Reflection

The Church’s Year of Mercy comes to a close on the 20th November this year on the Feast of Christ the King.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.”

Dear Parents, families and friends

Welcome to another busy week. We have continued with the very successful transition days for our 2017 Kinder children. They have each met with their Year 5 buddy, who has helped them to assimilate into the classroom and to be a friend for them in the school. Needless to say, the little ones are a delightful group of children and we are really looking forward to their presence in St Joseph’s next year. Thank you to Year 5’s for the great job in making the children feel welcome and confident.

In an initiative by the CSO, over the next 3 years all schools in the Wagga Diocese have been given additional staffing for a Targeted Maths teacher. This role will be to support teachers in classrooms, particularly from Kinder to Year 2, in the area of maths. We see this as a fantastic initiative and opportunity for our school and a great model for successful learning for students. On that note, I would like to congratulate Mr Tim Lawler and welcome him to St Joseph’s in 2017. Tim is currently working at Mater Dei Primary School and is a very capable and experienced teacher. We are privileged to have him bring his expertise to St Joseph’s for the next three years. Tim will also have a position on our executive team. Welcome Tim.

I have to say that Wednesdays are a particular delight in our school. We have music, dancing and sport all happening simultaneously and there is always a great deal of laughter and enthusiasm from the children. Today we have the added bonus of soccer lessons for Stage 1. The end of year production of ‘The Peace Child’ is progressing well and sounds fantastic. The students and teachers are looking forward to the performance on Thursday 15th December.

In the meantime teachers are in the process of preparing school reports to go home at the end of term. Year 6 are enjoying their last few weeks of their primary years and looking forward to new horizons next year. I am sure they will take many learnings and great memories with them.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin
Principal
From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

On Thursday (tomorrow) the Year 5 students will participate in a leadership training day. The goals of the day revolve around preparing the students for the leadership roles that they will undertake when they reach Year 6. A point that will be made extremely clear to the students is that even if they do not have a formal leadership role, as a Year 6 student they are all expected to be leaders.

Students will investigate leadership in their own lives, well known leaders and what qualities they possess. They will be joined by number of students who have recently completed Year 12 and have held leadership roles at Kildare Catholic College. Their input will be significant as they share their leadership experiences and spend time working with small groups of students as they unpack dilemmas and everyday experiences that leaders encounter.

We are confident that this cohort of students will be strong leaders for St Joseph’s in 2017. The next step in the leadership selection process will be candidate speeches on Monday November 28th. Followed by this will be a student and teacher vote, candidate interviews with Mrs Gaskin and myself and a staff discussion. The 2017 school leaders

Year 2 Assembly

Friday 25th November 2pm
At this assembly we will farewell Mrs Anne Sweeney who is retiring this year.

Tuckshop Roster Week 7 Term 4

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School Mass—Thursday 24th November

Our next school mass will be held on Thursday 24th November at 9.15am in St Michael’s Cathedral. Year 3 will be assisting Fr Rick in the celebration. All welcome.

Cathedral Parish Mass Times

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Bus Pass Information

All bus pass applications are now done online at: https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/sts/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.
**Important Dates for Term 4**

Monday 14th—Friday 18th  
Kinder transition mornings 9.30am—11.20am

Thursday 17th November  
Year 5 Leadership Day

Friday 18th November  
Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4) to Yarrangobilly Caves for excursion

Tuesday 22nd November  
School Council meeting 6pm

Thursday 24th November  
Year 3 Mass 9.15am in the Cathedral

Friday 25th November  
Year 2 Assembly 2.00pm (Farewell to Mrs Sweeney)

Monday 28th November  
Advent Assembly 9am

Friday 2nd December  
Year 5 Assembly 2.40pm

Friday 9th December  
End of year Assembly and awards 2pm

Wednesday 14th December  
Whole school musical rehearsal at Kildare Catholic College

Thursday 15th December  
School Musical—"The Peace Child" 11.30am (dress rehearsal)  
and 6pm at KCC

Friday 16th December  
Year 6 Graduation Mass and presentation 9.15am—11am

Last day of school Term 4

**Important Dates for Term 1 2017**

Tuesday 31st January  
First day of school Years 1 to 6

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**Year 2 First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to Year 2 students who made their first Reconciliation last Wednesday night.

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**Furniture to Give Away**

We still have this last piece of furniture as well as a few student desks and chairs to give away. Please contact the school if you are interested.

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**MDCX 2016**

Mater Del Creative Exhibition will showcase  
art works  
drama performances  
music performances  
Japanese food tasting  
origami & writing  
lucky door prize

Wednesday  
November 16  
1:30pm - 7:30pm  
MDCC Glasshouse  

Join the vote for the inaugural Materbald prize
St Joseph’s Musical—“The Peace Child”
Thursday 15th December 6pm at Kildare Catholic College

Rehearsals continue for our school musical “The Peace Child” and the students are enjoying the experience. The school is very busy on Wednesdays with singing and dancing in all classes.

I would encourage you all to save the date; Thursday 15th December, and to begin spreading the word to family and friends about this ‘not to be missed’ evening of entertainment!

Mrs Monica Langtry