**14th February 2019**

**\*\*SEE TERM PLANNER FOR FURTHER DATES\*\***

**Friday 15th Feb.**

**Gymnastics Program begins Yrs K-2**

**Winter Sports Trials Netball & Soccer**

**Monday 18th Feb.**

**Regional Swimming Carnival**

**Tuesday 19th Feb.**

**Winter Sport Trial Rugby League**

**Wednesday 20th Feb.**

**Open Night**

**Kinder 5;30pm**

**Yrs 1 – 6 & Learning Hub**

**6:00pm -7:00pm**

**Friday 22nd Feb.**

**Swimming Carnival Awards Assembly 9:00am**

**Friday 1st March**

**Intensive Swim**

**Program Yrs 3-6**

**begins**

**ALL UNIFORM ENQUIRIES:**



**ORDER VIA QKR APP**

**All enquiries to email:**

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 8:45AM – 9:15AM**

DATES TO REMEMBER

 St Joey’s News 

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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

The students have settled back into the school routines and we are happy to say there have not been many tears, from either our students or our staff! Huge thanks to all the parent volunteers who have helped in so many ways to get our school up and running for the year. Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers: canteen committee and volunteers, uniform shop volunteers, all helpers at the swimming carnival and the P & F committee and helpers for our Welcome BBQ. We are very grateful to you all!

Our swimming carnival was a great day! Please see our ‘SPORTS NEWS’ below for further information. Ribbons and medallions will be presented at the Friday assembly, 9am on the 22nd Feb.

It is lovely to see our students wearing their school uniform correctly and with pride. Our uniform unites our students as members of the St. Joseph’s community. Please ensure children are wearing correct school footwear of black leather lace up /velcro shoes. Ensure all items are labelled with names so if misplaced can be returned easily.

We celebrated the beginning of the school year with our parish and Father Tony Potts. The children participated beautifully. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members join us. We also commissioned our 2019 school leaders and prayed that they will lead and guide their fellow students promoting our school values at all times. **Congratulations to:**

**School Councillors:** Finn Callen, Ella Smith, Oliver Pearson, Larni Healey, James Bernasconi, Ayla Turnbull

**Sports Captains:** Xavier Clout and Toby Moloney (**MacKillop**), Chelsea Feeney and Lucy Bartley (Beachley), Phoebe Doran and Noah Gibbs (**Irwin**), Lily Bridger-Darling and Erika Sneddon (**Bradman**)

This week the staff of St. Joseph’s were also commissioned and renewed, at our annual ‘Called to Serve Mass’ at the Cathedral. Ms Nolan and Mrs Ridgewell were acknowledged and congratulated on their outstanding commitment to Catholic education with their attainment of 25 years teaching. We are truly blessed at St. Joseph’s to have both these dedicated, skilled and caring teachers on our staff.

**ASPIRE 2019**

Congratulations to James Bernasconi in Year 6 and Chelsea Russo in Year 5 for their successful auditions for the 2019 ASPIRE production. This is an amazing achievement as hundreds of students across the Diocese try out for positions in the production. Both James and Chelsea have been accepted into the singing ensemble. Well done!

**Advertisements**

In response to our ‘Newsletter Parent Survey’ last year, it was largely agreed to condense the newsletter. As part of this change we will no longer place advertisements in the newsletter and will now place hard copies in the noticeboard outside the front office.

**Mobile Phones**

Students who bring mobile phones to school are to give them to Mrs Trimble in the office at the start of each day and collect them at the end of the day. Students are not permitted to use a mobile phone while at school, even to call their parent. All communication is to occur via the school office.

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**Deepest Sympathy**

We offer our condolences to the Moloney family, Toby in Year 6, on the loss of his grandfather. May he rest in peace.



**School ZONES**

Please be aware of the rules for our school zones. Lake Macquarie Council Rangers regularly patrol our area and issue infringements for people not abiding by the traffic rules. Please be mindful of our neighbours and not block driveways or park on their nature strips. Please see reminder below of road signage:

**Stage 3 Camp 2019**

Stage 3 will be attending a 3-day camp this year to the *Bathurst Goldfields* Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th August. A note was sent home this week to inform parents that they can start making payment instalments via the QKR App so as to lessen the impact of the costs involved.

**God Bless,**

**Kate Drake**

**Acting Principal**

**News from the Acting Assistant Principal**



**For a number of years St Joseph’s has been proud to be a *KidsMatter* School and we are still committed to the fundamental aims of this framework as it transitions to *Be You*. Both *Kidsmatter* and *Be You* are Australian mental health and wellbeing initiatives set in primary schools that promote good mental health. Good mental health is vital for life. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges, and have stronger relationships with the people around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. Good mental health in childhood provides a solid basis for managing changes as they grow.

*Be You* (formally Kidsmatter) is a resource that helps our school take care of all students and their mental health needs by focusing on creating a place where every child, young person, educator and family can achieve their best possible mental health.

Each week our newsletter will have links to articles relevant to school and family life. You can also visit the *Be You* website [here.](https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets)

To kick off 2019 here are some other worthwhile resources that you might find helpful:

[Parenting Ideas](https://www.parentingideas.com.au/) where you can also register for the latest blog entry.

[Parent Line](http://www.parentline.org.au/) which is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents of children 0 to 18.



We look forward to collaborating with you in 2019 to make school a happy, safe and dynamic learning environment for your child **and** your family.

We have a number of students across our school with life threatening nut and food allergies. As a safe and supportive community for all students, we request your support by ensuring that nuts and items containing nut products ***are not brought to school***. Thank you for your understanding.

**MORNING AND AFTERNOON SUPERVISION**

At St Joseph’s supervision of students begins at 8:25am and is finished at 3:15pm (or after the last bus). If your child will be arriving or waiting for pick up outside of these times, please contact our OSHC service to arrange supervision. We appreciate your support in this matter.

**YMCA Charlestown OSHC – Phone: 1300 009 679**

Open before school 7am – 9am

After school 3pm – 6pm

**SJC- STRIVE HIGH, LIVE LIKE JESUS, CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Every place and every time we remember to use our magic words at St Joseph’s

**PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) AT ST JOSEPH’S**

In 2019 our school will continue to implement our PBL policy which is underpinned by our SJC values. Over the coming weeks our newsletter, as well as information from your child’s class teacher, will explain how PBL works at St Joseph’s, and how we encourage all our children to



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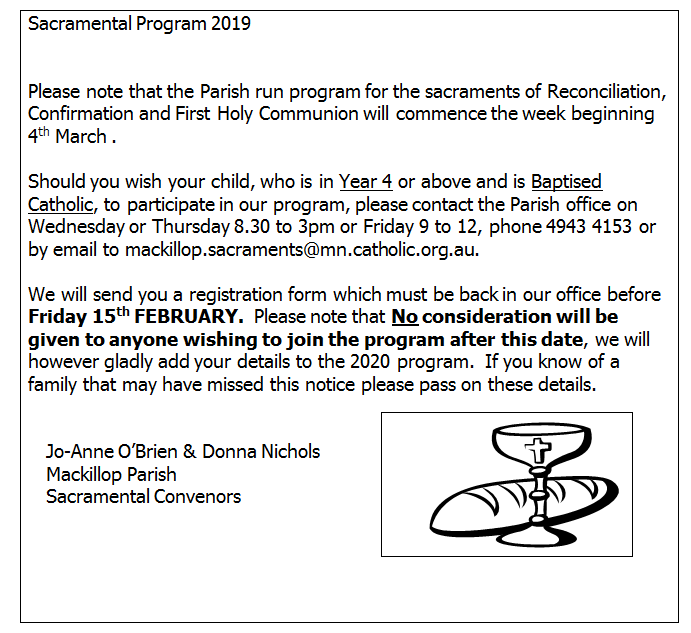
**Karen Nolan**

**Acting Assistant Principal**

**Religious Education News**

**THANK YOU** to all the families who came along to our Beginning of the Year Mass on Wednesday morning. It was a lovey celebration of the start of our year together. The Year 6 leaders were commissioned into their new role, and very proudly pledged to do their best for our school. Well done!

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** A reminder that notes have been sent home from our Mackillop Parish regarding preparation of our Year 4 students for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please see below for a note from the Sacramental Team.



**ASH WEDNESDAY AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:**

Wednesday of Week 6 is the beginning of Lent, and Ash Wednesday. It marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent, dedicated to reflection, prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter.

Primary students (Years 3 – 6) will attend Ash Wednesday Mass at St Mary’s Catholic Church Charlestown at 9:30am. Parents and Grandparents are most welcome to join us.

As this coincides with Catholic Schools Week we also invite parents and grandparents to visit the school for Open Classrooms between 10:45 and 11:30 am.

*Angela Foxon*

*Acting Religious Education Coordinator*

**Sport News**

**2019 SWIMMING CARNIVAL** By Toby and Xavier (Mackillop House Captains)

The swimming carnival was an amazing carnival because everyone was encouraged to enter races and do their best. All of the colour houses did their best but Irwin came out on top. The 2019 swimming carnival was a great time and we are lucky to have all the parent helpers, which made this day possible.

**Polding Trails**

Our school community congratulates James B. and Phoebe D. for their efforts at the Polding Basketball trials last week in Lismore. Even though they were not selected into the Polding team we are very proud of you both.

**Regional Swimming Carnival**

All swimmers need to have handed in their permission notes for the Regional Swimming Carnival. Notes were handed out last week. Please remember to pay your $10 fee at the school office. The students attending are to meet Mrs Drake at the front of Lambton Pool at 8:45am on 18th February. We wish you all the best of luck!

**Winter Sport Trials**

The Regional Winter Sport trials held on the 1st March, are for students who currently play a chosen sport at an elite level or have a great potential in the sport. The winter sports are: netball, rugby league, football (soccer), hockey and AFL. We are only permitted to send 2 or 3 children to the trials. School trials for netball and soccer will be held this Friday 15thFeb. Rugby league trials will be held on Tuesday 19th Feb. Students for soccer and league need to bring their boots and shin pads.

If students are away during the school year either, due to illness or family holidays or events they will unfortunately miss out. We are held to timelines and also rely on availability of outside selectors to assist with these events.

Infants Gymnastics Program begins tomorrow – Friday 15th Feb. Please ensure pink notes are returned and payment is made.

**SCHOOL BAND**

School band has resumed today for 2019. It is not too late to join. Please phone Alan Ward on 4023 7674 for more details.

**Return and Earn News**

The first collection of recyclables for Return and Earn for 2019 has been completed.

Thanks to the Welcome BBQ held last Friday night, many empty drinks made their way into our Recycle Monster that evening.

We kicked off the year with 92 drink containers this week. These have been saved from landfill and earned our school $9-20.

A great start to the year, keep up the great recycling St. Joseph’s!

**Subway Day**

Following our Beginning of School Year Mass on Wednesday, we held our first Subway Day for 2019.

Thanks to Alison and her crew at Subway Market Town, we were the recipients of 153 yummy subway lunch orders.

This means we raised $153 for the school, just by eating lunch, as Subway donates $1 back to us for each order.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**Congratulations to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays so far this year:

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| ***Emily Jones*** | ***Sophie Feeney*** |
| ***Miliana Dragosavljevic*** | ***Hugo Cain*** |
| ***Harrison Smith*** | ***Eleah Pakalniskis*** |
| ***Mark-Gabriel Capaz*** | ***Jasmine Callen*** |
| ***Molly Wade*** | ***Claire Ramplin-O’Hearn*** |
| ***Leo McColl*** | ***Ella Smith*** |

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