From the Principal…

Dear Parents and Friends,
I would like to warmly welcome everyone to school for 2017! I hope that everyone has had a nice break and are ready for a year of learning, love and laughter at St Joseph’s. As usual, the first week of Term One is very busy with all our students at school today, the Deanery Mass on Thursday evening for the teachers and our school swimming carnival on Friday.

Today we welcome all our wonderful returning students back to school and we also welcome our gorgeous kindergarten students who are starting their schooling at St Joseph’s School - Jackson Pitt, Willow Dellar, William Maynard, Zavier Rorato and Oliver Sleeman. We hope that everyone has a great year!

2016 End of Year Awards
We congratulate the following students on receiving these awards at our end of year Presentation Evening:

Christian Living - Charlie Rorato, Chloe Rorato, Brigit Hamilton
Learning Awards - Callum McGillivray, Mia Baxter, Miley Conn, Georgia Belling, Emma Hamilton, Hunter Dellar
Penguin Public Speaking Award - Sophie Roe & Emma Hamilton
RSL Award - Mia Neessen
CWA Citizenship Award - Sophie Roe
Nathan Kelly Award - Shannon Neilson
Ambrose Crittenden Award - Tex Flack
JATS Award - Amelia Wells

Little Aussie Award
Brigit Hamilton was the very worthy recipient of the Jerilderie Shire Council Little Aussie Award for St Joseph’s School which was announced on Australia Day. Well done, Brigit!

South West Deanery Mass
The South West Deanery Mass this year is to be held on Thursday at 5.30pm in Berrigan. Each year the Mass and dinner is held in a different location in the South West Deanery - Jerilderie, Finley, Tocumwal, Berrigan or Urana. All staff from each school come together to celebrate the beginning of the school year and enjoy a lovely meal together.

Have a wonderful first week of school everyone and see you at our Swimming Carnival on Friday evening,

Amanda Catena
**Diary Dates**

**St. Joseph’s Jerilderie Mass Times**

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm on 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month.

Sunday Mass 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

**February**

1st Kinder Reest Day

2nd South West Deanery Mass Berrigan 5.30pm

3rd School Swimming Carnival 5pm

8th Kinder Rest Day

9th Combined Schools Fete Meeting St Jos 3.30pm

14th Deanery Swimming Carnival Finley

15th Kinder Rest Day

27th Diocesan Swimming Carnival Leeton

**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday and we hope you enjoy a terrific day.

**January**

27th Georgia Belling

Ava Belling

*We hope you had a great day girls on your Birthday!!*

**February**

3rd Matilda Anthony

4th Miley Conn

11th Ruby Neessen

18th Mia Baxter

20th Willow Dellar

**Swimming for Sport**

Attached to today’s newsletter is a form regarding our swimming for sport program. Please complete this form and return with your pool entrance payment or FOB number before Friday. **There will be NO swimming for sport this Friday due to our swimming carnival.** Swimming for sport will be each Friday and continue until the end of February at this stage.

**2017 Swimming Carnival**

This Friday the 3rd February is our annual swimming carnival at the Jerilderie Swimming Pool. This is a great sporting occasion and a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community.

The carnival will commence at 5.00pm and all students will need to be at the pool by 4.45pm so that we can begin the carnival on time. The students can wear their swimmers and swim shirt to the pool. Please note that we have a school policy that states that all students must wear a swim shirt when not competing in the pool.

The events in the main pool are stopped so that everyone can watch the across the pool events and infant novelty events.

In order for the program to run smoothly, we will require plenty of helpers on the night. Please fill in the slip in this newsletter indicating how you can help, and return to school tomorrow.

The School Council will once again be providing a BBQ dinner for a small donation. Please bring your own chairs and drinks. The pool facilities are glass free and alcohol free.

Once again this year, we will be holding the annual parent/teacher/student relay race at the carnival. The staff have put together a very competitive team this year with Keshia Marshall as the captain and Eliza Browne, Carmen Lawton and Laura Walliss swimming with her in the staff team. I must warn you that this may be our best staff team yet! Parents are asked to contact Fi Baxter to secure their place in the parent relay team. Past students are also welcome to submit a team on the night.

The mini-triathlon will be another feature of this years program. Current students of St Joseph’s from K-6 are invited to swim, ride and run their way through the pool complex and the Jerilderie Motel and Caravan Park. Bring your bike, helmet and runners if you would like to participate.

The South West Deanery Carnival is on Tuesday 14th February in Finley. Students who qualify for the Deanery Carnival will need to be transported to Finley by their parents. Miss Walliss will be attending as the school co-ordinator.

**Student Banking**

St Joseph’s Jerilderie offers Student Banking through the Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite Account. Student Banking day is Tuesdays. Anyone interested in starting Student Banking is to please contact Carmen.
Our New Teachers in 2017…..

Eliza Browne
Birthday - 10th June
Grew up in - Blighty
Last taught at - Carnegie Primary School
Family - Mum - Mary, Dad - Robert, Brother - James.
Pets - Dog Jack
Favourite Food - Roast Chicken
Favourite Colour - Pink
Favourite Pastimes - Netball, tennis & running.
And is looking forward to getting to know all the K/1/2 students and all of our school families.

Laura Walliss
Birthday - 27th February
Grew up in - Berrigan
Last taught at - Teaching in Germany
Family - Mum - Joanne, Dad - Beau, 2 brothers, 2 sisters.
Pets - Dog Blake
Favourite Food - Chocolate
Favourite Colour - Blue
Favourite Sport - Netball
And is looking forward to getting to know all the 5/6 students and all of our school families.

School Hours
8.40am - Playground Supervision
9.00am - Class Time
(10.00am - Whole School Snack Attack (5mins)
Please note that the snack must be a small piece of fruit, vegetable or yoghurt. Please pack only what can be eaten in 5 minutes by your child. This is designed to be a mid session ‘recharge’
11.15 - Lunch Break
12 noon - 1.30pm - Class Time
1.30pm - Recess Time
2.00pm - Class Time
3.15pm - School Finish & Dismissal
Please remember that students are not to be at school before 8.40am as there is no supervision.

Kindergarten Rest Day
Kindergarten students will have the 4 Wednesdays of February at home to give them an opportunity to rest and refresh. The dates are: Wednesday 1st, Wed 8th, Wed 15th, Wed 22nd.

School Assembly
Each Monday and Friday morning at 9am we will be having an assembly here at school in the Yr 5/6 room. Monday morning assembly will follow a similar format to last years with our 5/6 students leading the assembly and Friday mornings will include merit awards as well as a sports uniform lotto. All parents more than welcome to attend.

After School Pickup
All parents who are picking up their children are asked to park over at the church side of the school and the students will walk over to the lunch shed to meet you. Students are not to be picked up at the front of the school as this is a bus zone. Students who are walking home will leave the school from the front entrance and cross at the crossing when applicable. Students are not to cross the road at the Coreen/Wood St intersection. This four way intersection is very dangerous.

School Library
Our school library sessions will again be every Friday, straight after our assembly. We encourage every student to utilise our wonderful library which has many new books. Thank you to our librarians Pete and Gayle for continuing to look after our library again this year.

St Joseph’s Facebook Page
St Joseph’s Jerilderie has an up to date Facebook page. Please like our page to keep up with what is happening at school. Teachers and staff are often putting great photos of activities the students are participating in and also important information regarding excursions and school events.
Canteen Roster
Term 1 2017 February

6th Wells & Moloney
13th Rorato & Pitt

Further rosters will be in next week's newsletter.

Creative Art Space
Thanks to Karen Sleeman, Fi Baxter, Kathryn Maynard and Mandy Catena for all their work in the first week of the school holidays on our Creative Arts Space. Our new space is almost completed with the floors been finished today. It is looking very impressive! It will be a wonderful space for the students, parents and staff.

School Council Meeting
Our first School Council Meeting for the 2017 year is on Wednesday 8th February. All parents are more than welcome to attend and we encourage everyone to do so.

Sleeman Funeral
We have been asked to cater for a funeral this Thursday at 10am. The family are requesting sandwiches, cakes and slices. Peta and Bec will be coordinating the cooking and we would appreciate assistance from anyone who is available to bake or serve. Please see Bec or Peta ASAP if you are able to help to save them contacting everyone individually.

Catering Meeting
As there are a few catering jobs approaching we will be holding a catering meeting tomorrow at 2.30pm in the school library. We would appreciate as many parents attending this meeting as possible as some important decisions need to be made.

Milo In2 Cricket/T20 Blast
Milo In2 Cricket and Milo T20 Blast will resume for 2017 on Friday 10 February. Milo In2 Cricket will start at 3.30pm and Milo T20 Blast at 4.30pm. We look forward to welcoming back our cricket families. We have just four sessions left this season. Please ensure your child brings a hat and water bottle. If temperatures are above 40 degrees, stay tuned for cancellation on the day.

School Council
Swimming Carnival Catering
Friday 3rd February 2017
(Please return this form tomorrow)

Yes, I am able to assist with:-

- Coleslaw: ___________________
- Cooking Barbeque: __________
- Starter: _________________
- Timekeeper: _______________
- Recorder: _________________
- Infant Activities: ___________
- Photographer: _____________
- Name: _____________________