Catholic Schools Week will be held this year from Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March 2013. This year’s theme is ‘Every Child Counts’, which is appropriate considering the many individual learning opportunities that Catholic schools provide for their students, with the teachings of Christ always at the centre.

Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful occasion to acknowledge the important role that Catholic schools play in educating young people. It is also an occasion to celebrate the many contributions Catholic schools have made in building our communities and our nation.

Here at St Joseph’s Primary School, we are continuing the tradition of providing excellent opportunities for your child to develop academically, spiritually and socially within a caring and nurturing Catholic community.

I encourage you to join us in this spirit of celebration by joining us for the Lumen Christi activities on Tuesday or for the BYO picnic lunch, games and assembly on Friday at St Joseph’s Primary School during Catholic Schools Week.

**Monday 11th March** - NRL clinic

**Tuesday 12th March** - Lumen Christi College Activities and BBQ lunch at St Joey’s from 11:30am

**Wednesday 13th March** - Mass at Lumen Christi College, Pambula for 4 of the senior students

**Thursday 14th March** - Trivia Game

**Friday 15th March** - BYO Picnic Lunch with parents

- Parent Vs Student Games at lunch time
- School Assembly at 1:45pm
Welcome Mr Bennett

Hello everyone.

Thank you very much for such a warm welcome to St. Joseph’s. I have been the Music Teacher/Relief Teacher at St. Pat’s school in Bega for the past 6 years and in many other schools in the Bega Valley. I relocated from Darwin in 2001 after 20 years where I served in the Royal Australian Navy and completing my teaching degree. I have been a Principal in a small Aboriginal Community School in the Kimberley Desert of Western Australian and I have taught in an international school in Papua New Guinea. I live on an ex-dairy farm in Candelo where I am a member of the Kameruka Bush Orchestra and well as other bands in the Bega Valley. I look forward to meeting you all in the very near future.

Mr. Bennett

Rugby League Royalty Visits St Joey’s

Last Thursday St Joseph’s were lucky enough to have a footy legend come and visit. Wayne Pearce spent just under an hour chatting to the kids about following your dreams and being the best person you can. He discussed how we need to try and form good habits to reach our full potential. Wayne played for the Balmain Tigers from 1980 and retired in 1990. He not only played in 15 State of Origins but also coached the mighty Blues to victory in the year 2000.

Here are some of the things the children had to say after the visit.

“Wayne was really inspiring and he talked about healthy living. He told us how to not react to bad things and to look for the good around you. He has been my dad’s favourite player for many years and I can now see why.” Baidon

“Wayne Pearce started playing football when he was 10. He was a coach and played for the blues. Wayne told us to eat healthy foods to make us stronger. He was a really cool guy”. Lachlan
Writing Workshop

On Monday ten students from St Joseph’s were selected to participate in a Writing Workshop at Bibbenlukue Public School. A children’s author, Dina Harley ran the writing workshop, focusing on descriptive writing and poetry. I was impressed with the students efforts, attitude and the level of work that they produced during the workshop.

Green By Tayla
Tropical rainforest
Forest, pine
The fields lay still
The trees blow slowly
Your hear grass swishing in the wind
A fast car goes fast
Juicy, sour limes
Crunchie apples
Sweet, sugary cordial
Gooey, squishy jelly
Spikey, prickly grass
Green can feed animals of the world

Black by Katie
In the middle of the night
Dark as a witches caldron
After a bushfire
Like a permanent marker
Seeds in fresh fruit
Gathering dark clouds
Like zebras clouds
Sticky tar on the road
Black is everywhere
Principal Retreat

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the annual Principals’ Retreat. This year the Retreat was facilitated by Fr Tom Thornton and the theme was “People of the Cross”. Fr Tom reminded us that Jesus bears and carries all of our burdens as an ultimate act of the self-less love that Jesus has for us. Being a Christian doesn’t save you from pain, suffering or even death but God sent his only Son, Jesus, to experience all of these burdens so that we can be free if we truly trust and believe.

Expression of Interest

St Joseph’s is seeking expressions of interest for a Finance Officer to work three hours per week. Finance experience is essential.

For further information call Mary on 6458 3776

Please email your expression of interest to kim.crannis@cg.catholic.edu.au including your finance experience.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

If you would like your child to enter into any of these competitions for students in Years 3-6, please return the permission note and entry fee by Friday 22nd March 2013.

Going Green

Lower the temperature of your hot-water washing cycle.

Greetings From God

It’s not what you have in your life, it’s who you have in your life.
Infants News

Another exciting week in the infants classroom. This week we have been learning about time both analogue and digital. We discussed the time of day that we do things and why knowing the time is important in our world.

We have also been busy preparing art for the Bombala Show. This year the theme is keep Australia Beautiful. The students discussed how important our ocean is and ideas then flowed from there.

Below are a few of our students in action with their art projects. Don’t forget to come and visit the art displays at the show, the kids would love to show off their work.

RE News

St Patrick was born in Britain in the year 385. When he was around 14 years old, he was captured by Irish pirates and held as a slave for six years. During this time St Patrick turned to God and prayed. After having a dream from God, St Patrick was able to escape and he returned to his family.

St Patrick trained for the priesthood and in the year 435, he returned to Ireland as a missionary Bishop. St Patrick’s faith and courage brought many people to believe in God. He was a great teacher who used simple ideas to explain his beliefs. He is famous for using a plant that grows in Ireland called the shamrock. He used this plant to teach the people of Ireland about God as being the Trinity, that is God being three persons in one (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit). The Feast of St Patrick is celebrated on March 17th.

Cleaning Roster  8/3/13  Naomi Bruce
Absentee Notes

If your child is away you will need to provide an absentee note with the following information:

◊ child's full name
◊ date of absence
◊ reason for absence
◊ Signature
◊ date note written

Bombala and District Netball Association

WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?

URGENT! Calling for names Net Set Go, 5yrs-Opens also Opens can nominate a female team of their own. Netball is a great way to have fun, keep fit and catch up with friends, netball is hopeful to start early April. Please contact Sue Morgan 64583267 or Rocky Badewitz 64584429.

Lost Property

There are a number of items left at the pool after the swimming carnival last week.

◊ two swimming towels (a bratz towel and a rip curl towel)
◊ one white sock with pink love hearts
◊ a red and white checked table cloth
◊ a bottle of sunscreen
◊ a pair of boys black school boots

These items can be found in the front office

Words of Wisdom

It's much easier to stay out of trouble than it is to get out of trouble.
Cross Country

Last week a note went home to the children who turning 8 years and older as they are eligible to compete in the combined schools cross country event to held at Delegate on Mon 18\(^{th}\) March. Please return permission notes by Friday 8th March.

Street Stall

Once again parents showed incredible support for our school. Thank you to all parents and friends who generously gave their time and donations for our street stall last Friday. We had a successful day considering the weather and made approx. $1100. The winner of the hamper raffle was Erica Tetley and Trish Love won the wood raffle.

Message from Mary MacKillop

“There were you are you will find God” (1874)

Bombala Junior Rugby League Football Club

Training will commence on Wednesday 6\(^{th}\) at 5:30 to 6:30pm.
Snowy Mountains Academy players there will be a training session on the 16\(^{th}\) of March at 10 am at the touch football grounds.