

St Joseph's Primary Bombala

TERM 2, WEEK 4

NEWSLETTER DATE 19 MAY 2016



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

Dear Friends of the St Joseph's Community,

Our school vision statement is 'To learn, To challenge, To Transform' Last week, whilst exhausting for many of us, exemplified our school vision in action. Our new class and daily structures ensure your child is being provided with optimal learning conditions and opportunities. Thank you to those parents who were able to make it the Information Night last Thursday. I hope you found it to be informative and an opportunity to share in your child's educational journey. Your enthusiasm, support and honest opinions are truly appreciated. If you were unable to make it the Information night, please read over the presentation and if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to ask. When you get a moment, please pop in to see our 4th learning space and the changes that are happening in all classrooms. Every time I walk into the classrooms, I see students actively engaged in their learning and a true sense of excitement. A special thank you to our wonderful teachers and support staff for the endless hours they have put in lately to make this all happen.

Last weekend on Pentecost Sunday, Father George welcomed and blessed our Confirmation candidates. Five of our students; Max Smith, Max Chaplin, Nikolas Gay, James Tellis and Alex Reed together with Zara Badewitz, Brigid Dunn and Lucy Merritt from the other schools, will be confirmed on June 26. Please pray for the children as they prepare for receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit at the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our students in Years 3 and 5 participated in NAPLAN testing in Literacy and Numeracy last week. Whilst all testing is important, we intentionally did not make a big deal of it as we did not want children or parents stressed. NAPLAN, however does provide us with details of the children's learning, so it will be carefully analysed and used for planning teaching and learning.

Last Thursday afternoon, St Joseph's hosted a Year 6 Science activity session for all Year 6 students in Bombala and Delegate. One of the Science teachers from Bombala High school showed the children how to test products like shampoo and coca cola to find out which were acidic or alkaline. From all accounts it was heaps of fun!! This is just one of a number of activities being organised by all four schools, to support the students' transition to high school. In a couple of weeks, our Year 6 students will be going to Bombala Public School to enjoy an afternoon of Music.

On Thursday this week, Elizabeth Moroney from Catholic Education and Matthew Garton, Principal of St Benedict's in Narrabundah will be visiting St Joseph's to work with me on the strategic direction of the school. Next Monday and Tuesday, I will be attending Siloam in Galong, a spiritual retreat for a small group of Principals across the Archdiocese. In my absence, Paul Bennet will be acting Principal.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

23 May 2016

Susan Phillips

SPORT UNIFORM:

Tuesday/Thursday

Yr K-4

May God Bless

Friday

Mrs Noeleen O'Neill

Yr 5/6

To Learn

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**Dates to
remember:**

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

25 May 2016
Confirmation
Preparation 9-10am

30 May 2016
Morning Tea for
Kinder Parents
10.30am (a note will
go home shortly)

31 May 2016
Confirmation
Preparation 9-10am

2 June 2016
DISCOII

3 June 2016
PJ Day

Primary Class (3/4)

This week, Stage 2 are investigating time and how it is measured. Today, the children worked in groups to create a clock face and we found out that:

60 seconds = 1 minute

60 minutes = 1 hour

24 hours = 1 day

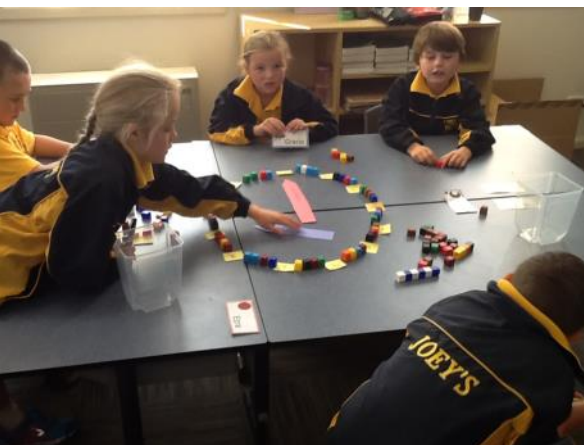
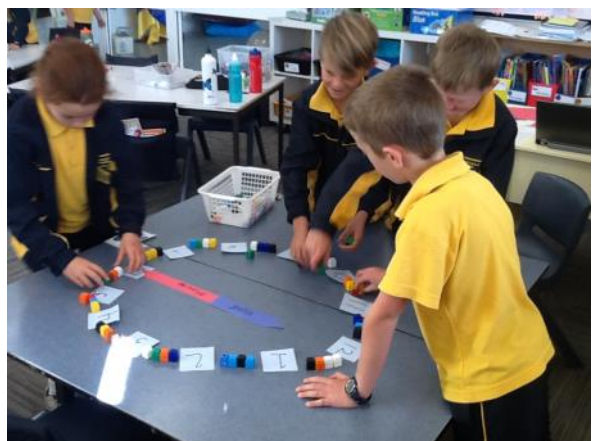
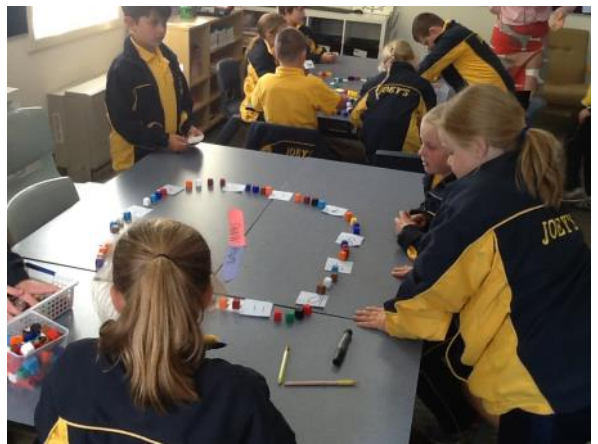
And the hour hand makes two revolutions of the clock in one day.

The children used small individual clocks to display their understanding of time telling. They practiced representing a quarter to, a quarter past, half past and o'clock. They represented times from analogue and digital language.

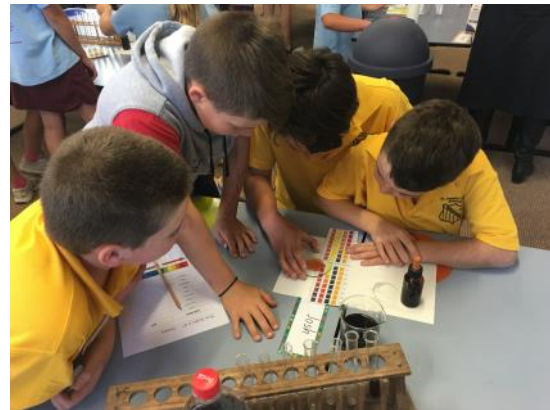
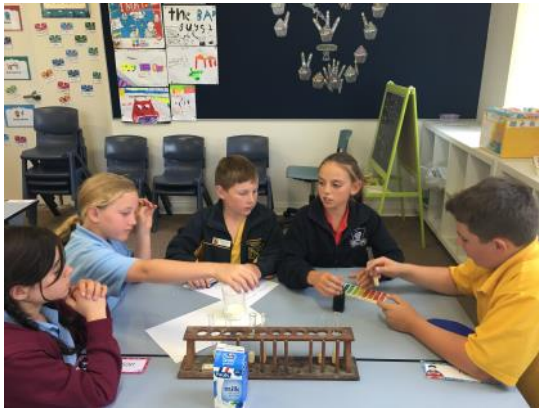
The children will be asked to represent the time at various moments in their school day on a blank clock face worksheet.

This would be a great concept to practise at home.

Gill Forrester



Combined Schools Science Day at St Joseph's—Year 5 & 6



Archdiocese Cross Country

On Tuesday, Ezra Perkins travelled to Canberra to compete in the Archdiocese Cross Country. Congratulations Ezra for placing 13th in our Archdiocese., what an amazing achievement.

Sadly Mabel Tucker was unwell on the day and unable to compete although St Joseph's wishes to congratulate Mabel on her achievement and we look forward to seeing these girls running with our students again next year at the PSSA Cross Country.



Birthdays coming up in May

11 Alex Peisley

15 Lachlan Reed

27 Zayne Phillips-Jones

IMPORTANT NOTICES

NEW SCHOOL TIMETABLE:

8.50am	Bell rings
9.00am	Classes commence - Literacy
10.40am	Fruit Break
10.50am	Numeracy lesson
11.50am	Lunch break
12.40pm	Religion & other KLAS
1.40pm	Afternoon recess
2.00pm	Other key learning areas
3.10pm	School finishes

Other key learning areas are Geography

2017 Kinder Enrolments

If are planning to send your child to St Joseph's for Kinder 2017, we kindly request that enrolment forms be received by the schools office by 20 May 2016 to enable class programming for 2017.

Thank you.

St Mary's Parish Mass Times:

Saturday

6pm Delegate

Sunday

9am Bombala

Wednesday

9.30am

We hope to see you there!

Kid's Club.

At St Matthias Anglican Church

Cardwell Street Bombala

Friday 20th May

From 3.30pm until 5.15pm.

For all infant and primary age children.

Games, afternoon tea, singing,

Bible stories, craft activities.

Cost: \$2.00

All welcome.

Rev'd. Robert Lindbeck - Priest-in-Charge.

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