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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, friends and families,

Welcome back everyone to the school year of 2018. We especially welcome to our school community all our new parents and staff. I hope you have all had a great break over January and are now looking forward to the new year, with the children fitting happily back into their routines.

Mrs Kelly Humphrey joins our staff this year as Assistant Principal and I am very much looking forward to working with her. Kelly has a great deal of educational and leadership experience and brings with her a warm and friendly nature. Kelly has a great deal to offer our school. Kelly and Matt are current parents of the school and known to many of you already.

Mrs Linda Damme will return to St Joseph's in 2018 and take on the canteen manager position four days a week. We are delighted as she is capable, experienced and enthusiastic for the role. Mrs Damme will also be working in classrooms in the capacity of teacher assistant.

This year, we welcome Mrs Clare Wotherspoon to the role of Reading Recovery teacher. Clare has taught in all classes over the past years as a casual and leave replacement teacher, and is already known to the children, particularly the younger ones. She is embracing her new role and will be a great asset to the school and young readers.

Welcome also to Mrs Georgia Suidgeest-Collie. Georgia is enjoying her class of Year 5 students and getting to know the staff rapidly. I am particularly delighted that Georgia has agreed to teach Spanish to the whole school this year (with very little convincing from me!). Her expertise in this language will translate into a fantastic opportunity for every student in the school. The weekly Spanish lessons will enrich the students' learning in countless ways.

We are also delighted to have Mrs Rebecca-Bailey Brown join our staff this year. Rebecca will be our special needs coordinator and has fantastic expertise in this area. Rebecca will support teachers in their endeavours to differentiate their teaching for the benefit of all students.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

Important Dates Term 1 – 2018

- ◆ Friday 9th February School Assembly 2.40pm
- ◆ Tuesday 13th February Kinder Bus Safety Talk & Bus Ride—11.30am
- ◆ Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am—Year 4
- ◆ Friday 16th February School Assembly 2.40pm
- ◆ Wednesday 21st February Deanery Swimming School Carnival
- ◆ Thursday 22nd February Year 6 Reconciliation 9.15am
- ◆ Friday 23rd February School Assembly 2.40pm
- ◆ Monday 26th February Start of Catholic Schools Week
- ◆ Thursday 1st March Opening School Mass 9.15am—Year 6
- ◆ Friday 2nd March School Assembly 2.40pm
- ◆ Thursday 8th March Year 5 Reconciliation 9.15am
- ◆ Friday 9th March Athletics Carnival—Jubilee Park
- ◆ Thursday 15th March Year 4 Reconciliation 9.15am
- ◆ Friday 16th March School Assembly 2.40pm
- ◆ Friday 16th March Kinder 2019 Information Morning—9.30am
- ◆ Thursday 22nd March St Josephs Day Mass Year 9.15am—Year 5
- ◆ Friday 23rd March School Assembly 2.40pm
- ◆ **Friday 30th March Good Friday**
- ◆ **Monday 2nd April Easter Monday**
- ◆ Thursday 5th April Year 3 Reconciliation 9.15am
- ◆ Friday 6th April School Assembly 2.40pm
- ◆ Friday 13th April Cross Country
- ◆ Friday 13th April **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

From Assistant Principal—Kelly Humphrey

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. I would sincerely like to thank you for your welcoming ways here at St Joseph's. I have met many families during the last week and look forward to meeting many more throughout the year.

I have had the pleasure of visiting classrooms during my first week here and I have noticed a high level of student engagement created by challenging but exciting learning tasks facilitated by our dedicated staff team.

If you have any feedback that you would like to share with me in my role as Assistant Principal throughout the year, please make a time for us to chat via our friendly front office staff.

I look forward to serving your children & supporting teaching and learning here at St Joseph's this year.

Kind regards

Kelly Humphrey—Assistant Principal

Tuckshop Roster Week 3 Term 1

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| Monday 12th February | Maha Puli |
| Weds 14th February | Sally Dean |
| Thurs 15th February | Lynette Barnes |
| Friday 16th February | Karen Sinclair Linda Damme |

Ash Wednesday School Mass Wednesday 14th February 9.15am

Our first school Mass we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. This mass will be held **next Wednesday** 14th February at 9.15am in the Cathedral. Year 4 will be assisting Fr O'Reilly with the preparation of the Mass. Children will receive ashes on their forehead during this Mass. We invite all our families to join us for this celebration.

From the Office—Christine Nielsen and Jo Noble

The school fees have now been generated and have been emailed to each family. If you did not receive the email please advise us at the office and we will confirm with you the email address that we have listed for you. For people paying by direct debit, this invoice is for your information only so you are not required to pay on this invoice. Direct debit payments will commence next Thursday 15th February with weekly payers and continue from there. We will be sending home a direct debit calendar before next week so that you are advised when payments will occur.

A reminder that bus zones are in force again around the school. We have attached the parking restriction information for your perusal.

All bus passes are now obtained by going online at <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/applyNow#/> and applying. Once you have applied online, an email is sent to the school office where we endorse your application. This application is then sent to the bus company that you have been allocated depending on where you live—ie. Busabout, Allens Coaches, Millers Coaches, Junee Buses. It is then up to the bus company to provide you with your bus pass.

Our second hand school shop can be opened for your uniform needs any time through the week **excepting** recess and lunch times (11am—11.25am and 1pm—1.45pm). Most of the clothing is \$2, jumpers are \$10 and sports jackets and pants are \$5 each. The new sports shirts (\$25) and school hats (\$10) are available from the front office.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email: sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au or by phone 69215733.

Cathedral Parish Mass Times

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

OPENING SCHOOL MASS **Thursday 1st March 2018 9.15am**

Our Opening School Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 1st March in St Michael's Cathedral at 9.15am.

Year 6 students will be assisting Fr Kevin O'Reilly with the readings and prayers. At this Mass the Year 6 leaders will receive their badges and all Year 6 students will read a leadership pledge. Parents of Year 6 students who have been elected as school captains and sports captains who are able to attend the Mass will be invited to come forward and pin their child's badge on them. All are welcome to attend.

From the Tuckshop—Linda Damme

The tuckshop will be up and running next Monday 12th February from 11am. Children are welcome to put in lunch orders or to buy snacks at recess and lunchtime. We have our online tuckshop ordering available—please see attached instructions for registering to use this system. It is very easy to use and no more searching for cash!!

The 2018 tuckshop menu will be emailed to families tomorrow—please note that there have been some price increases. We will also have some hard copies available in the school foyer.

We are planning to introduce some new healthy food options over the coming year—we will advise you when these become available for purchase.

Welcome to St Joseph's Primary School

We would like to send out a warm welcome to the new families that are joining us this year.

Kinder: Leigh and Gloria Blacka—Levi
Chandradason Nadarajah and Niluka Neegamu—Elisha
Anthony and Beth Cullen—Alexandra
Matthew and Katherine Doyle—Odhran
Dylan and Melissa Egbert—Alexandra
Ray and Lisa Jones—Evie
Joel and Angela Keulen—Lachlan
Ben and Monica Langtry—Will
Chad and Sophie MacLaren—Sophie
Adam and Ashleigh McGrath—Ava
Nidhish Francis and Ansin Antony—Avniel
Charlsmo Philipose and Manju Mathew—Johan
Craig and Kristy Tenison—Jobe

Year 1: Adrian and Monica McInnes—Declan
Peter and Georgia Twomey—Camilla
Glen and Mel Dean—Paige

Year 2: Olivia Lloyd—Samuel
Samuel and Kylie Moore—George

Year 4: Mohammad Bagheriehmajor and Soheila Wien—Parham
Glen and Mel Dean—Addison

Year 6: Luke and Vanessa Sampson—Indiana

St Joseph's Swimming Carnival News

Yesterday's swimming carnival was a highly successful event. It was wonderful to see all of the students entering into the spirit of their houses and under the leadership of their Sports Captains, cheering loudly and supporting their team. The students are to be commended on the manner in which they competed always giving their best in all events. We wish those students who now move onto the Deanery carnival in a few weeks the best of luck.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents who offered their assistance at the carnival.

Without their help and assistance the carnival would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

Division Champions

Junior Girls: Piper Dennis
Junior Boys: Riley Bradshaw
11 Years Girls: Emily Saeki
11 Years Boys: Oscar Perrot
Senior Girls: Lucy Goodyer
Senior Boys: Kieran Molloy

Final Point Score

Michael 520

Nagle: 501

John Paul: 407

Mackillop: 402

Extend OSHC at St Joseph's Primary School



It's great to see all the old and some new children back at after school care. I am excited to have the opportunity to have lots of fun with the children this year. If any parents have any activities that they would love to see children doing, just let me know. I will be starting a parent wish list for this term for parents to put down what they would like to see at the service. The children and I are very excited to meet the new kindy children who will be starting with Extend this year.
Erin—Team Leader

What's on next week:

Monday 12 February: Making Slime
Tuesday 13 February: Valentines Cards
Wednesday 14 February: Valentines special gifts.
Thursday 15 February: Scratch board
Friday 16 February: Ball Games

LOOKEDAFTER: extend.com.au

School Banking—Every Wednesday

We have made the decision to offer school banking again to all our families with Hume Bank. Banking day will be on Wednesday and there are incentives for the students to be awarded small prizes on the number of deposits they make each term. We hope that our families take up this opportunity to teach children about money and the importance of saving.

To open a Junior Saver Club account for your child with Hume Bank, just pick up an application pack from the school foyer or contact the school office and we can send a pack home with your child. Once the application form is filled out, return it to the school and we will pass it on the Hume Bank for processing—it's that easy. Once the application is processed by the bank, they will supply your child with a banking pack that includes all they need to make their first deposit.

Open Morning for Kinder Enrolments 2019 St Joseph's Primary School Wagga Wagga Friday 16th March 2018

Information session for parents at 9.30am followed by school tour.
Enrolment packages will be available on the day.

Enquiries: sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au
or 69215733

Kathy Gaskin, Principal

CSO Music Lesson Program

We have had many enquiries from parents who would like their child to join the weekly music lesson program. We have spoken to Fi O'Shaughnessy who is the Diocesan co-ordinator and she is in the process this year of organising more music tutors to join the program. Once she has this organised, she will then arrange auditions for interested children in Years 3 to 6.

When we are given this information, we will advise our families so that every child who is interested (in Years 3 to 6) will have the opportunity to try out. The instruments that are offered are: percussion, saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet and trombone.

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:

1. Go to http://www.school24.net.au/ps_parent_signmeup.asp
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