Dear Families,

Welcoming our new families

Last night the 2016 Kinder families were our hosts at a barbeque to welcome the 2017 Kinders and their families. It was a relaxed and friendly evening in the grounds of our school. The barbeque gave the new members of our school community an opportunity to get to know each other and to meet some current St Joseph’s families. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Mrs Maybon, Mrs Graham and the 2016 Kinder families for their part in such a successful evening. Several of the new families expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to get to know some St Joseph’s families. Well done everyone!

Mrs Gillespie’s Resignation

This week Mrs Gillespie accepted a full time position at St Francis College, as a specialist Literacy/Numeracy support teacher. We are excited for the new career opportunities this will bring for Libby, but we will miss her dedication to student learning and her support of Religious Education in our school as Religious Education Coordinator. On behalf of the school community, I wish Libby all the best in this new role.

Staffing Appointments

Following interviews this week the following staff appointments have been made for 2017, congratulations to all successful applicants:
Jess Bice-full time class teacher
Selina Dundas-(to be Mrs Puntoriero in 2017) full time class teacher
Belinda Kane-full time class teacher
Fiona Morris- 2 days per week job share class teacher and half day per week release from face to face teacher

Many thanks to Father Anthony Dunne, Angelo Fiumara and Luisa Tavella for sharing their wisdom as part of the interviewing panel.

St Joseph’s Concert

Our students have been busily preparing for the Christmas Concert. Many thanks to Mrs Karen Vogel for her leadership of this exciting showcase of our students’ talents. Please see the flyer in today’s newsletter for details about the evening.

Last Assembly for the year

Next Friday will be our last school assembly for the year. Each class will give out their Patron Saint Class Awards at assembly. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Mrs MaryJane Simms.
There will not be an Assembly held in Week 10 – Friday 16th December.

The last Assembly of the year will be held in Week 9 on Friday 9th December at 3:00 pm for Patron Saint Class Awards.

St Joseph's Christmas Colours Day!

For a gold coin donation you can wear casual clothes with a splash of red or green.

All donations go to Laurence!

When? Week 9
Wednesday-DEC 7
# Calendar of Events Term 1 2017

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**P & F Fundraising Raffle**
All raffle books are to be returned by **Monday 5 December 2016 sold or unsold.** Thank you to the families who have returned their raffle tickets.

**School Fee Account Reminder**
We wish to remind all parents that Term 4 school fees are now overdue. Please ensure all outstanding accounts are paid, unless prior arrangements have been made.
If you would like to pay by direct deposit bank details are:
St Joseph’s School Board Operating Account
BSB: 062-564
Account No: 00901866
Please include your family number so that your deposit can be identified on the bank statement.

**Stage 2 Giving Raffle**
A reminder that Stage 2 are selling raffle tickets to help raise money for the Community Christmas Lunch and Christmas gifts for the residents at Caramar, Assumption Villa and the Narrandera Nursing Home. The children have been working hard to raise as much money as possible and we would like to thank those that have supported us so far. There's only one week to go so please get your tickets from a child in Stage 2!
You could be a lucky winner and enjoy accommodation at Coogee Bay Hotel Sydney plus tickets for 4 to the Sydney Sea Life Aquarium, or a Hi Fi or a lovely Ladies Pack of wine, massage, waxing and manicure.
Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.
Stage 2

**Change of Day for the Uniform Shop**
Uniform Shop change of day for Week 9. The uniform shop will be opened **Wednesday 7 December** and Not Thursday 8 December. Hours will be the same 9am-11am and 2pm-4pm. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

**Thank You**
Thank you for your generous gift at our Giving Mass today. Your donation can ensure Vinnies provides the right kind of support to people experiencing disadvantage this Christmas.
Mrs Gillespie
(Religious Ed Co-ordinator)

**Stage 2 Just Desserts**
Stage 2 students have been preparing their favourite desserts and bringing them into class so everyone can taste test. Now you can too!
We have created a Stage 2, 2016 Dessert Recipe Book filled with the most delicious and easy to make dessert recipes. Our recipe books are on sale now! So hurry and place your order by completing the order form and placing it, with your money in an envelope addressed Stage 2 Recipe Book.
The books are $5 each.
Your stomach won't regret it!

**Stage 2 Just Desserts**
Child's name_____________________
Class______________________________
I wish to buy___________ recipe book/s.
Have enclosed $_________

**Parish Liturgy Roster**
3 & 4 December 2016
**Saturday 6:00pm:** P McPhee, P Hudson, C Davidson, T Pirrotta, E Carn, J Milne, E Errey, T Ianneli, St Joseph’s Parish Ladies Group.
**Sunday 10:00am:** L Quarisa, G Artese, R Scanu, T Fiumara, S Travella, T Ciccia, M Hughes, Italian Ladies.

**Year Six Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony**
Tuesday, 13 December, 2016 at 6:00pm St Joseph's Church followed by an Awards Ceremony at Mountford Park. BYO picnic dinner and seating. We hope you can join us! Class of 2016.
St Joseph’s Concert
December 6

Start Time – 6:30 pm

*ALL STUDENTS TO MEET THEIR TEACHERS BY 6:15 PM

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Brian Conroy

Program of Events:

- Principal’s Welcome
- Choir Items with Mrs. Quarisa – Tynan
- Band Ensemble
- Whole School Concert
- P&F 2016 raffle draw
The St Joseph's Choir has been very busy lately, preparing to dazzle the school community and wider Community with their talents. We are very thankful to Mrs Liz Quarisa-Tynan and Mrs Rosanna Bruno for sharing their skills as leaders of this extra-curricular activity.

Thank you Mrs Quarisa-Tynan and Mrs Bruno. Your generosity of spirit is greatly appreciated.

**Sunday 4th December - Light Up Leeton** in the Park. **Dress:** school uniform with a touch of Christmas. **Unless in the last row, please do not wear antlers as they block the performers behind.** **Time:** meet behind the stage at the park gate at 6.30pm. **Songs:** Bianco Natale and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

**Tuesday 6th December - School Concert** in the Park. We are up first so be early! **Time:** Meet Mrs Q-T at 6.15 **Songs:** Bianco Natale, Mary Did You Know? and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

**Wednesday 7th December** - Visit to Alf Herman, Carramar and Assumption Villa. We will be travelling by bus at 9.45am! **Cost:** free **Dress:** Christmas colours! **Times:** 10am Alf Herman, 10.30am Carramar then morning break, 11.30am Assumption Villa. **Songs:** all three.

**Saturday 17th December - Street Festival in Jarrah Mall.** **Dress:** Christmas colours. **Time:** TBA (in the morning sometime.) **Songs:** all three.

**Sunday 18th December - Carols in the Park.** **Dress:** school uniform with a touch of Christmas. **Unless in the last row, please do not wear antlers as they block the performers behind.** **Time:** meet behind the stage at the park gate at approx. 6.15ish TBA. **Songs:** Bianco Natale and Mary Did You Know?
SAVE THE DATE
Patron Saint Class Awards
9 December Assembly 3pm
The 2016 Patron Saint Class Awards will be presented to students from each home group at assembly on Friday Week 9. Families will be informed via sms if their child/ren are receiving these awards. No blue merits will be given in Week 9. The Patron Saint Class Awards are described below.

O'Mara
Sportmanship Award
Will be awarded to a student who displays outstanding sportsmanship and is a team player.

Dwyer
School Values Award
Will be awarded to a student who really tries to uphold the values of St Joseph’s in the way that they interact with others.

MacKillop
Encouragement Award
Will be awarded to a student who displays a positive attitude and consistently gives their all when completing tasks.

Tenison
Pursuit of Excellence Award
Will be awarded to a student who excels in a variety of Key Learning Areas and works hard to maintain a high level of excellence.
## WEEK 9 INSTRUMENT LESSONS – 
**SUPERVISING FAMILY**

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Week 9 Lessons will be the student’s last lesson for 2016. The student’s will be attending the ‘Band Jam’ day in Narrandera on Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} December. **Notes for the Band Jam Day and continuing next year need to be returned ASAP.**

Students who are not continuing to participate in the Band program in 2017, can return their instruments to Miss Kane after the Band Jam Day.

Supervising parents will receive a reminder text message the day before their rostered day. The roster is also put on facebook twice a week to remind parents.
### 2016 MERIT AWARDS — TERM: 4 WEEK: 7

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**VALUE OF THE WEEK AWARDS:** Liam Harvison, Grace Smith

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE AWARDS:** Barney Simeti, Taylah Blowes, Riley Woods, Mily Su, Tori Mooney.
Disability: Suggestions for families

Parenting a child with a disability is often challenging, especially when your child's additional needs are complex and time-consuming. Working together as a family and getting support from relatives, friends and professional services is really important. The following suggestions may be helpful to assist with these challenges and promote family wellbeing.

Be an advocate for your child

Being an advocate for your child involves letting others know about your child's needs and working with them to find ways to have them met. You can be active in this by finding out what kinds of additional support is available for your child and making sure this is provided. This can be hard work at times, so gather allies to help you. Supportive allies may include family, friends, school staff or health professionals who understand your child's abilities and difficulties and are committed to meeting the child's needs. There are also a number of disability advocacy groups who can provide valuable support.

Work collaboratively with the school

Discuss your child's needs with school staff and work with them to develop strategies for supporting your child's learning and their social and emotional development. Talk with school staff about ways you can collaborate to actively support your child's involvement in school life so that it is a positive and enjoyable experience. For example, you might write a letter to introduce your child to the class. Make sure to communicate regularly with your child's teacher so you can share information, provide updates and continue to work together effectively. One strategy is to use a booklet for daily or weekly communication between home and school. Another approach is to set up regular telephone or meeting times to talk about how your child is managing socially as well as academically.

Teach social and emotional skills

Social relationships can sometimes be difficult for all children. Parents can help by supporting the development of social and emotional skills. Extra help may be needed by children with disabilities if they have been absent from school due to ill health and have to re-engage with others, or if they face intolerance or bullying behaviour. For some children, the nature of the disability may mean that learning social skills is difficult and therefore requires lots of guidance and practice. For more, see the KidsMatter Primary information sheets on social and emotional learning.
Provide opportunities for developing friendships
Inviting classmates over to play can be a good way to strengthen a budding friendship. Help your child to choose activities or games that they can do confidently with friends. With younger children, or if your child’s social skills are limited, ensure you are available to provide support if needed.

Support siblings
Be open with siblings about the challenges that affect their brother or sister with a disability. Provide important acknowledgement by showing you appreciate their help, but also ensure that they have time and space for themselves. Listening to their feelings and experiences lets them know you are there for them too. Setting aside some regular time to spend with your other children, even if it is brief, helps to maintain positive family relationships.

Get support for you
Parents have needs too. There is no such thing as a ‘perfect’ or ‘super’ parent. It’s important to set realistic expectations of what you can and can’t do. Take some time out. Spend time with friends, your partner, or alone doing something that you enjoy. Asking friends, family or respite services for help when you need it is a really important coping strategy for families. Talking with other parents or carers of children with disabilities can be very helpful.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au
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**Cost**

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**Water Safety Tips**

- Water safety at home:
  - Always keep pool fence gates closed
  - Cover fish ponds and water features
  - Empty paddling pools and bathtubs after every use and remove bath plug from reach of children.

- Water safety at the beach:
  - Always swim between the flags
  - Always read signs and surf condition information boards.

- Water safety on farms:
  - Check for objects hidden beneath the surface of the water before entering
  - Beware of slippery banks when walking around dams and channels.