St Joseph’s Primary
Bombala

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the wet weather yesterday, we hosted a very successful Big Learning Expo, Awards and lunch at school. I would like to thank the huge number of parents, grandparents and community members who joined us to see and hear about the learning that is taking place at St Joseph’s. One of our school priorities is to foster relationships between home and school and to engage families more fully in their child’s learning journey. It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge and skills with the most important people in their lives. I also wish to thank the SCC mums who worked for many hours to prepare our lunches.

Term 3 has been a very busy and enjoyable one. I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment to learning from every student as St Joseph’s. Our teachers and LSAs work tirelessly to ensure the learning is challenging and relevant for each individual. Alongside the learning that takes place every day in the classroom the students have experienced other types of essential learning. Students have participated in Book Week activities, Representative Athletics, Lumen Christi music performance, In-2-Cricket, Fathers Day Stall and BBQ, Ski Trip, Platypus excursion, 6KOB and other activities throughout the term. They will need a good rest in the holidays.

School will return for both staff and students on MONDAY, October 10. Normally, Catholic schools have the first day of each term as a Pupil Free-Staff Professional Learning Day, however we have been granted permission from Catholic Education (CE) to vary the date this year. Please note that on Friday, November 25, students will have a Pupil Free day so the staff can travel to Canberra to attend the CEs Showcase of Learning. Whilst this is a long way off, can I please ask you to start considering child minding arrangements for that day.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday break with your families. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the Marks family for everything they have done for St Joseph’s and Bombala and wish them well in the future.

Term 4 promises to be an exceptionally busy one with School Registration, Cricket Gala Day, Camps for students in years 3-6, First Holy Communion, Kinder Orientations, Graduation and Christmas Concert.

God Bless

Noeleen O’Neill
Principal
Photos from our Learning Expo and Awards Day
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October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Crystal Goodchild who celebrated a birthday on the 15th of September, sorry we missed it last week.

6th - River Guthrie
13th - Henry Power
18th - Montanna Chamberlan
28th Aspen Cameron
29th Jay Voveris
Photos from our Athletes

On Monday 19th September, two of our students participated in the Catholic Schools State Athletics at the Sydney Olympic Stadium.

Congratulations to Lilly Day-Edgecombe and to Jack Ventry who both came in the top 10 in the State! What a great achievement.

Also in attendance, was Snoopy, the K-1 class mascot who was cheering from the sidelines.
Term 3 Photos
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SCC Update

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our stall at the Burrawong Clearing sale last week we raised approximately $2800 – an amazing total for the day. We appreciate as always the support of those who baked, made sandwiches, donated items and helped out on the day.

We have the races coming up first week back next term, for those families that haven’t already returned the note or been in touch with me could you please do so ASAP we would like to have the roster finalised before the end of term. We still desperately need helpers to fill in the afternoon spots – it’s only an hour of your time!

As of the end of this term I will be stepping down from the role of SCC Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful group of people who make up the SCC for their tireless efforts in support of the school. I would also like to say a big thank you to the entire school community for their ongoing support of the SCC, It’s this support that has seen us through our fundraising and be able to make so many improvements to our children’s learning environment.

Thank you and Best Wishes
Jade Marks
SCC Chair

Bombala Junior Blue Heelers
Presentation Day
This Friday 23rd September
4:00pm onwards (supervision will be provided)
Bombala Exhibition Ground
AGM 5:30pm
Followed by BBQ & Presentations

MASS TIMES:

Saturday, 24th September 6 p.m. Liturgy of the Word & HC Delegate
Sunday, 26th September, 9 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word & HC Bombala
Wed. 28th September, 9.30 am Mass Bombala

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Being a Mindful Parent:
A Guide to Raising Resilient Children

Free Workshop at Bonang Hall in October
24th 9.30am – 4pm & 25th 9.30am – 1.30pm
PRESENTED BY: LYN BESON, COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST & FAMILY THERAPIST

Topics covered:
What is Mindfulness?
Meditation practice
Benefits of Mindfulness Parenting
Understanding you so you can understand your child
Factors that promote resilience in children
Factors that can hijack resilience in children
Breathe awareness
Body awareness
Attending to your child
Bringing mindfulness into everyday life
Teaching children to become more resilient
Teaching self-regulation - Infants to adulthood

Who should attend:
Community workers/nurses/teachers
Psychologists, Counsellors
Educators, Parents, Family

What’s included:
1.5 day workshop
Printed material
Morning/afternoon tea, lunch
Accommodation on approval

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