

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



From the Principal's Desk, Week 3 of Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Public Speaking

Last week we held our Public Speaking competition. The participants were selected from their class/stage groups based on their performance in class during public speaking activities. Congratulations to all students who participated. The winner of the Yr 2 competition was Archie Fraser with Cassie Grey being the runner up. The Stage 2 winner was Poppy Kinnane with Lynelle Grills being the runner up. The Stage 3 winner was Tanya McNamee with the runner up being Amarli Watson. Poppy and Tanya then progressed through to the Manning Region competition held on Wednesday, where they both performed admirably, well done girls. Poppy, Lynelle, Amarli and Tanya now have the opportunity to participate in the Bulahdelah Show Student Night Public Speaking competition. Good luck to all girls!

New Flag Poles

I am happy to report that we had two new flag poles erected in week 1 of this term. We now are able to fly the National, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.



Important dates:

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November

- 1st Newsletter published and 2:30pm Awards Assembly in the Learning Hub
- 5th Swimming for sport (Tuesday)
- 6th Bulahdelah Show Student Night
- 14th Swimming for sport (Thursday)
- 15th Bulahdelah Show
- 15th Newsletter published
- 21st Swimming for sport (Thursday)
- 28th School Mass commencing at 9:15am
- 28th Swimming for sport (Thursday)
- 28th Newsletter published and 2:30pm Awards Assembly in the Learning Hub
- 29th Pupil Free Day

December

- 5th Swimming for sport (Thursday)
- 6th Beachathon at Hawks Nest
- 12th Swimming for sport (Thursday)
- 13th Christmas Craft Day
- 13th Final Newsletter published and 2:30pm Awards Assembly in the Learning Hub
- 16th Yr 6 Graduating Liturgy
- 18th Last day of the school year for students
- 18th Christmas luncheon

Uninterrupted Learning Time

At school, we focus on maintaining a consistent focus on learning. This includes minimising the interruptions to classes to allow the full Literacy and Numeracy blocks to occur. During school time, parents are asked to also minimise any disruption to this learning time. Messages and items for the students that are not urgent will be held till the next break and then the student will be called. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Maths Games

This year, 10 of our students participated in the 2019 Maths Games run by the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. Congratulations to the following students who received their participation certificates at our assembly today. Mia Bidwell, Cameron Ford, Riley Ford, Lynelle Grills, Beau Jones, Shaylee Jordan, Poppy Kinnane, Margaret Kronenberger, Nathaniel Matheson and Summer Watson.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

Each year, St Joseph's students are entered in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition, which is endorsed by the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Merit and Distinction certificates were presented to a selection of students this week at our assembly. Congratulations to all our students on their participation in the competition, and a special mention to the students listed below who received their certificates at Friday's assembly—Well done!

Year 5 – Distinction Certificates - Beau Jones and Summer Watson

Year 5 – Merit Certificate – Drew Griffiths

Year 6 – Distinction Certificate – Riley Ford

Year 6 – Merit Certificate – Shaylee Jordan

Swimming / Sport Days

Swimming lessons have commenced. A reminder that our swimming days / sport days, as indicated on Compass, for the remainder of the term are as follows:

Tuesday 5th November

Thursday 14th November

Thursday 21st November

Thursday 28th November

Thursday 5th December

Thursday 12th December

Please ensure swimmers, towels and plastic bag for wet gear is packed.

School Uniform

On Tuesday at the pool there was a mix up with a school tunic. One of our students came to school in a size 6 and arrived home in a size 5. If you have the misplaced size 6, could you please return it to school. The size 5 is at school waiting to be swapped. On this point of misplaced uniforms, please ensure that everything is labelled, especially during the swimming season. Clothes, towels and swimmers are easily misplaced. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Enrolments 2020

Classes for 2020 are now being established. To ensure that all enrolment information is received and collated, please ensure enrolment packs are returned to school as soon as possible. If you have a child or know of a child wishing to enrol at St Joseph's for 2020, we will be happy to send home an enrolment pack as required.

It is important to advise us if you won't be here for 2020. If your child/ren will be leaving at the end of the year, please contact the school to inform us of which school they will be enrolling in for 2020. This will assist your child/ren in transitioning into their new school.

RE News

A big thank you to all of our students and families for their fundraising efforts at last week's Mini Mission Fete. It was a wonderful day and it really is a student-driven event with the students selecting the activities and stalls that they run on the day. Often we're told that we are a school that raises the highest amount per student in the Diocese and this year was no exception. We raised a total of **\$331.55**, which will be donated to Catholic Mission to develop sustainable futures for children and families on the margins. Well done St. Joseph's!

Making Jesus Real

I have begun a focus on *Making Jesus Real* within our school by showing the students how to live our Catholic life everyday through the small things we do. The students have been challenged to find the *God moments* happening around them and to 'call it out'.

Here is a selection of the amazing things that occurred in our school community this fortnight:

Mr. Fox returned a dog.

Archie F. put Jobe's lunch in the tub for him.

Oskar was congratulating someone.

Sienna was sharing in the cubbies on the playground.

Ayla tried to help Elizabeth get up.

Summer helped Lynelle while playing soccer.

Georgia helped Aimee write without being asked or making a fuss.

Kieran asked Jack to dance with him politely for Go Noodle.

Zaybien was focused on his work and listening when others were trying to distract him.

Aimee helped people pack up without being asked.

Drew was being a wonderful role model and support during school photos.

Mrs Olling showed compassion for Mr. Rooke while observing him lifting tables following his back injury.

Ezra was holding the door for students and teachers when going out to lunch. Such a gentleman.

As you can see, there are so many wonderful moments that happen in our community every day that represent the *Spirit of Jesus* in our school! I will continue to celebrate these moments in our newsletter each fortnight.

Amanda Pomplun

Religious Education Coordinator

Wrap with Love

This year some of our students, with the support in particular of Jan Peeters, have formed a Knitting club. They began learning how to knit squares with the intention being to make a blanket/rug for someone less fortunate than themselves. On completion of the rug they donated it to an organisation titled Wrap with Love who distribute rugs all over the world to children in need. The children presented the rug to Mrs Mary Leafe from Wrap with Love. During the presentation the children expressed a desire to continue knitting for a cause. Well done children!



School Awards

Kinder/Yr 1 Awards-

Kieran Brady- For listening well and trying your best during swimming lessons.

Deanna Matheson- For always thinking of others and offering a helping hand.

Yr 2/3/4 Awards-

Lynelle Grills- For always completing set tasks to the highest standard.

Cameron Ford- For always helping others and contributing to class discussions.

Yr 5/6 Awards-

Shania McNamee for showing great maturity in our PDH lessons this week.

Josie Morgan- For an excellent effort on her speech.



Birthdays this Fortnight

Happy birthday to the following students who have celebrated their birthdays this fortnight:

Cameron Ford

The St Joseph's community wish you a very happy birthday!

Mission Day



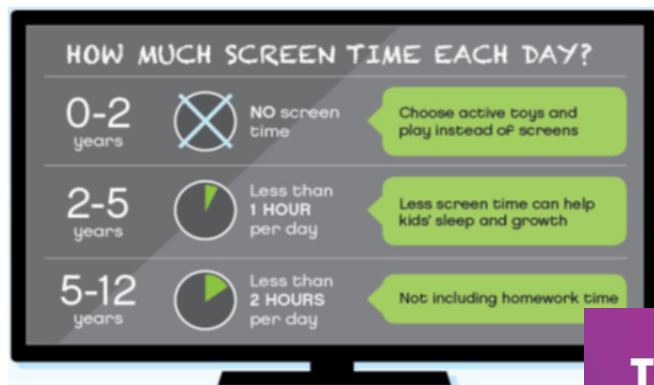
Good for Kids good for life

TURN OFF SCREENS AND GET ACTIVE!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

How can parents help?

- Ensure kids have at least one hour of physical activity a day,
- Limit kids total screen time to less than 2 hours per day,
- Remove TV sets and computers from your child's bedroom,
- Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities, like walking the dog or joining a sports team.



Source: Make Healthy Normal and the 24hour Movement Guidelines



Health
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Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Teenagers, alcohol and other drugs 2019:

What's happening, what's out there and how much influence do parents really have?



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parents, carers and staff for our Catholic schools.



Paul Dillon – Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for more than 25 years. Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He continues to work with many school communities across the country to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

In 2009 his best-selling book for parents was published titled 'Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs' and has since been released internationally, being translated into a number of languages. With a broad knowledge of a range of content areas, Paul regularly provides media comment and is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs including Sunrise, TODAY and The Project discussing topical issues.

DATE Thursday 12 December, 2019
TIME 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start – 8.00pm
VENUE St Mary's ASC Maitland Hall
RSVP <https://mncso.news/PD19>



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