St Joseph’s Primary
Bombala

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NEWSLETTER DATE 22 FEBUARY 2016

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

Principal’s Message

Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community,

Last week was an incredibly busy and productive one. On Monday after school, a team of 22 hardworking parents and children formed a working bee to remove weeds that had thrived throughout the wet summer. The school yard out the back now looks very impressive. Thank you to everyone who turned up and helped out.

On Tuesday, a team of swimmers represented St Joseph’s at the Southern Districts Carnival in Narooma. Everyone had a great time and the children swam very well. Next year, I intend joining the group to help support and facilitate the children’s entries.

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Thursday’s swimming carnival was a wonderful day for the St Joey’s community. Every child participated in events appropriate to their swimming ability. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents at the pool and thank you to those parents who helped out on the day.

This Thursday, the director of Catholic Education, Mrs Moira Najdecki will be visiting St Joseph’s. She will arrive around 11 am for a morning tea with staff and any parents who would like to attend. Please join us if you can.

Catholic Schools’ Week is coming up in Week 7. On Wednesday March 9, we will be having a special Grandparents and Friends Mass followed by morning tea and ‘Open’ classrooms at the school. If you know of anyone who is considering enrolling their child at St Joseph’s; either this year or in 2017, please encourage them to come along and have a look.

Thank you for your ongoing support

God Bless

Noeleen O’Neill

Dates to remember:

24 February 2016
Kinder Rest Day

25 February 2016
CE Director’s Visit

7 – 11 March 2016
Catholic Schools Week

9 March 2016
Grandparents and Friends Day / Open Classrooms

11 March 2016
Delegate Cross Country (Primary & Senior Class)

13 March 2016
Bombala Pool Closes for Season

18 March 2016
St Joseph’s Day Celebrations

25–28 March 2016
Easter

1 April 2016
Assembly 2pm

CANTEEN ROSTER:
Susan Phillips (29/2/2016)

SPORT UNIFORM:
Tuesday/Thursday

TISSUES PLEASE...

We kindly request if each family could donate a box of tissues for their children’s class.
**Learning Support—Wellness and Inclusion**

Wellbeing and Inclusion

The Learning Support aspect of our school is changing and has been renamed to Wellness and Inclusion. This change is to reflect the role now focussing on supporting and enabling teachers to support all children in their teaching practise. As opposed to withdrawing children from class to undertake intensive programs, the research reflects that students benefit more from a differentiated classroom program.

I will be working with students in small groups during their literacy and numeracy sessions and in some cases working one on one with a few students.

Some students will have Independent Plans to ensure targets are created by the teacher and I. These will inform teaching programs and assessment.

Please feel free to see me on Tuesdays and Thursdays and your child’s classroom teacher with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Mrs Gill Forrester
Learning Support Teacher

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**Meet and Greet—NRL**

On Friday our students attended Bombala High for a meet and greet with some famous current and former NRL players.

Photo: Cody Bruce having his footy signed by Brad Fittler.
St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival

On Thursday St Joseph's held our annual swimming carnival at Bombala Swimming Pool. Each child participated in a swimming race, noodle race or fun pool activities. We would like to thank all of the parents who come along and cheered for their children and those who also assisted with timekeeping on the day.

Congratulations to the following age champions:
Junior Girl Champion—Kate Yelds
Junior Boy Champion—River Guthrie
Senior Girl Champion—Lilly Day-Edgecombe
Senior Boy Champion—Nikolas Gay

Congratulations to Penola from winning the house shield!
Welcome to 2016

SIGN UP DAY

27th February 12 PM @ POOL

All Past and New Players welcome
Free Sausage Sizzle
We are looking to field teams in
U7, U8, U9, U10, U12, U14, U16
For the first time Girls League Tag
REGO Only $40 per Child
Included Socks and Shorts

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN

Please bring along a copy of Birth Certificate

BOMBALA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Bombala Basketball is holding its AGM on Wednesday 17/2/2016 at 7.30pm in the RSL Cub Auditorium. All parents of layers are urged to attend.
Remember No-Committee = No Basketball