From the Principal…

Dear Parents and Friends,

After discussions at our recent school council meeting we have decided to change the format of our school newsletter due to the amount of time it takes myself and Carmen to complete each week. As of today every fortnight we will be sending home a comprehensive newsletter with all current information plus reminder messages. On the alternate week we will send a smaller version with only urgent messages to families. The school newsletter is our most effective way of communicating with our families. We would really appreciate if families could get into the habit of thoroughly reading it each week to reduce the amount of phone calls and reminder notes that we have to send out. If anyone has any concerns about the changes to the newsletter please speak to me this week.

South West Deanery Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the 10 students who qualified to swim at the South West Deanery Carnival today in Finley. We wish Ava & Georgia Belling, Angus Moloney, Lachlan & Amelia Wells, Tex Flack, Hugh Wettenhall, Brigit Hamilton, Nicola DiLullo, Amelia Wells and Mia Neessen good luck for the day. Thank you to the parents for transporting them and to Miss Walliss for accompanying the students to Finley. Results in next week’s newsletter.

Combined School Twilight Fete

This years Combined Schools Fete has been scheduled for Friday 17th March 2017 starting at 5.00pm and concluding at 8pm. This year the fete will be held at St Joseph’s Primary School. As in other years, we will be asking for your assistance to run the fete by adding your name to rosters and baking. We will be having a raffle and the tickets will be sent home in the next couple of weeks so that you can start selling them to family and friends. We will also be holding two raffle stalls out the front of the Jerilderie IGA and would really appreciate people volunteering a couple of hours of their time to assist with this (roster below). Our next Fete meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March 3.30pm in the St Joseph’s Library. Please come along and show your support. The fete is a fantastic fundraiser for our schools and we would really appreciate support from our families. More fete information in coming weeks.

Fete Woodchop/splitting Coordinator - Urgent

It is that time of year again when we are planning for the fete wood chopping. We would really appreciate a parent to volunteer to be our Coordinator for the wood chop this year. All this person is consult with the JPS coordinator and remind/encourage families to attend the dates. Then on fete day assist with any deliveries of trailers around town at the conclusion of the wood auction. We would really appreciate your assistance with this.

Proposed Wood chopping dates: Sunday 26th Feb
Friday 3rd March(afternoon/evening)
Sunday 12th March.

Please contact Carmen and let her know which of these dates your family is available ASAP. Hopefully if we get a lot done on the first 2 dates we may not need the last date.

Quote: ‘To be upset over what you don’t have is to waste what you do have’
- Church Bulletin

Have a great week, 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
14th  Deanery Swimming Carnival Finley
15th  Kinder Rest Day
24th  A3 Music Program
27th  Diocesan Swimming Carnival Leeton
28th  Shrove Tuesday

March
1st   Ash Wednesday
6th   Catholic Schools Week
10th  A3 Music Program
17th  Combined Schools Twilight Fete

***Reconciliation 22nd June & First Communion 13th August***

Birthdays

Happy Birthday and we hope you enjoy a terrific day.

February
18th  Mia Baxter
20th  Willow Dellar

Verification of Family Contacts
Every year it is important that all families update their student and family information at the school office as emergency phone numbers, medical conditions etc can change from year to year. It would appreciated if each family could call into the school office or phone Carmen to verify other general contact information at your earliest convenience.

Student Illness
Just a reminder to all of our school families that if your child is sick with any form of gastroenteritis it is Catholic Schools Office policy that they must be kept home for 24 hours from the last time they have been sick. With a bout of gastroenteritis currently going around we require all families to follow this policy to prevent further students and staff from contracting it.

Classroom Merits

K/1 Awards
Callum McGillivray - For always giving 100% in all learning areas.
Ruby Neessen - For always being such a positive and caring member of our class. You’re a superstar!

2/3 Awards
Chris Kernaghan - An excellent knowledge of place value during Maths lessons. Keep it up Chris.
Angela Bonic - Wonderful improvements and fluency when reading. Well done Ange!

4/5/6 Awards
Mia Neessen - For being a great school leader and setting a wonderful example for the whole school.
Hunter Dellar - For fabulous effort in Mathematics.

Principals Award
Amelia Wells - For being an exceptional role model to other students and showing outstanding leadership.

Uniform Award - Chloe Rorato

Sports Uniform Award - Hunter Dellar

Student Banking
St Joseph’s is a part of the Commonwealth Student Banking program and welcomes any student who wishes to open a student banking account to do so. Student banking is on every Tuesday. If you are interested in student banking please contact Carmen for further information.

Kindergarten Profile

Name: Oliver Sleeman
Birthday: 21st July
Family Members: Dad(Peter), Mum(Karen), Nathan, Mathew & Lara.
Pets: 10 dogs!!!
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Cake

What I like about school so far........painting. My school buddy is......Tex Flack
Instrument Tutoring
Our very successful weekly instrument tutoring began last week. Please note that 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 this coming Thursday***

Swimming for Sport
Swimming for sport will hopefully resume again this Friday between 2-3pm subject to the weather. The students will walk to the pool unless the Willawa Bus is available and will get a bus ride back to school at 3pm. Please remind your children to bring along their swimmers, swim shirts, sunscreen and water bottle.

Best Start Testing
Tomorrow Miss Browne and Mrs Rorato will complete the Best Start assessments with our Kinder students. This assessment is run throughout the whole Diocese and all kinder students participate in it annually. Kindergarten teachers have always observed their new students and used different methods to find out what each child knows and can do so that they can plan and teach what their students need to learn next. The Best Start Assessment is another way of finding out what the student knows.

Notes
Last week a number of notes were sent home regarding general permissions. If you have not returned your signed notes and any applicable money please do so as soon as possible.

School Fees
Term 1 school fees were sent home last week and are due to be paid in the next 4 weeks. Direct deposits are the preferred way of payment and we are more than happy for families to pay fees off in instalments.

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

Catholic Schools Office Video
Next Wednesday staff from the Catholic Schools Office will be at our school to film our school and its students for a promotional video. Every family was sent home a Release form last week that gives permission for their child to be involved. Please return these notes as soon as possible. If anyone has any concerns about their child being involved please see Mrs Catena at school.
Canteen Roster

February
20th  DiLullo & Pitt
27th  Neessen & Marriott

March
6th   Flack & Carina Rorato
13th  Baxter
20th  Bonic & Hamilton
27th  Gurciullo & Gomez

April
3rd   Conn & Edwards/Parsons

Please note the family in bold is rostered on till 2pm and the other family finishes at 12pm.

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
Thank you to everyone who attended last Wednesdays School Council meeting. It was a very successful meeting with lots discussed.

Combined Schools Fete Meeting
Thank you to everyone who attended the Fete meeting last Thursday. Plans are coming along well for the Fete. Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd March 3.30pm.

Catering Dates
We have a number of catering jobs coming up in the first half of the year and felt it was a good idea to let parents know of the dates so that can put them in their diaries.

9th March  Rice Research Conference
17th March  Combined Schools Fete
31st March  Seniors Week Luncheon (tentative)
4th May     Rumbalara Lunch
6th May     Casino Night

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If all families could please remember to get your shopper docket into the school on a regular basis. This is a great and easy fundraiser for our school.

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