



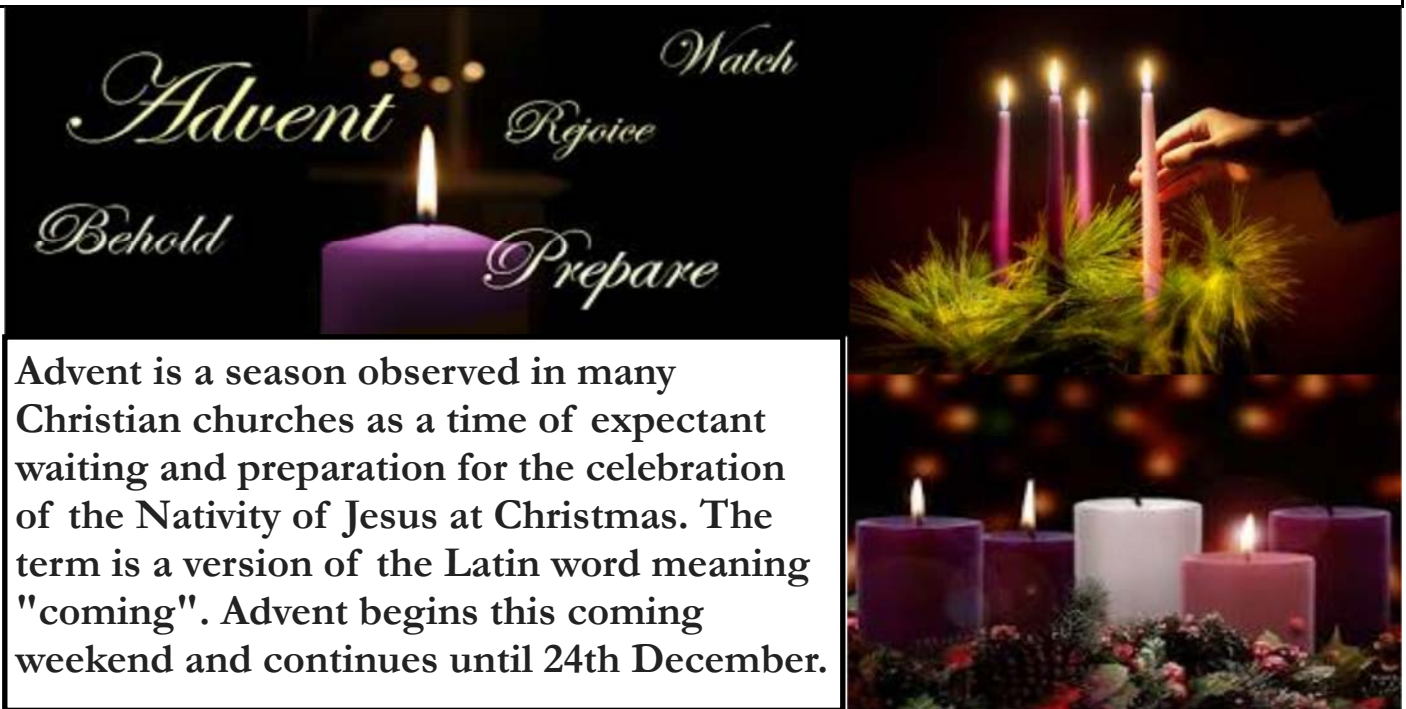
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Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". Advent begins this coming weekend and continues until 24th December.

Dear parents, friends and families,

As the term is rapidly drawing to a close we now look forward to the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The classes are beginning to prepare for the end of term events and our Christmas concert. Sadly, we say farewell to our Year 6 students in a couple of weeks time as they begin their next adventure into secondary school.

Students attending Mater Dei and Kildare have their Orientation Day this Friday. Our current Year 5 students are learning about leadership and preparing for their role as school leaders in 2018.

Last week Year 5 and Year 6 students and teachers had a wonderful time on their excursion to Ballarat. Tired but happy, they all returned home safely after enjoying a wealth of experiences and some great new learning. Thank you to the teachers who made the trip with them and supported their learning.

Teachers are now in the throes of finalising student reports which will be sent home near the end of term.

Special thanks to the volunteers who help the school in many ways over the year. Today we farewelled Kathy Gaffney at a special morning tea for her and other volunteers. Kathy has worked tirelessly over the past 3 years to manage the tuckshop and volunteer lists. I want to thank her for her contribution to the school. I know some of you were not able to come this morning, but please know your work is appreciated.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

Important Dates Term 4 – 2017

- ◆ Friday 1st December Year 6 "Oh" Day at Kildare Catholic College & Mater Dei Catholic College
- ◆ Thursday 7th December Year 3 Reconciliation
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December School Concert—6pm start
- ◆ Friday 15th December Year 6 Graduation Mass 9.15am at the Cathedral
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Important Dates Term 1 – 2018

- ◆ Monday 29th January Teachers & Staff return to school
- ◆ Tuesday 30th January First day at school Year 1—Year 6
- ◆ Tuesday 6th February First day at school for Kindergarten 2018
- ◆ Wednesday 7th February Swimming Carnival
- ◆ Friday 9th March Athletics Carnival
- ◆ Friday 30th March Good Friday
- ◆ Monday 2nd April Easter Monday
- ◆ Friday 13th April **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

From Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

On Tuesday December 5th all stages will be involved in a STEM day. STEM stands for

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Mathematics

There is a strong focus in schools today on STEM as it is developing skills that are in strong demand in today's society.

Each stage will be spending the day working on a project moving through a design process in order to produce a piece of work. Stages will work on the following activity:

Early Stage 1: Home for a Frog. Students will build a model of a frog pond that provides for the basic needs of frogs.

Stage 1: Fairy Tale Stem Challenge. Students will design and build a sturdy house for the three little pigs using different materials and then test the strength using different means.

Stage 2: Sailing Away. Students design and make a vessel with a sail, that will transport an object across a body of water.

Stage 3: Rube Goldberg Machines. This involves designing and building a contraption in which a series of devices perform simple tasks. These are linked together to produce a domino effect in which activating one device triggers the next device in the sequence.

Parents are invited to come and join classes from 2:30pm on this day to see what students have designed and created.

Wagga Diocese Cricket

Congratulations to Oliver Mackellar in Yr 5 who has been selected in the Wagga Diocese cricket team. Oliver will play against Canberra / Goulburn Diocese in February.

Tuckshop Roster Week 9 Term 4	
Monday 4th December	Maha Puli
Weds 6th December	Belinda Schreiber
Thurs 7th December	Liz McGrath
Friday 8th December	Kathy Gaffney HELP NEEDED

END OF YEAR CONCERT

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER. 6PM START UNDER THE COLA, PLEASE BRING A CHAIR. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE.

Year 6 Graduation Mass
Friday 15th December

Our final school Mass will be held on Friday 15th December, the last day of Term 4 at 9.15am. Year 6 will be assisting with the Mass. Following Mass, there will be a presentation in the school hall for the Year 6 students and their parents which will conclude by 11am. Everyone welcome.

From the Office

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.

Extend OSHC at St Joseph's Primary School
ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce the launch of a brand new and exciting platform for families. The Parent Portal will cease to operate at the conclusion of Term 4. Before and After School Care and will be replaced with a reliable, flexible, and user-friendly platform named Looked After. All families requiring bookings for the Summer Holiday Program and/or 2018 Before School Care and After School Care (existing and new families) must create a new account with Looked After.
<https://www.lookedafter.com/>

Recap
What beautiful weather we are having! We have had so much fun with water fights. The children are loving it and they tell me that we should be having one every day! We are working with St Vincent's De Paul to create shoeboxes for children who will have little for Christmas this year. I ask families to bring in small items that fit into a shoebox, like, pencils, textas, ball, toothbrush, toothpaste, face washer, toys etc.
Erin Birch – Team Leader

What's on next week?

Monday 4th December Christmas decorations	Tuesday 5th December Christmas beading	Wednesday 6th December Water fight
Thursday 7th December Loom bands	Friday 8th December Water fight	

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

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



ENROL NOW FOR OUR JANUARY 2018 INTENSIVE PROGRAM

Monday 15 January - Friday 19 January (5 days)

OR

Monday 8 January - Friday 19 January (10 days)

Group & Private lessons available - please call our office for prices and availability

TERM 1, 2018

Monday 29 January, 2018 to Saturday 14 April, 2018

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6971 7750 OR DROP IN AND SEE US TODAY!

Wagga Swim School - 83 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga

Email - info@waggaswimschool.com.au



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

This year we are asking families to help support the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal by donating a gift that would be suitable for a child. Gifts can be brought into the classroom between 23rd November and Thursday 14th December.

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