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Feast day of St Joseph - patron saint of our school.

“He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: ‘Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord’ .

(St. Bernardine of Siena).

Lord our God, when you sent your Saviour into the world,

You entrusted him in the care of a mother and father.

With the prayers of Saint Joseph to help them,

may all families be bound together in unity and love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear parents friend and families,

Last evening we had our first school council meeting for the year. At the meeting, I was able to share some of the positive gains we have in 2018 particularly around additions to staffing. Mr Lawler also spoke about his role in the school as our Targeting Maths Teacher.

Below is a snapshot of some of the conversations and current thinking around the positive impact of staffing this year. Additional funding for staffing has meant we have been able to make significant changes to the ratio of students to teachers, particularly in the important infants classes. We have also been able to support teachers through a coaching and mentoring model with specialised teachers. Research has shown that children in the range of 0-8 year make the most growth in education and this is where students develop rapidly.

Professor John Hattie’s (Melbourne University) research is widely recognised world wide, as a ground-breaking body of evidence of what works most effectively in student learning and achievement. John has been at the forefront of current educational thinking and development for a few years now. His work is widely used by experts in planning for school improvement and in pinpointing what works in education. (ie effect size) self reported grades, quality teaching. His research on Visible Learning over a 10 year period and involving millions of students (meta data) has thrown light on what things make teaching and learning more effective in schools and underpins many programs now used in schools. His belief is that we need to focus all students all the time and we can make a difference to the individual learning needs of children by focusing on what is most effective in classrooms.

Quality teaching is the best asset for any successful learning in schools. It has an enormous effect on student outcomes. With this in mind - teacher efficiency / collaborative approaches have proven to have positive effects on student’s ability to learn well.

The role of specialist teachers to lead and support teachers in the classroom makes a great difference. Baseline data, gathered in our school, consists of clear evidence on students so that teaching and management in classrooms can be tailored to particular needs of students. In-class and diagnostic and formative assessments, eg MAI, PAT testing, running records, programs such as Quicksmart, Multilit, Reading Recovery each have their own assessment tools, leading the way to knowing our students and what they need.

Parent meetings, such as those that occurred this term, will help fill in the story - social, emotional, learning needs. Education in our school and the diocese aims to develop the whole person and we continually strive to work in partnership with parents and families. Over the next few weeks, I will focus on particular roles of some of our teaching staff.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

Important Dates Term 1 – 2018

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| ◆ Friday 23rd March | St Josephs Day Mass Year 9.15am
- Year 5 assisting (Note date change) |
| ◆ Friday 23rd March | School Assembly 2.40pm—St Joseph's Day Awards |
| ◆ Thursday 29th March | Stations of the Cross 9.30am start out the front of Cathedral |
| ◆ 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 | School Assembly 2.40pm Yr 5 presenting |
| ◆ Friday 13th April | Cross Country |
| ◆ Friday 13th April | LAST DAY OF TERM 1 |
| ◆ Tuesday 1st May | FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL |

From Acting Assistant Principal—Tim Lawler

There's always so much happening on the sporting fields in Term One. We've had children taking part in diocesan netball, soccer and rugby league trials in the past two weeks. Congratulations to those students who put themselves forward to participate in these trials, as they were competing against many fine athletes from all over our diocese. From all reports, the students competed strongly and were fine ambassadors for our school. Well done to Amelia Hackett (soccer), Isabel Hogg (netball), Riley Bradshaw, Harvey Morgan-Campbell, Byron Dennis and Oliver Spackman (rugby league) who have been selected to represent the Wagga Diocese at the Mackillop trial for their chosen sports. Also congratulations to Emily Saeki who took out the 11 years butterfly at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival and is competing at the MacKillop Carnival in Sydney today.

Sports hat off, Mathematics hat on... Recently teachers have been working on the implementation of learning norms (expected behaviours) in maths lessons at St Joseph's. The purpose behind them is to develop some common expectations of students during mathematic lessons. The norms are the same across all years, they just become more sophisticated at each stage level. The norms are based around current research and incorporate all aspects of the Working Mathematically strand of our syllabus. The following three principles are reflected in the norms:

- mistakes are important for learning (encouraging a growth mindset),
- the importance of communication in order to clarify, demonstrate and connect your understandings AND
- the need to use a flexible range of different strategies to solve problems.

To assist in the implementation of these behaviours, parents have a key role to play. Most importantly, continually remind your child that mistakes and productive struggle are a healthy part of learning. Also, try not to focus solely on the answers that your child gives but ask them *how they got their answer and follow that up by asking if they can solve it in another way. Finally, try to use materials (where possible) to model mathematical understandings, rather than relying on the written/symbolic form only.*

From the Tuckshop—Linda Damme

The year has started well and we are slowly introducing new items on the menu—frozen juice cups, sultanas boxes, Easter bikkies to name a few. Please note that some items have increased in price from the beginning of the year and we ask that you check the price list before finalising your child's order. Please find the 2018 menu attached or you can pick up a hard copy from the office foyer. We also encourage you to use the online ordering which cuts out the need to send in cash. However if you do order your child's lunch this way, you need to select and pay for a paper bag (10 cents) for the lunch to go into.

If your child orders a menu item that requires a spoon or fork, we will supply it in the paper bag. However we cannot supply spoons or forks for items brought from home. If it is necessary to do so, there will be a 10 cent charge.

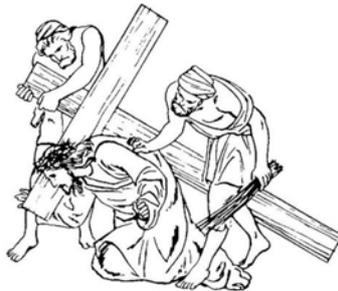
Tuckshop Roster Week 9 Term 1

Monday 26th March	Maha Puli Allira Myers
Weds 28th March	Katie Dennis Linda Damme
Thurs 29th March	Kristin Molloy
Friday 30th March	GOOD FRIDAY

Cathedral Parish Mass Times

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

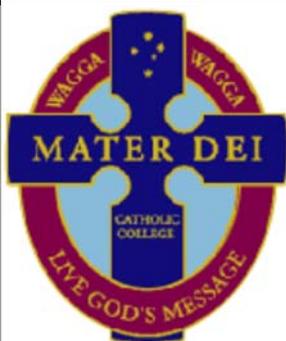
Stations of the Cross Invitation



You are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross on
Thursday 29th March 2018 at 9:30am.

We will begin outside the front of St Michael's Cathedral and then walk along the walking track near the Murrumbidgee River stopping for each of the 14 stations along the way.

Please allow approximately 1 hour.



Year 7 2019 ~ Mater Dei Catholic College

With very strong interest in places for next year, families from local Catholic primary schools seeking a place for Year 7 next year are urged to make contact with the College. Any family who has not yet booked an enrolment interview for Year 7 2019 should contact Mrs Michelle Clarke at the College on 6923 8300. Interviews are underway this week and will conclude next Wednesday evening 28th March.



SJWW 2018 Easter Raffle



The School Council will be having an Easter Egg Raffle to be drawn on Thursday 29th March. We are now calling for donations of Easter Eggs. The more donations that we get, the more prizes will be on offer. Last year we had over 30 prizes. Please send your donations into the school office by Wednesday 28th March. Later this week every family will be sent home a book of 10 raffle tickets to be sold for \$1 each. Extra books will be available at the school office if required.

Extend OSHC at St Joseph's Primary School



Fortnightly recap

Wow, it was great to see families and staff within our school community bring in some recyclable items for the OOSHC children to be able to use.

We have had some beautiful weather the last couple of weeks and with autumn here it would be great to see the children more involved within the service and participating in group games. I haven't had much parent feedback of late and it would be great to hear from parents if they have any ideas for the service or any ideas about the service getting out in the community. Erin, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstars are Amelia Hackett and Ellie Cooper
What's on next week:

Monday 26th March—Table top pool.

Tuesday 27th March—Bath bombs

Wednesday 28th March—Easter making

Thursday 29th March—Easter egg hunt

Friday 30th March—Good Friday (school closed)

LOOKEDAFTER: extend.com.au

Merit Awards Week 7 Term 1

Kinder	Odhran Doyle Annie Wood
Yr 1	Austin Blacka Paige Dean
Yr	Lara Spackman Zac Dewar
Yr 3H	Jasper Ingold Erin Chu Benedict Byrne
Yr 3E	Chloe Barnes Piper Dennis
Yr 4	Hunter Blacka Addison Dean
Yr 5	Bridget Moloney Ida Kurian
Yr 6	Hannah Byrne Flynn Rumble



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 and book via the LookedAfter.