Reflection

Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being,
For mind, body, spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;
And peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all students, staff, parents and families to the 2016 school year. It is fantastic to see the children looking refreshed and eager again after their break. Many of them have put on some good height over the summer break.

Welcome to our new families and students and in particular, our new Kinders who begin their first day this Friday. Miss Ray is currently carrying out the Best Start assessment with each of them and the Year 6 students are very keen to see their Kinder buddies soon.

The students have settled well into their classrooms, are enjoying their new learning environment and seem very glad to be back with their friends.

On Monday, we all enjoyed a fantastic swimming carnival at the Junee Pool. I would like to thank the staff for all their work and parents for their help and support on the day. Thank you Mr Spain for your work and organisation in putting the program together and making sure everything ran smoothly. It was good to see so many families represented and the children all had a wonderful time. Congratulations to Nagle team who were overall winners on the day. Sports captains, you did a great job getting your team organised and supportive of each other.

This year we are looking at moving the time of our Friday assembly to 2:40pm. This is, in part, to help accommodate parents who may wish to attend, particularly if there is a class presentation, and then leave with their children afterwards. It is also a lovely way to end the day and the week for all. On Fridays, assembly will be finished by the time of the final bell.

Everyone, please save the date of the evening of Friday 11th March, for our first parent and staff social gathering for this year. Last year proved to be very successful and everyone had a pleasant and sociable time. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet with each other in a friendly atmosphere, enjoy a drink and good food and welcome any new families to the school. There will be further information about this evening soon.

With every hope and blessing for a fantastic 2016 year.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin
Principal
SCHOOL MASS
Wednesday 10th February is Ash Wednesday—the commencement of Lent. Our first school Mass for 2016 will be held at 9.15am in the Cathedral on this day. Year 5 will be assisting with the Mass.

Cathedral Parish Mass Times
Monday—Friday 7am & 12.45pm
Saturday 12.15pm
Sunday Mass Saturday 6pm, 8am, 10am & 5.30pm

Opening School Mass
Our opening school Mass will be held on Thursday 25th February 2016 at 9.15am in the Cathedral. At this Mass all Year 6 students will be making a school leaders pledge. The school captains, vice captains and sports captains badges will be blessed and distributed. We invite all our families, especially the parents of the Year 6 students to join us for this celebration.

From the Office—Christine Nielsen
All school fees have now been emailed or sent home with students. If you have not received your statement, please contact the office. Letters went home last Friday with information regarding paying your school fees for 2016. If you have decided to pay by direct debit, it would be appreciated if you could return the paperwork by Friday 5th February.

Letters were sent home yesterday to all students who are on our Asthma register. It would be appreciated if parents could fill these out and return by Friday 12th February. If your child has recently been diagnosed with asthma or any other allergy, please contact the office and we will sent paperwork home with your child. It is very important that we know of all students who suffer from any allergies/illnesses so we can ensure that your child receives the appropriate medical attention as soon as it is required.

If you have changed your email address, residential address or phone number, please advise the school office as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding your school fees or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.
Welcome back to the new school year. I trust everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable time over the Christmas and New Year break.

As students returned to school last week they were all faced with change. Changed rooms, a change in teacher and even for some, a change in friends. This can all seem very daunting for a young person and apprehension is a commonly seen early in the new school year.

It is a vital that students are supported during these periods of transition. They need to understand that each year in school change will occur. Fill them with the exciting adventures that come with joining a new class and having a new teacher. Give young people an understanding that we grow and develop through the changes that occur throughout life even outside of school.

If your child is one who has been apprehensive and hesitant about what lies ahead in 2016 ensure that you ask them at different stages throughout the year how the change feels now. This will reassure them of the positives that have occurred and will assist in further putting their minds at ease.

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**Tuckshop News**

Monday 8th February will be the first tuckshop day for the year. Just a reminder to parents that ALL LUNCH ORDERS must be ordered using a paper bag. Please include food prices on the bag. Some parents are sending the order in an envelope and this creates more work for the volunteers as they have to rewrite the order onto a paper bag. The Tuckshop price list is available on our school website or a copy can be requested from the school office.

In 2016 Kathy Gaffney is going to work in the tuckshop on Fridays so only one volunteer will be needed on that day. This will ease the burden for our Friday volunteers. Kathy has been contacting all our volunteers over the break to see if they are willing to join the roster for another year. If you haven’t worked in the tuckshop before and would like to help, we would love to add you to the roster. Just send an email to the school, call the school or contact Kathy with your preferred day on 0422493879.

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**Tuckshop Roster Week 1 Term 1**

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**Wagga Swans Junior Australian Rules Football & Netball Club**

Season 2016 is coming and Wagga Swans are looking forward to another successful season on and off the field and court. The club is currently actively looking for any interested players who would like to join the club in Season 2016.

Families with children are also invited to come along to Wagga Swans registration night on Thursday 11th February, 2016 commencing at 6.00pm. Online registration facility will be available on the night. For further information regarding registration or the club, please contact Wagga Swans Club President Alex Manley on 0419 017775.

**Wagga Brothers Juniors Registration Day 2016**

Welcoming all new 6 old players to our registration day for 2016.

 Come down, have a kick of the footy & grab a free sausage sandwich.

When: Sunday February 14th, 11am-2pm

Where: Parramore Park

Who: Ages 6-15 for boys (under 13s full League Tag girls 9s, 12s, 14s & 16s

Music Lessons on Keyboard and Guitar

Also music therapy for 0-5 year olds with delayed speech, movement, learning and development.

Kooringal Rd, Wagga Ph 69264901
St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival 2016

In cool and rainy conditions students gathered at the Junee Aquatic Centre on Monday for the annual swimming carnival. Despite the weather all enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the variety of events that were held. There were some excellent results recorded which will ensure St Joseph’s sends a strong team to the Deanery Carnival on February 17th. A huge thankyou goes to the large number of parents who gave their time to volunteer in ensuring the carnival ran smoothly.

The final house results on the day were as follows:

1st: Nagle 575 points
2nd: Michael 485
3rd: MacKillop 411
4th: John Paul 304

Age Champions:

Senior: Hannah Rumbachs and Henry Kennedy
11 Years: Lara Knox and Isaac Mooney
Junior: Emily Saeki and Kieran Molloy