Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

I hope you all survived the very wet weather over the weekend. This week is not much better with the rain persisting and a few coughs and colds around.

You may have seen some pictures of the group already, but Year 5 had a fantastic time in Sydney and managed to see a number of things in a very short time. They survived the sleepover quite well and had a great deal to talk about on their return to school.

On Friday Musica Viva entertained the students and really had them involved in their music. It was wonderful to have them in the school.

Congratulations to Year 1 for your presentation at assembly last Friday and your great work learning about recycling. Thanks teachers for your work with them and teaching the funny songs.

This week the teachers are continuing to assess their students and write reports for each child. The reports are due to be sent home at the end of week 9 and in week 10 we will have the parent/teacher interviews. More news on these interviews will follow soon.

This Friday (10th June) we have a pupil free day. Teachers will be finalising their assessments and reports on that day. I hope the children enjoy a day off school particularly in this weather.

Yesterday morning at prayer, the Mini Vinnies children in our school presented a clip they had created about their initiative of collecting warm articles such as new knitted hats, scarves, blankets etc. for the winter appeal. It was a delightful skit with a fantastic message for the school. Each classroom now has a basket for the collection of goods which will be given to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the term. It is a great way for children to joyfully live out the message of Christ in our local community. I am sure they will talk to you about this and want to be part of the giving.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin
Principal
Important Dates for Term 2 Weeks 7-10 2016

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From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

The importance of manners in young people cannot be understated. Development of manners is an essential part of everyday school life. In and out of the classroom manners are always reinforced. Students are gently reminded to say please and thank you whenever appropriate. These fundamentals of manners are the starting points of what a young person should learn. Manners build and strengthen relationships and positive relationships are strongly encouraged in all aspects of life. Students are also encouraged to address people by name, look someone in the eye when speaking to them and speak clearly and with confidence. These are life skills that will greatly benefit a person even when they are long gone from the school gate.

It is an expectation of St Joseph’s that students display the same form of manners when they interact with each other on the playground as they do to staff and other adults. Playing respectfully with one another, taking turns, sharing equipment and encouraging and supporting others are key elements in assisting the development of young people when interacting with their peers.

At St Joseph’s we fully support parents instilling manners in their child. Do not be afraid to set clear and high expectations. We do here at school. We want this message to be reinforced so the children of St Joseph’s come to understand the significance of manners.

Still Calling all Gardening Enthusiasts

We are still looking for a few more parents to put up their hand to help in our school garden venture. You don’t need any gardening skills—just your enthusiasm! If you are interested, please contact the school by phone 69215733 or email: sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au
St Joseph’s Primary School—
**DISCO TIME!**
Thursday 9th June 5:30-7:00pm
School Hall

$6 child entry (includes disco, sausage sandwich & drink) – to be paid on the night
Extra sausages available for purchase $2.00
GLOW STICKS (4 for $1), and hair spraying ($2) will be available on the night.
Lollies and extra drinks will be available for purchase from the tuckshop.

You are welcome to stay, however if you are not staying, please ensure you are punctual for pick up!

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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.

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**Merit Awards Week 6 Term 2**

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**Minnie Vinnies At St Joseph’s**
The Minnie Vinnies team has just launched its 2016 Winter Appeal! The aim of the appeal is for families to donate warm clothing like gloves, pyjamas, jumpers, beanies and socks. No food please! This year our goal is for each family to donate one item of warm clothing which is brand new. We’d really appreciate it and so would those who receive the donations. “One donation is more than a thousand stars to the poor.”

Written by Niamh Chu (Yr 5) on behalf of Mini-Vinnies.

The children have produced a short video about helping others. These photos are part of the video—we will attach a link to the video in next week’s newsletter.
PLEASE NOTE THAT FRIDAY 10TH JUNE IS A PUPIL FREE DAY FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT.

Term 2 Friday Assemblies at 2.40pm
Kinder—Friday 17th June

From the Office—Christine Nielsen
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. When selecting our school, please type in St Josephs Primary and you will then be given a drop down menu to select our school. You need to leave out the apostrophe in Joseph’s or our school will not populate into the drop down menu.

Thank you to the families who have set up a regular payment throughout the year to pay for school fees. A reminder that if you are paying your school fees each term, fees for Term 2 are now due and we would appreciate if you could finalise the payment before the end of term.

Tuckshop Roster Week 8 Term 2

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

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EXTEND OOSH at St Joseph Primary School Wagga Wagga

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU! Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!
NSW booking deadline: Friday 24 June—PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Join in on Extend’s own mini Olympics tournament and aim for gold! Have fun with science experiments, come along in costume and join in on our party afternoons, and participate in a bunch of craft activities and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Winter Holiday Program. To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Recap
Thank you to all our After School Care students for a lovely couple of weeks. All students have been having a great time making boomerangs, friendship bracelets and snowmen.

We have just started our seed germination experiment. We will observe the seed germination process throughout the week.

If you would like your children to attend Extend after school care please visit the Extend parent portal for enrollment.

-- Diana Ganapathy

Next week’s activities

Tuesday 14th June: - Board games day
Wednesday 15th June: - Set up “CAFE” and create menu
Thursday 16th June: - Angry bird theme day
Friday 17th June: - Create own board game
Sydney excursion for Year 5
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: