



St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter

8th March, 2021. Term 1 Week 7

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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (7):

12/3 - Exergames

NEXT WEEK (8):

15/3 - Young Mary
Travelling Production

16/3 - WF Winter Trials

17/3 - 200 years of Catholic
Education - Stage 3 Leaders
to Forbes

18/3 - Leaders' Induction
Mass and Assembly 9.30am

19/3 - St Joseph's Feast Day

19/3 - Exergames

TERM 1:

22/3 - NSWCCPS Swimming
- SOPAC

23/3 - Primary Excursion
DRTCC

25/3 - Feast of the
Annunciation of the Lord
and Assembly Awards

26/3 - Exergames

1/4 - Holy Thursday and
Last Day of Term 1

1/4 - Easter Hat Parade

2/4 - Good Friday

Dear families and friends,

What overwhelming support I felt at last Monday's P & F AGM meeting! Thank you to the outgoing committee: President; Dave Thomas, Vice President; Kylie Symons, Secretary; Katrina Perrin, Treasurer; Jodi Sant. This small team worked hard over the last few years to organise some really successful events and raise funds for the school. I enjoyed working with you all.

Congratulations to the newly appointed 2021 committee: President; Matt Ryan, Vice President; Dave Thomas, Secretary; Alicia Harris, Treasurer; Blake Tremain-Cannon. The executive committee will be supported by general committee members; Bridget Sellers, Rebecca Cohen, Nick Harris, Kylie Symons, Kathleen Pizzi, Josh Wetherell, Ash Reeves, Katrina Perrin, Meghnaben Patel and Piyushkumar Patel.

I am not sure that any other P & F in NSW could claim that 76% of their families are part of the P & F. It is really exciting times and I look forward to working with you all to organise some fun events. If you weren't able to make the AGM, you are always welcome to attend any future meetings.

I would like to invite **expressions of interest** for the Parish School Advisory Committee for 2021. This committee is led by Father Sabbas, supported by myself and Miss Brooke Hanns. The commitment includes one meeting per school term for 1 hour. This committee enhances the educational partnership between parishes, parents, schools and the wider community. Please contact me via email or phone if you are interested in joining this committee or want to learn more. At least two more parents would enhance the work of this committee.

Best wishes,

Regina

Principal

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

We have been reflecting on Saint Oscar Romero's message of **being more** rather than **having more** during this time of Lent. We thank you for your kind donations and support thus far. Our Mini Vinnies team will be organising a fundraiser in the coming weeks. You can also use the QR code below for more information and inspiring stories about the change we can affect.



PARISH NOTICES



Lenten Group; Mondays at 4 pm in Boatswain House.

Project Compassion; Lenten Money Boxes and Envelopes are available at back of church.

New Roster being assembled now. If anyone wishes to help by reading etc. please see Denise or Jan. Thank you.

AGM for St James Parish Council will take place on Sunday 14th March after Mass. Anyone wishing to nominate for Parish Council, or other correspondence should be in writing and given to the secretary by Friday 12th March 2021. An ordinary Parish Council meeting will follow the AGM.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH:

14th March: AGM - St James Parish Council

17th Solemnity: Saint Patrick

19th Solemnity: Saint Joseph

21st March: Tridentine (Latin) Mass Sunday

25th Solemnity: Annunciation of the Lord

EASTER SERVICES

28th March: Palm Sunday - 9.30am Blessing of Palms and Mass

1st April: Holy Thursday - 7pm Hour of Adoration

2nd April: Good Friday - 3pm Passion of the Lord

4th April: Easter Sunday - 9.30am Mass

Winter Jumpers

Winter is coming and we are planning to place a group order for our St Joseph's fleece lined, v-neck jumpers if there is enough interest.

We estimate the cost of a jumper to be about \$35. Byrne Clothing in Parkes can confirm the price once they know how many jumpers are needed. The sizing starts at 4 and goes to 2XL.

The jumpers come embroidered with the school emblem and this is included in the cost. Parents can opt to have their child's name embroidered at an extra cost of \$5.

Please contact the school by Friday 19th of March if you wish to place an order.



HELP WANTED

The children are very excited to play basketball at recess and lunch time.

We need someone handy on the tools to assemble our new **Portable Basketball System**. It comes with assembly instructions.

You will need an adjustable spanner and wrenches in size 13, 14, 17 and 19. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

WEEK 6 PRIZES WENT TO:

- ★ Aarjav Patel
- ★ Chace Hinton

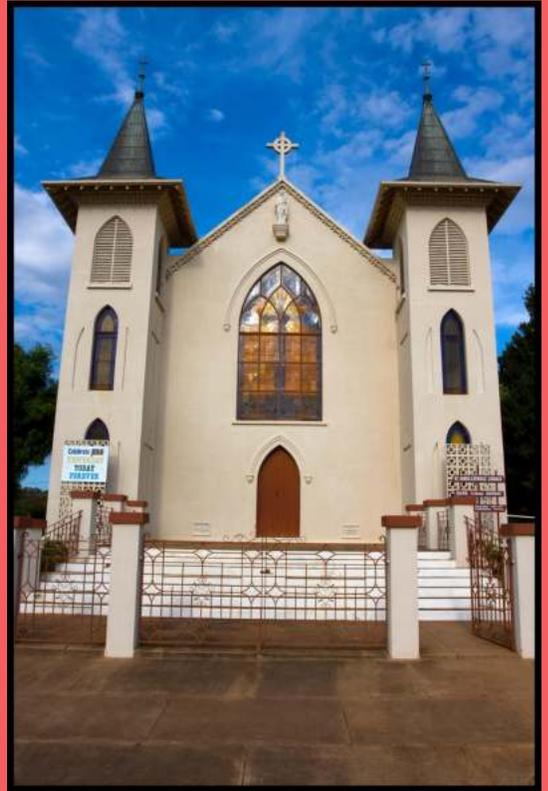
CONGRATULATIONS!!



Save the Date

We are excited to announce updated Covid guidelines:

Parents and carers are now able to enter the school grounds but should continue to follow COVID safe practices, including social distancing between adults of 1.5 meters.



18th March - *Leaders' Induction Mass - 9.30 am at St James's Church followed by ASSEMBLY Awards.*

25th March - *Annunciation of the Lord Mass - 9.30 am at St James's Church followed by ASSEMBLY Awards.*

1st April - *Family Easter Hat Parade at St Joseph's Parish School - Picnic Lunch.*

VIRTUAL SCIENCE EXCURSION



SPORTS DAY



RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

The Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes (CEO) is committed to providing a harmonious and safe environment for all students, parents and staff. The CEO and the schools in its care strive to be communities of faith, hope and love, where communication takes place in an environment of openness and mutual respect.

Complaints are handled fairly, efficiently and effectively by:

- Enabling schools and the CEO to respond to issues raised by people making complaints in a timely manner; and
- Providing information that can be used to deliver quality improvements in schools, systems, practices, procedures and complaint handling.

Staff at all levels are expected to be committed to fair, effective and efficient complaint handling. Confidentiality is expected at all levels and records will be maintained in a separate restricted access file. Investigations will be carried out impartially and fairly.





Peak Hill

Walkabout Barber
with Brian Dowd

YOUTH WEEK 2021



7TH OF APRIL

9.30AM

**LEARNING & HEALING
CENTRE,
EUCHIE STREET**

REMINDERS:

- Temperature checks will be done at the entrance
- Please ensure you sign in on arrival
- Sanitation stations will be set up
- For those youth who already booked in for a free fresh style cut in 2020 prior to the Covid-19 cancellation no need to re book, we will be in touch.

Brian Dowd, the founder of Walkabout Barber, is a qualified trauma counsellor who has lived in the Newcastle area for most of his life. Besides his Warners Bay barbershop, he also runs a mobile barbershop and goes out in the communities, giving haircuts and providing trauma counselling.

The community are invited to attend this free workshop, and youth receive free hair cuts for their participation.

For more information call Amanda on
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