Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter into the final few weeks of a wonderful year at St Joseph’s there are still so many great things happening that it is actually difficult to name them all. This is testament to the entire school community-students, parents, staff and parish members.

This week the P&F hosted their final meeting for the year. I would like to sincerely thank this committed group of parents who give freely of their time to look for new opportunities to support our school in their endeavours. This year events such as the Father’s Day Breakfast, School Disco, Mother’s Day Stall and other fundraising efforts have provided funds to assist with offering such experiences and resources such as the UNE Discovery Bus, Musica Viva and a contribution to our new digital sign. Thank you one and all!

On Wednesday our school was abuzz with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Workshops across K-6 and our Annual Grandparent’s Day Celebrations. Students engaged with STEM resources such as robotics and were introduced to some of the new technologies our school will be integrating more formally into our curriculum in 2018. Thanks to the many parents, grandparents and special friends who joined us on Wednesday. The Book Fair was a huge hit and in one hour over $2000 worth of quality reading materials were purchased by families. Thank you for your support.

Today at our assembly we celebrated World Teacher’s Day. This is a time where we celebrate the contributions of the educators in our school community who help guide and support our students to reach their full potential. We acknowledged our teachers with special Service Awards for staff who had been in Catholic Education for over 10 years. Everyday I am grateful and feel blessed to work with such a great team of committed, enthusiastic and compassionate educators who genuinely care about the students in our care. To each of them, Happy World Teacher’s Day!

On Sunday the Parish Children’s Choir will be singing at Mass. We would love to see our students and your family there as we continue to build connections with the wider Parish community and live our faith in action. We look forward to seeing you there.

All the best for the week ahead.

Many Blessings

Melissa Turner
Next week, children from Year 2-6 will participate in Tennis Gala Days at the Kempsey Tennis Club. Nominated children will need to bring $3.00 for the bus.

Years 2, 3 & 4 - Tuesday 28th November
Years 5 & 6 - Wednesday, 29th November

Children are to wear their sports uniform with school hat, bring a drink bottle and a tennis racquet if they have one. Permission notes to be handed in by Monday morning.

Student's enjoyed completing the STEM challenges. In Year 4-6, students used Chrome Books to program Edison robots to navigate a path. Students in Kinder to Year 3 coded the robots and challenged each other in 'sumo-wrestling robot wars'.

We thank Mrs Maria Wilson from St Joseph’s Wauchope for facilitating the day.

Students have been learning the art of poetry in Year 4. They have investigated how authors can compose poetry that evokes a sense of place and have discussed what language and structural features poets use to engage their audience.

Koala Poem
I walked up to a tree last week
And what do you think I found?
A sleepy koala up a tree
And a tiny baby upon the ground!

As I got closer to the baby koala
Can you guess what I did?
I picked up the koala it scratched me!
I ran away and hid!

By Emily Toomey 4G
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WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2017

Thank you for your tireless, selfless work that you do. Individually, we owe so much to the teachers who helped shape us into the people we are today. We also applaud the dedication that teachers show each and every day to give our own children the best possible start in their young lives.

We acknowledge that teachers frequently go above and beyond their core roles to build bridges with parents, always with children’s best interests in mind!

“Teaching is the one profession that every other profession relies on.” There isn’t a doctor, lawyer or prime minister alive who isn’t indebted to the expertise and dedication of teachers.

So on World Teacher’s Day we simply say thank you for your dedication and the wonderful work that you do every single day.