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Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate and give thanks for Catholic Schools, especially our own school St Joseph's Primary. It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful learning and teaching that takes place each day in every classroom. In our prayer, we acknowledge and thank all who work together in the service of Catholic Education.

*Lord Jesus, You came among us as a teacher, to reveal to us  
the Father's endless love and mercy.*

*Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion  
and wisdom, seeking always to ensure  
that we are all welcome no matter who we are.*

*May our Catholic schools continue to be places of belonging  
and sources of hope and enthusiasm for our young people  
and their families.*

*May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided  
by the inspiration of your Spirit.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



Dear parents friend and families,

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week for 2018. We began celebrations on Monday morning with a Liturgy of the Word and prayers in the flexible learning area. Thanks to Father Gabriel and parents for your presence. Thank you Ms Hale for organising the prayers. It is fantastic to move around the school and see the wonderful learning and fun happening in classrooms throughout the school.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2018. At Mass last Thursday, Year 6 students made their commitment to leadership in the school and received their leadership badges. Along with Fr O'Reilly, we prayed for the students as we continue the school year. It was great to see so many parents present to support the children on their journey. They are a wonderful group of students and we will all support them as they continue to develop their generosity and Christian living this year.

This Friday, we have our school athletics carnival. Thanks to parents and families for the many offers of help. Things run very smoothly when we have plenty of helpers. It is always such an enjoyable day for the students with the focus being on fun. We are expecting fine weather, so don't forget the sunscreen and hats. Children will need to bring their lunch and snacks for the day as there will be no tuckshop. Don't forget to pack plenty of water to drink.

During the season of Lent teachers talk to the children about the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time for us to follow in his footsteps with extra prayer and penance for the six weeks of Lent. It is also a time to be extra generous to others. One concrete way of doing this is to contribute to Project Compassion. Please encourage your child to give willingly to the missions, a few coins each week soon build up; so that we can make other people's lives better. Our money goes towards providing needs such as clean water, food, housing and education to poorer countries and even parts of Australia. Thank you for helping your child learn to be part of a positive change to our world. It is important that they learn that they can make even a small difference.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

## Important Dates Term 1 – 2018

- ◆ 4th–10th March Catholic Schools week
- ◆ 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 Acting Assistant Principal—Tim Lawler

This Friday we will hold our Athletics Carnival at Jubilee Oval, starting at around 9:30 am. Many thanks to all those parents who have volunteered to assist on the day. Anyone else who may be keen to help, but hasn't sent in a note, please just see me on the day. Just a reminder that we are unable to run a canteen, so **all children will need to bring a packed recess and lunch and plenty of water**. A coffee van will be there throughout the day for parents only to use.

In other sporting news, we have nine students swimming at the Diocesan Carnival today in Wagga. We wish them all the best and know they will represent St Joseph's admirably. Miriam Granger and Isabel Hogg are also competing in diocesan netball trials on Friday. Congratulations must go out to Archie Perrot, Oscar Perrot and Oliver MacKellar, who have been selected in the diocesan AFL team and to Emily Saeki who has made the MacKillop tennis team.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to give maths a mention. One of the most important things we can do for our children is to promote a 'growth mindset' in mathematics (and all other learning areas for that matter!). Research by Professor Jo Boaler of Stanford University indicates that 40% of students believe that mathematical ability is fixed ie, you're either a maths person or not and there's nothing much you can do about it. It is true that some people find learning mathematical concepts less challenging than others, but that is also true about every other aspect of learning, from singing to writing to drawing. Given the right conditions, EVERYONE can learn mathematics to a high level. The most important factors for achieving growth are a positive attitude, persistence and resilience.

Regards

Tim Lawler  
Acting Assistant Principal

## Tuckshop Roster Week 7 Term 1

Monday 12th March	Maha Puli
Weds 14th March	Sally Dean Ellie Inman
Thurs 15th March	Lynette Barnes
Friday 16th March	Karen Sinclair Linda Damme

## ***NO TUCK SHOP***

*There will be no tuck shop on  
Friday 9th March at the  
Athletics Carnival or at  
School.  
No Lunch orders will be  
taken on this day.*

## **Symbols and Colours of Lent**

On Shrove Tuesday, we eat pancakes for Mardi Gras ( fat Tuesday) as our last feasting before our fasting begins. We fast especially on the Fridays in Lent and do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday. The money we save on food goes towards our donations to those in need through project Compassion.

On Ash Wednesday, we are called into Lent by being signed with ashes (made by burning the palms blessed last year ) reminding us to simplify our lives and turn to the Gospel.

The liturgical colour for Lent is purple. This is the colour of repentance and preparation. A purple winding cloth can be draped on a bare cross during Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called 'Laetare' Sunday. 'Laetare' means rejoice and it is sometimes referred to as Rose Sunday. It is a reminder to us that we are at the midpoint of Lent and its purpose is to provide us with encouragement as we progress towards the end of the Lenten Season. Sometimes the priest will wear rose / pink coloured vestments. In keeping with this a pink / or rose coloured cloth could be used on your prayer table or sacred space.

In Holy Week the coloured cloth can be changed to red for the sufferings of Christ.

On Passion (Palm) Sunday we bless palms and proclaim the Passion story of Jesus as we enter into Holy Week and the Triduum.

## **Lent Preparing to Celebrate Easter**

During Lent we particularly remember to:

### WEED out:

- ◆ Exclusion
- ◆ Fear
- ◆ Rushing
- ◆ Put-downs
- ◆ Interrupting
- ◆ Busyness
- ◆ Hurting
- ◆ Putting things off

### PLANT seeds of:

- ◆ Welcome
- ◆ Trust
- ◆ Taking time
- ◆ Build-ups
- ◆ Listening
- ◆ Quiet moments
- ◆ Forgiving
- ◆ Just do it!

## Extend OSHC at St Joseph's Primary School

Recap

*We have had a great 2 weeks filled with heaps of fun with a whole lot of different activities. The kids did heaps of activities like paintings, board games, slime, croquet and a whole lot more. It would be great to see parents be involved more into the service. I ask that all our families within the service or within the school community to able to save recyclable jars so that we can reuse them within the service.*



Erin Birch – Team Leader

STAR OF THE WEEKS..... Joseph Pilon and Lucy Longmore

What's on next week?

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Veggie pizzas
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Crocodile crocodile
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Straw splatter painting
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Kinect sand
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Spray paint mural

PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)



## AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Book at least 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

Participate in our fun-filled activities, including a science experiment to learn about making butter, cooking healthy coconut fudge and participating in DIY bowling!

Check out the daily schedule at your nearest program at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the LookedAfter.

### Cathedral Parish Mass Times

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

### **Open Morning for Kinder Enrolments 2019**

St Joseph's Primary School Wagga Wagga  
Friday 16th March 2018 at 9.30am

Information session for parents at 9.30am  
followed by school tour.

Enrolment packages will be available on the day.

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