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Today, 1st November is All Saints day in the year of the Church dedicated to the saints. Tomorrow November 2nd, we celebrate All Souls Day—remembering and praying for those who have died and may not yet have reached heaven. Throughout the whole month of November we pray especially for any family members, friends and others who have died.

***Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.***



Dear parents, friends and families,

Today is the beginning of November, a special month when we remember the loved ones who have gone before us. Today, 1st November is All Saints Day, a day when we honour and celebrate the people who have died and are now in heaven. Naturally, the greatest of all saints is Mary mother of Jesus. There are many official saints on the Church's calendar and many others not so well known, but have lived good lives and now enjoy their eternal reward.

The 2nd November is All Souls Day, a day when we pray for those who have died and may still be awaiting heaven. November is great time to pray for family or friends we miss.

This week the executive are working on the annual plan for the school. Mr Lawler is presenting his action research to the staff, following his wonderful presentation at the maths day last week.

Next week the whole school will be attending swimming lessons each day. This will be a good opportunity to hone the student's skills and help make them more water wise. They are looking forward to the lessons.

Also next week we will welcome our 2018 Kinders for their transition days. They will each have a buddy assigned to them to help make their time enjoyable and have a familiar helper when they begin next year. We are looking forward to their visits.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

Important Dates Term 4 – 2017

- ◆ Thursday 2nd November Year 5 Reconciliation
School Disco 6.00pm–7.30pm
 - ◆ Friday 3rd November Year 5 Assembly 2.40pm
 - ◆ Monday 6th–10th November Kinder Transition mornings
9.30am–11.15am
 - ◆ Mon 6th–Fri 10th November Swimming Program—All years
 - ◆ Wednesday 8th November Year 2 First Reconciliation 6.00pm at the
Cathedral
 - ◆ Thursday 9th November Musica Viva Concert 9am
 - ◆ Mon 13th–Fri 17th November Kinder Transition mornings 9.30am–11.15am
 - ◆ Thursday 16th November Year 3 Mass—9.15am at the Cathedral
 - ◆ Friday 17th November Nagle House Day
 - ◆ Weds 22nd–Fri 24th November Year 5/6 Ballarat Excursion (22nd–24th)
 - ◆ Thursday 23rd November Year 4 Reconciliation
 - ◆ Friday 1st December Year 6 "Oh" Day at Kildare Catholic College &
Mater Dei Catholic College
 - ◆ Thursday 7th December Year 3 Reconciliation
Year 5 Leadership Day @ Henschke
 - ◆ Tuesday 12th December School Concert—6pm start
 - ◆ Friday 15th December Year 6 Graduation Mass 9.15am at the Cathedral
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday November 2nd
6:00pm-7:30pm

\$5 entry includes sausage & a drink
Parent helpers required from 5:15pm on the
BBQ, in the tuckshop & on the entry gate.



Tuckshop Roster Week 5 Term 4		<u>Merit Awards—Week 3 Term 4</u>		
Monday 6th November	Maha Puli	Kinder	Hans Joseph Cruz	Sienna Heffernan
		Yr 1	Tom Wood	Jacob Brown
Weds 8th November	Sally Dean	Yr 2HS	Brody Campbell	Hailey Cruz
		Yr 2F	Elka Brown	Amelia Nezman
			Atharv Masanam	
Thurs 9th November	Larissa Byrne	Yr 3	Benjamin Quinn	Samuel Mackellar
		Yr 4	Andrew Cabot	Oliver Furnell
			Ida Kurian	
Friday 10th November	Kathy Gaffney	Yr 5	Byron Dennis	Reuben Wood
	Maryann Ellis	Yr 6	Ivan Sokolov	Holly Brandon
	Karen Sinclair			

From Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

With part of the funds raised at the recent Art Show the school has purchased 12 Spheros. A Sphero is a spherical robot wrapped in plastic polycarbonate capable of rolling around controlled by a smartphone, tablet or chromebook computer.

The Sphero will be used in each class in a variety of formats. Whilst a strong focus will be on STEM they can be used across the curriculum. For example, this week Year 3 will be drawing 2D shapes using paint covered Spheros. Senior classes can display their knowledge of angles by using the Spheros. Stage 3 classes studying the Earth and Space unit in Science will be able to demonstrate the movement of planets using the Sphero.

One of the great points about the Sphero is that their movements can be programmed or coded. Coding has been an area in which we have looked to further develop at St Joseph's over the past few years and being able to incorporate this skill further into classes through the use of the Spheros is positive.



English and Maths ICAS Tests

Congratulations to these students who received the following results in recent ICAS Maths and English Tests:

Maths

Distinction: Michael Paolucci-Ellis Yr 5, Ivan Sokolov Yr 6, **Credit:** Nick Liu Yr 4, Matilda Buchanan Yr 6, **Merit:** Oliver Furnell Yr 4, Archie Dean Yr 6.

English

Distinction: Ida Kurian Yr 4, Niamh Chu Yr 6, **Credit:** Nick Liu Yr 4, Charlotte Brady Yr 4, Miriam Granger Yr 5, Michael Paolucci-Ellis Yr 5, Eamon Kurta Yr 6, **Merit:** Anna Hogan Yr 6.

From the Office

All bus pass applications are now done online at: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses>. You will then be required to print out a form which is sent into the school for verification and then the school forwards the application to the Department of Transport NSW. 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.**

Thank you to the parents who have finalised their school fees. There are still some outstanding fees and it would be appreciated if they could be paid by Friday 8th December. If you are unsure of your balance please call the school office and we will be able to advise you. A reminder that we accept payments by EFTPOS at the front office and over the phone.

It would be much appreciated if you could advise us as soon as possible if you know that your child no longer needs a placement throughout any grades in 2018. As the end of the school year is nearing we are in the process of finalising placements for 2018.

Tuckshop Manager, St Joseph's Primary School, Wagga

St Joseph's Primary School, Wagga operates the school tuckshop four days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) throughout the NSW school term.

Hours for this position: 4 days per week, 3 hours a day, total of 12 hours per week, during school terms. Successful applicant must be ready to commence duties on 29/1/18

To be considered for this position you must meet the following criteria:

- Ability to facilitate profitable management and operation of the school tuckshop according to the policies and procedures of St Joseph's Primary School, Wagga.
- Demonstrated ability to manage the financial aspects of the tuckshop
- Excellent communication skills-both written and verbal.
- Current Food Handling Certificate or equivalent or willingness to obtain.
- Reasonable technology skills, eg, the ability to create on-line advertisements for the tuckshop and manage and promote the on-line student lunch order system.
- Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating and ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods which appeal to a student clientele.

Applications for employment should address the above listed criteria and be accompanied by a current resume which includes the names and contact details of two referees. Applications to St Joseph's Primary School, Wagga NSW by email: sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au Post to St Joseph's Primary School, Cnr Johnston and Tarcutta Streets, Wagga 2650.

Dear Parents,

In **Week 5 between Monday November 6th and Friday November 10th** all students at St Joseph's will be participating in an intensive swim program which will be held at Wagga Swim School in Copland Street. The lessons will cater for all levels of swimming ability and will cover swimming stroke development and water safety.

Students will travel to and from the swim school by bus. Costs of the lessons and the bus will be covered by the school. Each lesson will be 45 minutes and classes will be going at the following times:

11:30 – Year 2

12:15 – Kinder and Year 1

1:00 – Years 3 and 4

1:45 – Years 5 and 6.

Class teachers will send specific details of what students need to bring each day for their Lessons. If you give permission for your child to participate in the swimming lessons please fill in the permission form and return to school along with the swimming ability information before Thursday November 2nd.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Spain—Assistant Principal

Extend OSHC at St Joseph's Primary School

Recap

What a great week! We were lucky enough to have some beautiful weather to be able to do some of our fun activities outside. We did heaps of fun things including stickle puffs, play dough, choc balls, chocolate crackles, paper mache and so much more.

During the month of November we have the "Share Kindness Project", and we will be Encouraging involvement from children and their families and the school community. It is based on individual acts of kindness, family based acts of kindness and also community based acts of kindness (proven with a photo). The winner is awarded \$1000 to their chosen charity.

Erin Birch – Team Leader

What's on next week?

Mon 6th Nov

Play dough

Tues 7th Nov

Cricket

Wed 8th Nov

Natural bookmarks

Thurs 9th Nov

Hammerhead paper plane

Friday 10th Nov

Veggie pizzas

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au