



St Joseph's Newsletter

Week 6, Term 3

20th August, 2014

Special points of interest:

Diary dates:

*Principal Contract Review - Parent Survey due by 26th Aug

*Staff Development Day Monday 3rd November

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been a challenging week so far with the rain and wind. Despite this, the Peninsula Athletics Carnival went ahead today with 39 students from St Joseph's competing. We hope you all managed to do your best and survived the day.

Last term a conscious decision was made to put aside one week of the term as a "Fallow" week where families can have time to spend together without the extra pressure of homework, meetings etc. Next week will be such a week. There will be no homework as such, although some teachers may send home suggestions of activities families may do together.

A reminder about the opportunity for you to complete a survey relating to my contract review which takes place on Tuesday 2nd September. Surveys are due back to the CSO by Tuesday 26th August. An email with the survey was sent home again yesterday. Hard copies can be picked up from the school office.

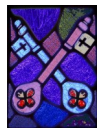


Sadly we say goodbye to Emma McGrath and her family at the end of the week. The family have moved and Emma will be going to St Cecilia's at Balgowlah. We wish you all the best in your new school Emma.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions. My door is always open.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday's Gospel Reflection



When Jesus and his disciples were near the town of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, "What do people say about the Son of Man?" The disciples answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah or Jeremiah or some other prophet." Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told him: "Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! You didn't discover this on your own. It was shown to you by my Father in heaven. So I will call you Peter, which means "a rock." On this rock I will build my church, and death itself will not have any power over it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth. But he will not allow anything that you don't allow."

Matthew 16: 13-20

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Curriculum News

This Friday 22 August is **National Maths Day** and next week 25th August to 29th August is **National Literacy and Numeracy Week**. It is the most important part of education that children become literate and numerate so that they can be active, productive and successful members of society.

Our school curriculum focus this year is on EMU Intervention (Enriching Mathematical Understanding). As teachers of Mathematics we are learning more and more about the importance and power of visualisation in Mathematics.

“One strategy to assist children to develop *number sense* and mental images of numbers is promoting children’s development of powerful visual images of numbers. The power of being able to interpret visual images can be seen when people add the number of dots on two dice. Most people look at the visual patterns on the dice and instantly recognise the numerical value of patterns without having to count at all. This ability to *subitise, or instantly recognise a visual image* is an important skill to develop”. (Gervasoni, 2009, Australian Catholic University).

Array Photo Challenge

With this in mind I would like to set the families of St Joseph’s a challenge. I am asking that you notice the “arrays” that can be found in and around the home and natural environment. An array is an ordered collection of objects or numbers. An array is a very powerful visual arrange that assists with the understanding of both multiplication and division and the links that exist between them.

Some common arrays are a carton of eggs and a box of chocolates. I’m asking that you take a photo of the arrays that you see and send them into me brenda.paul@dbb.catholic.edu.au. When looking at the array ask yourself some of these questions:-

Can I identify what number this array represents without counting?

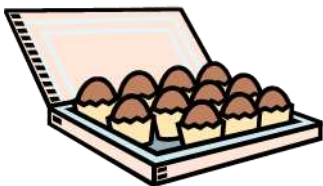
How can I prove that it is that number?

How does the structure of the array help you to work out the number?

How many rows are in the array? How many items in each row?

Close your eyes and imagine the array in your mind and challenge yourself by adding another row or column, or taking one away. What is the number now?

Have fun being array detectives and send in those photos!!!!



Brenda Paul
Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

PARISH FAMILY MASS -

Saturday 23rd August 5.30pm at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH. PLEASE JOIN US!

CONFIRMATION

Come, Holy Spirit!

Renew the hearts of your people.

Rekindle in us the fire of your love.



Many of the children from our school and parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 14th September. Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Initiation. It is a continuation of a journey begun in Baptism, which seals us in God's family. It is the Holy Spirit who guides us in this journey and imparts the gifts of love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Please pray for the children being confirmed and for their families who provide the best models of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

CONFIRMATION CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

We are forming a choir to sing at the Confirmation on Sunday 14th September.

Any students in Years 3-6 at St Josephs who have a sibling or friend being Confirmed, and are interested in being part of the choir on that day, please email Mrs Evers as we will be starting choir practice for Confirmation next week.

SISTERS OF MERCY - CANDELA APPEAL

A representative of the Mercy Sisters, Mary Rajca will visit our school on Monday 25th August to speak to the students about the work being done by the Sisters of Mercy in helping the poor in the shanty- town of Candela in Lima, Peru.

The families of the shanty- town are among the the poorest in Peru. As this area has one of the highest unemployment rates in the city and there are no social security benefits the families struggle to survive.

As a means of helping the families of Candela the women have been encouraged to make handicrafts as a way of providing income to support their families.

The goods that the women have made will be on sale before and after school next week. Goods are priced from \$2 to \$10.

All money raised goes directly to the women who have made the articles. This money is used by the women to buy basic necessities such as food, blankets, clothing and medicines for their families.

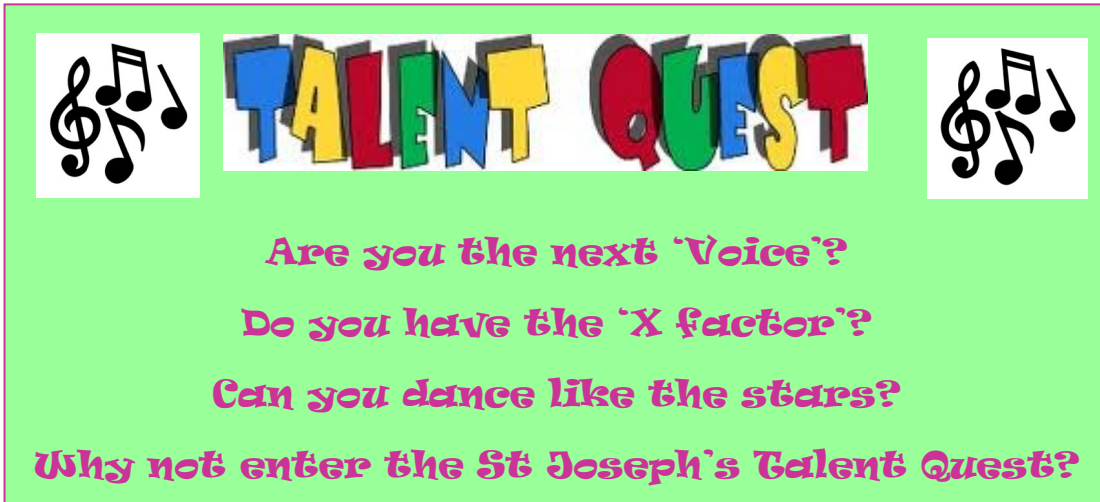
Did you know that one of our Parish Patron Saints, St Rose, came from Lima, Peru and lived her life there caring for the poor?



Catholic Schools
in the Diocese of
Broken Bay exist
to educate and
form young
people in Catholic
discipleship:
offering them
experiences of
following Jesus as
members of the
Catholic
community.

RE News Cont'd

ST JOSEPH'S TALENT QUEST



If you would like to enter, please complete the entry form attached to this newsletter. Entry forms are also available from Mrs Evers. There is a gold coin donation to enter the competition. Categories are: vocal (singing), musical instrument, dancing and variety. The talent quest will commence with auditions to see if you have what it takes to be a finalist. Students can watch these auditions for a cost of 20c. Money raised will support the work of **Catholic Mission**. *Maximum 2 auditions per student and maximum 2-4 minutes per performance*. Entry forms must be given to Mrs Evers by **Friday 22nd August**. Heats will commence in Week 8. Finals will be held in Week 2, Term 4.

Gillian Evers

Religious Education Coordinator

Library News

PRC: Congratulations to **Amira Daley** for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge closes this **Friday 22nd August**. Please ensure your child's online log is completed by this date. Thank you.

Competitions: The winners of these will be announced next week.

Dress up Day: We had some wonderful costumes and some great and clever alliterative phrases.

Book Fair: Thank you to all those who supported the Book Fair. There were some great books to choose from, and the children enjoyed finding a good book to read. We sold \$1121.50 worth of books, which means we were able to take over \$300 as commission in books.



Fran Jones

Teacher/Librarian

Canteen News

I'd like to update the parents of St. Josephs with some news from the Canteen. I have taken on the role of managing the canteen from Kylie Ouvrier effective immediately. Kylie has truly done a great job at what products we provide for our children and my hope is to continue that level of satisfaction to the parents of St. Josephs. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or just want to find out something about the canteen, please feel free to contact me at pagekatie1@gmail.com or 0411 247 709. Please keep in mind that the goal of the canteen is to provide healthy choices for our children.

We're always looking for more volunteers so if you have some time on a **Monday or Friday** to be on the Canteen Roster Backup list, I would greatly appreciate your contact information. The roster is all set for this year however, we do have trouble when trying to cover a shift should someone have a conflict. There is the option to work a split shift (9-11:30, 11:30-2) instead of the whole shift (9-2). The more the merrier!!!

More to come about the canteen. I have some changes coming in 2015 that I think is very exciting!

Thank you to all the volunteers as it wouldn't be possible without you!

Katie Page (mother of Joceyln/Kindergarten)

Sports News

Congratulations to the Athletics team who competed today in the Peninsula Athletics Carnival. These students were:

ISABELLA HENNESSY, JETT COLLYER, RILEY VALENTINE, ANGUS LYNCH, ZALI O'MALLEY, LUCAS LANNING, HOLLY NICHOLAS, MICHAEL KELLY, AVA MALOUF, JACOBIE FIAOLA, OLIVIA SKOCIC, JUDE BOWRING, LIANA ITALIANO, AIDAN O'MALLEY, KATIE O'NEILL, ANTOWNE CORTES, AMY GORING, JOEL CARTY, ISABELLA BARRETT, NED ROSEWORNE, VANESSA HAZELL, WILLIAM BARRY, SOFIA LABART, LACHLAN MARSHALL, MAEVE PERRY, OLIVER BARRETT, HANNAH GRICE, JOSEPH LYNCH, CHARLOTTE TYSOE, RAMSEY COOK, SANIA JENKINS, GABRIEL CROSS, LUCIANA ANDRIJIC, DANE CUSTER, ABIGAIL LITTLE, NATE LITTLER, KAYLY SHOEBRIDGE, GEORGIA NORMAN and KIANA CARTY.

Joel Carty and **Luke Harvey** were selected into the Sydney Swans AFL academy for 2015. The Academy identifies talented boys from the age of 11 years old, and nurtures them through a long-term elite development program under the guidance of expert coaches. Each year, only 500 boys and men are selected aged between 11 and 19 years into the program, which operates in Sydney and NSW regional centres. Congratulations on this great achievement boys.

Luke was also selected in the Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association's Under 11 squad for the. A wonderful effort.

School & Community News

PUBLIC SPEAKING Congratulations to **Katie O'Neill** and **Sophie Conna** who were both selected to compete in the Peninsula Public Speaking competition yesterday at Sacred Heart School. Both girls firstly had to present a three-minute prepared speech, then all students were given ten minutes to prepare a one-minute impromptu speech. The competition was tough which made it hard for the judges to choose the winners. Katie and Sophie were equal third with another student. Well done to the girls for the effort they made in creating interesting and entertaining speeches. Thank you for proudly representing our school.

It is not too late to attend FREE SEMINAR FOR PARENTS AND CARERS:

Build Your Family's Mental Fitness by Paula Robinson

What parents in the North Shore Cluster said about Paula's presentation on Monday night ...

✔ Tonight was absolutely BRILLIANT..'

✔ Thank you for your POSITIVE insight.....lots of enriching information and great ideas to take home and try'

✔ Nice to stop and reflect - very beneficial. Paula is a great presenter, very engaging'

✔ Fabulous presentation. Should re-run!'

"It was brilliant! Well worth braving the wind and rain. Lots of practical ideas to take home, easy things you can do to change the conversations in your family and focus more on the good. Great suggestions for further reading also.

Particularly liked the idea of knowing and appreciating your strengths!" Parent Pymble

"Paula provided practical and proactive strategies based on solid research providing families with positive options to develop their families Mental Fitness" Carmel Hewitt Education Officer - Parent Liaison

Paula Robinson is a world leading expert in the areas of Mental Fitness, Wellbeing and Positive Psychology.

Thursday 21 August 7.30 – 9pm
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Mona Vale

RSVP via DPC website: www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com or you are welcome just to attend on the evening.



Students of the Week

<p>Kindergarten</p> <p>Amelie P: for trying hard in all she does.</p> <p>Lindsay T: for always being organised to start working.</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>Jai S: for always being ready to learn.</p> <p>Rose H: for always being prepared for learning.</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Ava J: for always being prepared and ready for work.</p> <p>Sierra W: for a fabulous effort in Reading Groups.</p>	<p>Year 3</p> <p>Jenna M: for always being prepared and ready for her work.</p> <p>Harrison R: for always being ready and eager to learn.</p>
<p>Year 4</p> <p>Hannah G: for guiding others in Maths.</p> <p>Ned R: for helping others during Maths.</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Mitchell B: for asking great questions during our special presentation.</p> <p>Ava M: for always being prepared.</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>Amy G: for a brilliant effort in calculating multiplication.</p> <p>Michael K: for showing maturity as a Year 6 leader.</p>	<p>St. Lucy's</p> <p>Startright 1 Charlie M: for independent handwriting.</p> <p>Startright 2 Joseph D: for doing his best at the Athletics Carnival.</p> <p>Leela H: for sharing during Social Play</p>

Important Dates



Term 3

August

Saturday 23rd August-Parish Family Mass St Joseph's Church at 5.30pm All Welcome

September

Friday 5th September-Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

Friday 19th September- Last day of Term

Term 4

Tuesday 7th October- Term 4 School Resumes

Monday 3rd November-Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)



Annual Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast

Friday 5th September 7.30am

(Please complete this form ASAP and return to school for catering purposes)



Family Name: _____ **Adults:** _____ **Children:** _____

Please indicate quantities

Bacon & Egg Sandwich(es): _____ **Juice:** _____ **Tea:** _____ **Coffee:** _____