Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

This week brings us to the end of Term 1. I would like to take this opportunity to compliment teachers and students on their diligence and focus over the last eleven successful weeks of learning. We have had quite a number of sporting, social and religious events where children have made every effort to work as a team and do their very best together. It is good to see the students remain settled and focused on all matters during the time. I hope everyone enjoys the next couple of weeks of holidays and returns newly refreshed for the next chapter.

At the beginning of next term, all staff from our diocese will be involved in a whole of system two-day conference in Wagga. It is centred on wellbeing and all school staffs are expected to attend. Students will therefore return to school on Thursday 28th of April. On that day, at 10:40am, we will have a ceremony to mark ANZAC day. Our two school captains will represent the school at the ANZAC day march in Wagga on the 25th April and lay a wreath at the cenotaph in the Victory Memorial Gardens.

This week we say farewell to Bre Camp, our school counsellor, who is expecting her first baby very soon and will be on leave for the remainder of 2016. Centacare are currently sourcing a replacement for Bre for her schools. I will keep you posted on this, but they are hoping to have someone in place early next term. In the interim, Miss Ridley our school chaplain will continue her work with students.

I would like to wish Mrs Staples a very happy long service leave in Term 2. I am sure she will enjoy the break and look forward to returning in Term 3. In her absence, Mrs Howe will be taking on the full time position, which will ensure continuity for Year 1J.

On Thursday we have a school Mass organised by the Year 3. Thursday evening we have the school disco for this term. The children love these nights and we look forward to seeing everyone there. On Friday, we have our cross country run at the river precinct. We are aiming for an early start (soon after 9:00am) and we would really appreciate parent helpers on the course. Please see Mr Spain when we arrive at the river. Friday will be the last day of term and students can wear their sport uniform or their team colours. Please ensure they wear proper runners and clothing they can run comfortably in. Our final assembly for the term will be at the usual time of 2:40pm, featuring our school band.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal
**Important Dates for Term 1 2016**

- Thursday 7th April: School Mass at Cathedral at 9.15am Yr 3 assisting
- Thursday 7th April: School Disco 5.30pm—7pm
- Friday 8th April: Cross Country 9.30am
- Friday 8th April: Last Day of Term 1

**Important Dates for Term 2 Weeks 1-2 2016**

- Monday 25th April: Anzac Day—public holiday
- Tuesday 26th April: Diocesan School Conference—Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 27th April: Diocesan School Conference—Pupil Free Day
- Thursday 28th April: First Day for students Term 2
- Thursday 28th April: Anzac Day Ceremony 10.40am
- Monday 2nd May: Paul Kelly Cup Year 6
- Thursday 5th May: Year 2 Mass 9.15am Cathedral
- Friday 6th May: Mother’s Day Breakfast

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**Pupil Free Days**

- Monday 25th April—Anzac Day
- Tuesday 26th April—Diocesan School Conference
- Wednesday—Diocesan School Conference

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**Disco Disco Disco**

Our school disco is being held on Thursday 7th April in the school hall

Time: 5.30pm—7pm

Cost: $6—this includes entry, hot dog and drink.

Lollies and extra drinks will be available to buy.

Glow sticks (4 for $1) and hair spraying ($2) will be available at the tuckshop.

Parent helpers required on the night.

Please be prompt in picking up your children.
From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

Cross Country
This Friday all students will participate in the cross country carnival which will take place at Wagga beach. The events will commence at 9:15am where all students from Years 2 to 6 will walk the course. During this time Kinder and Year 2 students will run a shortened version of the course.

Under 8/9/10 will run 2km and under 11/12 3km. The first three in each division will be selected to attend the Diocese carnival to be held in Holbrook on Friday April 29th. Those attending will receive their notes on Friday.

Students may wear either their sports clothes or clothing in the colour of their house in which they can safely run. Parental assistance would be greatly appreciated particularly in the area of course marshalling and recording. We expect the events to conclude around 11:30. If you can help please meet at the school at 9.10am.

MacKillop Swimming
Congratulations to Lara Knox and Emily Saeki on their outstanding results at the MacKillop carnival in Sydney last Thursday. Both girls swam personal best times by a number of seconds and were wonderful ambassadors for St Joseph’s.

MacKillop Diving
We wish the best of luck to Amelia Hackett in Year 3 who today competes in the MacKillop diving championships in Sydney. This is the first time St Joseph’s has had a representative in this sport.

Paul Kelly Cup
Year 6 students will be representing the school at the Paul Kelly Cup AFL competition on Monday May 2nd. For the first time St Joseph’s will be sending a girl’s team to this event. Students will receive their notes with details of the day this week.

Merit Awards Week  10 Term 1

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Year 6 Confirmation 2016
Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 15th May at 10am at the Cathedral.
A parent information night will be held on Monday 2nd May at 7pm in the Year 6 classroom. We invite all Year 6 parents to attend.
Bishop Hanna will visit the Year 6 students on Friday 13th May at 9.30am to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation. A note has been sent home today with Year 6 with all information re Confirmation.

Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday 7th April at 9.15am in the Cathedral. Year 3 will be assisting Fr Rick with the Mass. We welcome all our families to join us.
Friday Assembly 8th April at 2.40pm

Our school band will be performing at this Friday’s school assembly. The assembly will commence at 2.40pm. We welcome all families to come along and be entertained by this wonderful group of students who have been under the tutelage of Mrs Langtry this term.

From the Office—Christine Nielsen

Our enrolments are now open for Kinder 2017. If you have a child who will be commencing school in 2017, you can either call in to the office to pick up an enrolment pack or we can send one home with their sibling. Enrolments close on Friday 17th June 2016.

Cathedral Parish Mass Times

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Term 2 Dates for 2016

Thursday 28th April to Friday 1st July

Tuckshop News

Thank you to the parents who have filled the vacant spots in our tuckshop roster. If you are not on the roster and would like to be added, please contact Kathy Gaffney 0422493879 or the office if you can assist.

Tuckshop Roster Week 1 Term 2

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Book Covering Help Required

We still have some new classroom resources which require covering with contact. If you can help, please contact the office and we can supply you with books and contact. Your help will be much appreciated.

Winter Uniform

When school returns in Term 2, students have the option of wearing summer or winter uniform, depending on the weather.

All students are expected to be wearing full winter uniform from Monday 16th May

Tables and Chairs to Give Away

Due to the school purchasing new classroom furniture, we still have a number of infants size tables and chairs to give away. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

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