St Joseph’s is very proud of you.

The best of luck to our primary students who will travel to Lake Keepit for a 3 days excursion tomorrow. A positive attitude, perfect manners and impeccable behaviour will lead to a very enjoyable and successful camp for everyone. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who are sacrificing time away from the friends and family to make this camp possible.

Congratulations to our Brain Olympia Team who performed admirably in the Diocesan competition last Thursday. Our team learnt the value of working together and were challenged with difficult and complicated material. They finished the day on a high with a very well deserved 3rd place in the drama section.

Continuing the homework debate you may be interested to know that Finland does not provide homework for its Primary aged students. Students in Finland have, over the past several years, risen to the top of the academic food-chain, and they’ve become some of the top scholarly performers in the world. Finnish students consistently score near the top in the Program for International Student Assessment, (PISA) for reading, mathematics and science. The Finnish education system is the envy to many of us in this profession- yet their students undertake no homework! Once again this questions the educational benefit of homework. 1

Have a great week!

John Clery
Principal
“Life is a journey. When we stop, things don’t go right.” Pope Francis

Reference

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