**Director’s Annual Visit**

The Director of the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese, Moira Najdecki, had her annual school visit to St Joseph’s yesterday.

The Director’s itinerary included a morning tea to meet with parents and grandparents, a tour of the school grounds and facilities, visits to both classrooms and to meet with staff and Parish reps.

The Director only had glowing things to say about the school, the students and the staff. She left gaining a real sense of the inclusive atmosphere, achievements and goals for the future of our school.

It’s time like this that I am really proud to be the Principal of this wonderful school.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Sat 30th November**
  - Carols by Candlelight

- **Mon 2nd December**
  - School Counsellor Visit

- **Mon 2nd December**
  - K-6 Swim Program commences

- **Wed 11th Dec**
  - Year 6 Graduation Mass, Concert and Presentation Night

- **Mon 16th Dec**
  - Mission Day

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**Staffing for 2014**

I am pleased to announce that due to increased enrolments St Joey’s will be able to employ a primary teacher to work five days for 2014.

We have also received some additional funding which will go towards a school cleaner. St Joseph’s is seeking a school cleaner to work flexible hours before or after school and some weekends. For further information call Kim on 6458 3776.

Please email kim.crannis@cg.catholic.edu.au for the application form. Applications for the cleaning position closes Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} December 2013.

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**Value of the Week**

Week 8 and 9 - being grateful
After School Sport Super Site Nominee

St Joseph’s have been nominated for the annual NSW Super Site Award. This award was established to highlight best practice and recognise the outstanding contribution made by schools to the coordination and delivery of the Australian Government’s Active After School Communities Sports program.

The award will be evaluated against the following five criteria:
* Adherence to program parameters
* Provision of healthy afternoon teas
* Program coordination
* Program promotion
* Innovation / special initiatives

This is a fantastic achievement and St Joseph’s would like to thank and recognise the contribution of those who have been involved with this program. St Joseph’s have been nominated by the regional coordinator Kate Baker as excelling in the above criteria.

Mission Day

St Joseph’s Mission Day will be held Mon 16th December. Please bring any old unwanted items to school for White Elephant Store by Fri 13th Dec. E.g. Toys, books, ornaments

   All money raised will be donated to the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal

Thumbs Up

To the children who gave up their play time to clean up the playground after the hailstorm.

Message from Mary MacKillop

We feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them. (1882)

Words of Wisdom

When your life flashes before your eyes make sure you have plenty to watch.
After School Sports Program

Yesterday afternoon saw the last of this year’s Active After School Sports sessions. I would like to congratulate the students for their effort, participation and sportsmanship they displayed throughout this term. St Joseph’s would like to thank Terry Ingram for his time and efforts in coordinating the basketball program this term.

St Joseph’s will commence swimming lessons next week. A separate note has been sent home earlier in the week with all the details. Please return the permission note by tomorrow Fri 30th November. Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they are available to help with the swim program. You will be contacted to confirm the day/s that you are available.

Uniform

Just a friendly reminder that all children need to wear plain black leather shoes as part of their school uniform. Black joggers with coloured patterns, writing etc can be worn on sports day only.

Sports uniform is to be worn on Mondays and Wednesdays. The sports shorts uniform for St Joseph’s are plain navy blue shorts. Black shorts, bike shorts and shorts with stripes on the side are not school uniform.

A note is required from parents if your child is not in the correct uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

Swimming

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RE News

St Andrew - 30th November

St. Andrew was born in Israel. He and his brother, Simon Peter, grew up to become fishermen. And when Andrew heard the great St. John the Baptist preach, he became his disciple. When Jesus came to be baptized, John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God," Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. At once he left John and followed Jesus. Jesus knew that Andrew was walking behind him and turning back, asked why he was being followed. Andrew said that he would like to know where Jesus lived. Jesus warmly invited him to, "Come and see." Andrew had been with Jesus only a short while when he realized that this was truly the Messiah and he became the first disciple of Christ. Then Andrew brought his brother Simon (St. Peter) to Jesus. The Lord welcomed him as his disciple too. At first the two brothers continued their fishing trade and family affairs. But soon the Lord called them to stay with him all the time. He promised to make them fishers of men, and this time they left their nets for good. St. Andrew went through life leading people to Jesus, both before and after Jesus died.

After Jesus ascended into heaven, St. Andrew preached the Gospel in Greece. There, he was put to death on a saltire cross (x shaped), to which he was tied, not nailed. He lived two days in that state of suffering but still found enough strength to preach to the people who gathered around their beloved apostle.

Hundreds of years later, when the king of Scotland faced a large invading army, he prayed for guidance. A white cloud in the form of a saltire cross floated in the blue sky above him and he won the battle. Saint Andrew was named the patron saint of Scotland and the Saltire became the national flag of Scotland.

St Mary’s Mass Times

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th weekend of the month

Sat—Delegate 6pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Sun—Bombala 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

3rd weekend of the month

Sat—Delegate 6pm Mass
Sun—Bombala 8am Mass

Cleaning Roster

29/11/13
Tash Stewart

Canteen Roster

02/12/13
Natalie Papalia
Infants News

This week the infants have been showing off their impressive recount writing skills. Each student wrote their own recount about our shearing excursion. All students have shown much growth with their writing and are able to type up their pieces with minimal assistance.

We have been busy practising for our upcoming presentation night. If you have a Christmas themed hat or headband could you please send it in with your child for them to wear for part of the performance.

Primary News

This week the primary class will be making their own bread rolls. We be looking at the many different ways a bread roll can be made and the students will be able to personalise their own roll. Rehearsals are under way for our end of year performances and I am sure they will be very entertaining. The class has thoroughly enjoyed the animated Dream-time stories from the 'Dust Echoes' on-line interactive program and are demonstrating excellent progress in the skill of inferencing.

Don’t forget the boxes for our dioramas being made next week.

Street Carnival

The Street Carnival and Procession will be held on Thursday 12th Dec and starts at 6.00pm.

This year street carnival will be bigger and better, with more rides and entertainment. To make it easier for families this year 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.
Carols by Candlelight

The Carols by Candlelight will be held this Saturday evening.
The children will need to wear their blue school uniform and are encouraged to wear a Christmas Santa hat or reindeer antlers for this occasion.

St Joseph’s will be one of the first performances and the children will need to meet Mr Bennett at 7:15pm near the stage area. Once the children have performed they will be able to sit with their family.

IT Survey

With the assistance from St Joseph’s IT whiz, we have developed an IT survey for parents to complete.

There are two ways in which you can complete this survey

1. Complete the survey online
   Go to www.stjbombala.nsw.edu.au
   Click on the parents tab
   Click on the newsletter tab
   Click on St Joseph’s Technology Survey

2. Collect a paper copy from the front office

Please complete the IT survey by Friday 6th.

Greetings from God

Have faith on God because he has faith in you.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

St Joseph’s will be supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Please send in non-perishable food items to school by Fri 13th Dec. The St Vincent’s volunteers will then distribute the food hampers to the needy families in the Bombala community for Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your support.
Shearing Excursion