



NEWSLETTER

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This week's suggested strategy, in the spirit of Pope Francis' joyful and action-orientated pastoral approach is:

*Ponder the miracle of new life. Gaze upon a newborn baby.
Let your contemplative gaze draw you into the heart of God.*

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Pentecost

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate Jesus sending the Holy Spirit to be our helper and our guide. In pondering the Holy Spirit could we also keep those children who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our thoughts and prayers.

Fr John Frauenfelder's Words of Wisdom:

As a background to Pentecost, Jesus told the disciples that if he failed to go, the Paraclete would never come to them, and that the Paraclete is the spirit of truth that comes from the Father.

At Pentecost, a Catholic school teacher was explaining to her students these difficult teachings. One bright student was confused and asked the teacher, "If the Spirit descended like a dove, why did Jesus send a parakeet?"

Year 5 Camp

Congratulations to the teachers and students who participated in the Year 5 Camp at Somersby last week. By all accounts the students had a wonderful time and participated enthusiastically and cooperatively in many varied activities that encouraged them to both enjoy themselves but also pushed most students past their zones of comfort. Most pleasing was the affirmative and supportive manner that these students displayed to one another on Camp!

A special congratulations to the Year 5 teachers whose duty and level of care went above and beyond expectations!

Kindergarten Liturgy of the Word

On this Friday 29th May, Kindergarten will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word in the Mass Centre at 9.15 am. This is not a Mass but will involve readings and reflections on those readings including involvement of the children. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited. After Mass the students will have their fruit break at the Playground

Equipment and parents are welcome to join us at that time. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

Punctuality

As the adults looking after the children it is essential we teach them the importance of punctuality as a sign of respect for the people that are affected by our actions. At school there is essential learning from the very beginning of the day so it is essential students are at school on time and stay for the entire day.

We have observed that many students are arriving at school after the 8.50 beginning time and wander into class in the middle of lessons missing out on learning and disturbing the learning of others. It is also essential that they stay at school for the entire school day, so please do not make appointments for children during school hours. While you may consider this is only one student when you multiply it across the school it is a significant disruption to learning.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disabilities

In 2015, all schools in Australia will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disabilities. The national data collection is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. This data collection commenced at St John Fisher in 2014 and is expected to continue in following years, according to this government initiative. Catholic schools in NSW gather this data according to government criteria. The Catholic Education Commission collate the information from the schools and submits the total numbers of students in each school requiring adjustments to access and participate in the school curriculum. Please note that **this initiative has** an opt-out policy for parents who are opposed to the possibility of their child being counted (as a number) in the total number of students recorded as receiving adjustments for a disability.

This will only affect you if you have been contacted in writing.

God Bless



Barry Shanley
Principal

LARC NEWS

Book Covering

Once again, we are in that wonderful position where we have many new books to cover! If you would like to help, you can take any number of books home, plastic and contact is provided. Please let me know if you would like some books, they can be sent home with your children or you can pick them up from the LARC!! Even 5 is a great help!!

National Simultaneous Storytime

Today, we participated in National Simultaneous Storytime! This is a delightful activity, where schools and children across Australia read the same book, at the same time on the same day!! It is simply about celebrating the joy of reading with terrific picture books. This year the book is *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey, it has a lot to do with families and sibling rivalry and can provide a good opportunity to talk about both.

Happy Reading,
Christine Higgins (Teacher Librarian)



This is most apt after our National Simultaneous story today!

Amelie's Story

Two-year-old Amelie had a new baby brother. Amelie was much loved and her parents expected that she would welcome baby Noah with their support. Although Amelie was loving towards the baby, she became very clingy to her mother, started to show off when visitors came to admire the baby and no longer wanted to go to the playgroup that she had always loved. Her parents gave her as much time and love as they could and allowed her to decide for herself whether or not to go to playgroup. Over the next few weeks Amelie gradually became more like her old happy self and one day said that she would like to go to playgroup again.

Everybody's life has ups and downs

Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were always happy, but life's ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy good times and

deal with hard times. Helping children learn how to manage life's ups and downs and build their coping skills supports their mental health and wellbeing now and into the future. Feeling good protects mental health and wellbeing.

Did you know that experiencing positive emotions such as joy, pleasure and having fun are essential experiences for building and maintaining a healthy mind across our whole lives?

Christine Higgins and KidsMatter Team

My name is Isabel Wallace and I am the Learning Support Teacher at St John Fisher School. I am currently enrolled in the Honours in Psychology program at the University of New England. As part of the program I have to complete a 10000 word research-based thesis. The Catholic Schools Office and Mr Shanley have granted me permission to conduct the research at St John Fisher School. I am interested in whether children learn best in a traditional classroom environment or an outdoor learning space surrounded by trees. In term 3 during weeks 1-5, I am conducting the research. The research involves all the students in years 4 and 6. This week I am sending home two forms that need to be signed: an assent form to be signed by the children and a consent form to be signed by the parents. I cannot allow any child that does not have both forms signed and returned by week 10 of this term (June 23rd) to participate in the project. I have also sent home an information sheet for children and parents but if you have any questions about the research please don't hesitate to contact me. If you would like your child to participate please sign and date the forms and return them to School at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for allowing your children to participate
Isabel Wallace

MERIT AWARDS

MRS AMOR

Connor A, Lillian B, Luke B, Lauren H,
Lachie M and Ava M

MRS BURKE

Daniel K

MS DICKSON

Thomas F, Kaliah B, Kara R and Cory D

MR FRAZER

Jemima B and Catherine M

MRS RODGERS

Molly C, Lola T, Brayden T and Ashtyn C

MR WELSH

Cairo S, Mark S, Chloe R and Leo P

P&F

DISCO

It's going to be a great night of fun and dancing this Friday. If you haven't already bought your tickets **TOMORROW (Thursday) is the last day** to send in your money and order slip. All tickets will be sent home tomorrow. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door. To add to our Neon Night theme, we will have a UV light that will make the children glow in the dark if they wear white or fluro clothes. You must drop off and pick up your children at the hall door. We still need more volunteers to help with the 3-6 disco. Please text Kelly 0450 833 217 if you are able to help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Grandparents' Day - Friday 24th July

Shelley Beach Dinner Dance - Saturday 22nd August

NEON NIGHT DISCO

Friday 29th May

SJF School hall

K-2 6:00pm – 7:15pm

3-6 7:30pm – 8:45pm

\$5 per child / \$10 per family (2 or more children)

Parents must drop off and pick up children at the door.

SJF 'Neon Night' Disco - Friday 29th May

\$5 per child / \$10 per family (2 or more children)

I would like to purchase _____ tickets for the Disco/____ family ticket. I have enclosed \$_____ cash/cheque.

Cheques made payable to St John Fisher P&F Association

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

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Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

- I would like to volunteer to help for the K-2 Disco.
- I would like to volunteer to help for the 3-6 Disco.

CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

Rachel Kohl Vanessa Sims Melissa Mackett

MONDAY 1ST JUNE

Tanya Thorsen Trudy Romero Kristy Davis

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE

Wendy D Danielle M

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

Tammy Schleu

Kylie Gatt

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Please note that all Scholastic Book Club orders are due in by tomorrow Thursday 28th May.

FUNDRAISER FOR CC MARLINS LITTLE LEAGUE

Bring your friends to see Tomorrowland at Hoyts Erina on Monday June 1st at 6.30pm and help raise money to send our boys to the national finals. Cost \$15 per ticket RSVP to Louise on 0414325418 or louise.phillips@c3tuggerah.org.au. Payment is needed when booking and ticket will be sent to you via email.

ST JOSEPHS EAST GOSFORD CLASS OF 1990 25 YEARS SCHOOL REUNION

Saturday 17th October 2015, 6.30pm Dinner and drinks at Elanora Hotel East Gosford. Contact Kirsty Walker on 0417406822.

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

125th Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday 13th June 2015
Reunion Mass 2-3pm - Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church.
Open House 3-5pm - Mercy Catholic College Chatswood. RSVP: mccchatswood125years@gmail.com Visit Facebook for further information.

DO YOU NEED BEFORE SCHOOL CARE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR YOUR CHILD?

At Goodstart Tumbi we provide meals, transportation to and from school as well as a fun packed and educational program for your child. We also run a Vacation Care Program available for School Holidays. For further info contact: Elissa Gale, OOSHC Co-Ordinator, Goodstart Tumbi Umbi, 203 Hansens Rd, Tumbi Umbi. Ph. 4389 2883 or email tum2@goodstart.org.au

CALENDAR 2015

MAY	
29	Kindergarten Special Grade Liturgy
29	SJF Disco
JUNE	
3	ICAS Science
9-11	Year 6 Camp
12	Athletics Carnival
19	Whole School Mass 9.15am
19	P&F Meeting after whole school mass
26	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
13	School Resumes Term 3
24	Grandparents Day
27	School Photos - Full Winter Uniform

WYONG PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia's: Daily Mass: Mon-Sat 8am

Weekend Masses: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sun 7.30am & 9.30am.

Reconciliation: St Cecilia's: Sat 8.30am & 4.30pm

St John Fisher: Daily Mass: Mon & Fri 9.15am Tues, Wed & Thurs 8am

Sunday Masses: Sat Vigil: 5pm, Sunday 8.30am & 5pm (6pm DST)

Reconciliation: St John Fisher: Sat 4.30pm

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