

St Joseph's Primary School

Mini Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6

18th November 2019

What's On at SJD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
18/11 Walk to School RSL Bursary Test Yr 6	19/11 School Performance Rehearsal at Memorial Hall	20/11 2020 Kinder Orientation Session 5 9am to 12pm DIO Spelling & Maths Bee @ St Catherine's Singleton	21/11 SCHOOL PLAY Matinee 12.30pm Evening 6pm	22/11 Yr 6 SJA Orientation	23 & 24/11
25/11 Walk to School WELLBEING WEEK SCHOOL SWIMMING	26/11 DIO Public Speaking WELLBEING WEEK SCHOOL SWIMMING	27/11 Yr 6 Rotary Dinner at Denman RSL 6.30pm WELLBEING WEEK SCHOOL SWIMMING	28/11 NO School Banking WELLBEING WEEK SCHOOL SWIMMING	29/11 WELLBEING WEEK SCHOOL SWIMMING	30/11 & 1/12
2/12 Walk to School	3/12 P & F Meeting 3.15pm in the Library	4/12 Life Education Van Teenage Years presentation with School Counsellor 3.30pm Kinder Orientation Session 6 9am to 3pm	5/12	6/12 SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL	7 & 8/12
9/12 Walk to School	10/12 School Presentation Night 6pm Denman RSL	11/12 End of Year Mass 9.30am	12/12 Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm School Hall Final Day for School Banking	13/12 Kinder Assembly Reward Day #bustthedust Rairdance 1pm Lyn Moore Retirement High Tea 2pm	14 & 15/12
16/12 Walk to School	17/12 Students Final Day	18/12	19/12	20/12	21 & 22/12

From The Principal, Mrs Helen Whale

The following RE reflection is a very good way to start today's newsletter.....

'Our job as Christians is to stand firm and be there helping, comforting and doing our best to show God's love through our words and actions.'

Thank you to all the parents who have made appointments to speak with me about their concerns for the school. I really appreciate the spirit of respectful collaboration and co-operation displayed. Gossip has unlimited and uncontrollable negative power. The students deserve to be proud of their school and to know they are in the best

possible environment for learning. It makes sense for us, as members of the St Joseph's school community, to want only the best for our kids. Let's work together for their sake and for the sake of justice.

Let's stand firm and be there helping, comforting and doing our best to show God's love through our words and actions.

Farewell Mrs Lyn Moore

After 35 years of good and faithful service to St Joseph's School Denman, Mrs Lyn Moore is retiring to enjoy other aspects of her life. We will be celebrating Lyn's retirement with a high tea on Friday 13th December from 2pm, we hope you can all join us in saying thank you & farewell.

Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Elke Lanzon who has been appointed to the permanent teaching staff at our school from 2020. We are so very blessed to have Elke on staff.

Congratulations also to Mrs Virginia Chapman on being successful in gaining the permanent position of Senior School Officer at our school. Virginia brings many great skills and attributes to our office and school and we welcome the opportunity to have her join us permanently.

We hope both ladies have many happy years with us.

School Performance

Have you purchased your tickets for our performance yet? Tickets are still available for both the Matinee (12.30pm) & Evening (6pm) performances. Ticket purchasing is no longer restricted to 2 per family so if you would like additional tickets please complete the note that will go home today & return to the office with your money. Tickets are numbered however seating is not, so you will still be able to have your family all sit together.

The play preparation is going very well. We have enjoyed having Mrs Anna Kerrigan helping us refine our drama skills and advising us in all manner of theatrical techniques. The play has been written by Anna and the students. The students are enjoying the creativity that drama experiences provide. This play focuses on our wellbeing program "Grow Your Mind". We hope in this way the wellbeing message is consolidated for the students and parents alike. We have checked out the new Denman Memorial Hall and are very excited to be able to use this facility for our play. It is beautiful, modern and very well suited for our purpose. Again, we thank the Muswellbrook Shire Council for their assistance in providing such a wonderful venue.

Wellbeing

As we reach the final weeks of the school year, please assist your children to cope with the chaos of extra sports, longer days, increased deadlines and the like by ensuring they get plenty of sleep each night and stay hydrated by day. This time of year is hard for us as adults, it can be much more difficult for our children. Help them to have a strong finish to the year.

Kinder Orientation

Our next Kindergarten session is this Wednesday from 9am to 12pm.

Our final session will be a full day from 9am to 3pm & will now be held on Wednesday 4th December, a change from Thursday 5th December. An explanation note will go home with students after this week's orientation.

School Swimming

School swimming is for every student at St Joseph's, regardless of whether they can swim or not. We have qualified Austswim instructors who will assess the students based on their ability & program the lessons accordingly. If you haven't returned your child's swimming permission & \$15 pool entry fee (season ticket holders do not pay), please do so ASAP. If you need another note, they are available at the office or by request from your child's class teacher.

School Counsellor

Our School Counsellor, Hayley Maeder, will be running a presentation on Wednesday 4th December between 3.30pm & 4.30pm on what to expect when your child heads into high school. The presentation will look at the changes in attachment between 12-15 years, the teenage brain, social media & the developing brain and lastly, how to maintain healthy relationships with your pre teens and teens during this phase.

Please call the office on 6547 2496 or school mobile 0491 635 743 and let us know if you are planning on attending.

P & F News

A big thank you to Shelley Hill for volunteering in the canteen next week, ensuring that it will be open for lunch. We are still after someone to volunteer for Monday 2nd December. Please contact the school if you are available.

School banking is available each Thursday (except 28/11 due to school swimming), please remember to claim your rewards before the end of the year. Our final school banking day will be Thursday 12th December 2019.

Personalised Tote Bag orders were due today, however we will still accept any last minute orders on Tuesday.

School Fees

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for 2019. A reminder that unless you are on a 52 week direct debit plan, your school fees are now payable in full. If you are experiencing difficulties in paying your fees, please don't hesitate to contact the office & book a fee meeting with Mrs Whale to discuss your options.

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

Cattle Show Team

The yards are down for 2019, which symbolises the ending of our cattle program for the year. We would like to thank Chris Hinze (Colinta) & Kurtis Joseph for dismantling & removing the yards last week. We are extremely grateful to Mr Hinze and Colinta for their enormous support in 2019 in supplying extra yard panels & the very generous donation of Darlene & Hurricane, both of whom rated well in the carcass scoring at Beef Bonanza.

In some exciting news, Mr Hinze has confirmed an ongoing partnership between the school & Colinta for 2020.