Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community,

With only two weeks of school left for 2016, everyone at St Josephs is very busy. Our Christmas Project plans are well underway and activities will begin next week. Please feel free to pop in and lend a hand or even just to see things in action. Make sure you get to the SCC Christmas Stall on Dec 23 to buy the wonderful products.

Thank you to our parents who are volunteering for the morning reading program. Whist the number of children taking advantage of this opportunity could be higher on some days, those children who do read are enjoying the 1-1 time with an adult who is interested in them. Improvement in reading comes from regular practise. It is well known that the more books a child reads the more they learn about their world and ways to communicate with others. High reading and writing skills directly correspond with high achievement in NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy. Please encourage your child to pop in for a quick 5 min read every Tuesday and/or Thursday morning.

At a recent SCC meeting, an additional $5000 was passed over to the school allowing us to buy another 10 Chrome books. Now that we have excellent internet, we are ready to move to the use of Google products and apps for all educational planning, collaboration and learning. I wish to thank parents for their fundraising efforts throughout the year. As a result of your hard work, the children are being provided with a quality education here at St Josephs.

I am presently finalising classes and teachers for 2017. With recent enrolments and Catholic Education priorities, I am still juggling a few things. If you know of any parent who may wish to enrol their child at St Josephs, please urge them to call me next week. At this stage, we are looking at 5 classes until 1 pm. Our priorities for 2017 are on improving literacy and numeracy achievement across the school and I believe that smaller learning groups will allow that to happen. Explicit instruction and the setting of targeted learning goals will ensure all students, including those requiring support or extension achieve at the highest level they can.

Next week the staff will be having a twilight PL evening to plan for 2017. Our school priorities will be discussed and decisions made about who will coordinate and/or be involved in each area. Project Learning, Technology, STEM, enrichment, music and band, sport, Peer Support and social justice are some of our planned learning experiences.

Most importantly, please pray for our children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Thank you to Alice Shannon and Mary Ventry for their work in preparing them. It will be a very special occasion for the children and their families and one that the children will remember for a long time.

God Bless

Mrs Noeleen O’Neill
Principal

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

Dates to remember:

4 December
First Holy Communion Mass
10am

13 December
Graduation Mass, Awards and Concert

16 December
Last day of Term

23 December
SCC Street Stall

CANTEEN ROSTER:
5/12/2016
Nerida Maning

SPORT UNIFORM:
Tuesday/Thursday
Yr K-4
Friday
Yr 5/6
Camp Cooba Year 3-5

DECEMBER MASS TIMES

Sat 3rd: Mass 6 pm Delegate
Sun. 4th: First Communion Mass 10 am Bombala
Wed. 7th December: 9.30 am Mass Bombala
Sat. 10th December: 6 pm Delegate Liturgy of the Word & HC
Sun. 11th December: 9 am Bombala Liturgy of the Word & HC
Wed. 14th: No Mass Bombala
Sun.18th December: 8 am Mass Delegate
10 am Mass Bombala
Wednesday, 21st December: 9.30 am Mass Bombala

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:
Saturday, 24th: 5.30 pm Vigil Mass Delegate
7.00 pm Vigil Mass Bombala

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UNIFORMS

Boys
Summer Uniform
Light Blue Polo Shirt
Grey Shorts
Black Leather Shoes
Navy or grey socks

Girls
Summer Uniform
Blue Check Dress or Navy
Culottes and Light Blue Polo
Black Leather Shoes
White Socks

Sports
Unisex Sports Uniform
Gold Polo Shirt
Navy Blue Shorts
White Socks
Joggers

Basketball Semi– Finals
Monday 5 December 2016
4.00pm = MTB v Cosmo
4.45pm = MCH v Bakery
5.30pm = Blue v Green
6.15pm = Purple v Yellow
7.00pm = Green v Black
7.45pm = Yellow v Purple

TERM 4—No Hat no Play Policy
A friendly reminder that this term we have a no hat no play policy.
If your child has lost or misplaced their hat they may purchase one from the Office on a Monday, Thursday or Friday at a cost of $12.00.
All hats must be the school full rim hat (caps do not meet sun smart requirements)
Thank you for your support.

December Birthdays
16 Gabrielle Kidd
21 Kurt Caplin
24 Issy Yelds