

St Joseph's Primary Bombala

TERM 2, WEEK 2

NEWSLETTER DATE 5 MAY 2016



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

Dear Friends of the St Joseph's Community,

Welcome back to Term 2. I extend a special welcome to our six new students and their families; Rochelle, Jay and Dustin Voveris, Copper and Gabby Kidd and Mathew Reed. I am so impressed with both the way these children have settled in and the way the other children have welcomed them to our wonderful school. This term is going to be very busy with lots of learning and co-curricula activities; NAPLAN, Cross country, Athletics, Public Speaking, Life Education, School Disco, PJ day and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The staff have been very busy investigating alternative learning structures to better meet the needs of all of our students. After much discussion, we have decided to move to having four learning groups for Literacy and Numeracy each morning. In recent days, we have begun the transformation of the library into our 4th learning space and the art room into a learning hub/lobby. The new structure will commence in Week 4, after NAPLAN. Next Thursday May 12, at 6.30 pm, we will be holding a Parent Information Session in the Infants classroom to provide details about our changes and answer any questions you may have. Please come along if you can.

Yesterday, a large group of students represented St Joseph's at the Southern Region Cross Country carnival. Not only did all of our students put in a huge effort and complete the course, two of our students successfully made it to the Archdiocesan carnival. Congratulations to Mabel Tucker and Ezra Perkins for such an outstanding result.

Today we had a lovely Mothers' Day Breakfast, Mass and stall. It was great to see so many mums, nans and ladies from the parish join us for the morning. Thank you to our School Community Council (SCC) for organising the scrumptious breakfast and the stall. The children loved shopping for gifts for the special ladies in their lives.

This Thursday and Friday, our children will be involved in PSSA Athletics, with Southern Districts Athletics occurring later in the term. NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. St Josephs will host a special Science afternoon on Thursday 12th for all of the local year 6 students. To finish the week, we have our school photos on Friday May 13.

On Sunday June 26 at 10 am, our Year 5 and 6 Catholic students will be making the Sacrament of Confirmation. With the help of Father Mick, I will prepare the children during school time. If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Simone or myself as soon as possible. Preparation classes will commence in Week 4. On Sunday May 15, Confirmation candidates and their families are invited to Mass at 10 am to be welcomed and blessed. Please put these dates in your diaries.

A Public Speaking competition for students in Stage 2 and 3 will be conducted this term. Following this, two students from each year group will be selected to attend the respective Southern Districts competitions. Stage 2 will be held in Moruya and Stage 3 in Cooma, both on Monday June 20. Please encourage your child to be involved. More details will be sent home soon.

Finally, this term we will be introducing a very positive social emotional learning/values program for our students K-6. Known as 6 Kinds of Best (6KOB) the program supports children in learning to be the best they can be. At a class and school level, we will actively teach the children to:

- Be Kind to Your Self - self-esteem and resiliency
 - Be Kind to Others - empathy, care, cooperation and building relationships.
 - Be Kind to the Environment - care for our natural and physical environment
 - Be the Learning Kind - seeking knowledge, being an effective learner and being a lifelong learner
 - Be the Achieving Kind - achieving your potential with aspiration, courage, persistence and effectiveness
 - Be the Community Kind - being a responsible citizen and a positive contributor to local and global communities
- Check out www.sixkindsofbest.com for more information.

I am confident that 6KOB will be very successful at St Josephs as we aspire to be the best we can be.

May God Bless

Mrs Noeleen O'Neill



Good Values - Great Schools

Dates to remember: Dates to remember:

5 May 2016
PSSA Athletics—Year 2
-6 Students

6 May 2016
PSSA Athletics whole
school

10-12 May 2016
NAPLAN

12 May 2016
6.30pm PARENT
INFO NIGHT!

13 May 2016
School Photos
School Counselor

19 May 2016
CE's Elizabeth
Moroney Visit to
St Joey's

2 June 2016
DISCO!!

CANTEEN ROSTER:

9 May 2016

Robyn Phillips

SPORT UNIFORM:

Tuesday/Thursday

To Learn

To challenge

To Transform

Infants Class

This term commenced with ANZAC Day. Many students attended the commemorative march and displayed model behaviour. In the classroom we discussed this important day, what it means and why we march.

Why do we march on ANZAC Day?

Alexander Bruce *"To say thank you to all of the soldiers who went to war and keep us safe"*.

Henry Power *"We are celebrating because the soldiers helped our country and protect our people"*.

Aspen Cameron *"To say thank you to the soldiers for fighting and saving our world"*.

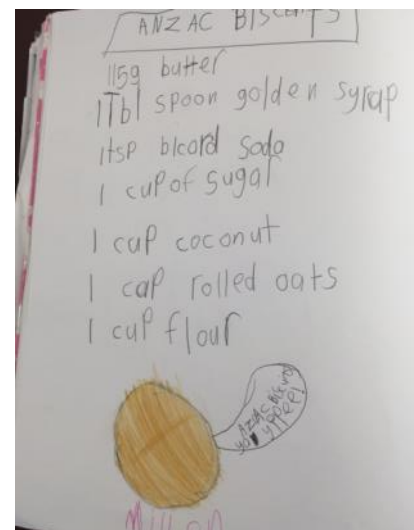
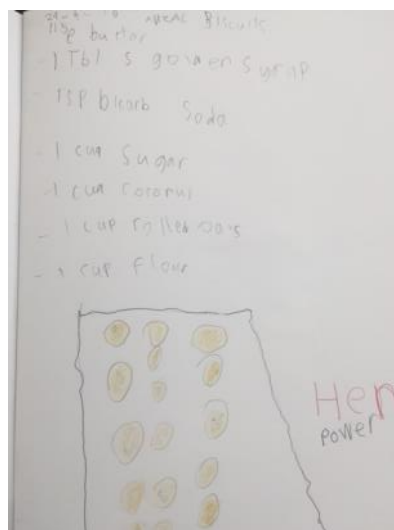
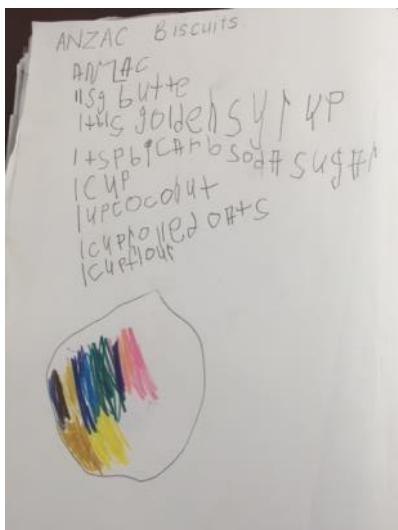
Mia Stone *"My dad went to war when we were in Queensland. He got five medals and came back alive. I love him so much"*!

We decided to continue this theme by making ANZAC biscuits which fits nicely with our maths and literacy units. The students went home and asked their parents how ANZAC Biscuits got their name. They returned to class very excited to reiterate what they had learnt.

Why are they called ANZAC biscuits?

Savanah Papalia *"The ladies made them because they had no bread, so they used the biscuits instead of bread. They used ingredients that wouldn't go yucky because they took a long time on the big ship"*.

We spent time writing up the recipe, deciding which equipment would be best to measure with (volume and capacity), pouring, mixing and rolling our ANZAC biscuits. The children had a great time and did a fantastic job.... And our ANZAC biscuits turned out beautifully!



Mothers Day

Thank you to the Mothers, Grandmothers and Friends who came to celebrate Mothers Day at St Joseph's. We hope you had an enjoyable breakfast and we hope that you have a lovely weekend!



Southern Region Cross Country

Congratulations to Mabel Tucker who placed 2nd and Ezra Perkins who placed 4th at the Southern Region Cross Country held on Tuesday at Wolumla!

Both girls will now go on to represent St Joey's in the Archdiocese Cross Country.



Birthdays coming up in May

- 11 Alex Peisley
- 15 Lachlan Reed
- 27 Zayne Phillips-Jones

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION EVENING!

St Joseph's Primary will be hosting an important parent information evening on Thursday 12 May 2016 commencing at 6.30pm.

We encourage at least one parent from each family to be in attendance.

2017 KINDER ENROLMENTS

St Joseph's kindly requests that parents complete and submit 2017 Kinder enrolments as soon as possible to assist in preparations for class structures and planning for next year.

We thank you for your support!

St Mary's Parish Mass Times:

Sunday 15 May 2016 - 10am
Confirmation Candidates and Families Welcomed.

Wednesday 18 May 2016 - 9am

We hope to see you there!

