From the Principal:

Dear families,

New staff structure for 2017

St Joseph’s school has a reputation in the Leeton area for achieving quality outcomes for students. In 2017 to further meet the needs of our students, a specialist support teacher has been assigned to each stage.

- Mr Conroy will work with Kindergarten
- Mrs McCallum will work with Stage One
- Mrs Vogel will work with Stage Two
- Mrs Tavella will work with Stage Three

These specialist support staff will work with class teachers to identify students who require additional support. Individual or small group literacy and numeracy teaching will then take place. The groupings will be flexible. When students working with the specialist teacher achieve their goals, other students will participate in the 1:1 or small group sessions with the additional teacher.

As a staff we feel very excited about this learning model. We will be tracking student learning throughout the year to gauge the success of this approach.

St Joseph's Centenary

Last night the centenary committee met for the first time, with so many great ideas for celebrating this exciting milestone. Our centenary celebrations will be held on the weekend of Saturday 21st and 22nd October. (This is the time of year when our school began.) As a staff we have also met to discuss ways we can celebrate this significant event in the life of our school. Watch this space!

Prayers Please

Please keep the family of Emily Collie in your prayers. Emily was St Joseph's School Captain in 2010. Emily was killed in an accident in Thailand last Sunday.

Mary Jane Simms
Principal

PS. Come along to our 1st P & F Meeting on Monday night. I look forward to seeing you.
ATTENDANCE

One of the biggest indicators of students not reaching their potential is poor attendance. To support your child/children's learning, one of the best things you can do is to ensure that they are at school each day. Students whose attendance is a concern are followed up by the principal and, if necessary, diocesan personnel.

Mrs Mary Jane Simms, Principal

EARLY BIRD READING AT ST JOSEPH’S

What is it?
The opportunity to read or be read to, before school in the morning.
Early Bird Reading is open to all students at our school.

What is it for?
The purpose of Early Bird Reading is to promote a love of books and reading. We provide a comfortable, engaging environment with a range of interesting books at various levels.

What if my child can’t read yet?
Our senior students are on hand to read stories with younger students.

Where is it held?
Early Bird Reading will take place in the School Library at 8:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings.

All students are welcome to come and read with students from the Year 6 Early Bird Reading Committee.

Isaac Currie
Will Lucas
Lisa Milne

Students may bring their own book from home or select one from the varied collection on the shelves in our School Library.

Children who frequent Early Bird Reading will receive an award at the school's Friday Assembly.

Can parents or grandparents come along?
Parents and Grandparents are welcome to come and visit any morning to sit and read with their child.

We look forward to seeing you all soon at Early Bird Reading in our School Library.

Steph McCallum and Year 6 Committee

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Gina Galluzzo - Uniform Shop Coordinator

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Joseph's Parish Leeton:
Saturday Vigil - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St Patrick’s Parish Yanco:
Sunday - 8:00 am

CANTEEN NEWS

As we start another year, once again our canteen will be offering fresh wholesome food to our students. This year TUESDAY will be our volunteer day. We need your help. This term we are calling on STAGE 3 families to volunteer in the canteen. Can you lend a hand? To make Volunteer day easier, Tuesday will be Pizza day (Thanks to Frankie’s Pizza).

Please read the flyer that went home today.

Gina Galluzzo & Julianne Dowling - Canteen Managers

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2017 SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Monday St Joseph’s Primary held their annual swimming carnival at the Leeton Shire Pool. A great time was had by all with lots of smiles and encouragement from peers. All students participated enthusiastically with some great individual performances on the day. Red House was the eventual winning team in a well contested house competition.

Final House points were as follows:
1st - Red House 204 points
2nd - Blue House 183 points
3rd - Gold House 171 points
4th - Green House 124 points

Well done everyone! Congratulations to everyone who swam in an event and earned their house valuable points.

Age Champions for 2017:
8/9yr Boys – Archer Onley
8/9yr Girls – Ella Thomas
10yr Boys – Calan Nicholls
10yr Girls – Maddi Luff
11yr Boys – Matthew Ellis
11yr Girls – Nakeita Alampi
12/13yr Boys – Will Maguire
12/13yr Girls – Sophie Cooper

Thank you to the families who volunteered to lend a hand with setting up, tidying up the venue, and judging.

We were privileged to have 22 students from St Francis College who assisted with timekeeping, providing refreshments for volunteers and staff, providing wrist bands for non-swimmers, assisting with activities in the medium-sized pool and undertaking other official duties. This made the day more enjoyable for the parents who attended as they could sit back and watch their children participate in events. We greatly appreciate the support these students provided us with on the day. Finally, thank you to the staff at the pool; ladies in the canteen, lifeguards and the Leeton Amateur Swimming Club for the use of their equipment.

More news to follow in the coming weeks.

Mr Conroy.
Sports Coordinator

THE 2017 ST JOSEPH’S SWIMMING SQUAD

Special congratulations to the 26 students who earned themselves a place in the 2017 swim team to represent St Joseph’s at the Deanery Swimming Carnival in Griffith. St Joseph’s performs well at this carnival year after year, and we are expecting another successful carnival this year students, we look forward to hearing about your conquests next week.

Ella Thomas
Jaxon Steele
Joseph Onley
Summer Halden
Sophie Cooper
Sophie Cross
Jye Halden
Domenic Nardi
Walter Asmus
Jonathon Bailey
Melanie Block
Charlotte Mallamace
Lily Paton
Izaac Weir
Laura Bailey
Maddi Luff
Emily Looby
Will Maguire
Archer Onley
Calan Nicholls
Max Onley
Abby Horton
Matthew Ellis
Chelsea VanRee
Ila Bradshaw
Naketia Alampi

THANK YOU

A big thanks also to Mr Conroy for planning and running such a successful carnival.
PLAY TO LEARN - NOT LONG NOW!

Our Play To Learn group will commence on Friday March 3. This exciting new opportunity will provide a free weekly learning experience for children in the year before they start primary school. The program will be run by Melinda McCrohon, an experienced teacher and will be supported by a teacher assistant.

Melinda has already set up the learning space in the Village. It is sure to engage and inspire the children. There are still spaces available for this program. If you would like more information, do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Open Day for Play to Learn will be held on February 23 for families who have enrolled in the program and for anyone who would like to come along and have a look at the learning space.
TARGETED SUPPORT TEACHER (TST) ROLE

DESCRIPTION

SUPPORT students with LITERACY AND NUMERACY And SPECIFIC GROUPS OF EAL/D students with emphasis on ENGLISH LANGUAGE specifically ORAL LANGUAGE

- Each student is ultimately the classroom teacher's responsibility
- Through assessment (formative, observation, pre-test, etc), classroom teachers identify students requiring targeted support in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Parents will be informed by letter regarding the inclusion and progression out of targeting grouping (see attached Letter to be organised by TST and cosigned by classroom teacher and TST
- Classroom teacher and TST collaboratively analyse assessment data for identified students to provide targeted support the support may be structured (1:1, small group (2-5 max))
- TST may use additional assessments to further identify specific areas of focus that align to syllabus outcomes in supporting classroom teacher in tracking students’ progress on the Literacy and Numeracy continuum
- TST apply a variety of differentiation strategies to meet needs of targeted learners
- Provide individualised and small group(2-5max) instruction preferably in the classroom
- Develop and implement lessons that reflect accommodations for differences in student goals in literacy and numeracy
- Meetings with parents addressing targeted students’ learning should include the TST and classroom teacher.
- Conducting and providing valuable, authentic and engaging learning experiences, incorporating appropriate resources, attempting to incorporate ‘real world’ experiences
- TST will be available for all stage meetings and must be included in learning meetings, parent meetings, transition meetings, P/T interviews EG: planning (if stage is getting together to meet include TST)
- TST provide prompt, regular, relevant feedback to target students and the classroom teacher related to student progress to share information (personal and academic), identify strategies of success and stumbling blocks- This could be verbal communication in lesson, later in the day or beginning of the next day. TST provides written documentation of relevant feedback at the end of the week to be added to the classroom teachers program for that KLA and for Semester reports.
- Five week collaborative review (Tracking Meeting) of the targeted grouping arrangements, (EG progress students out and exit points and assist with establishing literacy learning goals for/with EAL/D students
- Work with classroom teacher and Learning Support Coordinator to assess language/literacy needs (EG further outside testing needed)
- Use technology to support teaching and learning EG: Reading Eggs, Studyladder, Read Theory
- Document assessment and teaching of targeted students
- Support the classroom teacher to report on each of those targeted students’ progress as required (EG Semester reports)
- It is the classroom teacher's responsibility to include and/or update identified students in the CEC database
- TST to meet Tuesday at 8am weekly/fortnightly
- In the TST's Mandatory (Stage English and Maths S & S and Foundation Statements, Stage class profiles, Stage class timetables (BOSTES and working) and own timetable, copy of classroom organisation and own organisation), TST role description

INTRODUCING MRS SUSAN FLAGG

NAME: Mrs Susan Flagg
LIVES: Ardlethan NSW
POSITION ON STAFF: Targeting Mathematics Teacher
PREVIOUS SCHOOLS: Ardlethan Central School; Barellan Central School.
FAMILY: Wayne (Husband - farmer)
Children:
   Andrea 25
   Adam 23
   Lachie 19
EDUCATION: St Mary’s West Wyalong; Trinity Senior Catholic College Wagga Wagga
FAVOURITE PASTIME: Watching sport (especially my children).
PASSION: Family; Teaching; Mathematics; Sport.

SCHOOL WELLBEING PRACTITIONER

My name is Zuzana Crook and I am a School Wellbeing Practitioner with Centacare Southwest NSW. I have lived in Narrandra for 3 years and I’m excited to continue working with the Leeton St Joseph’s school community. I have degrees in counselling and psychology with a further qualification in criminal justice. I previously had a private practice in Narrandra and have worked with many organisations in the area to provide services for younger clients. I am expecting to be at the school every Tuesday and every second Monday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Parents (and teachers) can make referrals through the teachers and/or school administration. I will be offering individual counselling and targeted group work. I will also be conducting wellbeing sessions (such as emotional regulation and social skills training) in different classes. As a generalist school counsellor, I work with a variety of general counselling issues such as: depression, anxiety, bullying, and anger & behaviour management.

Zuzana Crook - School Wellbeing Practitioner
Happy faces tell the story. Welcome to St Joseph’s Kinder!
YEARS 7-12 DAY & WEEKLY BOARDING CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE

Enrolment Applications for 2018 are now being taken. Enrolment Packages are available upon request by phoning the College Office on 02 6953 3622 or download from the College Website at www.sfww.catholic.edu.au or email briggsd@ww.catholic.edu.au

INFORMATION DAY

Thursday 9 March 2017

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend one of two Information Sessions, 9.30am & 4.00pm.

If interested in attending a Session, please RSVP by Monday 6 March 2017

Applications for 2018 close Friday 16 June 2017

MUSIC

Parents, please find below the supervision roster for weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7.

If you cannot make it on your allocated timeslot please swap it with someone else.

Week 4 Music Lessons – Parent Supervision roster

Monday 13th February
10-11am – Amelia Fiumara’s family

Tuesday 14th February
10:20-11:20am – Beaumont-Walsh Family
11:20am-12:20pm – Morris Family
1:45-2:45pm – Looby Family

Week 5 Music Lessons – Parent Supervision roster

Monday 20th February
10-11am – Harmer family

Tuesday 21st February
10:20-11:20am – Smith Family
11:20am-12:20pm – Walsh Family
1:45-2:45pm – Van Ree Family

Week 6 Music Lessons – Parent Supervision roster

Monday 27th February
10-11am – Magalso family

Tuesday 28th February
10:20-11:20am – Emma Fiumara’s Family
11:20am-12:20pm – Onley Family
1:45-2:45pm – Lucas Family

Week 7 Music Lessons – Parent Supervision roster

Monday 6th March
10-11am – Amelia Fiumara’s family

Tuesday 7th March
10:20-11:20am – Blowes Family
11:20am-12:20pm – Currie Family
1:45-2:45pm – Parra Family

Miss Kane

Music Coordinator
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**Note** - Information / dates for the Term calendar will be added each week as it is provided to us. Please check regularly for new updates. Thank you
Refreshed and ready for the year ahead?
Are you ready to go back into the workplace?
Would you like to improve:-
   * your computer skills
   * reading and writing skills
   * job seeking skills
   * English Language skills
Would you like to gain some other useful tools such as First Aid and Food Hygiene?
Course is free for eligible students.
Please speak to us now at WRCC:
Vanessa Jennings in the Community Centre
3 Wade Ave, Leeton
Phone 6953 3777
or
Susie Rowe - mobile
0424 363490

AUSKICK REGISTRATION IS OPEN
Leeton Auskick for Boys and Girls turning 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9
(GIRLS ONLY GROUP WILL RUN IN 2017)
COME AND TRY DAY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, MEET GWS PLAYERS (detail to be confirmed)

Details
12 week program running during Term 1 and 2.

Dates
Term 1 - 17th March, 24th March and 31st March
Holiday break 7th April, 14th April and 21st April
Term 2 - 28th April, 5th May, 12th May, 19th May, 26th May, 2nd June, 9th June, 16th June
Final Night - Parents v Kids game June 23.

When
Friday evenings from 5.15pm to 6.15pm.

Cost
$75

Online Rego link

Open to
Preschool (must turn 4 before June 30), Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

More info call 0418684236
LEETON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
AUTUMN COMPETITION NOMINATION DAYS

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
LEETON INDOOR STADIUM 5:00-7:00PM

Teams will be arranged on Wednesday the 23rd of February.

PROPOSED GRADES & TIME SLOTS:

Aussie Hoops 5:15-6:00pm (Kindergarten – Year 3)
New participates $85 - return participates $65
C-Grade 6:00-6:45pm (Years 4-6): $80
B-Grade 6:45-7:30pm (Years 7-8): $90
A-Grade 7:30-8:15pm (Years 9-12): $90

(Payment MUST accompany nomination and includes all game and registration fees)

Girls play Monday nights commencing 5th March
Boys play Tuesday nights commencing 6th March

Competition finishes MONDAY 5th June

(Parents are required to be in attendance when children are playing)

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NOMINATION VENUE

For further information, please contact The President, Tracy Fletcher on 0439 483 760 after 5pm.

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