

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday of this week all parents received an Interim Report on their child's personal and social development plus work habits that have been evident in the first 4 weeks of the 2020 school year. As you can appreciate, these important skills and habits are the foundations to academic success for the rest of the year. An offer to attend Interim Report and Goal Setting meetings was also sent home Tuesday. On Thursday these meetings were held between students, parents and teachers. Thank you to our parents for your attendance. The teachers very much value parent support and partnership in the education of the children. Thank you also to our dedicated staff for giving so generously of their time to prepare for the meetings. If you would still like to have an interview please contact your child's teacher. Your continued support and partnership allows us to achieve great things together for our children.

Staffing News

Mrs Olling

Today is the last day for Mrs Olling prior to her commencing maternity leave. This is a very exciting time for Mrs Olling and her husband Scott. We all wish Sarah all the happiness in the world while on her maternity leave. May God, in His infinite love and mercy, bless both Sarah and her bundle of joy as there is no greater joy than being blessed with a baby. We wish Sarah and Scott all the best as they commence parenthood.

Mrs Whitlam

During our last assembly Mrs Whitlam was presented with a Certificate of Accreditation issued from the NSW Education Standards Authority recognising her as having achieved Proficient Teacher status. This is a wonderful achievement and just recognition of the significant work undertaken to reach this level. Quality Catholic Education is in good hands with teachers of Mrs Whitlam's standard working in our Catholic schools. Well done and God bless you Mrs Whitlam!

Important dates:

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February

- 21st Early Starters program commences for 2020
Newsletter published and 2:30pm Awards Assembly in the Learning Hub
Myall Lakes Leadership badges presented by Mr Stephen Bromhead
- 25th Shrove Tuesday
- 26th Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 27th Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Lambton swimming pool

March

- 1-7th Catholic Schools Week
- 6th Newsletter published and 2:30pm Awards Assembly in the Learning Hub
- 9th Open afternoon at St Clare's High School Taree
- 17th St Patrick's Day
- 18th Creative Arts Workshop at school
- 19th St Joseph's Day
- 20th Newsletter published and 2:30pm Awards Assembly in the Learning Hub
- 25th Maths Games competition event 1
- 26th School Mass commencing at 9:15am
- 30th Regional Cross Country at Wingham

April

- 3rd Newsletter published and 2:30pm Awards Assembly in the Learning Hub
- 8th Easter Hat Parade and Raffle
- 9th Last day of the term
- 10th Good Friday

Mrs Redman

Mrs Redman joins our teaching team from next week. Mrs Redman has over 30 years experience (specialising in Yrs K-2) in teaching at a variety of schools. She has experience as a Primary Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Lead Teacher for Numeracy and Literacy. She has completed courses in Gifted and Talented Education and Special Education. Mrs Redman has a passion for teaching infants and will be a great asset to our school. Welcome to our beautiful school community Mrs Redman.

Catholic Schools Week

From Sunday March 1 – Saturday March 7, Catholic schools across the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are opening their doors to families, friends and community members in celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2020. This year's theme is *'Drawing from the well: Invitation. Encounter. Witness.'* Please come along and join in with us during these events.

On Wednesday, 4th March our celebrations will include:

- CSW Liturgy at 0915 in the church
- 0945 open classrooms
- 1015 morning tea
- 1045 School Cross Country
- 1200 lunch

Low Income Health Care Card

Any families who hold a low-income health care card need to produce it to the office ASAP to claim the full year 50% tuition fee reduction. The two forms associated with this, application for health care card/pension card concession in Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and Centrelink Customer Confirmation are available at the office.

Catherine McAuley Catholic College.

Catherine McAuley Catholic College, Medowie, is holding a Launch Evening on Wednesday 4 March. This will take place in the Green Room, Pacific Dunes Golf Club, Medowie, 6:15pm for 6:30pm. Please see attached flyer for further information. Additionally, the Principal and Assistant Principal will be visiting our school on Monday 24th February to talk to our Year 5 and 6 students.

St Clare's High School

Peter Nicholls, Principal of St Clare's High School Taree, is visiting our school on Friday 6th March between 11:00 – 11:45am. The visit is designed for Year 5 and 6 students and families to listen to perspectives of St Clare's from staff who have a close affiliation with our school. There will also be an opportunity for questions.

Please be aware that there is also an open afternoon being held at St Clare's High School Taree on Monday, 9th March between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. Parents and students who are interested in attending St Clare's in 2021 are most welcome to attend.

School Fees

A paper copy or email of your school fees has been sent home with your child. Future reminders will be via email. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the office to speak to Mr Rooke our Principal for assistance.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of our students on their efforts at our Regional Swimming Carnival held last week at Gloucester. All students performed very well, with our relay team consisting of Preston and Charlyze Kerry, Summer Watson and Poppy Kinnane now progressing to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival scheduled for Thursday 27th February at Lambton swimming pool. Oskar and Poppy Kinnane will be competing in individual events at the Diocesan carnival. We wish them all the best.

RE News

Next week begins the Catholic Church liturgical season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (26th February) and ends 40 days later on Holy Thursday. It is a period for prayer, fasting and penitence in preparation for the season of Easter.

We will be serving the students pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (25th February) and then the following day we will hold an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10.45am (26th February). All parents, parishioners and community members are welcome to take part in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy in St. Brigid's Church.

The following week (Week 6) begins Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is 'Drawing from the well: Invitation, Encounter, Witness. We will celebrate with a whole school Liturgy in St. Brigid's Church on Wednesday 4th March at 9.15am and then continue the day with open classrooms, a choir performance, morning tea and our school cross country event. Term One is always a busy time in the liturgical events of a Catholic school but it is always a wonderful way of welcoming parents, friends and the community into our special place of education.

Amanda Pomplun

Religious Education Coordinator

School Awards

Principal awards

Daniel Dallas for the wonderful way he has settled into school.

Nevaeh Huckstadt her commitment to her learning.

K/1/2 Awards

Delia McNamee- for always being willing to have a go at all learning tasks.

Anikah Patino- for giving 100% no matter the task. You're a dedicated learner.

Yr 2/3/4 Awards

Ezra Limo- For always completing his work to a high standard.

Angus Matheson- For always making a great effort with all his schoolwork.

Yr 5/6 Awards

Savannah Jordan- For interesting ideas during our perspective writing lesson.

Mia Bidwell- For applying feedback to improve her written work.



Congratulations to our Aussie of the Month award winner, **Ayla Matheson**. Ayla received her certificate of recognition, lapel pin badge and stationery gift pack at our assembly today. Her citation read: *Ayla receives her award for always being helpful in class to both students and teachers, being motivated to achieve, showing enthusiasm and displaying of inclusiveness.*



Birthdays this Fortnight



Happy birthday to the following students who have celebrated their birthdays this fortnight:
Preston Kerry & Oskar Kinnane

The St Joseph's community wish all these students a very happy birthday!!

Good for Kids good for life

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Walk, bike ride, skate or scooter to school on March 13th, to celebrate active travel.



Children under 16 years of age (and adults supervising them) are allowed to ride on a footpath in NSW.

Encourage your kids to follow these tips for safer riding:

- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, properly fitted and fastened.
- Always obey road rules, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs.
- Turn your head when passing driveways
- Keep left when riding on the footpath and give way to pedestrians
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and others
- Wear bright clothing to make yourself visible

Sources: The Bicycle Network & Transport for Road Safety NSW



Year 7 Enrolments for 2021

Mr Peter Nicholls, Principal of St Clare's High School will be attending St Joseph's Bulahdelah on 6 March from 11am to discuss 2021 enrolments. All welcome to attend if you are considering enrolling your child at St Clare's High School in 2021.

Open Afternoon for 2021

St Clare's High School will be holding an Open Afternoon on 9 March from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. The afternoon begins with a meeting in the Learning Centre followed by a tour of school facilities and then an opportunity to meet with members of staff.

Parents/guardians along with their child/ren are invited to visit the school on this afternoon.

A poster for the 2020 season sign-up for Football Mid North Coast. The poster has a black, hand-drawn style border. At the top, the text "2020 SEASON IS HERE SIGN UP TODAY!" is written in a bold, orange, bubbly font. Below this is a soccer ball with black and white panels, surrounded by three curved lines in red, orange, and blue. Underneath the ball, it says "EST 2005". The main text "FOOTBALL MID NORTH COAST" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that, "REGISTRATION INFORMATION" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are four lines of text: "Active Klds Voucher", "Play Football Help", "FMNC Club Registration Details", and "FMNC Club Contacts". At the very bottom, the website "www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2020-registrations" is written in a red, sans-serif font.

