Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that each of you had time to enjoy the people, places and pastimes that are life giving to you. The staff and students have all returned with a positive energy ready for a new term of learning in faith and community.

On 25th April over 50 students and staff gathered across two locations, South West Rocks and Kempsey, to represent our school and pay respects to the men and women who have served our country in war by attending the Anzac Day Marches. Thank you to the students and staff who braved the impending rain to share in this experience with us. It was wonderful to see our students not only attending the marches at a school level but through their involvement in community groups such as the Scouts, Guides and the Silver Band. Well done.

This week students attended the Cross Country Trials at Bowraville. Special thanks to Mr Watts and the staff involved in supporting the students on the day. Congratulations to all students for their participation and attendance and well done to those students who have been selected to move through to the Diocesan trials later this term.

Next Friday we celebrate Mother’s Day with a very Special Mass at 9.30am at the All Saints Church. All are welcome to attend.

The P & F will also be hosting the annual Mother’s Day Stall. Thank you to the many families who have donated items to the stall. Gifts up to the value of $5.00 will be available for purchase through class visits to the stall throughout the day next Friday.

Save the date: This year our Fete is in the calendar for Friday 19th October. Organising a fete is no easy task and can not be achieved by the work of a few. We would appreciate the support of any parent/carer who could spare some time to get involved. The next P & F Meeting will be hosted in the Meeting Room at on Tuesday 15th May at 5.30pm.

School Zones Reminder - A reminder to all parents and carers as we begin a new school term. School zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days. Your support for the safety of all community members is appreciated.

Medical Updates: Please be mindful of informing the school of any diagnosis or change in medical condition for your child so that a school plan and records are current and accurate. This is especially important for those students with Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and other medical conditions.

Please also note that St Joseph’s is a NUT FREE school. To ensure the safety of all of our children, please assist us by checking your child’s lunch box and preparing it accordingly. Your support with this is appreciated.

As we enter another term, I wish all of our students, staff and families the best as we work together in partnership to support our children on their educational journey.

All the best for the week ahead.
Many Blessings,

Melissa Turner
PDHPE REPORT FROM MR WATTS

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
Forty eight children from Years 3-6 travelled to Bowraville on Wednesday to compete in the Zone Cross Country. Parents can be proud of their child’s effort against competitive opposition and a challenging course.
Thank you to staff and parents for their support.
Children selected for the Diocesan Team to compete on 24th May are Jared Clarke (3rd 10yrs boys) and Jai Goodman (5th 12yrs boys). Congratulations!

CURRICULUM
There are seven Key Learning Areas in the Primary Catholic School Curriculum in New South Wales. They are: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science & Technology, Human Society & Its Environment (History and Geography), Creative Arts & Personal Development, Health & Physical Education.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education is a focal point at our Catholic School and is woven into the daily life of the school through formal religion lessons, the integration of Christian values into other subject areas and the encouragement to live full Christian lives.

ENGLISH
Includes all forms of language: Speaking & Listening, Reading and Viewing, and Writing and Representing.

MATHEMATICS
Children need varied activities to help them learn number concepts. The Maths strands include Number, Patterns & Algebra, Measurement & Data, Space and Geometry and Working Mathematically.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
This key learning area aims to develop students’ competence, confidence and responsibility in their interactions with science and technology. Content strands include Built Environments, Information and Communication, Living Things, Physical Phenomena, Products & Services, Earth & Its Surroundings.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT
HSIE is a key learning area in which students develop knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes about people and their social and physical environments. Areas of study in History and Geography include Change and Continuity, Cultures, Environments, Social Systems and Structures.

CREATIVE ARTS
This syllabus develops student knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes in the areas of Visual Arts, Music, Drama and Dance.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION
This is seen as a very important part of the development of children. Skills, activities, organised sport, games, tabloids, are part of the Physical Education/Health Curriculum.

TERRACYCLE
St Joseph’s has entered the Terracycle Recycling Program. There are several household waste products that we can become a collection center for and claim rewards.
The first is the Colgate Community Garden Challenge, which is any Oral Care Products. This can include cardboard packaging, empty tubes, toothbrushes etc.
Products can be brought to school and placed in the collection box outside the Staffroom.
We need as many people as possible to go online everyday and vote for our school so that we can be in with a chance of winning a garden package. Bookmark this page and each time you go on your computer give us a vote.
Cast your vote and type in Kempsey when searching for school and our school will appear.

RECYCLING
Just a reminder that we are already a recycling center for: mobile phones, used stamps, printer cartridges, aluminium cans (can be crushed), soft plastics and prescription glasses. If you could spread the word with friends and family it would be appreciated.

ECO Schools Grant
St Joseph’s once again was successful in receiving this grant. $500 will be use to replace classroom bins and recycling facilities.
STUDENT BIRTHDAYS
WEEK 2
Lynete Bridgewater  
Ruby McLeod  
6th May
Jahara Donohue-Farrell  
9th May
Isabella Ahern  
Celeste Ahern  
Regan O’Donnell  
Julian Vale  
10th May
Easton Crilley  
Orla Kennedy  
Emily Toomey  
11th May

The Fullness of Life
Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Proclaim Conference
All parents of children in our Catholic schools are warmly invited to attend this year’s parenting conference for a weekend of inspiration, transformation and connection. Come along to hear from some of Australia’s leading speakers and find out how you can ensure that your children experience life in all its fullness.

Amazing Speakers
Robyn Moore: Regenerate passion, energy, faith and laughter at home.
Dr Adam Fraser: Be a better parent by learning a powerful tool to help you transition between different roles and environments.
Dr Jodi Richardson: The Happiness Doctor will share some great strategies for helping our children achieve true and lasting joy.
Dr Arne Rubenstein: Learn how to ensure your teenager doesn’t just survive as a teen but thrive.
Angela Joyce: Equip yourself with new knowledge about how our brains work and how that affects behaviour. This highly interactive workshop will help parents to understand the ‘why’ of their child’s behaviour.
Craig Wright: Join leading ADHD psychologist, Craig Wright from the Understanding Minds Clinic to learn more about how to support and parent children with ADHD.

Week 2 Roster
MONDAY Sheena Clarke
TUESDAY Marcia Spalding
WEDNESDAY Nadeen Crowe
THURSDAY Natalie Sanchez
FRIDAY Mary Dowling  Shelley McLean

St Joseph’s School 2018
FETE
FRIDAY, 19th OCTOBER
From 3pm
Stalls with something for everyone. Rides and lots of fun to be had by all!

We have committee members but are always after more. Please come along to our NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, 15th May Everyone has something to offer.

Recycle & Win
Compost Kit for your school
St Joseph’s Primary Kempsey - WEST KEMPSEY, NSW 2440 is participating in the Colgate Community Garden Challenge. Can you help us by collecting any oral care waste and dropping it into school as well as voting for us online at: Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting
We're a Parenting Ideas school.

We are committed to providing a nurturing and supportive environment for all students. Our goal is to help each child reach their full potential and develop into confident, capable individuals.

As part of this commitment, we offer a variety of resources and programs to support families and their children. Our Parenting Ideas program is designed to help parents understand their child's needs and develop effective communication and discipline strategies.

Some of the key components of our Parenting Ideas program include:

1. Weekly Workshops: These workshops provide parents with valuable information on topics such as child development, behavior management, and ways to support their child's education.
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences: These meetings give parents an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers and receive feedback on how they can support their child's learning.
3. Parent Support Groups: These groups are led by licensed professionals and provide a supportive space for parents to connect and share experiences.

We believe that by working together, we can create a strong foundation for our children's future success.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact us today.

Parenting Ideas Team