Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

This week, Miss Ray and Kinders have been helping to organise Mass for tomorrow morning. They have been practising prayers and hymns and are looking forward to doing their very best on Thursday.

Stage 1 children (Years 1 and 2) had a wonderful experience at the Kurrajong Recycling Centre on Tuesday morning. These excursions are most worthwhile, as the children are able to gain first hand experiences of concepts discussed in class and are able to round out their knowledge and understanding of topics. I am sure they will share their new wisdom about recycling at home.

Thanks to the parent helpers who came along to support the classes.

Similarly, Year 5 students (and teachers) are beginning to get quite excited about their trip to the Convict Barracks in Sydney next week. It will be a fantastic experience, offering them all a unique insight into convict life and early Australian settlement. They have been researching the topic in class over the last weeks. We are very fortunate to be able to offer the trip this year at very little cost to families. The classes will round out the trip with a visit to some important landmarks and places of interest in Sydney.

Tomorrow, Year 5 and 6 children will be having a session at school on CPR. This is an important life skill for everyone and we are quite privileged to have our students trained in the basics of resuscitation. This will take place as a one hour session on Thursday morning.

Following that, our senior students will be attending the Mater Dei College production called ‘Popstars—the 90’s Musical’.

On Friday, Miss Dunn and Ms Hale will be attending a religious education meeting at the CSO. Year 3 are also preparing an item to present at assembly this Friday afternoon.

As you can see, it is always a full week at St Joseph’s.

Yours in Christ
Kathy Gaskin—Principal

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Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians - 24th May

The feast day of Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800’s.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainbleau. The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24th May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24th May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.
Important Dates for Term 2 Weeks 2016

Thursday 26th May  
Kinder Mass 9.15am Cathedral  
Stage 3 to MDCC musical 11am

Friday 27th May  
Year 3 Assembly 2.40pm

Wednesday 1st June to  
Year 5 Excursion to Sydney

Thursday 2nd June  
Year 4 Reconciliation

Friday 3rd June  
Musica Viva Concert 10am  
Year 1 assembly 2.40pm

Thursday 9th June  
Year 1 Mass 9.15am Cathedral  
School Disco 5.30pm to 7pm

Friday 10th June  
PUPIL FREE DAY—Staff Development Day

Wednesday 15th June  
Year 6 RE test

Thursday 16th June  
Year 3 Reconciliation

Friday 17th June  
Kinder assembly 2.40pm

Thursday 23rd June  
Students to attend Parish Mass 12.45pm Cathedral

Friday 1st July  
Last day of Term 2

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Diocesan Sport News

Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Wagga Diocese at the MacKillop Rugby Union trials to be held in Forbes in late June:

Gus Goodyer, Eamon Kurta, Arnold Noble, Baden Noble, Henry Kennedy, Sam McMahon, Archie Dean, Charlie Martin and Thomas Dodsworth-Paton.

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Calling all Gardening Enthusiasts

Do you know anyone who loves gardening, particularly vegetable gardening and has a bit of knowledge about it? We would like to explore the possibility of building another sustainable garden or two around the school.

For this to happen we need people—parents and grandparents etc who would be willing to set up and help manage the gardens. If we could gather a few interested people, we would also seek expert advice to plan the area, select appropriate plants and set up watering.

If you are interested, please contact the school by phone 69215733 or email: sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au
From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

St Joseph’s was fortunate late last year to have a speaker from the Cybersmart Government Department come and speak to students, staff and parents on the topic of e-safety. This is an area in which it is vital that we are always vigilant.

The use of ICT is an integral part of our student’s life in 2016. At school and at home, our goal is to monitor, guide and teach our students about the appropriate ways to use technology. The use of social media needs to be carefully monitored so that our children learn the importance of honesty and responsibility when using such sites and apps.

We want the students to understand that their communication on social networking sites needs to be positive and respectful just as their everyday interactions with each other should be. It is ideal if all parents talk with their children about family expectations for social networking use.

Please remember that sites such as Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat have age restrictions. Problems arise in relation to this because there is no way of checking the authenticity of age details provided by users at the time of registration. For a variety of reasons primary school age students should not be using these sites. Social networking sites attempt to address this problem by including a clause in privacy policies that clearly restricts children below the associated age from using the site.

A number of our students bring phones or other devices to school and school related activities and events. These devices are not to come out of bags and most certainly not to be used for social networking during school hours.

Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday 26th May at 9.15am in the Cathedral. Kinder will be assisting Fr Rick with the Mass. We welcome all

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Anaphylaxis Alert
We would like to advise you that we have two children in our school, one in Year 3 and one in Year 6 who may have an anaphylactic reaction if they eat nuts or fish. Please be conscious of this if sending food items to school for sharing.

Sunday 5 June, 10am - 2pm Free community event
Came and celebrate World Environment Day by coming to the official community opening of the Marrambidya Wetlands. Council staff will be coordinating activities with a free sausage sizzle at midday.
Ongoing free activities throughout the day will include:
- Nature trail box safaris
- Reed planting
- Treasure hunt
- Face painting
- Spear throwing

Free scheduled activities
Water sampling/Water Bugs activity 10:30am
Seed balls 11am
Wiradjuri Storytelling 11:30am
Free sausage sizzle 12pm
Malaynn Dance Group 12:30pm
Water sampling/Water Bugs activity 1pm
Wiradjuri Storytelling 1:30pm

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For further information contact Carly Hood
02 6926 9342 | hoed@early@wagga.nsw.gov.au
Second Hand Clothing Pool
Thank you to all the parents who have been sending in uniforms that are no longer needed—they are much appreciated. If there is a parent who could spare half an hour to come in and unpack all these generous donations onto the shelves, we would be very grateful.

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Cathedral Parish Mass Times
Mon—Fri 7am & 12.45pm  Sat 12.15pm
Sunday Mass  Saturday 6pm, 8am, 10am & 5.30pm

From the Office—Christine Nielsen
Thank you to the families that have returned the Student Verification Report that was sent home to our families recently. It is very important that ALL families return their children’s forms as it ensures that the school has your most up to date details. If you have not returned the form, please do so by Friday 27th May.

We are receiving lots of enrolment forms 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.

From next week, any child applying for a bus pass for any of the bus companies will need to apply online on the NSW Transport website. Once completed online, the form needs to be printed out and brought to the school office for verification and then the form will be sent by the school to the NSW Transport office. Brochures with all necessary information are being sent home today with your child. See further information in the newsletter.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students who represented the school at the Mortimer Shield Rugby League and League Tag carnival last week. All of the students played in a wonderful sporting manner, were wonderful ambassadors for our school and played with a tremendous sense of fun.
Stage 1 are learning about Life in the Past and Present. The children and teachers would like to say a special thank you to Old N Dazed, Hammond Ave, Wagga for lending us some of their olden day things to talk about. We loved learning about olden day toasters, tricycles, dolls, telephones, ice cream tins and school pencil sharpeners! Thank you for your generosity!
General questions

1. When will the online application form for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) become available to customers?
The updated online application is available from 12 May 2016 for all students at www.transportnsw.info/school-students

2. Has there been any change to SSTS policy?
No. There has been no change to SSTS policy.

3. Do applicants need to re-apply every year?
Parents, guardians and students should apply for an SSTS travel pass if the student is travelling between home and school and meets the SSTS eligibility criteria and:

- has not had a travel pass before
- is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- is changing school or campus
- is changing address
- as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

5. What if applicants do not have access to the internet or a printer?
Applicants can call 131 500 for assistance.

6. Should students 16 years and over submit the application themselves?
Students 16 years and over must complete and sign the application form themselves. They should read the School Pass Terms and Conditions including the Code of Conduct. The form includes a box to tick to confirm they agree.

7. How are shared parental responsibility situations managed?
In a shared parental responsibility situation, such as joint custody, a student is eligible for subsidised travel from both addresses, subject to meeting the normal eligibility criteria. A separate SSTS application should be made for each address.

In the first instance you do not need to provide a court order or statutory declaration to Transport for NSW for shared parental responsibility situations. However, Transport for NSW reserves the right to request these or further evidence documents if required to determine eligibility for subsidised travel from both addresses.

8. How does the new application process impact schools?
Schools and TAFEs will receive a printed version of the completed online applications, from parents, guardians and students. Schools and TAFEs need to endorse these forms. Do not send forms to operators; all forms are now sent to Transport for NSW: