Dear parents, friend and families,
I hope all of our dads and grandads had a great Fathers’ day. I would like to say a very big thank you to the staff and a couple of mothers for their support of the Fathers’ day breakfast on Friday morning. It was fantastic to see so many fathers and grandfathers in attendance, chatting to each other and having a good time. I know the children loved having you with them at school. Both the bacon and egg rolls and the coffee were very popular indeed.

Big thanks also for all the donations of food for Monday’s luncheon for Bishop Hanna’s farewell from the schools of our Diocese. With a full cathedral, the Mass was a very memorable and fitting occasion with representation by students and staff of all of the Wagga diocesan schools and the CSO.

Afterwards, we successfully fed the multitudes at the parish centre. Everyone loved the food and all went very smoothly. With around 400 students and staff to feed it was a great achievement. In the end, we had plenty of sandwiches and hot food for the students and cake and slices to finish off. Several people complimented us on the food and service.

Particular thanks to the small band of very hard working parents who helped us to set up, serve and clean up on the day, particularly Di Kennedy, Lynette Barnes, John Gray, Sheridan Ingold, Carla Chigwidden, Sonya Huskisson, Danielle O’Connor, Ian McDougall and Mrs Nielsen. It was a job well executed. Thanks also to the Year 6 students who also helped out in many ways.

Congratulations Mrs Langtry, the band and all classes involved in the eisteddfod last week. Please see Mrs Langtry’s report in this newsletter.

Today the children have really enjoyed their tennis lessons and are looking forward to the next couple of weeks. The Life Education lessons are now completed and the truck will be gone today. Mr Spain is away at a conference until Friday.

We welcome Sr Mary Clare to the school. Sr Mary Clare will be with us for the next three weeks on her practicum and will work mainly in Year 1 classrooms, although she is very keen to observe lessons in all parts of the school. The children are enjoying showing her around.

As you can see it has been a “super” week and the dedication of staff and parents is much appreciated at this time. The children will have many gains from the experiences of the last two weeks.

Yours in Christ
Kathy Gaskin—Principal
From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

Student Led Interviews
We are currently in the process of evaluating the student led interviews which were held in late Term 2. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in the evaluation process. Please take 30 seconds to complete this survey https://goo.gl/forms/MS1bRnZinHsTe1Ss2

Sport
Congratulations to Henry Kennedy who represented the Wagga Diocese at the MacKillop cricket trials which were held last Friday.

Movie Night
Attached to this newsletter is information about next Friday’s movie night. For this night to be successful we need assistance from parents as this is a P&F function. We will need help cooking the BBQ, in the canteen and on the front gate.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Ben Redway and Teresa Zimmerman and Isabella Redway (Kinder) on the arrival of their new baby boy Walker.

We also congratulate Catherine Brown and Jason Knee and Elka Brown (Year 1J) on the arrival of their new baby boy Jude.

We wish both families all the happiness that a new baby will bring.

From the Office
A reminder to parents that are paying their school fees by term (not direct debit) that fees for Term 3 are now due. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct credit.
We have updated our calendar on the St Joseph’s Skoolbag App. This is a great way to see what is happening at our school. To download this app, go to the app store on your device and type in Skoolbag and select our school.

Movie Night Helpers
To ensure the success of our movie night on Friday 16th September, we need to once again call on helpers from our families to assist with cooking the BBQ, selling in the tuckshop, and taking money at the gate. If you have not been able to help at any of our functions this year, here is your big chance. If you are able to assist please email the school on sjw-info

Tuckshop Roster Week 9 Term 3

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School Mass—Thursday 15th September 2016
Our staff and students will be attending the Parish Mass at 12.45pm on Thursday 15th September—all welcome.

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

Child Protection for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga
The Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga is pleased to bring its new online Child Protection information web page to the attention of schools, parishes and the wider community. The ‘Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People’ web page is the Diocese’s principal source of public information concerning Child Protection, safeguarding and its cooperation with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Public access is via the Diocesan website http://wagga.catholic.org.au/
**Movie Night**
**The Jungle Book**

Friday September 16th

Gates open at 5:45pm
Movie starts at 6:30pm
Cost will be $5 per person
or $15 per family

Sausage sandwiches, bacon rolls, ice creams, drinks and lollies will be available for purchase at the tuckshop.
**Important Dates for Term 3—August—September**

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**Music News—Monica Langtry**

Wagga Eisteddfod 2016!

What an exceptional two days the students of St Joseph’s had at the Wagga Eisteddfod last week!

The Band performed on Thursday as a well rehearsed ensemble, featuring students from Kindergarten to Year 6! They competed in two categories and were presented with Highly Commended awards for both performances!

The whole school was then bused out to Joyes Hall on Friday to perform in the choral sections. All classes and our school choirs had the opportunity to perform and were again, very successful in the competition!

I could not be prouder of the way that all students performed and it was pleasing to receive compliments from the Eisteddfod Society for our students excellent behaviour.

**Kindergarten School Choir:** 2nd Place

**Infants School Choir:** 2nd Place

**All Pupil School Choir Conducted by a Student:** 2nd Place

**Lower Primary Choir:** Highly Commended

**Upper Primary Choir:** Highly Commended

**Juvenile Choral Ensemble:** Highly Commended

**Championship:** 2nd Place

**Folk Song:** 2nd Place

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**School Band**

**Year 1J and 1S**

Some comments from the Eisteddfod judges:

“Excellent articulation and a very nice a’capella opening. This was a sincere and meaningful performance from a really wonderful choir.”

“Your articulation is fabulous. Fine parts too. Lovely dynamic.”

“What a wonderful song choice. Wonderful actions. Excellent conductors. This was superb. Congratulations!”

“A large choir and so well presented in your uniform. This was a delight to hear today. Congrats teachers on your hard work. Impressive.”

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**Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion**

Notes were sent home two weeks ago with every student in Year 5 and Year 6 with information regarding the annual excursion which is being held on 19th, 20th and 21st October. If you have not yet returned the Excursion Consent and Medical Information form and paid the $70 deposit, please finalise by Friday 9th September. The deposit can be paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and direct deposit. The remainder of $230 is to be paid by Thursday 22nd September.
Extend OOSH at StJoseph’s Primary School Wagga Wagga

Hello Everyone!

We have had another activity filled week at Extend After School Care. We made chatterboxes, origami ball and swan, and had good fun outside. With more fun activities for this week already underway!

Extend is coming together as a community with a goal to raise 100 blood donations by the end of October this year. To encourage everyone to get on board, Extend Director Stevenson will complete one of three possible dares if we reach 100 blood donations! Visit darrensdare.com to watch our launch video and see further information.

Your child can get involved by coming to Red25 Week in Term 4! Discover what blood is made of by creating a sensory model, learn about the different blood types and which are compatible during a fun science experiment, put your chef’s hat on and join us in making the World’s Greatest Biscuit…and much more! Speak to your Team Leader to find out when Red25 Week begins.

Attention families and teachers: Be part of our goal to reach 100 Blood Donations!

Visit darrensdare.com for further info.

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

This week’s activities

**Wednesday 8th Sept: Making book mark Thursday 9th Sept: String art**

**Friday 10th Sept: Play dough day**

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**ENROL NOW FOR TERM 4, 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.

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Wagga Swim School – 83 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga

Email: info@waggaswimschool.com.au

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**PEOPLE NEEDED**

Castles Tutoring Services are in need of actors, dancers, singers, back stage staff and front of house staff to participate in a local students production called Fractured Fairytales. There are 8 female characters and 7 male characters, which we are in need of. There will be auditions for the play. For more information please contact Company Director, Nick Castles on 0448163334 or Director of Drama, Josh Armstrong on 0416015470 or email castles.tutoring@gmail.com