Dear Parent/Caregivers,

This week we were fortunate to experience a performance by a group of students from St Patrick’s College in Launceston. The secondary students led by their conductor, Fiona, performed a range of well known songs from films such as Moana, Frozen, Spiderman, Batman and James Bond and got the students and staff on their feet with a rendition of YMCA. We are grateful for the students for sharing information about the range of instruments in the orchestra and for demonstrating to our students what we can all do when we have passion, commitment and a love for what we do.

Wednesday was a holy day of obligation with the Mass of the Assumption. At this special Mass we were called to remember Mary the Mother of Jesus and give thanks for her role in giving life to Jesus. Special thanks to Father James, Miss Bernasconi, Mr Zvirzdinas and to the staff, students and parishioners in attendance for celebrating Mass with us.

Today we said farewell to Mr Alfie Drew. Alfie has been at St Joseph’s in the role as Indigenous Education Worker for the past 7 years and in this time has supported our students in and outside the classroom. We thank him for his service to our community and for bringing the gift of the traditional Dunghutti language to our students. Alfie is continuing his journey in education support in the local community and we wish him well in his new endeavours. May God bless and keep him in his care.

Our next P&F meeting will be held next Tuesday at 5.30pm in the meeting room in the Administration Building. Preparations continue for the upcoming Fete and communication about Show Bags, Handee Hands and Fete stalls has been distributed to families this week. Please return your orders and money to the office as soon as possible to support the P&F team in organising this important community event.

Excitement is ramping up as we near our Book Week Parade which will be held on Monday at 10.00am. Please arrive at 9.45am for a 10.00am start as we have visitors from the community including preschools in the area joining us for this wonderful celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

All the best for the week ahead

Many Blessings, Melissa Turner
Curriculum in my Classroom
Year 5

In Year 5 the students are learning about Energy. They had a discussion about transforming one energy to another. The students were experimenting turning wind energy into kinetic and sound energy. Students are gearing up to make some electrical circuits later in the term.

TENNIS GALA DAY
This event which will be held in Kendall has been postponed until the 31st August. Notes to go home next week.

DANCE FEVER
Accounts have now been sent home and are due to be paid by the end of the term ($35 per student, 3rd & 4th student in the family free). Thank you!

STOCKMAN’S CHALLENGE
Pictured are the winning Stockman’s Challenge Teams.

Well done everyone on a great day. A few more donations have been made since publication last week.
Thank you to Dee-Amber Rural Supplies for sponsorship and prizes.

Our total raised for the drought affected farmers now totals $1,600.00.

Come along to our Annual Book Week Parade next Monday, 20th August
9.45am arrival for a 10am start

‘Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers’.

-Charles W. Elio-

A child’s reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

Could families who have extra at home, please return them to allow for other children to borrow.
STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Leah Quinn  
Wilson Ware  
Chelsea Workman  
18th August

Hope Kenah  
21st August

Bailey Hardie  
23rd August

FOR SALE

HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

A selection of gifts for Holy Communion are now available for purchase from the school office.

Father’s Day Breakfast

Mark the Diary!

Friday, 31st August  
6.30 – 8.55am

Come along for a Bacon & Egg Roll and a cuppa!

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NSW GOVERNMENT NOTICE REGARDING IMMUNISATION

From 1 April 2018, all school principals are required to request an immunisation certificate at enrolment. While students can still be enrolled if an approved immunisation certificate is not provided, these children will be considered unimmunised and may be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school or they come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease, even if there is no outbreak at the school.

Nulla Cricket Club

Get ready for the Cricket Season!

Registration Days

5th and 6th September  
4-5.30pm

RSL Bowling Club

Austral St, Kempsey

For more information call Sam Preston on 0458 567 214

Colgate Community Garden Challenge & Food Smart Program

Our school is currently ranking 6th in this competition. Well done everyone and keep voting!


Vote tally as of publishing is 16049

Also we are still collecting oral care waste such as used toothpaste, toothpaste boxes, toothbrushes etc. If any local businesses could display a collection box it would be appreciated.

We have 20 more Food Smart Kit Sample Bags available - get on line at http://bit.ly/MidwasteFoodSmart to register and complete the Food Waste Survey to be eligible to receive a free Kit which contains some great items. Those families who have already registered will be contacted soon regarding a free adult “beeswax sandwich wrap workshop”.

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St Joseph’s FETE NEWSLETTER

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Please bring in a jar filled with goodies

For example - pencils, hair ties,ribbons, min toys – anything you can put into a bottle

We also ask if every family could please DONATE A BAG OF LOLLIES to assist with this it would be greatly appreciated.

To assist with this year’s fete please drop into the office your

DONATIONS

ON THE DAY  OF  OR  ANYTIME  OF

• Plants  
• Glass Jars / Bottles
• Cakes*  
• Craft items
• Hay  
• Homemade Pickles, Honey, Jams, Chutneys etc*

(w*with list of ingredients & date prepared)

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Light supper provided

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“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother,” said Saint Therese of Lisieux. Only a mother knows the depth of her love for her children. She is a beautiful reflection of God’s love for us. Each soul was created by Him, and is His child.

Here is a beautiful prayer which any mother or mother figure can pray daily:

Holy Mother Mary,

Who by virtue of your divine motherhood,

Has become mother of us all.

I place the charge which God has given me, under your loving protection.

Be a Protecting Mother to my children.

Guard them and keep them in health and strength.

Guard their minds and keep their thoughts ever holy

in the sight of their Creator and God.

Guard their hearts and keep them pure and strong

and happy in the love of God.

Guard always their souls and ever preserve in them,

faithfully, the glorious image of God.

Always Mother, protect them and keep them

under your Mothering care.

Amen.