Dear Parent/Caregivers,

What a fabulous week it has been. Here is a recap of our week in review...

This week our school community has been celebrating Book Week. This year’s national theme is Find Your Treasure. On Monday we hosted our special Book Week Parade. Thank you to the many parents and families and students from our local Preschools who joined our staff and students. Costume and book characters included: Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Spiderman, Princess Elsa, Harry Potter, Mary Poppins, The Green Sheep and even Peter Pan made an appearance (AKA Father James!). Thank you to the students and staff for bringing so much energy and life to our parade. Two students from each class received book prizes as a part of a lucky draw.

Students also participated in a series of rotations to engage in reading and book activities with buddies from different year levels across the school.

Special thanks to Miss Daley, Miss Hawkins, Miss Bernasconi and Mrs Fraser for organising the schedule of activities this week. Check out some of the great images of our students and staff inside this week’s newsletter.

Last week Father James hosted a thank you BBQ for all of our Altar Servers who show their commitment to our faith and Parish community through this very important Ministry. Thanks to Father James, Mr Todd Watts and Miss Bernasconi for arranging this for our students.

Flu Season: The flu season is definitely upon us and I would like to thank those families who have made the decision to keep their children at home when they are unwell. This shows care for your own children but also for the children and staff who could also be affected by exposure to infections and the flu. I encourage families to consider keeping children home at this time as it can be difficult for them to fully engage in the learning process when they are unwell. Your ongoing support is appreciated. For those little people who are currently unwell, we look forward to seeing you well and rested for school when you return.

All the best for the week ahead!
Many Blessings, Melissa Turner
**DANCE FEVER**

This week students completed their five weeks of the Dance component of the Dance Fever Multi Sports Program. Next week they will commence the Gymnastics component which will run till the end of term.

**NB:** For those students who don’t usually wear their sports uniform on a Wednesday, you may do so for the remainder of the term to participate in gymnastics.

**TENNIS GALA DAY**

The postponed Tennis Gala day to be held in Kendall will now be held on Friday 31st August for students in the Stage 2 Team. The cost for the day will be $10 and notes have been sent home.

**RUGBY LEAGUE 7’S**

Three teams from Years 5 & 6 will be competing at this event on Tuesday, 4th September. Notes to be sent home next week.

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**Curriculum in my Classroom**

**Year 1**

In Mathematics, Year 1 have been investigating Area. They have enjoyed estimating and then checking how many cubes will cover different areas and playing a dice game to create and compare different areas.

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**Colgate Community Garden Challenge**


Vote tally as of publishing is 18201

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**Food Smart Program**

Hi all, did you know that the average household throws away $3,800 per household of perfectly good food each year - what would you do with an extra $3,800?

We don’t intend to, but we often waste good food because we buy too much, cook too much, or don’t store food correctly. Food Smart is a free education program that helps households reduce food waste at home, save money and help the environment. Help us avoid creating this waste problem in the first place, by taking part in the Food Smart program!

Food Smart involves families registering at [http://bit.ly/MidwasteFoodSmart](http://bit.ly/MidwasteFoodSmart) then: Complete an online survey and go in the draw to win a beautiful Oz Harvest cook book!
### STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

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### NULLA CRICKET CLUB

**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*

### ROVERS CRICKET CLUB

**Registration Days**
- Saturday 1st Sept at the L.J Hooker Marquee at Riverside Markets and Wednesday 5th Sept at West Kempsey Hotel between 4-6pm

Register online at www.rcc.nsw.cricket.com.au or contact Carolos on 0427 256 570 for

### MACLEAY NETBALL

**MNA 2019 Representative Player**
Nominations are now open
(11 year development, 12—17yrs).

Nomination forms available from the Netball Club House on Saturday mornings.
*For more information call Alison on 0400 572 161*

### PARENT PARTNERSHIP

**CAN YOU HELP OUT AT OUR PARENT WORKING BEE?**

In preparation for our Parent Evening - *Make Maths Happen* to be held in Term 4 (details to come) we are asking for volunteers for a Parent Working Bee to collate Math resources

**Friday 7th September 9.30 – 11.00am**

This Parent Workshop aims to build on the successful parent learning evening held last year and to help support students with Maths learning at home.

If you are able to help, please phone the school office on 65 62 5501.

### Father’s Day Breakfast

Mark the Diary!
Friday, 31st August 6.30 – 8.55am

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

### FETE NEWSLETTER

*We all love the BOTTLE STALL to help us with this we will be holding an*

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

Please bring in a jar filled with goodies For example – pencils, hair ties, ribbons, mini 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**

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(Nuts list of ingredients & date prepared)

### You are Invited

to our next

**P&F/Fete Meeting**
to be held next Monday 27th August at 2.00pm. All Welcome!

...Happy Thriving Families...
It all starts with You

A parent event that must not be missed with the outrageously funny and engaging, Robyn Moore.

Brought to you by Catholic Schools Parent Assembly

### Other Information

**Parents in Partnership**

**Event Details**

- **Date**: 18th September
- **Time**: 6pm-7.30pm
- **Venue**: St Joseph’s Primary School, Kempsey

**Other Information**

- Free bus leaving from St Patrick’s Macksville at 5pm
- Childcare available at St Joseph’s Primary, Kempsey
- Light supper provided
- **Register** by clicking [https://goo.gl/forms/2r6G9Ht0s7MhbuR1](https://goo.gl/forms/2r6G9Ht0s7MhbuR1)

Parents at the recent Parent Conference got to witness Robyn’s powerful presentations. Here’s what they said:

“Now you could not be totally met by Robyn. Her energy, passion and wisdom were amazing. I learnt so much and will remember this talk forever.”

“This was the best presentation I have ever been to and I have been to a lot.”

“I could listen to Robyn all day. She was refreshing, energizing, hilarious and practical.”
READING ALOUD to children can help

😊 Continue to associate reading with warm, pleasant feelings; learn about words and language; build listening skills; expand vocabularies; talk about the characters, settings, and plot then relate them to their own lives; gain knowledge about a variety of topics.

😊 Gain exposure to a variety of writing styles and structures.

😊 Explore social and moral issues and behaviours.

😊 Become more skilled independent readers.

😊 Discover which authors and writing styles they like.

😊 Be motivated to read on their own.

😊 Have fun!

Choose books children like

😊 Children are becoming independent readers. Read easy readers that they can reread on their own.

😊 Children are expanding their language skills, vocabulary, and attention spans. Read chapter books with developed characters, plot twists, and descriptive language.

😊 Children are learning to monitor their own behaviour. Read longer picture books and chapter books with messages about how to handle problems and cope with difficulties.

😊 Children are curious about the world beyond their immediate experiences. Read information books on topics related to their interests.

😊 Children sometimes identify with characters and situations. Read series books featuring the same characters having new experiences.

😊 Children begin to pay attention to current events. Read junior versions of popular magazines.

😊 Children develop special interests, preferred types of books, and favourite authors. Read some books that match the child’s preferences—mysteries, science fiction, adventure stories, and some you love that will introduce something or someone new.

Try these ideas

😊 Use the tips for younger children that are also appropriate for this age group.

😊 Set the stage before you begin reading. Discuss what you read yesterday and what might happen next.

😊 Defer questions until after you finish reading—unless the answer is critical to understanding what’s happening. Asking children to hold their questions helps them get fully engaged in listening to a story. Summarize, adapt, or skip parts of books that are too far above a child’s level of understanding.

😊 Relate a book you are reading to one read in the past. Talk about how they are alike and how they differ.

😊 Ask a child to imagine what he or she might do in a situation similar to that faced by a character.

😊 Provide materials and activities that let children expand their understanding of a character, historical event, or situation.

😊 Talk about what you have read. Books often evoke strong feelings that need to be shared. Offer your own reactions and invite a child to do the same.

😊 Stop reading the book at a suspenseful point so children will be eager for tomorrow’s read-aloud time.