Dear Parent/Caregivers,

This week we hosted Learning Conversations. Thank you very much to those parents and carers who attended these interviews to share in the learning journey of your child. The partnership that exists between home and school should be nurtured and we encourage ongoing conversations with families as the year progresses.

Last term we opened up a new passive play area under the trees near the Primary Eating Area where the synthetic grass was installed. Students often gather under these trees and sit on bean bags and read. The introduction of our new Mobile Library enables students to select from a range of board games, books, puzzles, colouring and drawing activities and quiz kits. Thanks to Mrs Krystal Brady and to Mrs Horner for preparing these resources and to the students for being so responsible in caring for these resources. It is so wonderful to see students laughing and sharing during play time. The library resources will be rotated based on student interest and feedback.

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN Testing. All the best to the students and staff for their engagement in these tests. The point-in-time data gathered through this testing is used alongside our very important in-school data to assist us in supporting your child’s educational journey. Please keep our students and staff in your prayers during this time.

Today we celebrated Mother’s Day with the gift of Mass. Thanks to Father James, Miss Bernasconi, Mr Zvirzdinas and to all involved for preparing this Mass for us. It was lovely to see so many Mothers, Grandmothers and carers sharing in this special time.

Special thanks to the wonderful team of Parents and Friends who have worked tirelessly over the last couple of months to bring together the Mother’s Day Stall for us. It was heartening to see the students take such care and consideration in the selection of special gifts to give to the special women in their lives.

Our next P&F Meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday 15th May. We look forward to seeing you there as we continue to lay the foundations for our School Fete in Term 4.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mums this Sunday! I hope you get thoroughly spoilt and you get a chance to put your feet up and share time with the people you not only gave life to, but are life-giving to you.

All the best for the week ahead.

Many Blessings,
Melissa Turner
**COLGATE COMMUNITY GARDEN CHALLENGE**

Please collect 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 to win 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.

**NAPLAN TESTING**

The St Joseph’s community is extremely proud of the Year 3 and 5 students who have been working hard during their learning time in preparations for NAPLAN testing. Students will sit four tests next week encompassing language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. A big thank you to the wonderful staff who have been working with the students.

“Do your best and God will bless your effort” St Mary Mackillop

**CURRICULUM IN THE CLASSROOM**

**Year 3**

Year 3 students have been exploring the world of digital technologies. They have introduced Ozobots into their learning. An Ozobot is a little robot that blends the physical and digital worlds and teaches children programming. This STEM based activity encourages computational thinking.

**LUNCH TIME PASSIVE PLAY**

The St Joseph’s School community is invited to attend the annual Fete on **FRIDAY, 19TH OCTOBER** from 3pm. There will be stalls with something for everyone, rides and lots of fun to be had by all!
KINDERNAGETENN OPEN NIGHT

Monday, 28th May, 2018

Discover what sets St Joseph’s Primary apart

As a school of excellence, St Joseph’s Primary School offers all children individual attention, access to the latest technology and encouragement to embrace a love of learning.

We believe in educating the whole person; academically, spiritually, culturally, physically and socially.

Come along to our Open Night, visit our innovative learning spaces in Kindergarten, meet our friendly teaching staff and learn how St Joseph’s can give your child the best start with our Joey’s Juniors Transition Program.

Enrolling Now for 2019! Enrolment Packages will be available on the night!
Loving God,
You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children.

We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers in this world today.
May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives.

Amen