**Reflection**

We are now in the season of Advent. It is a time of preparation for the Christmas season and a time of great hope.

- God of hope, who brought love into this world,
  be the love that dwells between us.
- God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
  be the peace that dwells between us.
- God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
  be the joy that dwells between us.
- God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
  be the centre, the focus of our lives always,
  and particularly in this Advent time.

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**Dear Parents, families and friends**

We are now in the first week of Advent and beginning to look forward to Christmas. We had a special prayer ceremony on Monday and Fr Rick blessed a wreath for each classroom.

On Friday, the mini Vinnies group launched the Christmas appeal. The students and families of St Joseph’s are always generous at this time. St Vincent de Paul are very grateful to receive the items of non-perishable food and gifts for families who find it difficult at this time of year. Please send in your items over the next week, in time for collection on the 9th December.

The ‘Peace Child’ musical is really starting to take great shape and sounds amazing. The children love their parts and are really ‘nailing’ some great moves. We all have several of the songs stuck in our heads. Thank you to the hard work of the wonderful teachers at the school. It will be a great end to the year and I am sure you will love the performance.

Sadly, we say farewell to Cathie Koetz at the end of this year. Cathie has been working at St Joseph’s for twenty years. She will be taking up a position at Sacred Heart in 2017. We wish Cathie all the best for her future and thank her for the time she has spent teaching classes and supporting the learning of many children in her role as reading recovery teacher and special needs coordinator. I will let you know when we have finalised a replacement for Cathie.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin
Principal
School Mass—
Friday 16th December
Our next school mass will be held on Friday 16th December at 9.15am in St Michael’s Cathedral. Year 6 will be assisting Fr Rick in the celebration. All welcome.

Year 5 Assembly
Friday 2nd December 2.40pm
All welcome

Tuckshop Roster Week 9 Term 4

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| Thurs 8th December| Lina Woods
                       Di Kennedy  |
| Friday 25th November| Kathy Gaffney
                        Linda Burge |

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

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All bus pass applications are now done online at:
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 9th 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.

St Joseph's Primary School
Wagga Wagga presents

The Peace Child

BY MARK AND HELEN JOHNSON
&SUE LANGWADE

Thursday December 15th, 2016
Kildare Catholic College Hall
Coleman Street
6:00pm

The church season of Advent began on Sunday. At Monday morning assembly, Fr Rick blessed an Advent wreath and candles for each classroom.
**Important Dates for Term 4**

- **Friday 2nd December**: Year 5 Assembly 2.40pm
- **Friday 9th December**: End of year Assembly and awards 11.30am (NB Time Change)
- **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
- **Monday 30th January**: Last day of school Term 4
- **Tuesday 31st January**: First day of school Years 1 to 6
- **Tuesday 7th February**: First day of school Kindergarten

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

Our St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal commenced last week. We ask that every family donate a non-perishable item of Christmas food and/or a small, new, unwrapped gift for a child. There will be a collection basket in each classroom for children to place their donation. The appeal will run until Friday 9th December and then members from St Vincent De Paul will pick up the donations and package them up into hampers to deliver to families in need. We encourage your generosity for this appeal.

**Year 6 Graduation Mass**

Our next whole school Mass will be on Friday 16th December, last day of Term 4, at 9.15am. Year 6 will be assisting with the Mass. Following this there will be a presentation in the school hall for the Year 6 students and their parents which will conclude by 11am. Everyone welcome.

**Grand Piano Donation**

St Joseph’s school is now the proud owner of a beautiful grand piano. We will officially unveil the baby grand piano which was donated to our school by Mrs Clancy Reid at the assembly being held this Friday 2nd December at 2:40pm.

We will welcome Mrs Reid’s family—Michael and Karen Reid and Elizabeth Hall to unveil the plaque on the piano.

**Christmas Is In the Air**

The staff has decided that for children wishing to exchange Christmas cards, the exchange will occur in Week 10 of the term. Students are asked not to exchange gifts or give candy canes. Thank you for your support in this. It will help us maintain a strong learning focus until the end of the term.

St Joseph’s Staff

**The Peace Child—St Joseph’s Musical**

Our first school musical will be held on Thursday 15th December at 6pm. The show will run for approximately 1 hour. We hope that all parents will be able to attend this wonderful performance. Entry to the musical will be a gold coin donation on the night—it is not necessary to purchase tickets.

**Merit Awards—Week 7 Term 4**

| Kinder | Ava Lyons | Brenton Simpson |
| Yr 1J  | Hailey Cruz | Louie Smith |
| Yr 1S  | Lucy Bradshaw | Jordan Stephens |
| Yr 2   | Xanthe Dewer | Robert McDougall |
| Yr 3   | Mia Kelleher | Dinosh Deen |
| Yr 4   | Miriam Granger | Robie Zaragoza |
| Yr 5   | Archie Dean | Baden Noble |
| Yr 6   | Sarah Bowering | Arnold Noble |
St Joseph’s Musical—“The Peace Child”  
Thursday 15th December 6pm at Kildare Catholic College

The musical is coming together beautifully and it is wonderful to see the children enjoying the singing and dancing.

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
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