Dear Parent/Caregivers,

This year’s School Spectacular was a wonderful community event. A Night of Disney proved to be a great opportunity to share the gifts and talents of all our students and staff. Thank you to the many parents, carers, families and members of our wider community who supported our students on Tuesday night.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our staff and students their contribution to the evening. A special thanks to the School Spectacular Committee who worked tirelessly to bring this all together this week. Thanks to Miss Danica Hawkins, Miss Louise Daley, Mrs Melanie Fraser, Miss Nicola Bernasconi, Miss Brienna Elford, Mrs Michelle Tarrant, Mrs Karly Edwards, Miss Lynda King and Mrs Judy Brady.

Thank you also to the P&F representatives who assisted in facilitating the canteen and their unwavering commitment to fundraise for our community. A reminder that we are currently selling tickets for the P & F Major Prize Raffle.

Our newsletter this week is filled with wonderful photographic memories of the evening.

A reminder that Monday 15th October is a Staff Professional Learning Day and the first day of Term 4 for students is Tuesday 16th October.

Don’t forget that on the Friday of Week 1 (19th October) we will have our school fete from 3pm. This day will be an out of uniform day.

Please keep the Hodges family close in your prayers. St Paul’s student Aiden, who was also a student of St Joseph’s, passed away last week. We ask God to keep Aiden and his family safe in the palm of his hands.

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank each of your for your commitment to our community and to the students for their commitment to learning.

We wish each of you a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

All the best for the holiday period

Many Blessings
Melissa Turner

28th September, 2018
Week 10, Term 3

P&F Meeting
Tuesday, 16th October
from 5.30pm

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Principal’s Award
“Displaying Consistent Effort Towards Learning Tasks”
Lachie Betts KL Charli Delforce 1H
Sybella Eakin 3C Evie Griffiths 5BZ

What’s On Week 1, Term 4

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Curriculum in my Classroom

Year 6

As part of their studies in CAPA, Year 6 have been working on their art works for the Silent Auction at the St Joseph’s School Fete.
Happy Birthday to all those children who will celebrate their birthday during the school.

**STUDENT BIRTHDAYS**

Monday: Pupil Free Day
Tuesday: Kylie Campbell
Wednesday: Marcia Spalding
Thursday: Nadeen Crowe
Friday: Mary Dowling, Shelley McLean

**OUR LADY of the ROSARY**

Countries around the World are joining to hold Global Rosary Rallies across their nations on 7 October, 2018, The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

On Thursday, as a whole school, our students were involved in praying the Rosary. They made their own special Rosary Book and participated in special prayer time. Year 5 drew the entire Rosary on the concrete and then classes took turns in walking the Rosary and saying the prayers with each step.

Australian intentions for the World Rosary will be for families and the rekindling of faith.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE FUN**

Life Cycles and Mini beasts: a hands on Science Workshop
Wednesday October 3, from 10.30am to 11.30am

Little Bang Discovery Club
Fun and easy science experiments using everyday items.
Wednesday October 10, from 1pm to 2pm

Bookings essential 6566 3210 or email Kempsey.library@kempsey.nsw.gov.au

**FETE NEWSLETTER**

**Fete**
Friday
19th October

**CAN YOU HELP?**

To assist with this year’s fete we need

**DONATIONS ON THE DAY** of
- Plants
- Cakes*
- Hay

**DONATIONS at ANYTIME** of
- Glass Jars / Bottles
- Craft Items
- Homemade Pickles, Honey, Jams, Chutneys etc (with list of ingredients & date prepared)

ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED INTO THE OFFICE.

*Collect cake boxes/trays from the office.

**Keep selling your raffle tickets!**
All tickets sold need to be returned to the office ASAP.
Talking to kids makes them smart
by Michael Grose

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability to talk with kids from a young age are now well established.

The language stimulation children receive when they talk with parents is one factor. But engagement in conversations with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us as parents. It is through talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts while also gaining access to a window into their worlds and the way they think.

In the current age of digital distraction, talking with children and young people can be a challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, a plethora of screens competing for attention and kids that clam up at the first sign of a chat are some of the conversation blockers parents must overcome.

You need to be cunning, proactive and inventive to get some chat going at home. These are some ideas that will help.

1. Turn screens off. Are you competing with televisions, computers and electronic games for your kids’ attention? If so, take control of the screens to create some conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you have a home full of young hard-core screen junkies.

2. Turn screens on. If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder, particularly for older children and teens. Topics can range from “Who’s going to win My Kitchen Rules?” or “What happens to the winners of My Kitchen Rules?” to “What is the point of My Kitchen Rules?”

3. Have regular mealtimes. The family that eats together talks together. Meals are great social occasions – more than just refueling stops. They provide terrific opportunities for families to get together and talk. It’s no coincidence that families who enjoy and appreciate food generally enjoy close relationships as well. However, for this to work it’s important that meals are screen free, so turn off the television and ban phones at the table.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try to get some action happening. Boys, in particular, tend to talk more when they are playing, walking or involved in activity with an adult.

5. Talk with kids on their own turf. Many children will open up in the privacy of their own bedroom where they tend to feel more relaxed and secure. If you have something important to discuss then choose a comfortable place and a time that promotes good conversation.

6. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Travelling together in a car with the radio off, washing the dishes together or playing a game can all provide opportunities for talk. Paradoxically, many teenagers will talk more when they don’t have to concentrate or make eye contact with the other person. That’s why cars can be great conversation catalysts for parents.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. The best communication in families happens when no one is working at it, however busy modern families need to work on their communication rather than leave it to chance.

Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia’s leading parenting educators. He’s the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.