Year 6 Graduation and Presentation Night

St Joseph’s will have our annual end of year get together on Wednesday 11th December.

The evening will commence at 6pm with the Year 6 Graduation, at St Mary’s Church followed by a BBQ, Concert and Presentation of Awards.

The sausages will be provided and each family has been asked to bring a plate to share for this occasion.

If your surname is from A-S can you please bring a salad such as garden / green s, coleslaw, potato, Chinese noodle, pasta, rice

If your surname is from T-Z can you please bring a desert/supper such as pavlova, cheesecake, fruit, slice, cakes.

BYO plastic picnic sets, cups, salad utensils and fold up chairs.

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
**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.

**Birthdays**

3rd December - Connor  
5th December - Meg  
7th December - Tilly

**Thumbs Up**

Thumbs up to the parent volunteers who have assisted with the swim program this week.

**Message from Mary MacKillop**

God loves generosity in us. (1882)

**Words of Wisdom**

Life consists not of holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.
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 tomorrow, Friday 6th.

Uniform

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.

Street Carnival

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

This year’s street carnival will be bigger and better, with more rides and entertainment. To make it easier for families we are selling wrist bands 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.
**RE News**

Advent is the beginning of the Church year. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the four weeks of Advent is the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the anticipation of the return of Christ. During Advent we are reminded that we should follow in Jesus’ footsteps and show love, forgiveness, peace and happiness with everyone we meet.

**Carols by Candlelight**

Wow what a fabulous response to the number of students representing St Joseph’s at the Carols by Candlelight on the weekend. Congratulations to the students and Mr Bennett for a job well done.

**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**

06/12/13
Sally Chaplin

**Canteen Roster**

09/12/13
Lauren Yelds
Infants News

This week in infants we have been creating our own Christmas narratives. Here are some of the children’s interesting stories.

Santa’s Underwater Sleigh
One day Santa was helping the elves make toys. On Christmas night when Santa was delivering presents a giant squid grabbed Santa out of his sleigh. Santa swam up to the top of the water. When Santa was down there he saw an underwater city. Then Santa went back to the North Pole and started to build an underwater sleigh. When he was finished he went back to the underwater city. The giant squid tried to attack Santa again but he couldn’t, he was not strong enough. Santa then realised he had forgotten about the toys so he went back to the North Pole and got the toys. Then he started delivering the toys. By Max C

Santa’s Two Sleighs
On Christmas Santa was riding his sleigh. Then he crashed. He crashed into our backyard. "Oh no" Santa said, "my sleigh, my sleigh" he said. Then we came outside and helped Santa build another sleigh. It took a long, long, long time until we finished building the sleigh. By Orlando Papalia

Community Consultation

TO: SAINT JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY
RE: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Office (CEO) endeavours 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.

One component of this process is a community consultation. All members of the St Joseph Primary school community are invited to participate in an online confidential survey. Only the Human Resources service area will have access to the survey data and they will prepare a report for Ms Kim Crannis and me. You may choose to provide your name and contact details or answer the survey anonymously. Access to the survey will be restricted to all parents, teachers, staff and Father Paul Huthnance of St Joseph’s, Bombala.

You will receive an email tomorrow inviting you to participate in this community consultation and providing you a link to the survey.

I thank you in anticipation of your involvement and look forward to receiving feedback regarding Ms Kim Crannis' leadership of your school.

Yours sincerely,
Moira Najdecki
**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.

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**Greetings from God**

Dare to take your seat next to God.

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**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.
Swimming Program

St Joseph’s swimming program lessons begin with our swimming instructor, Calli Kidman giving a safety talk and then we break into our small groups to participate in a variety of activities ranging from water confidence to swimming laps. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have been helping with the swimming program.

Photos by Tilly and Jaimie

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