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

It has been a terrific start for the Kindergarten children on Tuesday of this week. They have all settled in very happily and are quickly picking up the routines of the school. They even had a sport session with Mr Spain on Tuesday and stood in their line for morning prayer today. I often think it is harder for the parents to say goodbye on their child’s first day of school than for the little ones themselves. Children are usually excited by the numerous, interesting activities of the day. They are in very capable hands with Miss Ray and Mrs Hall looking after them and I am sure the children will have lots to tell you at home. Thanks also to their Year 6 buddies who are doing a sterling job helping the Kindies feel comfortable and confident at school.

Thank you Adrian Kurta for completing the bag hooks along the verandah. They are very tidy and attractive and have been put to great use.

Thank you to Mr Spain, staff and parents for the smooth operation of this year’s swimming carnival at the Junee pool. Congratulations to the children participating and supporting their teams. There were some fantastic achievements and all students took part with great school and team spirit.

Several of the children will now go on to the Deanery Carnival next week.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews

These interviews are being held on Monday 20th February and Tuesday 21st February from 3.30pm. Bookings are now open on www.schoolinterviews.com.au

The school code is d35yw and then you enter your child’s name and class and select your time.

These sessions are for parents to share information regarding their child with the classroom teacher. It is not necessary for students to attend this meeting.
Important Dates for Term 1 2017

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Tuckshop Roster Week 4 Term 1

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Cathedral Parish Mass Times

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

Tuckshop News

The tuckshop is up and running again and is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We have our Tuckshop online ordering available—it is a great way to order your children’s lunches without having to worry about bags and money!
Please see attachment with details of how to register your family to use this great service.

If you haven’t yet volunteered in the tuckshop and would like to join our roster this year, please email the school with the day you are available and we will add you to our roster. We are in desperate need of more volunteers.

From the Office

All bus pass applications are now done online at:

When you choose the school in the drop down menu, it is important that you DO NOT put the apostrophe in “Josephs” or you will not find our school listed (see attached diagram). Your application is then sent online to Department of Transport and is endorsed online by the school office. It is now not necessary to send in the printed form to the office. If students change their name, school or address then it is necessary for parents to update these details on the above website. All students entering Year 3 or Year 7 must update their details on the same website.

All school fees for this year were invoiced and emailed to families this week. If you did not receive your invoice, please contact the office to update your email address as we are using email addresses from last year. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the office and we can send one home to you.

Just a reminder that the office is closed for lunch break from 1pm to 1.30pm. It would be appreciated that if you plan to pick up your child for an appointment that you come outside of these times.

The times for our school recess and lunch break have changed slightly. They are now:

- **Recess**—10.55 to 11.25am
- **Lunch**—1.00pm to 1.45pm

If your child is late for school for any reason, it is essential that you come to the front office and complete a partial absence form. If your child is away for any reason, it is preferable that you contact the school on the day by email, Skoolbag app or phone. If this is not possible, you will need to send a note in with your child the following day. Details regarding downloading the Skoolbag app is included further in the newsletter for our new parents.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email them to sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au
### Merit Awards—Week 2 Term 1

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### Stay in Touch with School Events

If you want to stay up to date with what is happening at our school, don’t forget to like the St Joseph’s Wagga Facebook page. There is always information being uploaded to our site with some great photos attached. We also publish the newsletter on Facebook as well as on our website: web.sjww.catholic.edu.au

### Targeted Maths Teacher Role at St Joseph’s Primary School 2017

We would like to welcome Tim Lawler to our school community this year. Tim has been teaching for 16 years in a range of contexts. He spent the past 8 years at Mater Dei Primary School. Prior to that he taught in London and in Bourke. Tim has been very active promoting Mathematics within our diocese. He was a member of the Diocesan Numeracy Collegial group for four years and was in the working party that facilitated the roll out of the new Maths Syllabus in 2014.

The purpose of the Targeted Maths Teacher role is to facilitate 'best teaching practice' of Mathematics in our school. It will be achieved through collaboration with teachers, students and the wider school community, in order to increase mathematical confidence and competence.

### From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

Yesterday’s swimming carnival was highly successful. It was wonderful to see so many students participating to the best of their ability and also having fun. The support and encouragement that everyone gave each other was also outstanding. A huge thank you must go to the large number of parents who volunteered their time to assist with the smooth running of the day. We thank you very much because without your support the success of the event would not be possible.

Results of the day were as follows:

**House Competition**
- First: Nagle 516
- Second: John Paul 471
- Third: Michael 462
- Fourth: MacKillop 439

**Age Champions**
- Junior Girls: Emily Saeki - Nagle
- Junior Boys: Riley Bradshaw - John Paul
- 11 Years Girls: Olivia Pollard - John Paul
- 11 Years Boys: Byron Dennis - MacKillop and Kieran Molloy - Nagle
- Senior Girls: Lara Knox - MacKillop
- Senior Boys: Isaac Mooney - Michael

The following students will now represent the school at the Deanery carnival next Wednesday:

We hope that by now most of our families have downloaded the Skoolbag app to their electronic device. Many families are now using the absentee feature to report their child’s full day absence to the school. It is easy to use and once you have put in the relevant details and pressed submit the school receives an email notification. We hope you are enjoying the event notifications so that you can keep up with what is happening at St Joseph’s.


EXPLANATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS OUTSIDE ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The following is an explanation of the traffic signs outside St Joseph’s school and our pick up/drop off zone procedures.

Please note:

If you do not want to wait in line in the afternoons, choose a less busy time to pick up your child/children such as 3.30pm onwards. Please do not ask your children to leave the school grounds and wait around the corner of the Cathedral for you to pick them up. They are unsupervised once they leave the school grounds and we would like to avoid any potential accidents with children being near this extremely busy area in the afternoons.

- Children may be dropped off in front of the Cathedral in the Pick up/Drop off Zone area. You have two minutes to drop your child/children off and you must not move more than three (3) metres from your car. For safety reasons, it is preferable that your child has their school bag in the car with them and they exit the car from the kerb side of the car.

- Children can be picked up from this zone after school. Laminated family names have been supplied (Signs for our new families are coming) and you need to attach one to your sun visor. Your family name is called out and your child will come out of the gate. The same rules apply as in the morning – you must not move more than three (3) metres from your car and you cannot park there for more than two minutes.

- The area from the back gate to KS is a Bus Zone from 8am-4pm on School Days. You cannot stop your car for any reason in this area between the times shown above and no parking is allowed during these hours.

- The area from Year 1 to outside the school office is a Bus Zone and Parking Zone. Bus Zone times are 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm on school days and no stopping or parking is allowed during these times. From 9.30am and 2.30pm, parking is allowed in this area.

- Street parking opposite the school has no time restriction.

- Parking outside Watermark and the Cathedral has no time restriction except for one small section that is signposted with a time limit.
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