



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SOUTH GRAFTON

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Opening School Mass

The highlight of the week has been our welcoming Mass. I was very proud of our wonderful students who gathered respectfully, sang beautifully and prayed thoughtfully. Congratulations must go to our wonderful leaders and their parents who received their badges. In a special way, I want to thank the family members who came to offer their support during the Mass. This sends a powerful message to our children about the importance of witnessing our faith and having solidarity as a school.

Pick Up

After trialling our afternoon pick up, the feedback from the P&F meeting on Tuesday was that it still needs to change. At the meeting, the parents requested we trial opening the side gate and getting children to wait on the seats outside the hall. This area is under cover so rain and sun will not be an issue. Children can still be collected by their parents at the top gate as usual, but please, no pick up in the bus area -as a matter of safety. We will trial the side gate pick up as of next Monday, 17 February and see how it goes. It was so good to get this helpful suggestion from parents present at the P&F.

Parent Welcome Barbecue

Just a reminder that I would like to invite you all to a welcome event on Thursday, February 20. The evening will start in the hall at 5:30 to give me the opportunity to speak to you all, followed by a barbecue. Children are welcome. For catering purposes please complete the form attached to this newsletter.

P and F Meeting

We had a very productive meeting. Not only did we discuss the pick up alternatives, the P&F generously gave us money to spend on teaching resources. As these are purchased, I will supply detailed information and photos so you can see what your hard earned fundraising dollars have supplied. A very big thank you to the adults and children who raised these funds.

Merit Awards

As of week 5's Assembly, teachers will be nominating children in their class for merit awards for teaching and learning. If your child is receiving an award at assembly, we will do our best to contact you so you can attend. Your child's photo will then be in the newsletter.

With every good wish,

Lee Denton
Acting Principal



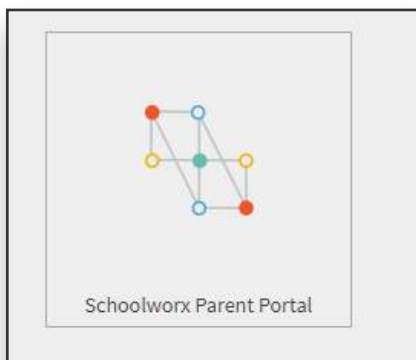
Family Teacher Meetings

One-to-one family teacher meetings will be offered in week 5 and week 6 this term (24 February - 6 March). Please find below the Schoolworx parent portal instructions that will allow you to book these meetings. The parent portal will be open from **6pm Monday 17 February** and close at **6pm on Friday 21 February**. If there are no time slots that suit your availability please contact your classroom teacher via email or phone the school office to book a mutually agreeable time. Please also contact the school office for assistance or if you do not have access to a computer or the internet.

The first step is to create an account. For security reasons the username for this account must be your email address recorded at the school. If your email is not recorded at the school please phone the school office to have this registered.

The process is as follows:

1. Log in to <http://parent.lism.catholic.edu.au> and create an account with your email address as the username.
2. You will then receive an email on how to activate your account. Complete this step to activate your account.
3. You will be prompted to create a password and to confirm this password.
4. Select the login button. Login with your username (email) and new password created in step 3.
5. Click on the Schoolworx Parent Portal icon (as shown below) to enter the Schoolworx parent portal.



6. Select your child and make your selection of date and time. Repeat this for all of your children and then log out in top left hand corner of the page.

Infants Instructional Leader - Larissa Deleiven

Kindergarten and Year 6 Buddies

Year 6 came to visit their Kindergarten buddies last week in their learning space. The students read together, worked together to create artworks of their name, completed puzzles and made patterns using beads, which helped to strengthen their fine motor skills. The Year 6 students were excited to work with their buddies again after meeting and working with them during their transition to St Joey's in Junior Joeys last year. We look forward to many more opportunities for the students to work, learn and inquire together throughout the year.



Beginning of the Year Mass

What a wonderful Mass which celebrated the beginning of the new school year. Fr Joe also had a special blessing for new students and staff and parents were commissioned to faithful service in the ministry of education to support our students here at St Joseph's. Our Year 6 leaders were inducted into their roles and made their Leadership Pledge to promise to work as a team to help make our school a peaceful and happy place. Thank you to all the parents and families who attended and shared in this celebration. What a beautiful way to start the year!



National pilgrimage of the relics of St Therese and her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin. The relics will be visiting St Mary's Church, Grafton on Tuesday, 18 February. They will arrive at 11:15am and depart at 1:15pm as they continue the pilgrimage to Coffs Harbour. Whilst we won't be sending children to this, parents are most welcome to arrange with their child to view the relics if they so wish.

School Swimming Carnival

The annual St Joseph's swimming carnival is being held on Monday 17th February. The carnival will commence at 9:20am. The events will take place in the following order:

200m Medley

100m Freestyle

25m & 50m Freestyle events

25m & 50m Backstroke events

25m & 50m Breaststroke events

25m & 50m Butterfly events

Relays

Zone Swimming Carnival

The Clarence Zone swimming carnival is being held on Thursday 20th February at the Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool. Students with the two fastest times in each age group and who are deemed competitive based on 2019 times will progress to the zone carnival. Students who have successfully reached zone level will receive a note at the school swimming carnival which will need to be returned before students attend the zone swimming carnival.

Daily Examiner Hockey

The Grafton Hockey association will be running the Daily Examiner Primary Schools Hockey competition this term. The competition will commence Week 5 of this Term on Thursday, 27th February 2020 and finishing Thursday, 19th March. The aim of this program is for students to be involved in a community sporting activity in a fun and safe environment and give students who have not played hockey before to try the sport. There is no cost to students to participate in the program. If your child is interested in playing in the competition and did not receive a note they can collect from Ms Daniels at school.

Gumbayngirr Language

Giinagay (Hello)

Last week stage 3 helped prepare the vegetable/flower garden for new plants to be planted.

This week with the help of stage 3 students Will, Isabelle, Jackie, Saffira and Ivy we were able to plant carrots, tomatoes, spring onions, capsicums, egg plant and spinach.

There is still lots of room for more vegetable and flower plants, so if you are able to donate towards our school garden it will be greatly appreciated. When our Yurraal (tucker) is ready to be picked I am sure they will be yummy to biyamba (eat).

Thank you, Miss Liz Hegedus



CLARENCE VALLEY PARISH MASS TIMES

St Mary's Grafton

Saturday vigil 5pm
Sunday Mass 8 am

St Patrick's South Grafton

Sunday Mass 9.30
am

Copmanhurst

First and third
Sunday of the
month at 10 am

St James Yamba

Saturday 5.30 pm

St John's Iluka

Sunday 5 pm

St Mary's Maclean

Sunday 8.30am



If your child is catching a bus for the first time this year or there has been a change to your child's travel arrangements please notify the School Office of these changes as soon as possible .

Thank you

IMPORTANT DATES

February

- 17** Swimming carnival
- 20** Family Social Evening and BBQ
- 21** P &F Colour Run
- 24-28** Family teacher meetings
- 24** School Assembly 2.40
- 24** Clarence Zone Winter Sports Trials Woolgoolga
- 25** Shrove Tuesday

Welcome Barbecue RSVP

I/ we will be attending the welcome barbecue on Thursday, 20 February 2020

Family Name: _____

Number of people attending: _____