From the Principal…

Dear Parents and Friends,

The year is off to a flying start with students settling into their classrooms and the school Swimming Carnival over and done with for another year. A big thankyou to all of the families and staff who assisted at the carnival. We could not have such a fun and successful night without your assistance. Thanks to Gary from Berrigan Shire for being our lifeguard and the Jerilderie Shire Council for the use of their great pool.

Swimming Carnival Results

Junior Girl Champion - Ava Belling
Junior Boy Champion - Angus Moloney
Senior Girl Champion - Mia Neessen
Senior Boy Champion - Hugh Wettenhall

The winning house on the night by only 2 points was Benedicta and Madeleine won the war cry. The triathlon was again enjoyed by the students and thank you to the Jerilderie Caravan Park for allowing us to use the park to run and cycle around. The winners of the triathlon were 1st - Tex Flack, 2nd - Lachlan Wells & 3rd - Amelia Wells (more photos attached).

The South West Deanery Carnival is on Tuesday 14th February in Finley. Notes are attached for those students who have qualified. Students will need to be transported to Finley by their parents. Miss Walliss will be attending as the supervising teacher.

Instrument Tutoring

Our very successful weekly instrument tutoring begins again this week. The timetable has changed for some students this year. Following is the new timetable for 2017:

Drums with Campbell - Monday
Clarinet, Saxophone & Flute with George - Thursday
Trombone & Trumpet with Richard - Friday

Students will need to bring their instrument, stand and book to school on the day of their lesson.

***Please note: George will be running band practice for all students every second Thursday. Students who do not have their lessons on a Thursday will also need to bring their instrument or sticks, stand and book every second Thursday to school.

Catholic Schools Office Video

The Catholic Schools Office have employed Waggawagga.tv to produce a series of videos about the schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. On Wednesday 22nd of February, they will be visiting our school to capture footage of our school, speak with some students and teachers and generally film our school both inside the classrooms and on the playground. I have attached an agreement form for you to complete if you give permission for your child to participate in this filming. Please have the notes back to school by the end of this week.

Swimming for Sport

Swimming for sport will continue each Friday until the end of February. If you have not returned your notes/money please do so tomorrow. Could all students please remember their swimmers, swimming top, sunscreen and towel?

Have a sensational week everyone, 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
- 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

School Uniform Award - Nicola DiLullo
Sports Uniform Award - Darby Edwards - Parsons

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

South West Deanery Mass
The staff from all schools in the South West Deanery had a lovely evening together last Thursday in Berrigan. Everyone came together to enjoy mass and a meal. Thankyou to the St Columba’s Berrigan staff for arranging the meal and to Fr McGrath for officiating the mass.

Targeted Mathematics Teacher
I would like to let you know what my role in the school is for the next three years. I am the Targeted Mathematics Teacher. The Targeted Mathematics Teacher is an initiative by the Diocese of Wagga. It provides an additional experienced teacher to lead Mathematics learning in each primary school in the diocese. The goal of this project is to promote growth in the numeracy standards of ALL students, with a particular focus in Early Stage One and Stage One. My role as a Targeted Mathematics Teacher is to support classroom teachers to utilise and develop effective teaching strategies, in order to improve student performance and success in Mathematics.

The overall aim is to build the capacity of K-2 teachers to improve student learning in Mathematics. This is done through a research based model for school improvement. It will involve me spending time in the K-2 Maths class, meeting and working with teachers outside of class time and I will be involved in ongoing regular professional learning based around this.

I am looking forward to working closely with all of the teachers at St. Joseph’s Jerilderie as well as Sacred Heart Tocumwal.
Bek Doyle

Canteen Roster
February
13th - Rorato & Ferguson
20th - DiLullo & Pitt
27th - Neessen & Marriott
March
6th - Flack & Carina Rorato
13th - Baxter
20th - Bonic & Hamilton
27th - Gurciullo & Gomez
April
3rd - Conn & Edwards/Parsons

Parents - Please note we would really appreciate lunch orders being sent in a brown paper bag. lunches are then handed out to students in the brown bag.

If for some reason you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with another family.

School Council Meeting
Our first School Council Meeting for the 2017 year is on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm. The Executive will meet at 6.30pm. All parents are more than welcome to attend and we encourage everyone to do so.

Sleeman Funeral
Thank you to everyone who baked and assisted with sandwich making for the funeral last week, it was most appreciated.

Plates/Containers
There are a number of platters/plates and containers in the school office that have been left over at school events. Please call in and check if any of them are yours.

Combined Schools Fete Meeting
This Thursday 9th February at 3.30pm will be our first meeting of the year for Combined Schools Fete in the school library. This year the Fete will be held here at St Joseph’s, so we would appreciate as much help as possible with this fantastic school fundraiser. As always we would appreciate help with wood chopping, baking, filling rosters and serving lunch so please save the 17th March 2017. All new ideas and contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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.
Swimming Carnival 2017