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STAFF/PARENT/EX-STUDENTS RELAY

The staff team is again in solid training and we’d appreciate some opposition. So come on, get your team organised and get into the water. We encourage our kids to have a go at lots of different things, let’s lead by example. The teachers promise to go easy on you!

FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

The following timetable for the carnival will be in operation:

1. Children come to school on Friday at the usual time for a normal day’s school.
2. Children wear their sports uniform and bring their swimming gear to school with them.
3. End of school bell rings at 3:20 p.m. but the children DO NOT GO HOME.
4. The canteen is open and the children can buy an afternoon snack or bring it with them. (Cordial and watermelon will be provided).
5. If the children wish, they can change into clothing representing their house colour. This is optional. No crepe paper please.
6. At 3:45 p.m. the children will go to their Sports House Meetings to be held in the classroom.
7. At 4:00 p.m. the staff and students walk down to the carnival together.
8. The carnival begins at 4:30 p.m.
9. A sausage sizzle tea will operate between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. (cost $1.50). The canteen at the pool will also be operating where you can purchase pies ($3.80), sausage rolls ($3.00), hot dogs ($3.00), hot chips - small ($3.00) box chips ($4.00), scallops ($1.00), pluto pups ($3.00), pizzas ($2.70) and roundas ($2.70). It would be appreciated if these foods could be ordered at the canteen when you arrive at the pool – but not necessary.
10. The infants’ events will cease at 6:30 p.m. At this time the parents of the infants children can either take their child home, or keep them at the pool for the sausage sizzle and the remaining carnival under their own supervision.
11. The carnival will finish by 8:30 p.m.

If, due to weather, the carnival is to be postponed, there will be an announcement over 2DU and WAR FM between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. Children who would normally go home on the bus, will be sent on the bus unless advised otherwise. To help with the timing of the carnival the children have already swum the heats of the length of the pool races. Therefore tomorrow night we will be having finals of each event as well as consolation finals for those children who did not make a final. We had a wonderful response to our request for help and thank you to all those who have offered to help at the carnival. Attached to today’s About is the roster for helpers.

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH THANKSGIVING MASS

This Sunday, 16 February – 9:45 a.m. – St Joseph’s Church

It has been confirmed that 17 Sisters will be at the Thanksgiving Mass this Sunday. The response from our school has been a little disappointing and I believe we should acknowledge the Sisters vast contributions they have made to our school over the last 105 years. Ideally we’d love the whole school to be in attendance as without the Sisters, St Joseph’s School might not exist. Please make an effort to attend this Mass and let’s show our support and gratitude to the Sisters of St Joseph. If your family is able to attend please fill in the tear-off slip and return it to school tomorrow if you haven’t already done so. We are also asking those who attend to bring a plate for morning tea.

WORKING BEE FOR THE BALL – Monday, 17 February

There will be another working bee for the ball, next Monday, 17 February at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. There are lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P & F AGM will be held at school on Tuesday, 18 February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

SPORT FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS NEXT FRIDAY

As the Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Coonamble next Friday, we will have sport for those primary students at school on Friday instead of Thursday next week. All primary students who are coming to school next Friday need to wear their sports uniform and bring their swimmers. Sport for infants children will remain on Thursday.

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

Thursday, 27 February

St Joseph’s Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can’t wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2014 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy to be held on Thursday, 27 February in St Joseph’s Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend especially the family and friends of the Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies. It is a fantastic celebration where we get to learn a little more about the newest members of the Joey’s family. Morning tea will follow the liturgy and we ask Year 6 parents to please bring a plate.

TERM 1 FEES

This term’s fees accounts are with today’s About. Prompt payment of these fees would be appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER

This term’s canteen roster went home with the children yesterday. Thank you to all those who have offered to help out on canteen this term. It is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to do your specified day, please try to arrange a swap with someone else.

STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE

The Catholic Education Office has recently updated the standard collection notice which we need to collect from all families of our school. Therefore this collection notice is today going to all our new families this year. We would ask you to read this notice and acknowledge it by signing at the bottom. It is mandatory that all schools inform parents of standard collection procedures under the Privacy Legislation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your prompt return of the form is much appreciated.
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

**KINDER:** Tia Allan for her great knowledge about flamingos, Jordan Wighton for trying very hard with his cutting skills, Beatie Davis for being a great helper, Charlie Zell for his beautiful prayer hands during prayer, Jessie Riley for being a kind friend and Michael Ibe for his enthusiasm learning his sounds.

**YEAR 1:** Chelsea Brand for settling in well to school life at St Joseph’s, Mattea Purvis for an outstanding effort in Art, Elten Walker for writing an interesting recount of his holidays and Fletcher Jackson for listening well and taking pride in his work.

**YEAR 2:** Breanna Foster for making a consistent effort to ‘Give Of Her Best’, Tom Dunn for beginning work promptly, Dylan Murray for being a willing classroom helper, Hayley Statham for settling into St Joseph’s so well and Isaiah McKenzie for beautiful bookwork.

**YEAR 3:** Olivia McClelland and Mackaylah Ross for settling in so well at St Joseph’s, Bradley Gibson for thoughtful contributions to class discussions and Zac Ferguson and Rani Diggs for beautiful Religion title pages.

**YEAR 4:** Tyler Evans for a huge effort to write neatly in all his book work. Madison Hourigan and Ashleigh Carlow for fantastic creative surfboard designs in Art, Amber Tarrant for excellent setting out of book work and Laura Smith for super problem solving work in Maths.

**YEAR 5:** Jye Day for showing his creative flair during Art, Kate Gilmour for writing a fabulous recount of her holiday experiences and Julia Cusack for always being a willing contributor to class discussions.

**YEAR 6:** Spencer McIntosh for responding to class discussions in a mature and reflective manner, Tobeey Creanenae and Sebastian Jackson for asking good clarifying questions about their homework and Caitlin Spora for being a cheerful and organised member of Year 6.

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**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 3 - Year 6 Reconciliation**
- Friday, 14 February - Twilight Swimming Carnival
- Sunday, 16 February - Sisters of St Joseph Thanksgiving Mass – 9:45 a.m.

**WEEK 4**
- Monday, 17 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 18 February - P & F AGM – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 21 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble (St Jo’sy’s to host)

**WEEK 5**
- Monday, 24 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 27 February - Kinder Welcome Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 28 February - Principals Meeting

**WEEK 6 - Year 4 Reconciliation**
- Monday, 3 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 4 March - Pancake Tuesday
- Wednesday, 5 March - Ash Wednesday Mass (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Support Teachers Meeting

**School Audit**

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** In Kinder we have had a very busy week. We are trying hard to remember our sounds and also some new sight words. We painted some mighty fine mice and made delicious milkshakes for ‘Mm’ week.

**YEAR 1** has been full of activity this week. We have learnt all about the ‘sh’ sound in Spelling. We have been focusing on pronouns in Grammar and have learnt that they are people, places and things. In text types we have written a recount as a class of a morning at school and have begun writing our own recount of a morning at school ensuring we elaborate on each of our events. In HSIE we discussed belonging to our school group and identified our school emblem and labelled each of its parts. For sport we have been preparing ourselves for our twilight carnival – GO GUMS!! Have a fabulous weekend and I hope to see lots of people at the Mass for the Sisters on Sunday. **Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2** This week we have been reading “Possum Magic” in class and completing a variety of activities based on this wonderful story. In Religion we have been learning about how we were made in God’s image. During Maths we learnt what congruent means, practised skip counting and identified ‘half past’ on analogue clocks. We created some colourful pirate parrots in Art and they are flying around our room. We hope lots of people will be at the Mass for the Sisters on Sunday. We are all very excited about the swimming carnival tomorrow and are all ready to ‘Give of our Best’. GOOOO GUMS!!!! Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 has written fabulous descriptions of ‘My Creature’. Everyone has shown great enthusiasm and creativity throughout this task. Our Grammar focus for the week has been nouns. In Maths we have examined two dimensional symmetry, informal areas and addition strategies. We’ve started our Science unit titled ‘Mimi Beasts’ and we took a walk around the playground to try and locate some mini beasts. In Religion we have drawn self portraits and displayed them in the classroom as we realise we are all God’s work of art. He created us all uniquely. I hope to see lots of friends and family at our school swimming carnival (Go Peppers!) on Friday and the special Mass for the Sisters on Sunday. **Mr Soares**

**YEAR 4** It’s been another busy week in Year 4. The focus in Grammar and Spelling was ‘air’ and ‘are’ words and using collective nouns in writing. We have been working very hard on understanding social justice as well as discussing the impact the Sisters of St Joseph have had on our school. The Sisters of St Joseph have had on our school. The Sisters of St Joseph. We hope to see all our school leaders there. Have a great weekend. **Miss Harvey**

**YEAR 5** Another busy week has seen Year 5 do many things this week both in and out of the classroom. With the swimming carnival tomorrow, it has been fantastic to once again see many Year 5 children trial in many events. In class we have been focusing our grammar work around nouns as we begin to identify the different types of nouns we use in writing as well as see in texts we read. Maths has seen us investigate fractions as well as addition and subtraction strategies. In Religion we have been developing an understanding of social justice as well as discussing the impact the Sisters of St Joseph have had on our school. The Sisters of St Joseph’s celebration Mass is on this Sunday and we hope to see lots of Year 5 children there to thank the Sisters for all they have done for us over the past 105 years. See you all at the swimming carnival tomorrow afternoon! Enjoy your weekend. **Mr Ready & Mrs Coshell**

**YEAR 6** visited Kindergarten on Tuesday to interview our buddies. With the information we collected we have started to write our Buddy Profiles in preparation for the Kinder Welcome Liturgy. We have also written some heartfelt letters to Mrs Brown, thanking her for her wonderful speech at our Investiture Mass. During Maths we have been focusing on kilometres, addition strategies and writing remainders as fractions. Don’t forget our special Mass on Sunday for the Sisters of St Joseph. We hope to see all our school leaders there. Our war cries are sounding good and we are ready to take on the other houses in the pool and in the cheering! Go the mighty red, hot chilli Peppers!!! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

**CANTEREN ROSTER**
- Friday, 14 February – Leanne Glover & Mel Phillips
- Monday, 17 February – Rochelle Godber & Danielle Jones
- Wednesday, 19 February – Nikki Church & Rachel Kirsop
- Friday, 21 February – Tegan Foster & Alicia Heffer

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**
- Sunday, 16 February – Olivia Newsread, Zoe Welsh, Martin Fryers, Kate Gilmour