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From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

A reminder of the format of next week’s Student Led Conferences.....

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 you in guiding your child 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?

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 can be made at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the code 3rm36

MacKillop Cross Country

Congratulations to Joe O’Connor and Henry Kennedy who both competed in the MacKillop Cross Country carnival held in Sydney last Friday. In a field of 80 in the Under 10’s boys division Joe finished 25th whilst Henry finished 10th out of 80 in the Under 12 boys. Well Done to both Joe and Henry!

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3, 2016

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

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Wagga Swim School - 83 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga
Email - info@waggaswimschool.com.au
CIPS Band Performance
On Friday 24th June at 12MD, the CIPS band will be performing at our school. The band includes students from all Catholic Primary schools in our diocese as well as students from St Joseph’s. We invite all families to attend this entertaining performance.

St Joseph’s Winter Appeal 2016
There are only 7 school days left in this term, and the class baskets are looking very empty. It would be great if we could fill the baskets in each class room with lots of warm clothing which will be donated to St Vincent De Paul as part of our 2016 Winter Appeal on the last day of Term 2 (Friday 1st July). We are asking for new items such as 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. This is our chance to help those less fortunate than ourselves in a practical way.

Tuckshop News
We are in desperate need again for volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays as we have lost a few helpers due to work commitments. If you can help out even if it is only for Term 3, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Kathy Gaffney on 0422493879 or email the school at sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au

Merit Awards Week 8 Term 2
Kinder
Gerard Byrne
Janieka Whyman
Year 1J
Chloe Barnes
Jasper Ingold
Year 1S
Claire Nugent
Sofia Vargas Illesacs
Year 2
Bailey Bramich
Julian Miles
Year 3
Oliver Furnell
Bella Nejman
Year 4
Flynn Rumble
Emily Saeki
Year 5
Lara Knox
Ivan Sokolov
Year 6
John Kennedy
Thomas Nejman

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

Head Lice
Please be vigilent in checking your children’s hair every week. There have been a few reported cases of head lice this week. The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to use the conditioner and comb treatment weekly. This includes: 1. Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around. 2. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue. 3. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs. 4. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times. 5. If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again, since the eggs could be from the old infection. 6. If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

Tuckshop Roster Week 10 Term 2
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Interview times for Kinder 2017 have now been emailed out to parents who supplied an enrolment form. If you are planning to enrol your child at St Joseph’s next year and you have not handed in an enrolment form, we recommend that you submit one as soon as possible.
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.
The Kinder children enjoyed their time in the spotlight at our Friday assembly. In Religion the children have been learning about how God created people, the animals and the world, so the children performed one of our favourite animal songs “Down in the Jungle”. We have also been learning about Aboriginal Dream Time stories which share their beliefs about creation, so the children also read and showed their illustrations of “The Rainbow Snake”.

A special thank you goes to Eddie Whyman (Janieka’s Dad) for not only playing the didgeridoo for us during our reading of the Rainbow Snake but for also making and donating an absolutely amazing didgeridoo to our school! When it was unveiled, the children, parents and staff were speechless! I cannot thank Eddie enough for the time and energy he dedicated towards making our didgeridoo. The detail and symbolism that was involved in the design was absolutely amazing! We are so blessed by his kind donation and thank him for sharing his gifts and talents with us!
Explaination of Art and Symbols on the Didgeridoo—written by Eddie Whyman

- The school logo represents St Joseph’s Primary School, Wagga Wagga.
- The seven large dotted circles represent the years of schooling from Kinder to Year 6.
- The white dots joining the large seven circles represent the journey and the learning that the students take from Kinder to Year 6.
- The hand prints symbolize the students.
- The Goanna (Googar) represents the Totem of the Wiradjuri tribe of the area on which our school is situated.
- The Cross symbolizes the Catholic Faith which is an integral part of St Joseph’s Primary School.
You are invited to join the College Community on

Sunday 9 October 2016

In celebrating 60 years of Excellence in Catholic Education with the Leeton Parish celebrating Sunday Mass at St Francis College commencing at 10.00am followed by a FREE BBQ

~~ALL WELCOME~~

Please RSVP to the Mass and/or BBQ to the College Office via Phone, Email or Fax no later than Friday 9 September 2016.

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The simplest way
...to whip up winter warmers.

Cold weather comfort food. What better way to get through winter than with some of these veg-filled favourites:

Soup: a great way to mix or blend extra veg in to the family diet. Try pumpkin; lamb and barley with carrot, celery, potato and onion; or Asian noodle packed with Chinese cabbage and bok choy. Go to eatittobeatit.com.au for the recipes.

Curry or stew: cheap cuts of lean meat become deliciously tender when cooked for several hours in a slow cooker, stovetop pot or oven dish. Remember to add plenty of veg (such as legumes, carrots, onions, beans, celery, peas or mushrooms).

Toasted sandwiches or stuffed potatoes: filled with cheese plus baked beans and/or corn, peas and chopped capsicum.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The simplest way
...to make a mezze plate.

A mezze plate is a great snack or starter and perfect for sharing.

It is ideal hands-on food for kids, and junior chefs can help prepare it too.

Options are limited only by imagination. Just remember to include plenty of veg! Our plate, pictured above, includes:

- Baba ghanoush and Middle Eastern bean dip (or try hummus and tzatziki).  
- Dolmades (vine leaves stuffed with rice and herbs).  
- Olives.  
- Cucumber and carrot sticks (capsicum sticks, green beans and baby corn work well too).  
- Flat bread cut into wedges.  
- Tabbouleh.

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