"We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he meant us to live it." Eph 2:10

Like many remote First Australian communities, Beswick NT faces a range of complex ongoing challenges. Many people in the town feel disempowered by poorly conceived policies and decisions. A lack of access to services and general feelings of helplessness, rejection and loss also mean that a lot of families struggle with financial hardship. “Not enough jobs, housing is still too crowded, alcohol problems and health problems,” Evangeline explains. Evangeline approached the Caritas-supported Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre for work. The Centre is an entirely community-owned venture, supported by Caritas Australia’s Development of Cultural Enterprise program. At the Centre, the aim is to bring together Elders and young people, like Evangeline, so new generations can learn traditional skills and understand cultural knowledge.

The management at the Centre quickly recognised Evangeline’s potential and within months she was offered a full-time role as an Artworker.

Dear Parents Families and Friends,

Thank you to the parents who attended the planning meeting last night. It was a very successful and relaxed gathering, with plenty of enthusiasm and some great social and fundraising ideas forthcoming. This year, we would like your continued support for the school community. There may be a variety of ways you can help out and be a part of things that are happening. Soon we will be sending home a list of events and will be asking for volunteers. All events this year should not be onerous work for anyone and the emphasis is on social opportunity as much as fundraising.

We are all looking forward to socialising with both parents and staff on Friday night at our Garden Party. We have had a very good response so far and would love to see you all there. I encourage our new parents to the school to attend so that we can welcome you and you can meet the parents of your children’s friends amongst others. It is a great night.

This week is Catholic Schools Week. On Friday afternoon at assembly we will have a Liturgy to celebrate the presence, culture and history of Catholic schools in Australia and especially our school. Parents are welcome. Assembly begins at 2:30pm for this week only.

As you are aware, it is unusually hot at the moment, with little change in sight over the next couple of weeks. The children are well catered for and cool in classrooms and they are always urged to keep up drinks during the day. They have an option to be inside at lunch time if it is a ‘scorcher.’ However, you may find that your child/children is/are unusually tired or wearing down a bit at the moment. I am sure this will change once the weather cools.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin
Important Dates for Term 1 2016

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St Joseph’s Feast Day—Friday 18th March

We are celebrating this day with a number of activities. The children are invited to wear casual clothes (mufti). Children are asked to bring in a gold coin donation which will be collected for our Project Compassion appeal. Please ensure that clothing is appropriate and that all students wear closed in shoes and bring a hat.

Year 4 students are assisting Fr Rick with the preparation of the St. Joseph’s Feast Day Mass which begins at 9.15am in the Cathedral.

One student from each class will receive a St. Joseph’s Feast Day Award at a mini assembly after lunch which will be followed by an afternoon of games organised by the Year 6 students.

Easter Raffle

We will once again hold our Easter Raffle this year—it is always a great success as a fundraiser and we usually end up with a large number of prizes to give out.

We ask that each family send in one Easter chocolate item to donate to the raffle and we will send home a book of tickets for each family by early next week. Tickets will be $1 each and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March.

School Mass

St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass

Our next school Mass will be held on Friday 18th March 2016 at 9.15am in the Cathedral. Year 4 will be assisting Fr Rick with the preparation of the Mass.

We invite all our families to join us for this celebration.

Catholic Schools Week—6th-12th March

The theme for 2016 is ‘I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.’ The 2016 CSW theme ties with the Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is calling on all Catholic communities to extend mercy to those in need, particularly refugees fleeing hunger and war.

Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms everyday, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.

We are celebrating with a liturgy on Friday 11th March at assembly which will commence at 2.30pm in the hall. All families are welcome to attend.
From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

A common issue amongst parents when working with their child at home is that the manner in which they were taught when they were at school (think subtraction, division etc) is different from today’s teaching styles.

If a parent would like to have concepts explained, going to the Board of Studies website may be of assistance. 

Using Maths as an example:

> Remember that Early Stage 1 is Kindergarten, Stage 1 is Years 1 and 2, Stage 2 is Years 3 and 4 and Stage 3 is Years 5 and 6. This being the case, the content in each stage is covered over two years.

On this page you will find the outcomes students are working towards achieving, content taught, language used and any other useful background information.

I hope you find this information useful and please do not hesitate to ask for further clarification if it is required.

Merit Awards Week 6 Term 1

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Anaphylaxis Alert

We would like to advise you that we have two children in our school, one in Year 3 and one in Year 6 who may have an anaphylactic reaction if they eat nuts or fish. Please be conscious of this if sending food items to school for sharing.
**Project Compassion Fund Raising**

This week our school raised a total of $102.15 for Project Compassion Well done to Kindergarten this week! They raised the most money—$38.10. Please encourage your child to bring in a little of their spare money to put into the classroom mission box.

**Open Morning for Kinder Enrolments 2017**

St Joseph’s Primary School, Wagga Wagga  
Friday 1st April 2016  
Information session at 9.30am followed by school tour

Hoping you can join us.  
Inquiries 69215733 or sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au  

Kathy Gaskin, Principal

**Term Dates for 2016**

Term 1: Thursday 29th January to Friday 8th April  
Term 2: Thursday 28th April to Friday 1st July

Term 3: Monday 18th July to Friday 23rd September  
Term 4: Monday 10th October to December 16th (TBC)

**Tuckshop Roster Week 8**

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If you are interested in registering your child to play soccer this year, please visit www.myfootballclub.com.au for information on available soccer clubs in Wagga. For any information regarding registering Kinder children for the Wagga United Club please contact Louise Cabot on 0417893100.

**From the Office—Christine Nielsen**

- **Book club orders** are due back on Thursday 10th March
- **Easter bun orders** are due back by Monday 14th March with delivery on Friday 18th March. Bakers Delight gives us back $2 for every six pack of buns that is sold so we encourage you to buy some.
- **ICAS entry forms and money** (Yrs 3—6) are due back on Thursday 10th March.

A deposit was made into the school CBA bank account on 10th February to pay school fees but there was no name or school account ID number. If you made a deposit on this day could you please contact the office—thank you to the parents who have already done so—as we are unable to allocate it to the appropriate fees until we have a family name.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in their RSVP for the Garden Party—it is going to be a lovely night. If you plan to come, it would be appreciated if you could advise us by returning your form or sending an email to the office. sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au

**Private Music Lessons**

Places available after school Tues - Fri  
Ages 5 - Adult, All Instruments and Vocals  
Multi - Instrumentalist Tutor with 12 Years experience. Phone 0490 024 844 or email ramosmusictuition@gmail.com

**Extend OOSH at St.Joseph Primary School Wagga Wagga**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN !**

Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!  
**NSW deadline: Friday 1 April**

To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal. - Diana Ganapathy
You are invited to

St Joseph’s Garden Party
For Parents and Staff
Friday 11th March from 7pm-9pm
In the school grounds

BYO plate of finger food to share
RSVP by Tuesday 8th March
Either by returning the attached sheet
or emailing the school

sjw-info@www.catholic.edu.au
School Council Call for Nomination

Positions have become vacant on the St Joseph’s School Council so we are calling for nominations for this position.

The School Council is a forum in which parents:

- Support the development of the Catholic ethos of the School;
- Support pastoral care strategies;
- Assist in promoting the School in the local community;
- Advise on and support capital and maintenance programs;
- Support local strategic plans (finances, buildings, resources) and contribute to Diocesan educational strategic planning;

Parents who become active on the School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

In view of this you might seriously consider:

- Standing for Election as a member of the School Council and / or
- Encouraging another person to stand for election

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the AGM.

School Council meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during school term. Meetings start at 6pm and most often are finished within the hour.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to speak to Kathy Gaskin or Paul Spain or one of the other members – Simon Wallace, Matt Humphrey, Ondre Nejman, Lina Wood or Julianne Carroll.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Gaskin
Principal

St Joseph’s School Council Nomination Form

I, .................................................. wish to nominate ........................................ for an elected (myself or the name of nominated person) position as a Parent Member on the St Joseph’s School Council for a 2 year term.

Home telephone: ................................................ Business telephone: ........................................
Mobile: ................................................................. Email address: ..................................................

Signature of Candidate: ........................................ Date:

Please complete this form and return to the school by Friday 18th March 2016 or email a nomination to sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au