

31st January 2020

Term 1 Week 1

St Joseph's Newsletter

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ALL FOR THE HEART OF JESUS

MISSION STATEMENT

*Following the example of Saint Mary of the Cross
MacKillop our school community will create a
learning environment where children feel the love of
Jesus, whilst developing at their own pace and
cognitive level*



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Dedicated to God

The Word

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. A man called Simeon was there and the Holy Spirit was with him. When Simeon saw Jesus he took him into his arms and blessed him saying, "Now my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared all the nations to see."

Look Closer

Dedicated to God. It is a human tendency to grasp at control of our future. However, God has plans for each and every one to play a role in building the glory of his kingdom If we are willing to surrender our desire to be in control and dedicate ourselves to him alone like Simeon.

Prayer Space

Symbol: Crown

O gates, lift high your heads;
Grow higher ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Amen



WELCOME TO THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR AT ST JOSEPH'S

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students, staff and parents to St Joseph's for 2020. This week we have welcomed four new Kindergarten students to our school. A warm welcome to Malaki Bujeia, William Dunn, Bonnie Mullins and Rick Williams. These students have had a wonderful three days at BIG school learning the school routines.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

I would like to welcome three new families to our school community. We hope you enjoy your time at St Joseph's and know that you are a valued part of our school family.

Welcome to Malaki Bujeia, his parents Kira and Tim and Malaki's little brother Harcher.

Welcome to William Dunn and his parents Billi-Jane and Scott.

Welcome to Rick Williams, his parents Michelle and Grant and his siblings Hallie and Mack.



IMPORTANT DATES

Please refer to the following table for upcoming events

Term 1 Dates		
WEEK 2	Fri 7 th Feb	Combined Swimming Carnival
WEEK 3	Sat 15 th Feb	Opening School Mass @ 6pm
WEEK 5	Tues 25 th Feb	Southern Swimming at Orange
WEEK 7	Wed 11 th March	Combined Athletics Carnival <i>St Joseph's organising</i>
WEEK 7	Fri 13 th March	Pupil Free Day <i>Staff Development Day in Orange</i>
WEEK 8	Fri 20 th March	Life Education Van visit
Term 2 Dates		
WEEK 2 (Term 2)	Wed 6 th May	Dubbo Zoo overnight excursion

Centacare School Counsellor

Welcome back to St Joseph's Primary School Manildra and a warm welcome to all new parents and carers. My name is Nicole Chambers and I myself am new to the school community. I am a Centacare social worker and school counsellor and will be working at the school every second Thursday, commencing 30/01/2020. My role is to be a support for teachers, students as well as parents and carers. Some of the services I will be offering the school include: providing school staff, parents, carers and students with information regarding mental health and well-being, communicating with school staff, parents and carers regarding specific needs of particular students, face to face counselling (short term), facilitating external counselling for issues that require long term support and facilitating specialist referrals and small group programmes for students.

Children can be self-referred for counselling. Parents and carers can do this by organising a meeting with the Principal prior to submitting a referral form. School staff may also contact parents/carers and discuss the option of counselling if they feel your child might benefit from it.

It is Centacare's Family Inclusive Practice policy that prior to engaging with children:

- Confidentiality is explained. School counselling is a confidential service and the school counsellor will check with students and parents before passing on information to others;
- Consent (verbal or written) for counselling is obtained by both parents (regardless of relationship status);
- That parents or carers make themselves available to meet with the school counsellor for an initial session. Involvement of family members/carers within the counselling process recognises that children are a part of many systems which need to be supported and encouraged.

I am calling for expressions of interest for parent group sessions covering topics such as parenting skills, building resilience in children, how parent behaviour and emotions can impact on children, or other identified areas of need. If you would be interested in taking part in this, or have an idea for a session that could be run, please let the school know or contact me directly on nicole@centacarebathurst.com.au. These sessions would be run during school hours on my allocated days at the school.

I hope to hear from you soon and look forward to joining the school community in 2020.

HOMEWORK

Homework will begin in Week 3. A class newsletter with details about book covering and other routines will come home shortly.

COMBINED SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to everyone for returning your notes for the carnival next Friday. Mrs Parmeter, Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Gosper will be the supervising teachers on the day. All families are welcome to come along and support the students and join in the fun.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Please find attached to this newsletter the latest correspondence and advice from Catholic Schools NSW regarding the above virus.

CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

I am delighted to advise that Elyse Denham from the Conservatorium of Music in Orange will be conducting Music lessons at our school from Monday for the rest of the year. Elyse is a qualified classroom music teacher and proficient musician. Elyse will use our Creative Arts room and teach each class for half an hour. Elyse will teach the components of the Music curriculum and include many fun activities. Welcome Elyse to our school.

STAFFING

The staff have spent time this week at the staff meeting discussing our timetable for the coming year. The Literacy block will continue in the mornings, followed by a Mathematics block after recess. All teachers will teach Literacy and Numeracy groups. Students will be allocated to groups based on data collected through assessments and individual learning needs. These groups will commence in Week 3. This will be followed by Religion before lunch and other Key Learning Areas during the afternoon block.

Staffing 2020

Years 2 - 4 (All Stars)

Mrs Jacky Parmeter / Mrs Mallory Lawrence

Years K & 1 (Lego Legends)

Mrs Margaret Gosper

Support Teacher / Sport Coordinator

Mrs Tina Hough

RFF / PE / Drama / Dance Teacher

Mrs Billi-Jane Dunn

Literacy / Numeracy Assistant

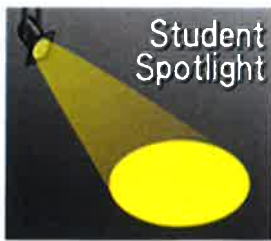
Mrs Jaime Hoolahan

School Secretary

Mrs Therese Press

Cleaning and Grounds

Mrs Tracy Middleton



This week the spotlight is on our 2020 Kinders, Malaki Bujeia, William Dunn, Bonnie Mullins and Rick Williams. Each of the new students has settled in to the routines of school well with the help of our lovely Year One students. They have been very busy learning new skills to become super learners. The children are enjoying maths, reading, writing, creative art and sport. To be honest however, at present Free Activity Time and the playground seem to be top of their list.

Rick

I like building things. We made a massive tower. It's a skyscraper. We built a dam in the sandpit but we only had a little bit of water because there's a drought. I like writing on the desk when you write your name.



Malaki

I like the Lego and building really high buildings. I like puzzles too. I have big friends and other friends too.





William

I like building skyscrapers the best. We made one eight levels high.



Bonnie

I like drawing and playing.

