Children’s Focus Mass

Term 4’s children’s focus mass will be held this Sunday the 8th of November at 9.30am.

We would like all families to be represented at this mass. It was a real delight to see the church full to capacity for the Confirmation last weekend and we would like to achieve the same result for our Family Mass on Sunday.

Reconciliation Lesson #2

Today in the School Library at 3.30pm. Please keep these children in your prayers.

PLEASE

Dear Parents, As we are becoming busier by the day in Term 4, could you please, please, please carefully read the newsletter and the notes that are sent home to you each week.

We are receiving so many phone calls regarding information that has already been distributed and it takes up so much of our valuable office time that needs to be spent running the business side of the school. These calls also take time away from parents and children when they come to the office for assistance.

We are definitely here to help with enquiries but we would absolutely appreciate your cooperation in this area.

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.

November

Week 5

2nd

Patty Cakes; O Saad, R Aspinall, F Pain

3rd

First Reconciliation Lesson #2

4th

PT&F Meeting (Postponed to next week)

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

10th

First Reconciliation Lesson #3

11th

Quirindi Conversations 6.30pm

Royal Theatre

Remembrance Day

PT&F Meeting 6.30pm

12th

Sports Day with Zac Russ

Book Fair 2015

13th

Book Fair Disco

Book Fair 2015

Readiness Class: K: 2016 – Whole Day

Week 7

16th

Patty Cakes; A Bennett, R Tetley, M Carroll

17th

First Reconciliation Lesson #4

18th

School Board Meeting

20th

Readiness Class: K: 2016 – Whole Day

Sport – Swimming

Week 8

23rd

Patty Cakes; S Darnell, E Partridge, T Millar

24th

McCarthy Yr 7 2016 Orientation

Day & Information Night for Parents

First Reconciliation Lesson #5

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 Aspinall

Parent Teacher Interviews

December

1st

Parent Teacher Interviews

5th

Presentation night in the hall

Readiness Class: K: 2016 – Whole Day

Sport – Swimming

Week 10

7th

Patty Cakes; B O’Loughlin, F Pain, J Slade

9th

Christmas Week Begins

11th

Readiness Class: K: 2016 – Whole Day

Sport – Swimming

Week 11

14th

Patty Cakes; E Keeyes, O Saad, A Bennett

Graduation dinner for Year 6

Year 6 Big Day Out

16th

Graduation Mass 9.30am

Students last day

Dates are subject to change if required.

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

Attachments:
- The Saving Word

Excursion

What a wonderful time was had by all of the children, teachers and parents who were lucky enough to be able to go to Lake Keepit last week.

Lake Keepit Video: Please look under the News Tab on the School website for a short Lake Keepit video starring our children. Congratulations to Mrs Kruze who has been nominated for a 2016 Oscar in the Director category.

Sport: Sport will be on Thursdays this week and next with Zac Russ from Australian Rugby League. Children will need to wear their sports uniforms on these two Thursdays.

Canteen: Thank you so much to Amanda Young and Nancy Dent for offering to run the canteen this Friday. We really appreciate your efforts for the children.

AWARDS FOR WEEK 4

Principal’s Award: Consistent efforts with my school bookwork for infants; Emma Walton and Seri McCulloch

Consistent effort and participation at Lake Keepit for Primary; Noah Picton and Jack Adkins. Jacqui Teuma and Joshua Hall.

Student of the Week Awards:- Chase Slade for consistent efforts with my school bookwork. Kaitlin Rheinberger for stepping up as a leader while primary was away.

Selective Schools; if you are interested in your child applying to a selective school in 2016, registration has now opened. Please contact you selective school if you want more information.

Family Prayer

O Lord, we long to know you and to love you, but the busyness of life often gets in the way.

Help us to recognize the ordinary, daily ways that our family can learn about you and grow closer to you.

We know that you are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way.

AMEN
Principal's Address

Welcome to Week 5, Term 4!

I trust you picked the winner of today’s Cup!! This fantastic annual event was celebrated in style by St Joseph’s children today at the conclusion of our Literacy and Numeracy block. I am certain they bring home with them some new knowledge and understanding of this patriotic event. Thank you to Mrs Kruze for the time she put into planning today’s activities.

On Sunday and Monday the church celebrated All Saints and All Souls days respectively. All Saints, is not solely about recognising our Catholic Saints and the wonderful examples they set during their time on earth, but understanding that through our day to day interactions we can aspire to be “saintly” in the way we interact and help those around us.

After a thorough recruitment process I am now delighted to announce staffing for 2016. After a wonderful year of learning in 2015, retaining the services of our current staff has been a top priority. I am thrilled to announce that our full time advertised teaching positions for 2016 have been filled by Mrs Rohyn Wilson, Mrs Catherine Kruze and Mrs Wendy Rheinbeer and our part time Term 1 position by Miss Sarah Cudmore. Sarah joins the St Joseph’s staff after impressing us in her role as a “relief teacher”. Sadly at the end of 2015 we will farewell Miss Amanda Bate who has accepted a full time role at St Edward’s in Tamworth. This is a fantastic opportunity for Amanda who will make a great impact on the learning of St Edward’s students.

At the end of this week funding for St Joseph’s 2015 Reading Intervention Programs also comes to an end. The PreLit, MiniLit, MultiLit and Comprehension programs have had a profoundly positive effect on the learning of many St Joseph’s children in the last 4 terms. An enormous thank you to Mrs Thompson, Mrs Payne and Miss Allin for the roles they have played in helping so many St Joseph’s children.

Finally, a reminder of the St Joseph’s children’s focus at this Sunday’s Parish Mass. Please come and support your children’s Catholic Education at 9.30am on Sunday.

Have a great week!

John Clerih
Principal

“To be saints is not a privilege for a few, but a vocation for everyone.” Pope Francis

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Tuesday, 3rd November, 2015