Community Consultation

Last week you should have received an email inviting all members of the St Joseph's school community to participate in a community consultation. This email provided you a link to a confidential online survey.

The purpose of this community consultation is to support and encourage Principals in their roles by providing structures and processes that ensure Principals are well informed and capable of leading the schools in their care.

The Human Resources team at the Catholic Education Office will have access to the survey data and they will prepare a report with your feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this online survey and I look forward to receiving feedback.

The survey closes tomorrow Friday 13th December.

Special Assembly

Local member, John Barilaro will be visiting St Joseph’s on Wednesday 18th December at 11:30am in the Parish Centre. This is a follow up from the letters the children wrote to him last term. We hope to see you at this assembly.

Value of the Week

Week 10 and 11 - being humble
Royal Commission

On 9 December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will examine the Catholic Church’s protocols for addressing sexual abuse within the Church, Towards Healing.

“This will be the first time the Catholic Church will be the central focus of the Royal Commission,” according to Mr Francis Sullivan, Director of the Truth Justice and Healing Council. “Catholics around Australia need to know how Church leaders are approaching the issue of sexual abuse and the disposition we are taking to the Commission. This is succinctly outlined in the commitment statement.” Mr Sullivan concluded. You are encouraged to read the Commitment Statement from Leaders of the Catholic Church in Australia for the Royal Commission hearings into Towards Healing. The Commitment Statement can be read at: www.tjhcouncil.org.au/media/42284/131114

The Catholic Education Office, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn seeks to provide a safe learning environment for all staff, students and families via a culture of education and training on child protection issues. Therefore, the CEO is cooperating fully with the Royal Commission and seeks to be truly open to the wisdom that it will offer to ensure greater protection for Children. It you wish to stay educated about the proceeding beginning on 9 December, Visit the Truth Justice and Healing Council (TJHC) website. www.tjhcouncil.org.au

Semester Two Reports

Your child’s Semester Two report will be sent home tomorrow.
If you have any queries about your child’s report, please contact your child’s class teacher.

IT Survey

Thank you to those who took the time to complete the IT survey. Your feedback is appreciated.

Thumbs Up

To Sam Sten who organised the stage for the Presentation Night.

Words of Wisdom

The time is always right to do what is right.
### 2014 Term Dates

**Term 1**
- Yr 1 to Yr 6: Wed 29th Jan 2014 — Fri 11th April 2014
- Kinder: Thurs 30th Jan 2014 — Fri 11th April 2014

**Term 2**
- K-6: Tues 29th April 2014 — Fri 2nd July 2014

**Term 3**

**Term 4**

### Street Carnival

The children of St Joseph's have been invited to be part of the procession walking as a school group behind the school banner. The children are able to wear their casual clothes for this occasion and need to assemble at the RSL at 5:50pm.

This year's street carnival will be bigger and better, with more rides and entertainment. To make it easier for families, wrist bands will be sold for the carnival rides the week leading up to the night and also on the night.

Normally, rides are $8.00 to $10.00 per ride, but this year a wrist band for $30.00 will get you on all the rides as many times as you want all night. You can still elect to pay individually if you desire.

The Charity dunking machine and face painting are separate.

If you purchase your wrist band at the Visitor Information Centre the week leading up to the Carnival, we will give you $5.00 off. (Yes only $25.00) for rides all night.

### Message from Mary MacKillop

Have courage, no matter what your crosses are. (1890)
RE News

Immaculate Conception of Mary
On December 8, we honour the Immaculate Conception of Mary our Mother.
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on 8th December and is Catholics believe that Mary (the mother of Jesus) was protected from original sin by the grace granted by God before she was born. The Blessed Virgin Mary was given a marvellous gift. She was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, without this original sin. Our Lady was to be the mother of Jesus, God’s only Son. This great favour that God blessed Our Lady with is called her Immaculate Conception.

One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed to the whole world that there was no doubt at all that Mary was conceived without sin. Many people mistakenly believe that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Jesus Christ. This celebration is called the Annunciation of the Lord—on March 25, exactly nine months before Christmas.

Parish Reconciliation

There will be Reconciliation at St Mary’s Catholic Church on Wed 18th December at 7pm.

Christmas Mass Times

Bishop Pat Power will be celebrating Mass with the Bombala and district communities

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December
Nimmitabel 9pm Mass

Christmas Day 25th December
Delegate 8am Mass
Bombala 10am Mass

Cleaning Roster
13/12/13
Toni Smith

Canteen Roster
16/12/13
Emma Sellers
Home Readers and Library Books

Teachers are now collecting all home readers and library books. We would appreciate all families taking a very close look at home to find any outstanding school readers or library books and returning them as soon as possible.

Birthdays

21st Dec—Kurt Chaplin
24th Dec—Issy Yelds
24th Dec—Katie Farrell
3rd Jan—Tayla Ventry
9th Jan—Madison Papalia
10th Jan—Arlen Hillyer
17th Jan—Evan Phillips
17th Jan—Max Chaplin
25th Jan—Lottie Telford

40km/hr School Zone

A reminder to all parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 4 that the school zone remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all the days the school is open, including pupil free days.

School zones for our school will end on Friday 20th December and resume on Tuesday 28th January 2014.
Mission Day

St Joseph’s will be holding their annual Mission Day on Monday 16th Dec. Students are allowed to wear casual clothes / mufti on this day for a gold coin donation. Please bring swimmers as there is a water activity if weather permits. All money raised will be donated to the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.

There will be a variety of fun activities and stalls on the day. Some of the activities will be a longest mintie wrapper tearing competition, snake stretching competition, guessing competition, apple bobbing, sponge throwing, video games, sock wrestling, donut eating competition, slip and slide (if weather permits).

Just a reminder to send in items such as toys, book, games etc that you would like to donate for the white elephant stall by Friday 13th December.

Activities cost 20c or 50c so start putting your coins aside for this day.

Mission Day activities start at 11:00am—1:00pm and Mums, Dads, Nans, Pops and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the fun.

The only item available for lunch on Monday from the canteen will be hot dogs costing $3.

The famous St Joseph’s Talent Quest will take place from 1.30pm in the Parish centre. A hat is passed around after each act so make sure you bring plenty of coins to support our talented students.

Greetings from God

We are like postmen, delivering God’s gifts to others.

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: Thurs 19th Dec—Fri 20th Dec 2013
Camp 2: Mon 23rd — Tues 24th Dec 2013
Camp 3: Mon 6th Jan—Tues 7th Jan 2014
Camp 4: Mon 13th Jan—Tues 14th Jan 2014
Camp 5: Mon 20th Jan—Tues 21st Jan 2014

For more information phone Tom on 040483804.
Year 6 Graduation

Last night St Joseph’s celebrated the Year 6 Graduation Mass. This Mass celebrates a major step in the lives of our senior students. After seven years, mostly spent at St Joseph’s, these young people are now ready to move on to a new phase. We congratulate them on this important step and we pray that they will continue to blossom in the years to come.

After the Mass we enjoyed a power point presentation highlighting the Year 6 students year which brought both a smile and a tear to family members, staff and children alike. The students made a scrapbook highlighting their achievements and presented this to their parents during the Mass.

Staffing for 2014

Interviews were held last week for the primary teaching position. I am pleased to announce that Mr Paul Bennett has been appointed as the classroom teacher for the Yr3-6 class for 2014.
Concert