Reflection

O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 3 and week 2. I hope everyone has had a good break and is feeling refreshed. Once again we have a busy term ahead, with core learning programs continuing in the classrooms and some special events planned for the term.

It is a great delight for me to be continuing with interviews with the 2017 Kinder applicants over the next few weeks. We have some new and existing families which is always good.

Last Friday we celebrated NAIDOC week with a variety of fun activities in classrooms. It was too wet for outdoor games. We followed up with a special assembly/prayer service helped out by our 5 aboriginal students. Auntie Dot welcomed us to country and Eddie Whyman once again played the didgeridoo for us all, including playing on our new one. It was a wonderful afternoon and a great celebration. Thanks Eddie and Dot for being such a great part of our day. See photos further in the newsletter.

Tomorrow morning at 9:15am, we have our special Mass for grandparents. We also remember and honour the grandparents of Jesus; Saints Joachim and Anne. Invitations have gone home through the students, but please feel welcome to bring along grandparents to be with us for the time. Following the Mass, there will be a very short time for grandparents/parents to visit the classrooms. Morning tea will follow in the hall for our visitors. Please bring a plate of food to share with other parents/grandparents.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal
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**From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain**

I have written previously about Coding, or computer programming, that occurs at St Joseph’s. All students from Years 3 to 6 have had some experience with coding via the Scratch program. Scratch is a wonderfully interactive site that lets students gain an understanding of the main functions of programming via the creation of games and activities. The work that has been done already by our students has been of a high standard and it continues to grow as they explore, create and design on Scratch. One of the beauties of any computer program is that children quickly become experts. A teacher or adult does not need to have an integral knowledge of a program that they would like to introduce. There are many social benefits of students tutoring each other (and their teachers and parents) on particular computer programs and sites.

In the past month both Four Corners and 60 Minutes have featured stories on the importance of young people being computer literate. Take the time to watch both of these stories via the links below. I am sure you will be inspired by what you see and also understand why significant emphasis is placed upon coding and digital literacy at St Joseph’s.

60 Minutes  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHbc3X0zsPU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHbc3X0zsPU)
Four Corners  [http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2016/07/04/4491818.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2016/07/04/4491818.htm)

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**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!!**

The DPF would like to welcome students and families back to the school for Term 3 2016.

Would you like to win a prize this term?

All you need to do is be the DPF STAR SAVER for the term. This is a prize recognising your valuable contribution to the DPF for the term. So now's the time to start saving.

Savings can be deposited EVERY Thursday through the school office.

**PARENTS/CARERS**

Encouraging your children to save is one of life’s most important lessons. Getting them started and continuing on throughout their school life could mean the difference between being able to afford to send them off to university or being able to afford a decent car or travel when your child completes his or her studies.

Saving money teaches our children how to manage their finances, teaches them how to budget for things they would like, such as a new skate board, bicycle or later on their first mobile phone or iPad.

If your child does not already have a DPF Student Saver account please call 02 69370099 and we will send out a Student Saver package to you.
**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. At the moment we only have a total of about 15 volunteers. Below is a list of vacant positions that we need to fill. If you can help out even if it is only for Term 3, it would be much appreciated.

Please contact Kathy Gaffney on 0422493879 kathandgaffi@bigpond.com kmclennan@csu.edu.au

Our School24 online ordering is now up and running. We had a few teething problems which have now been sorted and quite a few parents are using the service. The instructions for registration are attached to the newsletter.

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**Volunteers Needed**

- Thursday 28th July
- Thursday 4th August
- Monday 15th August
- Thursday 18th August
- Thursday 25th August
- Thursday 1st September
- Monday 12th September
- Thursday 15th September
- Thursday 22nd September
- Monday 10th October
- Thursday 20th October
- Thursday 27th October
- Thursday 10th November
- Monday 14th November
- Thursday 17th November
- Thursday 24th November
- Thursday 8th December

**After School Pick up Reminder**

There have been some changes to our afternoon bus pick up times and from this term, our last bus arrives at 3.55pm. If you are picking up your child from school by car please ensure that you have collected them by 3.45pm.

**Cathedral Parish Mass Times**

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

**Celebrating Our Grandparents**

**Thursday 28th July**

**Mass at 9.15am**

**Classroom visits 10.00-10.30am**

**Morning tea 10.30-11am**

Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday 28th July (tomorrow) at 9.15am in the Cathedral. Year 5 will be assisting Fr Rick with the Mass. This Mass will be in celebration of our grandparents so we especially welcome them as well as all our families to join us. Following the Mass, grandparents are welcome to visit classrooms and then meet in the hall for morning tea. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

Please note that due to the National Healthy School Tuckshop Guidelines established for school tuckshops, we are UNABLE to heat food brought in from home.

Our local council on behalf of the NSW Food Authority inspects our school canteen to ensure its compliance with the Food Standards Code especially the food safety standards 3.2.2 and 3.2.3.
Tuckshop News—Online Ordering

Our school has now signed up to use School24 which is an online system to order recess and lunches at the tuckshop. This will save having to find cash to send and can be done the night before. The cut off for ordering through this system will be 9am each day. The tuckshop will still accept orders sent in paper bags.

First you need to create an account:
2. Enter the School Registration ID—25389963
3. Fill in the registration form
4. Submit

Login
After creating account, use your email address and password you selected to log in to the portal.
1. Go to https://www.school24.net.au/login
2. Enter username and password
3. Submit

Top-up
You must top up your tuckshop account before you can order from the tuckshop menu.
1. On top navigation menu, click on Setup and then Top-up
2. Click on Pay using Credit Card button
3. Follow the prompts

Select a Service Fee Plan—there are 2 plans
1. Pay as you go: for parents who don’t order frequently
2. Unlimited: for families with more than one student who order more often

Pay As You Go
✦ $0.25 will be added to the total of each order
✦ You can order recess and lunch in one order
✦ Perfect for casual ordering

Unlimited Plan
✦ $13.20 per family for the remainder of the year
✦ Order as often as you like and for the whole family
✦ Ideal for parents with more than one child and who order often
✦ The unlimited service fee will be deducted from your current balance

Add Students to your Account
1. From the top navigation menu, click on Setup and then on Setup Students
2. Click Add Student Button
3. Fill in the student registration form
4. Click on Add Student button to submit

Now you are ready to order!! We hope that this system helps families in the never ending job of feeding our children.

If you need assistance, call the Help Desk on 80411132 or email help@school24.com.au
Extend OOSH at St. Joseph Primary School Wagga Wagga

Hello Everyone! I hope you've all had a wonderful holiday!

Many of Extend Parents know that we really appreciate the help of collecting things from home, so this term if you have any of the following lying around, please drop them in for us to use in many of our craft activities: wool, buttons, cushions, lego, cardboard boxes, blocks, balls, material, kids gumboots, loom bands, empty bottles, or biscuit cutters.

I am also excited to inform you about the Extend's Kids Club Competition to win a $200 Toys R Us online gift card. All your child have to do is to submit art entry online at extend.com.au between 25 July to 12 August 2016. This year's theme is “My Extend Friends”. And there is more exciting stuff coming along!

Be sure to come along to After School Care to enter. See you there! If you would like your children to attend Extend after school care please visit the Extend parent portal for enrollment. PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Many thanks,
Diana Ganapathy

Next week’s activities

Monday 1st Aug: Make bookmark with paddle pop stick
Tuesday 2nd Aug: Painting on ceramic
Wednesday 3rd Aug: Create personalised clock
Thursday 4th Aug: Board games day
Friday 5th Aug: Make glitter art collage

Last Tuesday Aunty Collen Hughes and Aunty Joycelan Williams visited our Year 1J children to share their aboriginal language and culture. Children were treated to a story from the dreaming written and illustrated by Aunty Joycelan titled “Big Black Crow Searching For What?” They learnt a number of nursery rhymes in Wiradjuri language and can now also count to 10. This was a wonderful learning experience for the children.

NAIDOC Week Liturgy
Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.