Upcoming Events

Fri 13th September
K-6 Excursion to St Pat’s Bega

Tues 17th September
*Yr 5 and 6 Public Speaking Competition
*MacKillop Athletics

Wed 18th September
*Mass 9:30am
*K-6 Excursion to Delegate Public School

Fri 20th September
*Book Fair and Parade
*Last day of Term 3

Key Personnel Forum

Last week Priests, Principals, Religious Education Coordinators and Catholic Education staff attended a forum for key personnel in Religious Education. The theme for the day was ‘The Future Starts Today’. We had the privilege to listen to Moira Nadjecki (Director of the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese), Archbishop Paul Gallagher (Apostolic Nuncio), Dan White (Director of the Sydney Archdiocese), Monsignor John Woods and two young teachers who attended the World Day in Rio earlier in the year.

In the remaining newsletters for the Term 3, I will give you an insight into why our Catholic Schools are very special.

Archbishop Paul Gallagher identified the following: “To teach is above all to offer young people HOPE”. The Church is involved in education because it is an act of service, an act of love, a service for those not particularly identified with the Church and for those who may not be Catholic.

As I listened I summarized the five following points as the goals of a Catholic school:
1. Duty to educate and provide for the needs of children
2. Facilitate individual faith journeys
3. Support and assist families
4. Promote a climate where children want to go to school
5. Support our teachers

Value of the Week

Week 9 and 10 — Caring for the school environment
R U Ok Day

R U Ok Day is dedicated to reminding people to regularly check in with family, friends and colleagues. You don’t have to be an expert to support someone going through a tough time. You just need to be able to listen to their concerns without judgment and take the time to follow up with them.

Research shows that people who have strong relationships are less likely to consider suicide as an option when struggling with life. Regular, face-to-face conversations can help us to build and maintain strong relationships with family, friends and colleagues.

Go to https://www.ruokday.com for more information

After School Sport

This week saw the last of the Term 3 After School Sports program. Thank you to Miss Katie Bailey for her preparation and hard work in being the coach for the Term 3 dance program.

Thumbs Up

To all students representing our school over the last few weeks from athletics to public speaking and ICAS competitions well done and good luck.

Greetings from God

Jesus tends to his people individually. He personally sees to our needs.
Message from Mary MacKillop

“God’s presence seems to follow me everywhere.” 1870

ICAS Results

The ICAS University awards were presented this afternoon at the assembly. St Joseph’s would like to congratulate Pawan Weragala, James Tellis, Samuel Lucas and Max Smith for representing the school in these competitions. A special mention goes to Max who received a Distinction in both the Computer Skills and Science Tests, James who received a Credit in the Computer Skills Test and Samuel who received a Credit in the Science Test.

Words of Wisdom

Failure defeats losers but inspires winners.

Book Fair and Parade

St Joseph’s annual Book Fair and Parade will be held on Friday 20th September. The children will be invited to dress up as your favourite book character.

Parents and Grandparents are very welcome to dress up too! So dust off those costumes and come along for an afternoon of fun.

Relay Team

We would like to wish Connor, Jack, Jasper and Tayla all the best as they compete in the small school mixed relay event in Sydney next week.
Infants News

Throughout the term the Infants class have been having tours of the church. They have learnt:

A ciborium is the container that holds the bread.

A Baptismal Font is used to Baptise and welcome the baby into the church family.

The special place where the bread is kept when we believe that it is Jesus’ body.

A cup that holds the wine.

The lectern is the place where the person stands to read stories from the bible.

Primary News

Thanks to a very efficient team at Thredbo Snow Sports, the class was able to enjoy a very enjoyable day honing their skiing skills. Although there was not a lot of snow around a quick trip on the chair lift gave everyone the opportunity enjoy themselves. A very good day was had by all.
St Matthew - 21st September

St. Matthew was the son of Alpheus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a tax collector by profession. St Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. Writing for his countrymen of Palestine, St. Matthew composed his Gospel in his native Aramaic, the "Hebrew tongue" mentioned in the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

Public Speaking Competition

Students Jamie Farrell, Pawan Weragala and Max Smith travelled to Moruya this week to represent St. Joseph’s Primary School in the 2013 Public Speaking Competition.

There were 11 speakers representing each year group (3 & 4) at the performing arts centre at St Mary’s Catholic School.

The children were given 5 topics from which to choose and delivered their speeches in front of a panel of judges and an audience of students, teachers and parents.

Jamie & Pawan both delivered speeches about Australia “The Lucky Country”. They provided the audience with food for thought about why they feel lucky to be growing up in Australia, “not having to share beds with their parents and siblings”, “having the opportunity to enjoy a hot bath most nights” and “taking for granted the benefits of having running water and basic utilities.” Adults were left feeling grateful that they have the right to vote and have their say.

Max delivered a speech about racism and “why racism should be kicked out of sport”. He talked with passion about how racism is hurtful, disrespectful and destructive. Max reminded the audience that we all have a responsibility to put a stop to racism and that everyone has the right to enjoy their lives in quiet enjoyment.

The judges congratulated all students for the high standard of speeches and were left feeling inspired for the future.
Tennis Camp

There will be tennis camps running throughout the school holidays at the Bombala Tennis Courts from 9am-3pm on the following dates. Each camp is for two days and costs $60.

Camp 1: Mon 23rd Sept– Tues 24th September 2013
Camp 2: Mon 30th September—Tues 1st October 2013
For more information phone Tom on 0404838049

Family Referral Service

Southern NSW
Family Referral Service
1300 736 384

The Family Referral Service is a new voluntary service that:

- Provides information and referral for families seeking a broad range of support services
- Aims to assist families with children and young people to identify needs and issues
- Promotes child wellbeing
- Fosters the development of supportive, protective and nurturing environments for children and young people
- Aims to provide appropriate referral in order to prevent escalation to crisis.

The Southern NSW region includes Bega Valley, Bombala, Boorowa, Cooma-Monaro, Eurobodalla, Goulburn-Mulwaree, Harden, Oberon, Palerang, Queanbeyan, Snowy River, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Yass Valley and Young Local Government Areas.

The Southern NSW Family Referral Service is run in partnership by MackIllop Family Services andMarymead, and is a Keep Them Safe Initiative

CEO Website

The St Joey’s Father’s Day story and photos are on the CEO webpage.

Go to
And look for the Latest News section.
St Joseph’s School Reunion

All current (and past) families are invited to celebrate the 125th year of continual Catholic Education provided by St Joseph’s School to the Bombala and district. See the invitation below for the details.

October Long Weekend
5th - 7th October

St Mary MacKillop
Pray for us.

We remember that your Sisters are the backdrop of our lives. We will come together on this weekend to recall our many stories And tell where our journeys of life have taken us.

We are looking forward to you joining us for this Celebration

Saturday 5th October
Dinner: 6.30pm @ Bombala RSL Auditorium
Cost: $35.00 per person

Sunday 6th October
Mass 10.00am
Morning Tea
Tour of School
B.B.Q Lunch
Afternoon Tea
Cost: $15.00 (all you can eat)

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