Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community,

Last Thursday, the director of Catholic Education, Mrs Moira Najdecki visited St Joseph’s. During the day, she visited classrooms to talk with the children about their learning in Mathematics, met with the staff and enjoyed a lovely home cooked morning tea with some parents and staff members. The children were very friendly and open with Mrs Najdecki and I was very proud of them. We look forward to another visit later in the year.

This week, I will attending the Principals’ meetings and retreat in Bowral. Mr Paul Bennet will be acting principal in my absence so if you have any urgent concerns please contact Simone or Paul.

During this week, the Year 6 students will be asked to write a short half page explanation as to why they feel they are suitable for a position of leadership in the school. As a staff, we have decided to go ahead with two school captains this year; both male as there are no females in Year 6.

As I personally believe that children should have a say in who is their leader, we are introducing a system where all children from Years 3-6 have a vote. Each boy will be asked to deliver a short speech to his peers, outlining why he believes he would be good school captain. The leadership positions will be decided during Catholic Schools Week.

On Wednesday, we are having our Grandparents and Friends Mass at 9.30 am followed by Open classrooms and a Picnic Lunch. Everyone is invited. The SCC Canteen is organising a special lunch day where children also order for their grandparents and families. Families are asked to bring in picnic rugs to sit on. On this day, lunch will be earlier than usual at 11.30 am, with a recess break at 1.30 pm.

On the Thursday, a group of didgeridoo players from Lumen Christi College are coming to visit us to share their skills. Later that day, I will be travelling to Canberra to participate in the Seasons for Growth training. At the Information Night, I spoke about the value of the program for children experiencing grief and/or going through a difficult time. Upon my return, I will send a note home asking parents if they wish to have their child involved.

Finally on the Friday 11 March, the PSSA Cross Country will be held at Delegate for students from Year 2-6. A separate note was sent home last Friday with this terms school fees.

God Bless
Noeleen O’Neill

Ones to remember:

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

2 April 2016
SCC Debutante Ball

8 April 2016
Last Day of Term 1

CANTEEN ROSTER:
Michelle Peisley (7/03/2016)

SPORT UNIFORM:
Tuesday/Thursday

To Learn
To challenge
To Transform
Scientists in the Infants classroom are on a Schoolyard Safari journey this term. We are looking in detail at the creatures living around us and are learning how to carefully observe and record their features, just like real scientists.

The Primary classroom scientists are exploring the topic *Fur, feathers or leaves?*, and are learning all about how scientists classify the animals and plants in our world. We are exploring the features of living things, and ways they can be grouped together.

Senior scientists are learning about *Essential Energy* including different ways of using the Earth’s resources to generate electricity. We are currently investigating how to improve the efficiency of a waterwheel as a device to generate energy.

We look forward to sharing our discoveries with you later this term.

*Mrs Sally Power*
Support/Relieving Teacher

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**SCC News**

Hi Everyone,

Just a reminder we have a busy week ahead with the street stall on Friday and then the Delegate Show on Saturday. If you are able to help out with the roster for either event and haven't been in touch could you please let me know ASAP! Any baking for the street stall can be dropped off on Friday morning at the stall (we will be there setting up from 8.45am) or please let me know if you need someone to come and collect it from you or have any other questions regarding either event.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Jade Marks
Bombala Basketball!

Bombala Basketball is now calling for names for our next competitions. Junior Miniball is for K-Yr 3 and Senior Miniball is for Yrs 4-6. All games should be played on Monday afternoons. Any child who would like to play please give your name to Carol Ingram at Bombala Fabrics, Furnishings and Technology by Friday 04/03/16. The competition commences on 15/03/2015. Any parents who are willing to coach or referee please contact Carol.

We are also calling for names for Men only and Ladies Competitions

Carol Ingram:
6458 3562 (shop)   6459 5000 (bank)   64583693 (home)