Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community,

During the last few weeks, I have had a number of opportunities to watch our students in public. There is no doubt that Joeys students are acknowledged for their good behaviour and delightful manners. I was privileged to listen to Max Smith and James Tellis entertain their family and friends at the Principal’s Public Speaking at Bombala High school. The boys spoke very well about their ancestral history and proudly represented St Joseph’s throughout the evening.

The Stage 2 and 3 students have been busy writing and practising speeches in preparation for Southern District’s Public Speaking finals next Monday. I was involved in the selection process in Stage 2 and I must say the standard was very high. Two students from each grade level have been chosen to represent St Joseph’s in Moruya (Stage 2) and Cooma (Stage 3). Sally Power will attend the Public speaking in Cooma and I will support the Stage 2 students in Moruya.

Last Friday, Marni Moreing, Marsha Sten and Wendy Perkins joined me in accompanying 30 of our youngest students to Canberra to see the production of ‘Hippo on our Roof eating cake’. Despite the huge crowds (over 1200 students at each of the three sessions) and bitterly cold weather at the Arboretum, we all had a wonderful time. The children were very cooperative, patient and happy. Thank you to those parents who brought their children to school early and picked them up later than expected.

The first Kindergarten 2017 Orientation was held last week. Ten children brought their mums and dads along to see their new school. Thank you to the SCC mums for hosting a delicious morning tea and helping me entertain the parents, while Mrs Sten got to know the little ones. We currently have eleven students enrolled for Kindergarten next year. Our next Orientation will be on Wednesday August 3 at 10.30 am. If you know of anyone who may be interested in enrolling their child into Kinder or any other grade, please encourage them to contact me in the near future.

On Friday June 24 at 2pm, we will be having our end of Term assembly in the church. Please come along to see what your children are learning and help us to celebrate their successes. It would be great to see some of the Kinder 2017 parents there too as it will give them a snapshot of our school. Please encourage new and prospective parents to join us.

During Week 2 of next term, Parent/Teacher meetings will be held after school and I urge all parents to attend. PT meetings provide an opportunity to focus on your child’s progress and learning needs and set appropriate learning goals. Semester One Report cards will be sent home by the end of term. Whilst the academic achievement grades are important, it is the comments, ‘social skills’ and ‘work habits’ that really tell the story. During the school holidays, I suggest you celebrate your child’s report card with a favourite dinner, activity or outing.

Finally and most importantly, please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers. Max Smith, James Tellis, Alex Reed, Nicholas Gay and Max Chaplin along with three other children from the parish will be involved in a retreat day at school next Wednesday for the final preparations for Confirmation on Sunday June 26 at 10 am. It would be lovely if some families could come along to the Mass to support the students at such an important time of their lives. We will be having a special Morning tea at the school following Mass.

May God Bless
Mrs Noeleen O’Neill
Senior Class (5/6)

Well this has been very busy term with the class settling into a new format and routine.

In maths we are focusing on Estimation and Measurement and undertaking various investigations into the conversion between the various increments used in the measurement of distance.

For Art we are trying our hand at making terracotta clay pots and hope to have these dried and painted ready to go home by week 10.

Our Literacy work we are looking into the feral animal eradication program on Macquarie Island. This will be used to assist the class with a Persuasive writing piece regarding the practice of keeping animals in cages.

Mr. Bennett

Seniors Class Teacher
Japanese Cultural Experience (Yr 3 & 4)

Last week, in Stage 2, we were lucky enough to have Naomi Chaplin and her daughter, Maya, teach Stage 2 about her home country, Japan. The children had been collating Japanese facts using their iPads before she arrived. Our children asked her many questions about Japanese culture and the geography of Japan. She explained how the language is written from right to left and vertically. The children learned some Kanji characters and why they are shaped the way they are. The children painted some Kanji characters to take home.

At the end of the day, Naomi showed the children some origami that she had made and gave the children the opportunity to make their own, baskets, cups and planes. Naomi had made each child a crane to take home. The children gained a great insight into Japanese Culture and enjoyed the craft they made. We hope that she will come back and teach us more.

Bombala and District Principals Public Speaking

Last Thursday 9 June, Max Smith and James Tellis represented St Joseph’s at the Principals Public Speaking Competition which was held in the High School Canteen.

Both boys had well prepared speeches, they spoke clearly and confidently. The high standard of all speeches made it very competitive.

We are extremely proud of both James and Max.

June Birthdays

4  Mrs Forrester
10  Molly McGuinness
14  Savanah Papalia
19  Orlando Papalia
23  Mrs Shannon
29  Rochelle Voveris
PARISH STREET STALL:
Thankyou to the Parents at the School and the Parishioners for their wonderful generosity providing cooking and vegetables and other items for sale. Thankyou to those who offered their time in the cold to sit at the stall and sell the tickets and goodies. The net profit for the day was $1,241.60. Eilie Elliott won the petrol voucher and Mrs Anne Maslin Snr won the wood. The wood was kindly donated back to the Parish and a decision was made in consultation with Fr. Mick’s approval, for the wood to go towards the wonderful work of our local St. Vincent de Paul.

St Mary’s Parish Mass Times:
Sun. 19th: 8 am Mass Delegate
10 am Mass Bombala
Wed. 22nd 9.30 am Mass Bombala
We hope to see you there.

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

SCC RSL Raffles
Week 1 – 30th June
Week 2 – 7th July
Week 3 – 14th July
Week 4 – 21st July
We require a couple of people each week to sell the raffle tickets from 6.30pm – should you be able to help with one of the weeks could you please let me know on 0414 847 289 or nj.marks1@gmail.com
Thanks, Jade

Egg Cartons Wanted
St Joseph’s are seeking egg cartons to be used a painting pallets.
If you have and left over egg cartons can you please either drop them into reception or send them to school with your child.
Thanks!