Dear Parents and Friends

This week I have been away on camp with our Year 5 students at Action Challenge. Taking children away on camp is always a weighty responsibility but also a privilege, as it gives teacher the opportunity to get to know the children in a deeper way outside of the school setting. Our Year 5 camp focuses on leadership and the children are challenged to push beyond their comfort zone and try things that they may have thought they were incapable of achieving. There have been so many times over the past three days where I have been greatly inspired by our Year 5 students. Some have never slept away from home before, or faced the prospect of being raised into the air before having to pull a rip cord to release themselves. Some thought the prospect of even just climbing the ladder to the high ropes would be a challenge, and yet by the end they had completed the whole course.

There have many been times over the past three days where I have been overwhelmed with pride at the quality of leaders we will have as our Year 6 cohort in St Joseph’s next year. Independent, supportive, cooperative, encouraging, demonstrating initiative, thoughtful, kind … the list of descriptors could go on and on. These students had the opportunity to nominate others for our elected leadership positions for 2018 during the camp, identifying the qualities of leadership in others they admire, and the thoughtful and mature way this process was undertaken was truly special. We have been so amazed at the exceptional behaviour of all students on this camp, it has truly been a pleasure and honour to be able to spend this time with this great group of children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Davies, Mrs Honess and Mr Faulkner for their generosity of time and energy in organising and accompanying the children on camp. Taking time away from family, particularly at this busy time of year, is really appreciated, and I am sure that the children will value this experience greatly in the years to come.
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS
Students nominated for the position of School Captain in 2018 will have the opportunity to present speeches to the school on Monday 27 November from 11.30am in our hall. Parents are welcome attend for the speech component of the elections which should be completed by 12.30pm.

CLOSING SCHOOL MASS AND VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA
Next Friday we will celebrate our final whole school mass with Father Stephen at St Joseph’s Church at 9am. All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

At 2pm we will also be hosting an afternoon tea to recognise the valued work of all volunteers in our school. Please RSVP to the office by Monday to ensure we have adequate catering. Thank you for all that you contribute to the success of our year this year.

Bianca Hodges
Principal

DATE CLAIMER

NOVEMBER

22 School Art Show and Carols Night
24 Closing School Mass
28 Graduation Mass & Supper

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LITURGY NEWS
Closing/Thanksgiving Mass: 24th November
Graduation Mass: Tuesday 28th November at 6pm.
Advent Liturgy: 1st December (Year 6’s and Preppies)
Prayers Please

Please remember in your prayers the families who have lost loved ones recently. We especially remember the Wright family, (Miss Wright’s father), the Grundy family (Mr Grundy’s brother) and the Midgley family, (Ally and Millie’s grandfather).

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
May perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION MASS

Year Six students and their families are asked to make note of the Graduation Mass which will be held on TUESDAY 28th November at St. Joseph’s Church at 6pm. An invitation is extended to the wider school community to attend this mass.

THANKSGIVING MASS

Our end of year thanksgiving mass will be held in St. Joseph’s Church on 24th of November at 9am. Please come and join with us as we celebrate Eucharist with Father Stephen and the school and parish community.

The Giving Tree Appeal

Many of us are in a position this year to reach out to help those who are finding it difficult to give their children a “Merry Christmas”. As Jesus is the reason for the season, we are called to reach out more than ever to those less fortunate than ourselves. During the lead up to Christmas, St Joseph’s School will once again be supporting a Giving Tree Appeal through encouraging families to make or donate a gift to be placed under the Giving Tree during the last few weeks of school.

Next week, in the foyer of the office our Giving Tree will be waiting to be adorned with gifts – gifts from us to those who are in a less fortunate position than ourselves this Christmas. The gifts that are donated will be distributed by the St Vincent De Paul to families in need. If your family would like to make a contribution feel free to select a gift tag from under the tree in the office area, purchase or make an appropriate gift, wrap it, attach the gift tag securely and deliver it to the office.

Help make this Christmas a time of happiness, by reaching out to those in need and by celebrating the love of your families.

St. Vincent De Paul Hamper Appeal

As in past years, we are collecting donations for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. St. Joseph’s School community has been asked to bring in the following items:
1 x 450 tinned beetroot
1 x 2 litre cordial (any size will do)
1 x large tinned fruit (pineapple, two fruits etc.)
1 x plum pudding
Thankyou once again for your great support of this appeal.
A big thankyou to those who have already donated items or gifts.

P & F NEWS

Lost property stall

Throughout the year there has been a large amount of lost property collected by the school therefore we will be opening a space set up in the library on Monday the 20th November at 8.00am to 9.15am, 2.30pm and 3.00pm and Friday the 24th at 8.00 am to 9.15am, 2.30pm and 3.00pm to allow parents and students to check and collect any unclaimed lost property. After this time any uncollected items will be donated.

Laura Linneweber & Melissa Pimm
P & F Presidents
Prep R  Summer-Jo Young
For your excellent attitude and effort you put into completing your work throughout the week. Your family celebrations and pet reports are amazing. Well done Summer-Jo!

Prep W  Charlotte Powell
For your ability to adapt to your new school demonstrated the confidence you have within yourself. You will make a great leader one day.

1M  Caitlin Edwards
For always displaying the five values of St Joseph’s. It is such a pleasure to have you in the classroom, with your kind and caring nature and you CAN DO attitude. Keep up the amazing effort, Caitlin!

1SE  Christopher Smith
For your positive attitude towards learning. It is wonderful to see you trying your very best and making the best choices you can. Keep it up Chris.

2R  Jaxon Cranston
For the fantastic work you have produced during our poetry unit. Your acrostic poem on prayer and your rhyming poem on time were amazing. Well done, Jaxon. Keep up the hard work.

2W  Cody Doneley
Congratulation Cody on being Student of the Week. You put your best effort into all classroom activities. You are always listening and eager to learn. Your work is always of a high standard. Well done Cody. Keep up the great work.

3D  Madeleine Searle
For the wonderful effort you have put into designing your diorama. You used lots of recycled materials which was wonderful to see. Well done.

3PF  Brooklyn Swara
For the wonderful effort you have been putting into completing your assessment tasks. You have such a great work ethic Brooklyn. Keep up your hard work!

4B  Mia Davies
For your polite and courteous nature. You are always so well behaved and a delight to have in the classroom.

4P  Tess Radke
For the dedication you show towards your schoolwork and the exemplary behaviour you display at all times. Tess, you are amazing.

5D  Logan Taylor
For your positive attitude and effort that you have put into your work this year. You have accomplished a lot this year and I am so proud of what you have achieved. Well done and keep it up Logan!
5H Hunter Searle
For the outstanding effort that you have been putting in to all classroom activities. Your thoughtful questions during class discussions and your eagerness to learn more keeps me on my toes. Thank you for your enthusiasm Hunter!

6GG Lachlan Boyle
For outstanding work in Maths this semester. You have really impressed us with your results!

6H Eli Sorensen
For your constant positivity and for always offering to assist. I am so grateful for the service you offer on a daily basis. Never change Eli!

TUCKSHOP

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Friday the 24th is the last day of tuckshop for the year. I would like to thank my amazing volunteers for your help and dedication to our school, you all make my job interesting, fun and it is a pleasure to come to work.

Don’t forget Friday 24th, 2pm is a special afternoon tea to show our thanks. RSVP today.

Thank you to all the parents who used tuckshop this year. Tuckshop has been around in our country for a very long time. I have fond memories of taking my $1 and buying 100 milk duds, boy did the canteen lady love counting those out. I was always excited when it was tuckshop day for me and the Brown paper bag magically appeared with a yummy lunch. Although times have changed, fewer days and the food now is better for you, I still see the same look in the kids eyes when they get their Brown paper bag. The one thing that hasn't changed is that without support from all of you we couldn't run as well as we do. I pride myself in providing and making yummy, healthy and wholesome food for our Kids with a few treats thrown in. I have really enjoyed tuckshop this year and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Thanks
Jess
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Help our Kids get Safely to School

Become a School Crossing Supervisor and make a real difference to the lives of school children.

Where: St Josephs Catholic Primary School
Hours: Up to 15 hours per fortnight max of 1 hr & 30 minutes per day
Pay: Casual relief rate: $28.89 per hour
Duties: Assist children crossing roads at local schools

- Training is provided
- You will be required to undergo a medical & working with children
- Blue Card check provided by the Department of Transport & Main Roads

Contact: The School or Road Safety Officer Karen Cantoni on 0499 511 542 for application forms

Let’s talk about your park

You’re invited to a community meeting

Camilleri Street District Park Project
Community meeting:
Wednesday, 29 November 2017
From 5pm to 7pm at Blacks Beach Tavern,
Blacks Beach Rd & Slater Ave
at the outside family area.

You are invited to attend a community meeting to discuss the new Camilleri Street District Park Project.

Council intends to upgrade the existing Camilleri Street Park and adjoining Crown Reserve to create a new district park for the Northern Beaches area, which will include a skate park. This is an opportunity to tell council what you would like to see in your park.

For more information, please contact Nanet on 4961 9972.