Dear Parents Families and Friends,

As you are aware, this week is Holy Week and the final week of Lent. It culminates on Sunday with the great feast of Easter with a season of great joy to follow. The children have been asked to make this a particularly ‘holy week,’ and to continue their prayers and sacrifices for others, as they remember the great sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. At school, we will retell the Easter story, together on Thursday (tomorrow) morning at 9:30am. Classes have been preparing their part, with the expert assistance of Mrs Langtry and are really looking forward to presenting the story to you. We would love to see many of you here. I am sure you will enjoy the music and the presentation immensely.

Our school athletics carnival has been a great success, today. Thank you staff and parents for your help in making the day run so well. Thanks Mr Spain for organising the day and the infants teachers for organising games for the younger children, so they felt they were really part of the carnival. Congratulations to the winning team and the individual competitors for their efforts and sportsmanship. It has been quite a fun day and I am sure everyone will sleep well tonight. On Thursday, we will have our assembly at 1:50pm instead of the usual time as we will have the drawing of the Easter raffle at the end of the day. Thank you for your generosity in supplying the eggs and selling the tickets. Thank you to Julianne Carroll for preparing the raffle ticket books and thank you to Lisa, Wayne and Charlotte Mutton for wrapping up the prizes—the children love the excitement of the raffle. School will reopen on Tuesday morning and we still have two weeks of school before the term break. Nevertheless, I hope everyone has a very happy, holy and safe Easter break.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal
Important Dates for Term 1 2016

Thursday 24th March  School Easter Liturgy 9.30am and Easter Raffle drawn
Friday 25th March  Good Friday
Monday 28th March  Easter Monday
Thursday 31st March  Grandparents Afternoon Stage 1 (Yrs 1 and 2) - 2.10pm
Friday 1st April  Friday school assembly Yr 5 presenting 2.40pm
Thursday 7th April  School Mass at Cathedral at 9.15am Yr 3 assisting
Thursday 7th April  School Disco 6pm
Friday 8th April  Cross Country
Friday 8th April  Last Day of Term 1
Monday 25th April  Anzac Day—public holiday
Tuesday 26th April  Diocesan School Conference—Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 27th April  Diocesan School Conference—Pupil Free Day
Thursday 28th April  First Day for students Term 2

Easter Raffle
Thank you for all the donations of Easter eggs. We have some great prizes to give out tomorrow.
If you still have raffle tickets, they need to be returned by Thursday 24th March at the latest. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday afternoon.

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

Thursday 24th March Assembly
Please note that for tomorrow only, assembly will be held at 1.50pm. Awards will be given out and the Easter Raffle will be drawn.

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.

Tables and Chairs to Give Away
Due to the school purchasing new classroom furniture, we have quite a number of infants size tables and chairs to give away. If you are interested, please contact the school office.
From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

Term 1 continues to be an incredibly busy time for sport at St Joseph’s. We congratulate the following students for their achievements in these school based sports:

**Thomas Nejman:** Has been selected in the MacKillop AFL team to compete in the NSW primary schools championship in Nelson’s Bay in May.

**Maisie Freemantle and Rose Granger:** Will represent the Wagga Diocese in the MacKillop netball trials which will be held in Canberra in May.

**Henry Kennedy:** Has been selected in a combined Wagga/Canberra-Goulburn Diocese team to play in the MacKillop cricket trials to be held in September.

**Lara Knox and Emily Saeki:** We wish the very best of luck to these girls who travel to Sydney next week to compete at the MacKillop swimming carnival.

As we near the end of the term it becomes clearly evident when children become tired. They can become overwhelmed with events at school and not able to participate in lessons and activities in their usual personalities.

It is vital that a student obtains the correct amount of sleep each night. It is obvious when a student arrives at school sleep deprived. They are often listless and lethargic, slumped on desks, unable to complete set tasks in the given time frame and not engaging with peers in the classroom and playground.

Please ensure that your child has between 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night. Establish routines concerning bedtime and try to keep them maintained. A lot of students now require the use of technology such as computers and ipads in order to complete homework tasks. If this is the case, do not have them use these devices directly before bed.

John Joseph, a specialist in learning related to the brain, has stressed the importance of having children “unwind” before they sleep. Stimulation due to technology creates the reverse situation which leads to the brain not going into relaxation mode until well after the desired sleep time. This use of technology is not limited at all to homework tasks. Playing video games and ipods can be even more detrimental to sleep patterns so they need to be avoided in the evenings.

### St Joseph’s Day Awards Week 7 Term 1

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### Cathedral Parish

**Easter Mass Times**

**Holy Thursday:**
7:00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Adoration until 10:00pm.

**Good Friday:**
10:30am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy

**Holy Saturday:**
8:00pm Solemn Vigil Mass for Easter
*(NOTE: no 6:00pm Vigil Mass)*

**Easter Sunday:**
8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm Mass
Project Compassion Fund Raising

Thank you to all our students who donated money through the Project Compassion. The final amount will be finalised next week—your generous contribution will help many people in less fortunate circumstances.

St Joseph’s Primary School

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

Tuckshop News
Thank you to the parents who have filled the vacant spots in our tuckshop roster. If you are not on the roster and would like to be added, please contact Kathy Gaffney 0422493879 or the office if you can assist.

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From the Office—Christine Nielsen

We are still waiting for confirmation from the family who made a deposit 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.

Our enrolments are now open for Kinder 2017. If you have a child who will be commencing school in 2017, you can either call in to the office to pick up an enrolment pack or we can send one home with their sibling.

CIPS Band Performance – 30th March 2016

The Catholic Inter-Primary Schools (CIPS) Band will present a short concert at the Kildare Catholic College Hall on Wednesday 30th March at 9am. The band, which includes several students from our school, will perform for Kildare’s Year 7 and 8 students and Year 9 and 10 elective music students. This will present an exciting opportunity for our students to show off their skills on their chosen instrument.

The CIPS band students will rehearse at their usual time prior to the concert, albeit in the KCC hall and will be returned to school on the KCC bus by 10am. Parents are more than welcome to attend the concert. For more information, contact Robert Thompson or Amanda Hilton at Kildare Catholic College on 6925 3388.

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
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
SOCCER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
South Wagga Soccer Club is calling all boys and girls under 5 through to under 8 to play soccer this coming soccer season. Cost is $100 per player for the year. Season starts 2nd April. Games played every Saturday at Duke of Kent Oval - Wagga. Contact Jo Everett on 0409 655 198 for more info.

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2, 2016
Learn to Swim, Mums & Bubs, Stroke Correction, Squad Training, Hydrotherapy, Birthday Parties, Aqua Aerobics, Sporting Groups
W arm, friendly, family orientated environment with an enclosed children’s play area.

5 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM
Monday 18th Apr. 2016 to Friday 22 Apr. 2016
GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE
DON’T MISS OUT - FOR ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 6971 7750 OR DROP IN AND SEE US TODAY!
W agga Swim School - 83 Copland Street, W agga W agga
Email - info@waggaswimschool.com.au

Monday 11th April - Friday 15th April 2016
Holiday Camp
9:00am - 12:30pm
5 Day Tennis Camp Learn tennis, make friends & have fun!
Ages 5 - 15 years
Red Ball Orange Ball Green Ball Yellow Ball
$25 a day ($100 for week)
Certificates awarded + prizes. Camp runs rain, hail or shine!
Wednesday BBQ
Call Brenda: 0427 945 887 Matt: 0458 766 334 Andrew: 0403 081 463

WAGGA WAGGA CIVIC THEATRE
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www.civictheatre.com.au - 6926 9688

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