

# St Joseph's Primary Bombala



TERM 1, WEEK 3

NEWSLETTER DATE 16 FEBURARY 2017

*“Remember we are but travellers here”* St Mary MacKillop (1873)

## Principal's Message

*Dear Friends of the St Joseph's Community,*

As you would no doubt realise, we have had a very busy start to the 2017 school year. I am extremely impressed with the students and the way they have begun the year with a positive and committed approach to every aspect of school life.

We are very fortunate to have a much larger staff this year, allowing us to provide many more opportunities for your children. I feel privileged to lead such a committed and enthusiastic team of professionals. On our first staff Professional Learning day, we talked about our strengths, both individually and as a group. All staff members have committed to sharing their skills to support the learning experiences of our students. Swimming lessons and guitar instruction are underway and a lunchtime Coding club is about to be established. The staff have already participated in twilight professional learning sessions on CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis, Technology and Project Learning. Over the next few weeks and months you will clearly see improvements in the way we use technology for teaching and learning as well as communicating with parents.

Congratulations to the children at St Joseph's for their involvement and success at our recent school and PSSA swimming carnivals, For the third consecutive year, St Joseph's won the PSSA carnival. A special thank you to Gill Forrester for organising such wonderful events. Many people have commented about the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm of our students on the day. Over 25 students have been selected to represent St Joseph's at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival today in Narooma. This

is the largest group ever to represent the school.

Next Tuesday February 21, we will be hosting a K-6 Parent Information Night in the senior classroom beginning promptly at 6pm. Following a whole group session, we will separate into class groups at 6:30 pm and 6:50 pm. The teachers will talk to parents about their class routines and expectations and the learning that will happen this year. Teachers will run the same session twice to give parents with two children an opportunity to participate. If you have more than 2 children, please see the other teacher for a private chat.

On the following Monday February 28 and Tuesday Feb 29, we will be hosting Parent teacher meetings for those parents who would like a private conversation about their child's learning. More details will be supplied at the Information Night on Tuesday. For those at Narooma today, have a wonderful day. Unfortunately, I can't make it as I will be in Sydney, but Mrs Power and Mr O'Neill will be there to support the students. How great it will be to have such a large group of students and their families together supporting each other. Good luck and have fun.

Hope to see everyone at the Parent Information Night  
**Tuesday 21st 6pm**

### *Dates to remember:*

21 February 2017

[Parent Information Evening 6pm](#)

Wednesday 22  
Kinder Rest Day

[Swimming Lessons](#)

[Week 4](#)

Monday 20th whole school

Wednesday 22nd whole school- not Kinder departing school

Thursday 23rd whole school

Friday 24th - until 1.20  
NOT Yr 4  
(5/6 are taking the 12.30 to 1.15 spot)

### **CANTEEN :**

**Monday**

### **SPORT UNIFORM:**

**Tuesday/Thursday**

## PSSA Swimming

### PSSA Swimming Champions

Junior Boy – River Guthrie St Joseph's

Junior Girl - Brandy Crotty Bombala Public

11 yr Boy – Nikolas Gay St Joseph's

11 yr Girl – Heidi Brownlie Bombala Public

Senior Boy – Lachlan Simpson St Joseph's

Senior Girl – Chloe Brock-Doe Bombala Public

Lilly Day- Edgecombe St Joseph's

