

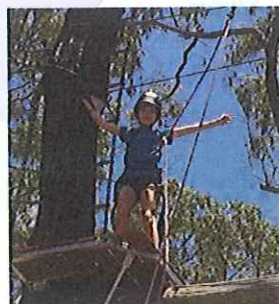
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Year 5 Leadership Camp

Last week year 5 embarked on their action packed Leadership Camp. We had a week full of adventure. After making sure we were all here, we packed the bus and set off on Monday morning to Action Challenge. Excitement overtook us when we arrived, put our bags into the shed and got to experience nature in all its glory (toilets were really interesting). We started with a few leadership games before splitting into our two groups to do low ropes, flying fox and rafting. These activities presented to be quite challenging for us as we faced tough decisions and our fear of heights. Day two offered us some more fun, yet increasingly difficult tasks with medium ropes and the giant swing. We finished the day with some wet and wild team building games like plumber's nightmare and got to make some yummy damper for afternoon tea. We were tested that night in completing more leadership lessons and we nominated our peers for school captain. Day three saw us venture on the 'Slide of Destiny' and really support each other as we climbed as far as we could and faced our fears. We said goodbye to Noel and Sandy at Action Challenge and made our way to Seaforth for the next stage of our adventure. Parents kindly transported and cooked dinner for us, which was a lovely treat after as after a swim at the enclosure we were quite tired. Day four started our time at Seaforth Pines when we met Jo and Steve and learnt about orienteering, reading compasses and completing physical challenges. We had fun with archery, raft building and beach art in the afternoon. Our last day was just as busy with a new (and fast paced) game called 'Predators and Prey'. We were very sad to see our week end, but a wonderful time was had by all and the students were an excellent example of what we expect from the future leaders of St Joseph's





Prep P Lucie Barrett

Well done Lucie for being a helpful class member.

Fabian Lee

Well done Fabian for always trying your best in everything you do.

Prep R Madeleine Searle

For the excellent effort you are putting into your schoolwork. Thank you for always having a go and trying your best.

Jamil Nolasco

For your ever growing confidence when speaking in front of the class and you teachers. Well done.

1B Elijah Davidson

For always making good choices and being a friend to everyone. Thank you.

Victor Daniels

For your enthusiastic approach to challenges I set you. Keep up the impressive work.

1E Amber McCarthy

For always producing beautifully written pieces of work.

Chloe Anderson

For amazing reading and comprehension. Chloe also produces amazing written pieces of work.

2D Cooper Atkinson

For always using you manners and being kind to others. You are a great role model to your peers.

Shelbi Haywood

For always putting in a little extra effort with your work.

2WM Nicholas Searle

For your wonderful warm and cool painting of a cactus in the desert.

Grace Buhlman

For your contributions to class discussions. Thank you.

3C Mackenzey Boyce

For your extremely well-presented and informative stall at our 'Multicultural Day'. Thank you for your wonderful effort.

Lachlan Sorrensen

For your interesting and informative stall and information report on India. Well done Lachlan.

3H Lachlan Power

For the effort which you put into you multicultural stall. Well done.

Matilda Ralph

For all the hard work and effort you put into your stall for Multicultural Day. Well done.

4D Jacob Wicks

For terrific spelling and number facts results. Great work Jacob.

Alataya Strahan

For making a great effort to complete your book review. Well done.

4FP Charli Ambler

For always being such a hard-worker and striving for excellence.

Nash Byrne

For you happy and pleasant nature. You brighten our classroom Nash.

5B 5B

For stepping 'up' and 'out' of your comfort zones and being amazing on camp.

5R 5R

For your amazing attitude and enthusiasm for camp. Congratulations and well done.

6D Shayna Petherbridge

For her fantastic effort in using her time effectively and for her very pleasing assessment pieces. Well done Shayna.

Ben Coleman

For his pleasing assessment results in Mathematics. Well done Ben.

6GG Emily Kirkwood

For the great effort you have put into all of your assessment tasks.

Emma Johnstone

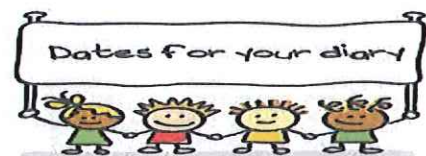
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7B Oliver Downes

For bringing your sense of humour into the classroom.

Briena Dean

For working independently with all tasks. Well done Briena.



NOVEMBER

21 School Disco 5.30pm – 7.00pm
25 Shane's Farewell 7pm
26 Prep Transition Morning
27 Graduation Mass & Dinner

DECEMBER

3 Carols Evening
4 Closing Liturgy 9am
4 Reports available on Parent Lounge

APRE NEWS



Liturgy News:

27/11: Graduation Mass 6pm

2/12: Advent Liturgy 5R

4/12: Closing Liturgy 9am

(At this liturgy we will be farewelling all those who are leaving the St Joseph's community at the end of this year and announcing student leadership positions for the 2015 year. Please join with us if you are able as we farewell our year 6 and 7 students and departing student and staff members.)

PRAYERS PLEASE

We remember all those in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness. We ask for prayers for Mr Barry Waddington, Mrs Julie Rowen, Mrs Belinda Downes and James Warrington Love.

*Dear Lord bless all who are sick,
especially those in our school community.
May they experience, in a special way,
the great love and concern Jesus has for them.*

Please remember in your prayers the Collins family (Jasmine 4FP) who lost their mother/grandmother over the weekend.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord
May perpetual light shine upon her
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Family Workshop: 19 November.

Loving God, your Spirit calls us to the fullness of life which is love. May our departed loved ones know Jesus as the one leading them to life and may we know the assurance of their deepening love for us. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.

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 two 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. Gift tags are available from the office. 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.

Saint Vincent De Paul Hamper Appeal

As in past years we will be collecting donations for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Our Year 7 students will be talking to the school community in assembly to explain how these donations are distributed locally.

St. Joseph's School community has been asked to bring in any of 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

Thank you once again for your great support of this appeal.

Happy families work together

"Dad, will you tell Tina not to come into my room?" Twelve-year-old Luke was complaining about his six-year-old sister. Luke's Dad, Robert, had only just got home and was still hanging up his coat. "Dad! She's bugging me!" called Luke as he led Tina by the hand into the lounge room. "A 'hello' would be nice," said Robert. "Yeah, hi. I'm trying to do my science project. I need my space," Luke replied. "Tina, how about you stay out here with me?" Robert suggested. Tina was not very keen on this idea. "But I want to play and you'll be too busy," she whined. "Here we go again", thought Robert. "If only we all got on better."

Managing family relationships so that everyone's most important needs get met can be hard work. All families have times when tempers get frayed, feelings get hurt and misunderstandings occur. Maintaining positive connections when these things happen requires good communication and creative management. Effective communication means that everyone has a say and is listened to. This can be a challenge in busy families. Pressure to get things done can mean there seems to be little 'quality time' for talking and listening to each other. Whether or not time is a problem, negative styles of communication often undermine relationships. This occurs, for example, when family members speak to each other disrespectfully or use put-downs. Building positive family relationships does not mean having no conflict. Dealing with conflicts positively, as well as making time to relax and do fun things together, help to strengthen family relationships.

Set the tone for positive communication

Research on communication in families shows the importance of parents and carers communicating warmth and caring and also setting clear expectations for children's behaviour. Making time for family members, communicating effectively and supporting each other are important ways of strengthening families and building positive relationships. Parents and carers can set a positive tone for communication through their own example. The way you listen, and the attention and importance you give to what family members say, is as important as what you say to them and how you say it. This may not always be easy, especially when you are tired

or busy and have to deal with complaining or conflict. However, listening and acknowledging others' feelings and wants helps to reduce conflict and improves communication.

EXPECTATIONS

Here, at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership our parents understand the importance of a positive relationship in helping children to feel good about school and be successful. This positive relationship makes a child feel as if the important people in his/her life are working together to help him/her to reach their full potential, both academically and personally. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school. However, just as with both students and staff, parents also have an expected way of conducting themselves within the school community.

The purpose of this item is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to provide a safe, supporting and encouraging environment where all are able to progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding. As such it is expected that all parents/carers will:

- **Respect the Catholic ethos of our school.**
- **Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.**
- **Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.**
- **Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.**
- **Engage in conversations where all are listened to.**
- **Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.**
- **Approach the school to help you resolve any issues of concern.**

I take the opportunity to thank all of our wonderful parents who have supported the building of these positive relationships with both their actions and words. We are indeed very fortunate to be able to work in environment where such positive relationships are pivotal and so highly regarded, to ensure that we are all working towards the same goal – **for every child to grow and achieve to their full potential.**

Have a great week,
 Deb Mallet
 Assistant Principal - Curriculum

FAMILIES LEAVING

As our total enrolment drives our school staffing, budget, class sizes and structure, it is important that I have the most accurate numbers of predicted enrolments for the 2015 year. It would greatly assist us in my planning for next year, if parents who know they will be leaving notify the office staff.

SCHOOL FEES

All school fees have now been issued with a due date of 20th November.



BPAY facilities are now available. Please refer to your parent statement for User Codes and payment reference numbers.

WHEN PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR PARENT CODE AS THE REFERENCE NUMBER SO MONIES CAN BE PAID TO YOUR ACCOUNT. Without the reference it only shows as a deposit and we cannot trace who has made payment.

Families who are leaving at the end of 2014 are to settle their fees prior to leaving.

Attached to this newsletter are the fees for 2015 and a family information sheet.

Please complete this form and return it to the office by **3rd December.**

If you have any concerns after fees are issued, please contact Di Wilson on 49573355.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Friday 21 st Nov	Tina Kirkwood, Lynda Cook, Jackie Hansen
Monday 24 th Nov	Kylee Kister, Kelly Hawthorn
Wed 26 th Nov	Lida Ospana, Paula McKelvie
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Friday 21 st Nov	Sheree Morrison, Roxy Hottes, Lyn Harris
Monday 24 th Nov	Vikki Kane, Emma Nemitz
Wed 26 th Nov	Imelda Kroll, Roxann Allan

VACATION CARE

Vacation Care bookings can now be made through the OSHC office. Forms must be collected and returned by 5th Dec.

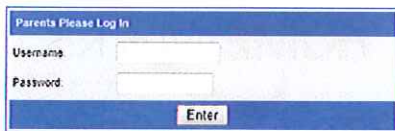


COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTER FROM A BOOK OR MOVIE!

DATE: Friday 21st November
 TIME: 5.30pm – 7.00pm
 WHERE: St Joseph's Hall
 COST: Gold coin donation

SRC will be selling soft drinks, chips, chocolates and glow sticks.

See you there!!



[System Requirements](#)

PARENT LOUNGE

<https://301sjnm.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge/>
 or log on to our school website – sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au
 and click on the quick link to Parent Lounge located on the left hand side of the site.

Parent Lounge provides access to:

- View your current online information eg. Address details etc
- Access your child/ren's Academic Report Cards – Available end of Semester 2, 2014.

NO PAPER COPIES WILL BE ISSUED

Further information will be sent home towards the end of the term.

Login details were sent home at the end of Term 1. These details were used to access Semester 1 reports and again recently to book interviews. Remember you can change your password to one you will remember once you have logged in. If you have misplaced your details, please **EMAIL** us at

sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au

Thank you.

CAROLS EVENING



This year our Carols Evening will be held in the school grounds in front of the hall from 5.30pm, 3rd December. Each

class will be presenting a carol and parents are encouraged to attend. Seating will be provided on the night, but feel free to bring your comfortable chair from home. The night will be BYO picnic.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



BOOKLISTS FOR 2015

Booklists were sent home this week. Just a reminder that in order to have your book packs delivered by the 31st December 2014, orders must be placed by **FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER.**

PLEASE NOTE: There has been an error on the order form. The only order and payment offer acceptable is **ONLINE**. The options of Mail order or hand in to P & C are not offered. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON

The 2014 Volunteers luncheon will be held on 5th December, 12 noon at Sorbellos. If you would like to attend please supply name, area in which you volunteered and meal preference (menu available in office) by Wednesday 3rd December to Mel in the office.

Emmanuel Kindergarten 2015 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are commencing the enrolment process for **Emmanuel Kindergarten for 2015** and are seeking expressions of interest from families with children of kindergarten age (3 years to the year before commencing school).



The centre offers a State Government Approved Kindergarten Program with two **university qualified early year's teachers** and **nationally recognised, qualified teacher assistants.**

Teachers deliver the *Qld Kindergarten Guidelines* and *Continua for Learning and Development* as the basis for their curriculum. This program can be viewed on the Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority website: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/10192.html>.

If you have any questions about the kindergarten program or require an *Expression of Interest Form*, please contact the centre directly on 0749420452, email enm_elc@rok.catholic.edu.au, go to our website: http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au/early_learning.htm or visit the centre or school.

Catherine Ferguson (Teaching Director)

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