Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful peaceful Easter and a relaxing few days with family and/or friends. Talking to some of the children today, many of them have had a pretty big weekend. The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation. We joyfully sing the Alleluia at Mass during this time.

It is hard to believe that we are already planning for next year enrolments. An information session will be held this Friday morning, April 1st, at the school. This is an opportunity to find out more about the school and some programs and developments happening. Please let your friends and families of school age children for 2017 know that it is on at 9:30 am in the school hall area. We will look forward to meeting many parents here. Enrolments packages are available from the school office during office hours and will also be available on the day.

Please keep the Year 6 students in your prayers as they begin their Confirmation program. They are due to be confirmed on May 15th. Also, please pray for Deacon Reece Beltrame as he will be ordained this Saturday morning in St Michael’s Cathedral. Deacon Reece has been visiting classes and getting to know the students and staff this year and will continue on after his ordination as Fr Reece. On behalf of our community, I would like to congratulate him and wish him well for the day.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal

Reflection

“And we know that faith and hope are a gift from God, and we have to ask: ‘Lord, give me faith, give me hope! We have so much need!’ Let us be pervaded by the emotions that resonate in the Easter sequence: ‘Yes, we are certain: Christ is truly risen.’ The Lord has risen among us! This truth marked in an indelible way the lives of the Apostles who, after the Resurrection, again felt the need to follow their Master and, receiving the Holy Spirit, went without fear to proclaim to all what they had seen with their own eyes and personally experienced.”

Pope Francis - Easter 2016
**Important Dates for Term 1 2016**

- **Thursday 31st March**
  - Grandparents Afternoon Stage 1 (Yrs 1 and 2) - 2.10pm
- **Thursday 31st March**
  - Yr 3 Reconciliation 9.15am
- **Friday 1st April**
  - Kinder 2017 Information session 9.30am-10.45am
- **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 5.30pm
- **Friday 8th April**
  - Cross Country 9.30am
- **Friday 8th April**
  - Last Day of Term 1
- **Monday 25th April**
  - Anzac Day—public holiday
- **Tuesday 26th April**
  - Diocesan School Conference—Pupil Free Day

**Easter Raffle**

Thank you to our families for your great effort for the Easter Raffle—we raised $1240!!

There were 31 prizes and the following people won a prize in the order drawn:

**Friday 1st April**

Year 5 will be presenting at our assembly this Friday which will be held at 2.40pm. All welcome.

Congratulations to David Looney and Leonie O’Driscoll (and Isaac—Kinder) on the birth of their new baby Patrick. We hope he brings great joy to your family.

**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.

**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.
From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain

Last Wednesday’s athletics carnival was a most successful day. The weather was perfect and all students were kept busy with a variety of events and activities in which to participate. Thank you to all of the parents who helped make the day successful by volunteering to ensure that events ran smoothly.

The final house score on the day was as follows:
1: John Paul 961
2. Nagle 830
3. Michael 687
4. MacKillop 603

Congratulations to the division champions:
Junior Girls: Kate Wallace
11 Years Girls: Alicia Donohue
Senior Girls: Gracie Goodyer
Junior Boys: Oscar Perrot
11 Years Boys: Luke Nolte
Senior Boys: Henry Kennedy

The top two place getters in each event will now proceed to the Wagga Deanery carnival that is to be held on Tuesday May 17th at Jubilee Park, Wagga.

Cross Country
Our cross country carnival will be held on Friday April 8th at Wagga Beach. Students will walk over to the beach at 9:15am to participate in their event.

Under 8’s 9’s and 10’s will run 2km and under 11’s and 12’s 3 km. Infants students will participate in a short fun run on the day.

Students may wear either their sports uniforms or clothing in the colour of their house that is suitable in which to run.

Parental assistance is greatly required on the day to act as marshals on the course and to assist with recording. If you are able to help please meet at Wagga beach at 9:15am.

Merit Awards Week 9 Term 1

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Year 6 Confirmation 2016

Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 15th May at 10am at the Cathedral. Further information will be forthcoming but please mark this date in your diary.

Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday 7th April at 9.15am in the Cathedral. Year 3 will be assisting Fr Rick with the Mass. We welcome all our families to join us.
Project Compassion Fund Raising

Thank you to all our students who donated money through the Project Compassion. The final amount raised was $1026!! Well done St Joseph’s Primary School community.

St Joseph's Primary School
"All Things For God"

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

Our school disco is being held next Thursday 7th April in the school hall
Time: 5.30pm—7pm
Cost: $6—this includes entry, hot dog and drink
Lollies and glow sticks will be available for purchase at the tuckshop.
Parent helpers required on the night

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.

Book Covering Help Required
We have some new classroom resources which are require covering with contact. If you can help, please contact the office and we can supply you with books and contact. Your help will be much appreciated.

Tuckshop Roster Week 11

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Kinder 2017
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. Enrolments close on Friday 17th June 2016.

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
Wagga Swim School
83 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga
Email: info@waggaswimschool.com.au

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SPORT AND HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS