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*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by Water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Congratulations to our Year 6 students who were confirmed at Mass on Sunday 20th May.**

Dear parents, friends and families,

Thank you parents/carers—the children look very neat in their winter uniform. The weather has now turned cold and so from this week full winter uniform must be worn by all students. Please check that they have the correct socks, shoes etc. in accordance with the uniform policy and that jackets and jumpers are well labelled with your child's name. Things do tend to go missing and we already have a small collection of jackets in lost property.

It is great to celebrate the fantastic things that happen at St Joseph's. Many of the pictures are captured and placed on our Facebook page for you to enjoy. Some amazing things happen in every classroom. Thanks to Mrs Humphrey for keeping this up to date.

Well done, all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students, who sat the NAPLAN tests last week. They mostly took it all in their stride and settled into the change of organisation in the classroom. We will look forward to the data when it comes, later in the year.

Congratulations Year 6 students, Mr Kennedy and Ms Hale on the Confirmation on Sunday. It is a wonderful milestone in the children's lives and they are learning a great deal about becoming adult Christians in class. Many thanks to Fr O'Reilly for officiating on Sunday and visiting the class last Friday. Thanks also to Miss Ridley and Miss Marwood for your work with the choir, and thanks children for coming along and supporting the Year 6 children with your beautiful singing. Thanks to the parents who set up and managed the morning tea. It was a lovely morning and we all appreciate your support.

Work will begin on the playground area between the tennis court and the McAlroy House fence in the next couple of weeks. Synthetic grass will be laid, with a soccer field marked out for the children's use. I think it will be a big hit with the children and it should be an all weather surface. We are very excited about this happening.

Also, in the near future, we will have a landscape consultant look at our whole playground, with a view to designing more exciting, imaginative and usable spaces for the future. It is envisaged that work will be carried out over time and in stages. We will keep you updated.

Year 5 and 6 are off to the Mater Dei College production "We Will Rock You" on Thursday and Kinder will be visiting the library. The students in K to 6 are loving their tennis lessons each week. It is so great to see them all enjoying their time learning new skills and most of all, having fun.

There are a few sickies this week. I hope you all get well quickly and bounce back to good health. Thank you to all staff for your generosity in helping each other out.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

## Important Dates Term 2 – 2018

- ◆ Thursday 24th May MDCC Performance Civic Theatre Yr 5 & Yr 6
- ◆ Friday 25th May School Assembly 2.30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 29th May World Catholic Schools Day  
ICAS Testing—Science  
Mortimer Shield
- ◆ Wednesday 30th May Deanery Athletics
- ◆ Thursday 31st May Musica Viva Concert 9.00am  
Youth Tour with John Angotti Yr 5 & Yr 6
- ◆ Friday 1st June School Assembly 2.30pm
- ◆ Monday 11th June Queens Birthday - Public Holiday
- ◆ Tuesday 12th June School Council Meeting 6pm
- ◆ Wednesday 13th June ICAS - Spelling
- ◆ Thursday 14th June ICAS - Writing
- ◆ Friday 15th June School Assembly 2.30pm
- ◆ Friday 6th July Last Day of Term

### **Tuckshop Roster Week 5 Term 2**

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Mon 28th May    | Maha Puli                     |
| Weds 30th May   | Sally Dean                    |
| Thurs 31st May  | Lynette Barnes                |
| Friday 1st June | Karen Sinclair<br>Linda Damme |

### Merit Awards Week 4 Term 2

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| Kinder | Avniel Nidhish<br>Eloise Crossett         |
| Yr 1   | Oliver Miles<br>Nicola Baaten             |
| Yr 2   | Isaac Looney<br>Isabella Spliet           |
| Yr 3H  | Om Prasai<br>Hailey Cruz                  |
| Yr 3E  | Lucy Longmore<br>Brody Campbell           |
| Yr 4   | Amelie Martin<br>William Mutton           |
| Yr 5   | Maisie Rumbachs<br>Loughlin Canny         |
| Yr 6   | Byron Dennis<br>Isabel Hogg<br>Eric Vacca |

### St Joseph's Primary School Out of School Care

Hi everyone

Just to introduce myself, I am the new co-ordinator here at St Joseph's Extend. My name is Heidi Roberts and I have three children, 2 cats, 3 fish, 2 rabbits and 1 guinea pig. I enjoy the outdoors, playing netball, going to the park with my children, bike riding and walks. It has been great to meet the children and their families. I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.

This week the children enjoyed outside games such as Red Rover Cross Over and playing in the sandpit. Inside we have enjoyed colouring in, Uno cards, "Who's That", Bingo and building with blocks.

What's on next week:

Monday—puppet making    Tuesday—Uno tournament  
Wednesday—Colouring in    Thursday—Red Rover Cross Over  
Friday—Painting

For bookings and all other information please go to [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

### News from the Tuckshop

Next Monday we will be introducing 2 new items for trial.

- ◆ French stick with vegemite \$0.20c a slice This will be available at recess and lunch.
- ◆ English muffins with vegemite and/or melted cheese \$0.50c. These will be available at lunchtime and can be ordered through the online tuckshop order or on a lunch bag order.