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## Reflection

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 3-10



Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and maybe even a sleep-in. The teachers had a successful day on Friday finalising assessments and reports to be sent home at the end of next week (week 9).

Please don't forget to send in any new warm articles such as gloves, hats, scarves, blankets etc. for our Mini Vinnies winter appeal. With the cold weather really hitting us now, we often pray at school for those who have little shelter, lack warm clothes or proper food at this time. Putting those prayers into action to help and care for others is what we can do as a Catholic school. Thank you for your support of this initiative.

I hope the children really enjoyed the disco on Thursday night. Thank you to the staff and families in attendance to support the school through this fundraiser. It is always a very good social night for the students. Thanks in particular to the helpers and organisers on the night

Thank you to the few parents who have offered to help with the garden beds. We will be in contact next term to plan and move ahead on the project to plant the vegetable and herb beds.

Today, the Year 6 students sat the Religious Education test. This is a state wide Catholic RE test for religious literacy. Generally, our students do well on these tests and we are confident that the Year 6 students have a good foundation of understanding important features of our faith.

This Thursday, the whole school will be attending the Kildare Cabaret performance for schools. It should be a very nice reward for all our students who have put a great effort towards their learning over the first semester.

Year 3 have reconciliation on Thursday and Kinder will be the feature at Friday's assembly this week at 2:40pm.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin  
Principal

## Important Dates for Term 2 Weeks 7-10 2016

Thursday 16th June	Year 3 Reconciliation Whole school to Kildare Catholic College for "Shine" Cabaret 1pm
Friday 17th June	Kinder assembly 2.40pm
Thursday 23rd June	Students to attend Parish Mass 12.45pm Cathedral
Friday 24th June	CIPS band playing at St Joseph's 12MD
Friday 1st July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 18th July	First day of Term 3

### From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

Late next week parents will receive the first semester reports for your children. These reports are the culmination of a great deal of time spent by teachers planning and implementing the curriculum, assessing, extending and supporting students and hours writing reports.

Please remember that formal reports are just one way that teachers report on your child's progress at school. The report that you will read next week is an account of your child's learning for this semester. Students are assessed on outcomes at stage levels and besides Early Stage 1, spend two years working towards these given outcomes. For your understanding the stages are as follows:

Early Stage 1: Kinder  
Stage 1: Years 1 and 2.  
Stage 2: Years 3 and 4  
Stage 3: Years 5 and 6.

Grades from A to E are given to students from Years 1 to 6 for all Key Learning Areas. For your understanding the grades are as follows:

- A: An extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge.
- B: Has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills.
- C: Has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of the content and has achieved an adequate level of competence.
- D: Has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence.
- E: Has an Elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence.

## 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:

## 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 this 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 9 Term 2

Monday 20th June	Maha Puli
Weds 22nd June	Kristen Molloy Larissa Byrne
Thurs 23rd June	Angela Bennett VACANT
Friday 17th June	Kathy Gaffney Keith Hackett

### Cathedral Parish Mass Times

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

### 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.**

Congratulations to Paul and Carla Chigwidden on the arrival of Dorothea Rose—a new sister for George (1S) and Bruno (Kinder 2017). We are sure she will bring much joy to your family.



Transport  
for NSW

## Rural & Regional FAQs

School Student Transport Scheme  
For Schools and TAFEs - May 2016

### 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](http://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.

## 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.

Please send in your donation with your child and they can place it in the basket in their classroom.



### **ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3, 2016**

Learn to Swim, Mums & Bubs, Stroke Correction, Squad Training, Hydrotherapy, Birthday Parties, Aqua Aerobics, Sporting Groups

Warm, friendly, family orientated environment with an enclosed children's play area.

### **5 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jul. 2016 to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Jul. 2016

*GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE*

**DON'T MISS OUT - FOR ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 6971 7750 OR DROP IN AND SEE US TODAY!**

Wagga Swim School - 83 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga

Email - [info@waggaswimschool.com.au](mailto:info@waggaswimschool.com.au)

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## Community Open Day

**EVENT POSTPONED UNTIL  
SUNDAY 19 JUNE**

Marrambidya Wetland, Narrung Street, Wagga Wagga

### Free community event

Come and celebrate World Environment Day by coming to the official community opening of the Marrambidya Wetland.

Council staff will be coordinating activities with a free sausage sizzle at midday.

Ongoing free activities throughout the day will include

- Fauna nest box surveys
- Reed planting
- Treasure hunt
- Face painting
- Spear throwing

#### Free scheduled activities

- Water sampling/  
Water Bugs activity  
10:30am
- Seed balls  
11am
- Wiradjuri Story Telling  
11:30am
- Free sausage sizzle  
12pm
- Maliyaa Dance Group  
12:30pm
- Water sampling/  
Water Bugs activity  
1pm
- Wiradjuri Storytelling  
1:30pm

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# JULY HOLIDAY CLINICS

## SOUTHERN INLAND

**PLAYERS BORN 2004 - 2009**

**WHAT ARE THE HOLIDAY CLINICS?**

The July Holiday Clinics are held each year during the school holidays across Canberra and Southern NSW. The clinics run from approximately 9:00am to 3:00pm and both morning tea and lunch is provided to all participants.

**CLINIC DATES AND VENUES:**

- Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> - Young (Hall Brothers Oval)
- Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - Griffith (Jubilee Park)
- Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - Wagga Wagga (Conolly Rugby Complex).

**COST: \$66.00**

**CLINIC PARTICIPATION PACK:**

In addition to expert coaching and having lots of fun, participants receive a rugby ball, drink bottle, Brumbies bucket hat and poster similar to those items shown below.

**For further information please contact our Development Staff  
email: [development@brumbies.com.au](mailto:development@brumbies.com.au) or phone: (02) 6283 8588**

## **Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews—27th and 28th June**

The Term Two Parent Teacher interviews will have a new focus in 2016. The new title of these meetings will be “Student Led Conferences”. In these conferences students, parents and teachers will all be present. There is great value in conducting these meetings in this format. Some of these benefits include:

Students show ownership of their learning.

- Reflection on skills and knowledge.
- Parents get a first hand experience of ways in which a particular classroom operates.
- Students see their parents and teachers working in partnership for their educational benefit.

These conferences will take the format of 20 minutes in the classroom. The first ten minutes will be the student leading their parents through samples of their learning which may take a variety of different forms depending on the year group. There will be a script which may assist in guiding your child in leading you through their learning journey. Your role during this time is to show interest, engagement and positivity towards what they have done. Do not hesitate to ask your child questions to encourage deeper reflection on their learning. These questions may include:

*What did you learn from doing this?*

*How did you do this task?*

*What would you do differently?*

*What skills did you use?*

*What are you most proud of?*

*How did this make you feel?*

*Is there something that you did with partners?*

*Were there any challenges completing this task?*

During the following ten minutes you and your child will meet with the teacher where the focus will be on three questions similar to these with answers to be student directed:

- What have you done well?
- What areas do you need to improve?
- What are your goals for the remainder of the year?

Please understand that there will be another family in the room with you. They are in there for the same reasons you are, to celebrate their child’s learning and to meet with the teacher in the conference format. The setup of the classroom will ensure privacy for all parties.

Bookings for the conferences will open shortly. The 10 minute slot you book is the time that you will spend in conference with the teacher. Please ensure to arrive 10 minutes prior so that you can spend time going through samples of your child’s learning.