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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5

11th November 2019

What's On at SJD

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
11/11 Walk to School 2020 Kinder Parent Meeting 6pm	12/11 DIO Public Speaking P & F Meeting 3.15pm	13/11 Regional Maths Bee @ Merriwa No Pens Wednesday	14/11 Socktober	15/11	16 & 17/11
18/11 Walk to School RSL Bursary Test Yr 6	19/11	20/11 2020 Kinder Orientation Session 5	21/11 SCHOOL PLAY	22/11 Yr 6 SJA Orientation	23 & 24/11
25/11 Walk to School	26/11 DIO Public Speaking	27/11 Yr 6 Rotary Dinner	28/11	29/11 DIO Summer Sports Trials	30/11 & 1/12
2/12 Walk to School	3/12 P & F Meeting 3.15pm	4/12 Life Education Yr 6 Parent Meeting	5/12 2020 Kinder Orientation Session 6	6/12 School Swimming Carnival	7 & 8/12
9/12 Walk to School	10/12 Presentation Night	11/12 End of Year Mass	13/12 Yr 6 Farewell	14/12 Kinder Assembly Reward Day Sprinkler Fun	15 & 16/12

WELLBEING WEEK
SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

From The Principal, Mrs Helen Whale.....

Welcome to the halfway point of Term 4

Swimming lessons will take place during Week 7 culminating in the School swimming carnival on the Friday. We are very grateful to Malabar Coal for providing a grant to conduct these lessons to ensure that all our students have a degree of proficiency in the water.

The school performance is getting closer and you will have received letters about this last Friday (check your child's bag). We are very grateful to the Muswellbrook Shire Council for giving us reduced rates for the use of the Denman Memorial Hall. As indicated in your letter, we will need to reduce the number of tickets per family to ensure we fit in. When all first round tickets have been purchased we will sell any left overs. Next year we will be more familiar with the hall and will know exactly what we can handle.

The Regional Maths Bee will be held in Merriwa this Wednesday at 5.30pm. We wish the following students the best of luck and congratulate them for their fine effort so far:

Kindergarten: Oscar Mephram

Stage 1: Annie Nebauer

Stage 2: Ivy Hagan

Stage 3: Diesel Hagan

No Pens Wednesday will be observed this Wednesday. On this day teachers and students will focus on developing the speaking and listening skills that are so important to our overall literacy development.

Many early childhood educators are concerned that children entering school have limited oral language development. They have a very limited vocabulary, use single word responses instead of sentences and struggle with the reciprocal nature of a conversation. Poor oral language development will contribute to a delay in the development of literacy.

One of the theories being suggested for this decline in oral language development is a decline in time parents spend talking with their children. Time poor working parents may be one factor but parents spending time on their phones instead of talking with their baby or toddler (for example whilst pushing the pram).

(Steve Francis: School Leadership Insights, 1 November 2019)

The school's behaviour management policy has been in place for several years now and I would like to work on renewing this for the 2020 school year. I will be looking for 2 parent representatives to join a team of teachers to work on this policy. All parents will be asked for their feedback and thoughts as the process gets underway.

Road safety:

Students riding their bikes in a very dangerous manner have been reminded again by teachers about the importance of looking in both directions and concentrating while riding. Please remind your children about this. It takes a village...

No helmet – no riding. Whether it be a bike or scooter, if your child does not have their helmet at school, they will not be allowed to take the vehicle home. The school will impound the bike or scooter until a helmet is produced or a parent picks the bike/scooter up in their car.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Melody Beattie

From The Assistant Principal, Mrs Michelle Lovegrove.....

School Play – HELP needed for costumes!

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to help or have made costumes for the play. We still require outfits - see below. If you can help in any way please contact Michelle or Natalie at school. Your help is much appreciated!

Kinder – 5 brain, 3 sifting sooty (bird) costumes

Year 2 – 5 shark costumes

Year 3 – 1 sifting sooty, 1 wise owl, 1 lotus flower costumes

Sport Days — A reminder that SPORT day for all students K-6 is now every **Thursday**, sport uniform is to be worn on this day **ONLY**.

Don't Forget

SOCKTOBER

in November

Thursday 14th November

Gold Coin Donation

Sport Uniform with whatever socks you like,
they don't even have to match

The crazier the better!



The Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle helps the families in Upper Hunter Catholic schools during these very difficult drought times.

As the new fee schedule for 2020 is being finalised at the CSO, it is very gratifying to learn that the 2020 increase in the Family Building Levy will not be passed on to Upper Hunter Schools. This is a very real effort of the Diocese to show their support for the communities most affected by this devastating drought. Furthermore, families experiencing great difficulty paying full fees are urged to seek assistance. If you are impacted by real financial hardship, please make an appointment to speak with me.

No child will be denied a Catholic education by their capacity to pay full fees.

Jo's Jottings

from P & F President, Ms Jo Ryder

If we want a great school, we need to all do our part to build it. The purpose of any school is to educate children. We all work together as a village to support our children in this pursuit. Gossip does not assist the school to do its job. The policy for complaints and grievances states....

Complaints & grievances are addressed in a timely & confidential manner at the appropriate management level, in order to prevent minor problems or concerns escalating. The dignity of each person involved will be respected in the process, with all parties maintaining confidentiality.

Please help us help our students. If you hear gossip – remind the speaker to follow the correct channels then something constructive can be done to solve the issue.

Our next P&F meeting is Tuesday 12th November at 3.10 in the Library. Please try to come along.

From The Assistant Principal, Mrs Michelle Lovegrove.....

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School Play – HELP needed for costumes!

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to help with costumes for the play. We still need more help! See below for outfits still needed to be either made or donated. Please contact Michelle or Natalie at school if you can help out in any way. Your help is much appreciated!

Kinder – 5 brain, 4 guard dog, 3 sifting sooty (bird), 3 wise owl and 2 elephant costumes

Year 2 – 5 shark costumes

Year 3 – 1 sifting sooty , 1 elephant, 1 wise owl, 1 doctor and 1 lotus flower costumes

REC, Miss Natalie Walters.....

Sunday Gospel (Thirty Second Ordinary)

Jesus said, 'And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' (Luke 20: 37 – 38)

Reflection

It is sometimes difficult to trust that what we can't see is still there, but we make the effort to do it whenever we drive in fog, walk along looking around instead of the path under our feet, or wash our backs. So it is quite possible.



Questions of the Week

Adults - How does your belief in the resurrection of the dead affect the way you live?

Young People - What makes it tough for you to keep your mind open when you disagree with someone?

Children - Has someone in your family or among your friends died?

Do you think about that person in heaven?

What do you hope to talk about with this person?

From our School Counsellor, Mrs Hayley Maeder

Parents of Year 6 students- this is for you!

Our school counsellor, Hayley Maeder, will be running a presentation on Wednesday the 4th December between 3:30-4:30pm on what to expect when your child heads into high school. The presentation will look at the changes in attachment between 12-15years, the teenage brain, social media and the developing brain and lastly how to maintain healthy relationships with your pre teens and teens during this phase.

Please call the front office and let us know if you will be able to attend.

Wellbeing at SJD

Where There's A Will and PESA

Colour Your Threads for Pos Ed Day

Last Monday St Joseph's participated in 'Colour Your Threads for PosEd' day. This day promotes and unites schools in Australia as one voice for wellbeing for all. Our school made Positive Education and the importance of wellbeing visible with a sea of colour! Congratulations to all the students for so 'colourfully' embracing the day!



What's Happening in Year 4

English

Narrative Writing; students have been working on Grammar, punctuation, sizzling starts and endings with impact to create outstanding Narratives on Environmental Sustainability.



Science

Lots of fun experiments happening in Science! We are learning about Force/ Friction and gravity. Students have created their own Marble maze and considered different ways to move their Marble. We have also created Matchbox Catapults! Then identified what type of force was demonstrated.

Religion

Learning about our Gifts and talents that God has given to us.

We understand how to use our personal gifts to serve others.



PDHPE

We have been learning about responsibility online, keeping our information such as username/ email/ passwords private and turning our location off.



Mathematics

In Maths students have been working really hard, learning about space and geometry. Creating models of 3D objects and discussing edges/ faces/ points they have and figuring out the names of these shapes.



Creative Arts and Mindfulness

Students are creating a beautiful artwork, using only 3 colours.

Practicing our Play!

Wednesday 13th November 2019

No Pens Day Wednesday gives your child a chance to practice their speaking and listening skills for a whole school day. The day will allow all pupils in your child's class to become involved in a whole school event, and to contribute to class activities, getting a chance to talk.

The aim of the day is to encourage the skills of speaking and listening, which is a part of your child's national curriculum.

Students will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the school year.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you wish to know any further information .



	Week 3 & 4 Award Winners Congratulations to all students on their hard work & perseverance
Kindergarten	Ace Hagan, Sam Newton, Oscar Mephram, Kelsey Walker
Year 1	Stella Medhurst, Archie Medhurst, Archer Peek, Archie Medhurst
Year 2	Clea Hagan, George Thompson, Jack Brewer, Jay-T Flack, Charnida Saenphot, Riley Stocks
Year 3	Aidan Moon, Charlotte Head, Nate Morrison, Evie Le Grange
Year 4	Danielle Henley, Cianan O'Connor, Caoimhe Bray, Natasha Stocks
Year 5/6	Noah Salter, Callie Hagan, Harry Thompson, David Caruana
Principal	Clayton Hunkin, Will Hejduk, Samson Evans



Remembrance Day

All students participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony today, hosted by the Denman RSL Sub Branch.

Thank you to Sophie Paull, Noah Salter, Henri Thurston & Iviran Westgate for representing our school as official speakers, you all did a wonderful job.



From the P & F.....

Due to a lack of new volunteers, the canteen will be CLOSED Monday 25th November & Monday 2nd December, it will resume for the last 2 weeks of the term. Term orders will receive a cash refund, sent home with your child.

Thank you to the small handful of people who have given up their time this year to volunteer in the canteen, if we cannot get any new families for next year we may have to have look at further reducing opening days.

Term 4 Canteen 2019	
Date	Name
18 th November	Amanda Thompson
25 th November	CLOSED
2 nd December	CLOSED
9 th December	Julie Power
16 th December	

Next P & F meeting
Tuesday 12th November
3.15pm in the Library

School Banking is BACK on every Thursday

Cattle Sales			
Date	Serve	Slice	Slice
22nd November	Lillian Hagan	Lillian Hagan	
20th December			

St Joseph's Denman P&F Association
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President – Jo Ryder
Vice Presidents – Megan Anderson and Andrew Turnbull
Secretaries – M'Liss Parkinson and Lillian Hagan (rosters)
Treasurer – Maree Medhurst

Personalised Tote Bags

The P&F are fundraising for the students of our school. Students can design their very own library bag, sports bag, or create a beautiful shopping tote for Mum or Grandma! Perfect Christmas gift. Or you can even use a family photo from home.

\$15 each- Order due back 18th November with money

Childs Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Contact number: _____

Option 1: Student designs and draws their bag at school



Quantity: _____

Option 2: Along with order form the parent delivers chosen photo (minimum 800KB) to school or email it to kimsawayinusa@hotmail.com (with Childs name as reference).



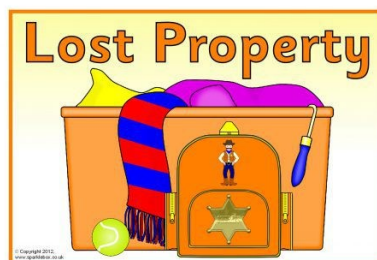
Quantity: _____

The P & F are having a final fundraiser for 2019 with a great idea for Christmas gifts, Personalised Tote Bags.

Perfect for shopping, use as library bags or just for general everyday use. They can feature a picture drawn by your children or even a photo, you decide.

Orders are due back to school by Monday 18th November to ensure Christmas delivery.

Please support this worthwhile initiative & order your Tote Bags today.



Located in the office & currently overflowing with clothes. If your child has lost some clothing be sure to have a look.