



St Joseph's Parish School, Condobolin

NEWS letter

Term 1 - Week 5 28th 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 weekend we are entering into the Third Sunday of Lent. Some of you may be wondering why Lent lasts for Forty Days . The reason is that Jesus prayed for forty days before he began his work of teaching and taking care of God's people. Trusting in the Goodness of God, Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert. Jesus was very hungry. And so the devil said to him:

“If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread” - Luke 4:3

But Jesus remembered how the Israelites were hungry when they wandered in the desert. They did not trust in God. Instead they complained. Jesus understood the importance of trusting in God's goodness. And so he replied:

“The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone’- Luke 4:4

During Lent we do what Jesus did in the desert. We remember how important it is to trust in God. Jesus looks after us, no matter what happens. We are to trust in Jesus, even during difficult times.

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2018

THIS YEAR'S THEME: 'COME and SEE' This year's CSW theme was chosen for various reasons. Firstly, we were looking for a strong invitation to everyone, encouraging them to go to the school's website, call, or attend an Open Day to see what their local Catholic schools have to offer. The slogan “Come and See” can be referenced from the Bible (John 1:39 -40). “Come and see”, expresses the invitation that Jesus makes to every prospective disciple. It explains the purpose of the Gospel – to lead its readers to a personal knowledge of Jesus and to deep love. 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. Included in this newsletter are some planned activities for St Joseph's and everyone is welcome to attend.

Take Care,

Mrs Jude Ryan

PRINCIPAL

It was a first for Wilcannia-Forbes Catholic Schools last Friday when a diocesan wide pupil free day provided the opportunity for every teacher to participate in a professional learning day with world renowned Canadian educator Dr Lyn Sharratt, at Forbes.



CLASS 1/2 HAPPENINGS

We were working on **SIZZLING STARTS** today and students had to write a sizzling start- starting with the word BANG.

The purpose of a sizzling start is to engage the reader and make them want to read more!

Bang the lightning cracked as it set the house on fire.

Abigail Smith

Bang I crashed my motorbike. I was hurt.

William Coe

Bang a monkey flew up in the air to the moon. It was so scary.

Lilly May

Bang a bomb exploded. I was in a war and in danger.

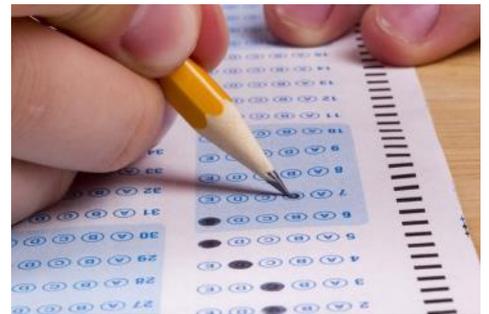
Gus Laing

Bang the car exploded. Now mum needed a brand new car.

Millie Jacobson



2018 NAPLAN (online)



National Assessment Program

Literacy & Numeracy. Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9

This year the Naplan assessment tests will be completed online. Yr 3 will still be completing their writing assessment using pen and paper and Yr 5 will be completing their assessment online.

The Wilcannia Forbes Diocese has subscribed to Typing Tournament which students will be using to improve their typing skills over the coming weeks.

Students in grades 3 and 5 will be sitting the National Literacy and Numeracy test in May.

The dates are listed below.

- **Tuesday 15 May:** Language Conventions and Writing
- **Wednesday 16 May:** Reading
- **Thursday 17 May:** Numeracy

This test is to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools at grades 3, 5, 7 and 9.

WEBSITE FOR PARENTS: <http://www.nap.edu.au>

This website is very informative and well worth exploring

WENDALL SAILOR coming to St Joseph's

Wendall Sailor will be in Condobolin on Friday, 2nd March attending the Condobolin Lions Club Sports Awards Presentation Evening. He will also be making a visit to the students of St Joseph's from 11.30 - 12.15pm. Families are welcome to come along.

If you are able to support the Condobolin Lions Club we encourage you to go along for the evening, tickets are only \$10ea and includes nibbles. Tickets can be purchased from Yours and Mine Vogue, Melissa Barby or Donna Goodsell.



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

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK 2018 4-10 MARCH**



Wilcannia-Forbes Catholic Schools

COME and SEE (John 1:39-40)

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DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Best wishes to Cameron Stuckey, Braith Sloane, Cooper Turner, Jedd Turner, Errol Packham, Nat Mansur, Rosie Ward and Sophia Stuckey who will be competing at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Condobolin on Monday, 6th March. Many thanks to Mark Thorpe for training the students for our cluster and diocesan carnivals.



Supervising Teachers will be Mrs Ryan & Mrs Ridley

- 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

Condo-Milby Registration

Save the date

**AFL Football-
Seniors
14s
Auskick**

Netball-All Grades

**A
B
C**

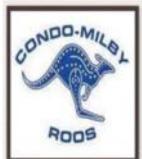
**C Reserves
16s**

And under 13s (depending on interest)

Date: 3rd & 17th March

Time: 11am

Venue: SRA Grounds



Enquiries:

Netball: Mel: 0488592943

Heidi: 0447282270

Football: Cameron: 0437519810

Ev: 0418266854

Anthony: 0407648414

Red Bend Catholic College



Open Day

Guided tours from 11am - 2pm,
light lunch provided

For more information contact the College on 6852 2000

**Meet the Principal
and staff**

Sunday, March 11, 2018 - 11am - 2pm

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?'

AGM

Annual General Meeting

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

Next General Meeting: to follow AGM
Parents and friends are
encouraged to attend and support
the committee

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.



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.



Sunday 4th March 2018

Fun, Faith & Friendship

DETAILS

Start - 5:00pm Mass @ St Joseph's Parish Church

Finish - 7:30pm (Pick up at tennis courts)

For students in Yrs 4-8

\$5 for Pizza

Please bring a tennis racquet if you have one

Youth Group



IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1 - 2018

Week 5

Wednesday 28th February Parent Class Information Evening, 6.30pm

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

Week 8

Tuesday 20th March Zoo Mobile visiting school

Wednesday 21st March Polding Swimming - Homebush

Wednesday 21st March Harmony Day

Week 9

27th, 28th & 29th March Life Education Van

29th March Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross

30th March Good Friday

Week 10

Monday 2nd April Easter Monday

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.