



St Joseph's Parish School, Condobolin

HERE'S THE NEWSletter

Term 1 - Week 4 21st February 2018



A PRAYER DURING LENT

“Jesus Christ has taken the lead on the way of the cross. He has suffered first. He does not drive us toward suffering but shares it with us, wanting us to have life and to have it in abundance.”

-Pope St. John Paul 11



Messages from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

This week we are entering into the second week of Lent. The scripture readings are calling us to be compassionate as our Father (God) is compassionate. We are called to reflect upon the word MERCY. God's mercy for us first, and our mercy toward others. In Lent the Church invites us to confront and bring before God's mercy, all those aspects of our lives that separate us from God and stunt our growth in the ways of the Spirit.

Opening School Mass and Induction of School Leaders for 2018

Today we celebrated our first school Mass of the year. During this Mass our school leaders for 2018 were inducted into their leadership positions. I wish all our leaders the very best for the coming year and I look forward to watching them develop their skills to be authentic leaders at St Joseph's Parish School.

P&F WELCOME BRUNCH: Sunday 18th March 2018 10.30am – Save the date

The Parents & Friends would like to invite all families to a Welcome Brunch on Sunday 18th March in the school grounds. This will be an opportunity for some of our new families to make some connections and most importantly a time for our school community to gather and socialise. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Cluster Carnival Report

Thank you to the parents and families who attended the Cluster carnival in Forbes on Monday. It was a great day with lots of team spirit. The parent helpers were also much appreciated. Congratulations to all the children who swam on the day and further congratulations to those going onto the Diocesan carnival to be held here in Condobolin on Monday, 5th March.

Pupil Free Day: This Friday 23th February 2018

Over the next three days Mrs Ticehurst, Mrs Ridley and myself will be in Forbes working with Dr Lyn Sharrat, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Dr Sharrat will continue her work with leaders to strategize ways to increase all students achievement and to help guide further improvement. On Friday the remainder of the teachers will be joining us and continue working with Dr Lyn Sharrat on 14 critical parameters, which are in effect the nitty-gritty of deep and sustainable collective capacity building.

Take Care,

Mrs Jude Ryan

PRINCIPAL

PHONE (02) 6895 2204

Beginning of School Year Mass and Induction of School Leaders 2018



CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL FORBES



RESULTS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY AWARDS

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY - WEEK 3 - TERM 1

Kinder:

Alexis Merritt
Peter Elias
Abby Connell

1/2:

Jock Leighton
Aaron Shrestha
Chuck Fletcher

3/4W:

Ashton Frost
Erin Kirk
York Fletcher

3/4R:

Conner Rennie
Hunter Laing
Triston Ross

5/6:

Fred Stuckey
Natalie Mansur
Samragi Shrestha



O'Brien Sports Award:

Olivia Rennie

Mercy Sports Award:

School Spirit Award:

Ashton Frost



STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

INFANTS: Tui Rivera

PRIMARY: Kyson Dodgson

Interesting facts about reading

This poster below “Why Can’t I skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight” highlights the importance and value of St Joseph’s home reading program. Students who read every night are increasing their vocabulary which in turn enhances their writing skills. So our advice is to **READ! READ! READ!**

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student “A”	Student “B”	Student “C”
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



282,000 words



8,000 words



90th percentile

50th percentile

10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Did you know?

If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption
- Lateness (partial absence) must be explained to the school the same way as other absences

SCHOOL HOURS

First Morning Session
School opens at 8.30am

(No earlier unless pre -arranged with Principal)

1st Bell : 8.55am. All children should be at school by this time.

1st Break (Lunch) 11am-11.45am

Middle Learning Session
11.45am-1.20pm

2nd Break Recess 1.20pm-1.45pm

Afternoon session
1.45pm-3.15pm

Dismissal from school is 3.15pm

BOOKCLUB

Dear Parents/Guardians

Scholastic Book Clubs offer a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. The books have been expertly selected to span a range of reading levels and interests and are offered at very reasonable prices.

Scholastic Book Clubs operate at least eight times a year. Simply select any book/books your child would like and return the order form to school, with child's name and correct payment, by the closing date (**IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED BOOKCLUB AND WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS**).

ALTERNATIVELY an easier option is to simply download 'bookclubs loop for parents' to place your order.



The books will then be delivered to your child to take home. The school also receives free books and /or teaching resources from Book Clubs that allow us to regularly update our class and school libraries with just-published and favourite books. I hope that you may be able to order books at some stage throughout the year although **there is never any obligation to order.**

Mrs Brady (Book club coordinator)

SCHOOL FEES

Accounts have been sent out this week.

We encourage our families to set up a **regular payment plan**. The options available are: eftpos, direct deposit, cheque/cash and centrepay (can be set up for you from our office if you are a Centrelink customer).

Please contact Sally if you have any queries.

UNINTERRUPTED

LEARNING TIME

9.00am - 1.00pm

Please remember St Joseph's has **uninterrupted learning time between 9am-1pm**. This is to ensure maximum learning for all students during the prime learning time of the day.

Visitors will not be permitted to disturb classes without consultation with the principal.

We encourage parents to make medical appointments for the afternoons. Exceptions to this rule would be the following:

Emergencies, school Mass, special whole school celebrations and excursions.

The staff of St Joseph's are devoted to ensuring quality education for all students in our care. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with uninterrupted learning time.

A Message from the Parent's and Friends

WELCOME BACK

AGM: Tuesday 6 March

The AGM will be held in O'Brien Hall 6.30pm

AGM
Annual General Meeting

Next General Meeting: To follow AGM

Parents and friends are encouraged to attend and support the committee

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2018 : 'COME & SEE'

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2018 will be held from 5th to 9th March and will involve the communities of all Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT. **'This year's theme, 'Come and See'** focuses on opening our doors to the community to show case all the wonderful things happening in our school. Schools will host a variety of activities throughout the week including open days, open classrooms, in-school Liturgies, and more to celebrate their school community and raise public awareness of the many opportunities that Catholic schools provide. Below are some planned activities for St Joseph's and everyone is welcome to attend.



Tuesday 6th March 18 - Open Morning 9.30am Assembly in the hall

Open classrooms and Morning tea

Wednesday 7th March 18 - Whole School Mass 12.30pm

Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Swimming Carnival

*Hosted by St Joseph's Primary School,
Condobolin*

When: Monday 5 March 2018 9:30am sharp start.
Warm Up from 9:00am.

Cost: \$2.50 entry into the pool

Important information:

- Please remember that all swimwear must finish before the knee and only one pair of swimmers may be worn.
- Children will be called only twice to the marshal area. The one start race rules apply- If your child false starts they are disqualified.
- Warm up: Dive lanes 1 & 7, Swim lanes 2-6
- Canteen operating on the day
- **Parent helpers required.** Each school needs to supply parent helpers for timekeeping on the day. This is very important as we need two timekeepers per lane. This can be done on a roster system to ensure all parents get a break during the day.

Condo-Milby Registration

Save the date

**AFL Football-
Seniors
14s
Auskick**

Netball-All Grades

**A
B
C**

**C Reserves
16s**

And under 13s (depending on interest)

Date: 3rd & 17th March

Time: 11am

Venue: SRA Grounds



Enquiries:

Netball: Mel: 0488592943

Heidi: 0447282270

Football: Cameron: 0437519810

Bev 0418266854

Anthony: 0407648414

LENTEN PROJECT FIVE CENT FRIDAY

During Lent we are introducing a
new
project called "5 cent Friday".

Students are invited to bring along 5 cent coins every Friday to donate to the missions. Each week the five cent coins are placed in a line and the line is measured. The goal for each week is to beat the previous measurement. All donations will be forwarded to Caritas Australia at the completion of Lent.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

6th, 7th & 8th March

We are offering an opportunity to come in and have a 15 minute chat to your child's teacher, in the hope that we can gain a deeper understanding of our students. This opportunity allows you to share the valuable knowledge that you have of your child, enhancing our ability as a school to cater for each individual academically, socially and spiritually.

This year we are introducing the Skoolbag app to make your booking quickly and easily. Please go to Skoolbag/eForms/Parent Teacher Conference and submit your preferred date/time.

Alternatively you can complete a form at the office or email Sally your preferred day and times.



St Joseph's Parish SCHOOL MANTRA

Safe Respectful Learners

What is a Mantra:

A school mantra is a very practical tool that assists all in the community to communicate clear values and practices and to focus on what is important.

For example, a teacher can ask a student the following question:

- 'Is what you are doing safe?'
 - 'Are you respecting people and property?'
- 'Is what you are doing helping or stopping others from learning?'

PUPIL

FREE

DAY

Friday
23rd February 2018

PIANO LESSONS

Condobolin based private piano teacher (B.Mus) is currently taking enrolments. All ages are welcome. For enquiries or enrolments please contact Sharlee Holloway on 0490 505 085.



ATTENTION CHANGE OF DATE

**PARENT CLASS
INFORMATION
EVENING**



Wednesday 28th February

6.30pm, St Joseph's School Hall

Class information evenings will be held in the Hall. The following timetable has been set.

- Welcome from Principal / School information
- Class teachers will have tables set up for information sharing time

The education of all students at St Joseph's is a partnership between the parents and the school. **It would be great to see as many families as possible.**

At the conclusion of the general information session you will have an opportunity to informally meet your child's teacher, and collect a package of information regarding classroom routines and expectations and specific information regarding your child's learning for the term ahead.

P & F Welcome Brunch

Sunday 18th March

St Joseph's School Oval at 10.30am

**We would like to invite all families
to join us for Brunch and a catch up.
We look forward to seeing you there.**



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

The St Joseph's Catholic Women's Group held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 18th February and the following members accepted the executive positions -

President - Mrs Pam Nicholl
Secretary - Mrs Jill Broadley
Treasurer - Mrs Kay Ticehurst
Vice President - Mrs Helen Atkinson



The group meets bi monthly from February till December at 10am in the Church gathering space/meeting room.

We extend an invitation to the mothers at our school to join us to help continue our pastoral work in the Parish. One example of our activities is morning tea after 9am Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month. This parish activity gives people the opportunity to interact socially and be part of the church community. We would welcome support and assistance from younger folk who are the future of our Parish. Please consider our invitation and if you are interested in finding out more about us, feel free to speak to anyone of the above named or make contact with Sophie Birkett at school and you would certainly be made feel very welcomed. Hopefully you can join us at our next meeting on Sunday 15th April.

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 - 2018

Week 4

Monday 19th February	Cluster Swimming Carnival - Forbes
Tuesday 20th February	Opening School/Induction Mass Yr 6 Leaders, 9.30am
Tuesday 20th February	Parent Chrome Book Information Evening, 6.00pm

Friday 23rd February **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Week 5

Wednesday 28th February	Parent Class Information Evening, 6.30pm
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Week 6

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday 5th March	Dio Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 6th March	P&F AGM 7pm
Tuesday 6th, 7th, 8th March	Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 6th March	Assembly and Morning Tea with families 9.30am
Wednesday 7th March	CSW Mass 12.30pm

Week 7

Tuesday 13 March	Winter Sports Trials - Parkes
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Week 8

Tuesday 20th March	Zoo Mobile visiting school
Wednesday 21st March	Polding Swimming - Homebush

UPDATE ASTHMA PLANS

If your child is asthmatic we must have a current Asthma Plan. This should be updated every 12 months.



This year we require all students to have a spacer and ventolin (as shown below). This will be kept at school with their asthma plan. Research indicates *that only approximately 40% of the Ventolin dose is administered without a spacer.*

This applies to adults and children.

If you haven't already done so could you please send a spacer and Ventolin with your child's name clearly labelled.