Dear Parent/Caregivers,

This week we celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Throughout the week the students engaged in a range of activities both in and outside the classroom. Parents and carers can have a big impact on their children’s education. By providing learning opportunities and support at home you can help encourage literacy and numeracy learning from an early age through to high school. Check out the top Literacy and Numeracy Tips for Parents. For more information please access the following website: http://www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au/parentb.htm

Last week the school promoted the upcoming parent evening facilitated by presenter Robyn Moore who has been engaged to present a parent session for our families. Whilst we know that there are many competing priorities, please register your interest in this experience as soon as possible by clicking on the link: https://goo.gl/forms/2lrlG9H3sD7mhoKt1

As the weather starts to warm up, we begin our transition to the Summer Uniform. There will be a changeover period across Weeks 8 and 9. It is expected that by the start of Week 10, Monday 24th September all students will be wearing their full Summer Uniform. Please note that a new school uniform is still being developed so the current guidelines still apply.

Today an Out of Uniform Day was held to gather donations for the bottle stall for the Fete. Thank you to all students and families for your kind donations.

Tuesday 18th September students in Kindergarten will gather to join in a special celebration of Mass with the Year 12 students from St Paul’s College. All are welcome.

This week we celebrated National Teaching Assistants Week. Special thanks to our Teaching Assistants for all that they do to support teaching and learning through student centred support in our school. We are very blessed to have such a committed team.

On Sunday at 9.30am members of our Parish and school community will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please join us in celebrating this very special time in the lives of our candidates and their families. Students of the Parish Children’s Choir will lead us in song. We look forward to seeing you there.

All the best for the week ahead!
Many Blessings, Melissa Turner
**HOT SHOT TENNIS**
Well done to the boys and girls in the Stage 2 Hot Shot Tennis Team that travelled to Kendall for a District Tournament last week. The weeks of dedicated practise paid off as all were able to take part and enjoy this skilful sport.

St Joseph’s had three teams of 8 players (4 boys and 4 girls in each team). Team Number 1 came third overall and they consequently placed in the Regional Finals which were held in Kempsey on Tuesday. Unfortunately they did not make it to the next level but are to be congratulated on their performance against very good teams and also on their commitment to improving their game.

**RUGBY LEAGUE COMPETITIVE 7’S**
Three teams travelled to Port Macquarie to take part in this event. All played well winning matches along the way with Team Number 1 narrowly missing a semi spot. All boys and girls are to be congratulated on their commitment to practise in their lunch hour leading up to this event. Thank you to Mr Owens for training and to Miss Elford, Mr O’Loughlin and Ms Kerfoot for helping on the day.

**YEAR 2 INTENSIVE SWIMMING**
The Learn to Swim Program for Year 2 will again be held in Term 4 (Monday, 22 October - Friday, 2nd November). The cost will be $80 per student. After completion of the Program, Year 2 students will continue with weekly visits to the pool to consolidate skills learnt in the Program. Notes and more details will be sent home later this term.

**MAKE MATHS FUN!**
Children construct mathematical ideas from their experiences. Children learn through being actively and intensively engaged in challenging mathematical learning experiences. Children construct mathematical ideas through; noticing, discussing, listening, simulating and reflecting upon their mathematical experiences. Mathematical learning involves risks and this requires confidence.

(Extending Mathematical Understanding Intervention)

Feel like a Maths Challenge?

How many different block towers can you make with three different coloured blocks?

[Three Block Towers](nrich.maths.org)
STUDENT BIRTHDAYS
Alayah Ridgeway
10th September
Bentley McPhillips-Hall
12th September
Dylan Hine
Indy Thomas
13th September

WANTED
Kitchen utensils for sandpit play
(eg mixing bowls, wooden spoons, saucepans etc.)

Week 8 Roster
MONDAY Kylie Campbell
TUESDAY Kylie Campbell
WEDNESDAY Marcia Spalding
THURSDAY Nadeen Crowe
FRIDAY Mary Dowling
Shelley McLean

FOOD SMART PROGRAM
On Tuesday, Midwaste hosted a Beeswax Wrap Workshop for families registered with the Food Smart Program. Participants learnt how to make, use and care for Beeswax Wraps.

Most of our Food Waste families have now completed their Food Smart journey and have become waste warriors significantly reducing their food waste at home! We had a total of 21 families complete/participate in this initiative. A reminder to these families that to be eligible to go into the draw to win an Oz Harvest Cook Book they will need to complete the second survey.

A huge thank you to everyone for actively participating in our Food Smart Program and joining in on the War on Waste at home! Keep up the great work so that you can save money and help the environment.

TERRACYCLE GARDEN COMPETITION
Thank you to all the businesses and families who have been collecting oral and waste for us. If you are able to send in what is in your collection box each week it would be appreciated and we hope to send a box a week way up until 30th October, in the hope of winning a garden package. After voting finishes St Joseph’s Primary will remain a collection centre. We are currently coming 5th on the leader board so please keep voting for us at www.terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting

Vote tally as of publishing is 24531

Save the Date
School Spectacular
Tuesday
25th September
6.00pm

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HANDEE HAND ORDERS HAVE GONE OUT!
Must be returned by Friday, Oct. 12.
HELPERS WILL GO OUT SOON
Please let us know when you are available to help & send them back so the stall rosters can be completed.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Sent home today with the eldest in family.
A PRAYER FOR FIRST COMMUNION

MAY YOU ALWAYS know the PEACE OF JESUS, the LIGHT of HIS LOVE & the joy of His LIFE Within You.