Dear Parents, Welcome back to Term 4 2015. The children looked very happy to be back at school with their friends this morning on the playground and all staff members are looking forward to a productive Term with your children.

To begin the term we will have Confirmation Lesson 4 in the library today at 3.55pm. Tomorrow we have Gymnastics at school and the sessions will occur in class groups between 11.30 and 2.35pm. Children need to wear their sports uniforms tomorrow.

We also have the Life Education Van here for the next two days with Kindy and 1/2 visiting Harold on Wednesday and 3/4 and 5/6 on Thursday.

The PT&F Meeting set down for tomorrow night the 7th of October will not go ahead as John is away for training.

Mr Col Dent will be in for some coaching for the T20 Milo Cricket on Thursday and the Milo Blast Schools Cup Competition will run on Friday at the No 1 Oval here in Quirindi.

Patty Cakes; thank you to Coral Seymour for sending in the Patty Cake helpers roster today. Please find this roster included in the dates to remember section of the newsletter.

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

Our first School Readiness half day will begin this week and we are very excited to welcome Tylah Robinson, Brandon Thompson, Billy Flett, Clancy Flett, Jack Bennett, Patrick Stuart, Cooper Mahine, Channel Neal and also Humayl Nasa, who will join us at the end of October.

**Dates to remember...**

**Term 4:**

**October**

6th Confirmation Lesson 4: 3.55pm
7th **Sport – Gymnastics**
8th Cricket Coaching – Milo T20 Blast
9th Readiness Class: K, 2016 - 1/2 Day Milo T20 Blast Schools Cup
12th Patty Cakes; A Neyle, O Saad, A Bennett
14th **Sport – Gymnastics**
16th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – 1/2 Day Mass
17th-18th AustSwim Teacher Course
19th Muswellbrook - Lego Brick Show
19th Patty Cakes; K Stackman, E Keeyes, C Teuma
21st **Sport – Gymnastics**
22nd My Friends and I Performance

**November**

2nd Patty Cakes; O Saad, R Aspinall, F Pain
5th Sports Day with Zac Russ
6th Readiness Class: K, 2016 – Whole Day
8th Children’s Focus Mass 9.30am
9th Patty Cakes; B O’Loughlin, C Seymour, T Moore
11th Quirindi Conversations 6.30pm Royal Theatre
12th Sports Day with Zac Russ

**Book Fair 2015**

This year our book fair is set down for the 12th and 13th of November with the disco on the night of the 12th from 5.30 pm – 7.00pm.

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.

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.

Notes: please make sure that all notes are named and dated.

**Attachments:**

- The Spell Word. Permission note for Gymnastics. My friends and I performance. T20 Blast Cricket reminder & Some Key Grammar Terms
Principal’s Address

06 October, 2015

Welcome to Term 4!

I trust you enjoyed a fabulous two weeks with your children throughout the semester break.

I am pleased to report St Joseph’s children have quickly returned to the rigours of learning. Our high expectations ensured learning was visible in session one this morning and any lingering from the holidays was not tolerated.

Throughout the holidays Brian Durnell (father of Tazmin [Year 6]), Ariya [Year 3] and Lincoln [Kindergarten]) and Matthew Rheinberger (father of Kai [Year 2] and Hayley [Kindergarten]) volunteered their time to spray the clover on St Joseph’s Oval. Thank you for your efforts and dedication to the children of St Joseph’s.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered sometime to help at the Willow Tree Campdraft on the first weekend of the school holidays. A particular mention to Jack McCulloch (Year 6) for his wonderful efforts! All monies raised by the PT&F at fundraising events in 2015 will be redirected into the classrooms to ensure our spaces are reflective of a 21st century learning style.

In term 4 staff will be working closely with the children on their respect for personal and school property. Living in a “throwaway society” can have its drawbacks with possessions being taken for granted. For the children this becomes an issue with school stationery and clothing. I am disappointed and disillusioned with the sheer volume of school items that do not have a child’s name clearly marked on them.

In Term 4 staff will not be responsible for searching for any school item of clothing that does not have a child’s name clearly marked. Too much valuable teaching and learning time is being lost with staff having to follow up missing items and trying to locate an owner to uniforms and equipment that has no name.

Principal

“Are you angry with someone? Pray for that person. That is what Christian love it” Pope Francis

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