Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the students have been extremely busy both in and outside the classroom. Rewards Days have begun and students across the school are filled with anticipation and excitement as we enter into a period of celebration, reflection and opportunity for gatherings in our community.

On Monday we hosted our Kindergarten Orientation for 2018. Thank you to the many parents and carers who joined us to successfully work in partnership with the school to ensure that our new students are well supported as they transition to St Joseph’s. Thanks to our team of staff who provided a wonderful experience for our Joey’s Juniors this year and through their orientation experience. They are in good hands as they enter into formal schooling.

Over the last couple of weeks our Year 5 students have been preparing to move into the role as school leaders within our school community. Please join me in congratulating the following students who have been appointed to the roles of School Councillors for 2018:

- Bailey Campbell
- Seth Davies-Kennedy
- Kennedy Hill
- Jensen Shields
- Jorja Barnett
- Evangeline Barton
- Chelsea Hackenberg
- Ella Mainey

The students of the School Band and Choir celebrated another wonderful year in sharing the gift of music in our school and the wider community with a special Christmas party. Special thanks to Mrs Capararo who goes above and beyond to support our students and enable them to share their gifts and talents with us.

Last Friday, our Kindergarten students had their visit to Tabatinga for their Reward Day and today our Year 1 and 2 students also had their visit to Tabatinga for their Reward Day. The students had a fabulous time. Thanks so much to the staff for their organisation of this opportunity for our students. They had a fabulous time.

Next Tuesday we host our Annual Awards Ceremony. This is an important time to celebrate the achievements and successes of all in our school community. This will be hosted in the School Hall from 10.00am. Semester Two Academic Reports will be distributed to families on Thursday via the students.

A special invitation to all families is extended to join us next Thursday 14th December at 9.30am when we will celebrate our End of Year Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

This week we begin the new liturgical year with Advent. Advent is a time of preparing and waiting…waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Prepare the way of the Lord…for Jesus is the reason for the season.

All the best for the week ahead.

Many Blessings

Melissa Turner
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charlie Norton on her latest sporting achievement - playing in the Manning Valley Football Team at the National Championships and also for gaining a Rugby League Scholarship to Hunter Sports High for 2018. Well done Charlie!

KINDERGARTEN BEST START INTERVIEWS

If you have not done so already, book your child’s Best Start Interview on either Tuesday, 30th January, Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February or Friday 2nd February by visiting: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering event code 88W5E from here you will be prompted to enter your email address, your name and then student name. You will then be prompted to select your child’s teacher and times available to make an interview.

If you are unable to access the website from home, a Laptop Station has been set up in the School Foyer for your convenience or contact the office admin and they can book for you.

NUMERACY & LITERACY INTERVIEWS FOR YEARS 1-6 2018

Visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the event code gjz7f. You will then be prompted to enter your email address, name, child’s name and their Class Year for 2018. You will then be able to access the time slots available and book an interview.

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MONDAY
Linda Pogson
TUESDAY
Marcia Spalding
WEDNESDAY
Nadeen Crowe
THURSDAY
Natalie Sanchez
FRIDAY
CLOSED FOR CLEANING

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS
Isaac Dunbar
9th December
Parvathy Jayakumar
13th December
Charlize Hayes
15th December

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NEW ONLINE ORDERING FACILITY
Online ordering for items sold through the school office is now available!
Go to www.flexischools.com.au and if you are already set up for ordering canteen lunch orders on line, log in with your login details, if you have not used this facility for ordering lunches, create a new account.
Once logged in you will have the option of ordering your child’s lunch and also the added option of ordering and paying for items such as:
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CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children are invited to join in the Procession at the Children’s Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00pm on 24th December. Please be at the Church by 5.45pm and if possible, bring a small bunch of flowers and if you like, dress up as either a Shepherd or an Angel. Fill out the form below if you would like your child to be involved. Baby Jesus will be making an appearance!!!