



St Joseph's Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9

9th December 2019

What's On at SJD

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9/12 School Volunteers Afternoon Tea 2.30pm	10/12 School Presentation Night 6pm Denman RSL	11/12 End of Year Mass 9.30am P & F AGM School Library 3.15pm	12/12 Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm School Hall Final Day for School Banking	13/12 Kinder Assembly Sprinkler Fun Reward Day #bustthedust Raindance 1pm Lyn Moore Retirement High Tea 2pm
16/12 End of Year Reward Day	17/12 Student's Final Day	18/12 Staff Development Day	19/12 Staff Development Day	20/12 School CLOSED

St Joseph's School Presentation Night
 Tuesday 10th December commencing at 6pm
 Denman RSL Club

as this is a designated school event it is strictly NO alcohol

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

Two new programs announced for 2020 at SJD

St Joseph's Denman has been allocated 2 additional roles to maximise student learning from the start of the 2020 school year, so that **every student learns at high levels**. We are so excited to announce this to you and excited for the additional possibilities this gives to us to achieve our goal of high levels of learning for every student.

Pedagogical Mentor who will work one day each week in collaboration with me, to deliver instructional leadership to the teachers. The aim of this initiative is to support teachers so that their teaching skills are continuously improving. Mrs Lovegrove has been successful in gaining this position. Michelle brings very strong knowledge and skill to the position.

Gifted Education Mentor. This position is also one day a week and will focus on ensuring the identification of and support for students who have high levels of giftedness. Miss Lanzon has been successful in gaining this position. Elke has done extensive study in the area of Gifted Education and is passionate about this area of education.

Staffing for 2020

We are excited to be sharing the staffing information for 2020 with you. There are still some positions to be settled for 2020 and I will advise as soon as I have details for you.

Kindergarten – Mrs Lovegrove

Year 1 – Miss Watson

Year 2- Miss Lanzon

Year 3 - (TBA)

Year 4 – Mrs Smith (New appointment)

Year 5 /6 - Miss Walters

Special program release – Mrs Nixon and (TBA)

Executive release – Mrs Whale and (TBA)

Learning Support Teacher – Mrs Gavin

EALD/AbEd - Mrs Nixon

Librarian – Miss Barnett

I know these staffing arrangements will work very well for our students and am excited for the 2020 school year.

We bid a sad farewell to the following staff members:

Miss Feeney is leaving SJD as her contract finishes at the end of the year. We will miss Jess's smiling face and ability to be flexible to meet the school's learning needs.

Mrs Piggott leaves us to head closer to family. Cas's leaving will leave a huge hole in the laughter levels around the school. She has contributed many years of very high-quality teaching to the students in her care.

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

Mrs Nixon, while not leaving us is going to take on the role of Aboriginal Education teacher and EALD teacher. (EALD = English as an Additional Language or Dialect)

Mrs Jenkins has resigned from her role as Learning Support Teacher after many, many years in the Diocese and at least 10 years in Denman on this round of service and many prior to this. We will miss Margaret's quiet wisdom and skill.

Mrs Wilson is leaving SJD as her temporary contract finishes at the end of the year. Lisa has given many years of work to help the students at SJD & will be greatly missed.

Mrs Gavin has resigned her teaching position at SJD but has been successful in gaining the Learning Support position for 3 days a fortnight at our school. This is Renee's passion and we look forward to working with her again next year.

Mrs Moore's Retirement High Tea. It's not too late to join us on Friday to wish Mrs Moore a happy retirement, please let Virginia know by the end of school Tuesday to add your name to the list.

Change of uniform this week. It's going to be a crazy week with activities and preparations for Presentation etc. Please send your children in sports uniform on Tuesday and Friday.

Kinder assembly is this Friday at 9am. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. At this assembly we will be presenting the Aussie of the term as well as 2 x reading awards and regular class awards.

The Swimming Carnival was a great opportunity for the students to demonstrate their swimming skills. It was a lovely friendly and competitive atmosphere at the pool and many new records were set. Thank you to Miss Feeney for organising the carnival and to all the teachers and parents for helping out on the day. We hope you enjoyed the photos on facebook. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for instructing the children for the week before also.

Student attendance at school is compulsory. Unless sick or on leave approved by the school principal, **it is not OK to be away!** It was disappointing to see that many students absented themselves from school on the day of the carnival. Likewise, it is not OK for your child to be away on Reward days. This is not teaching your child resilience nor a sense of consequence for actions. Please support us at school and your child's learning by assuring that their attendance is high.

The students of St John's Parish School Trangie have come up with a wonderful idea to raise spirits during this horrible drought.

On Friday 13th December at 1pm, they are inviting schools to stop and dance, take a break from the classroom, bust a move and help to #bustthedust.

We will video the dancing and upload our schools contribution to the official #bustthedust Facebook page.

What better way to lift up the spirits of people in need while this drought heads into

#bustthedust



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

Wellbeing at SJD

Reminder- Grow Your Mind Puppet Making – Calling all Sewers!

We are inviting volunteers to come into school to help create **Grow Your Mind** puppets with the students for classroom resources. We will provide all of the materials, you just need to provide your hand sewing skills! This activity will be occurring straight after Kindergarten assembly this Friday 13th December in the Year 4 classroom. This is a great opportunity for the students to learn some basic hand sewing skills from you! Thank you to Kimberley Vincin for offering to help with this activity.

Reminder - to be a helper you should have already provided the school with your Working with Children Check details and attended a school induction.

If you are interested please let Michelle Lovegrove or Natalie Walters know via email or in person at school.

michelle.lovegrove@mn.catholic.edu.au

natalie.walters@mn.catholic.edu.au



Awards for week's 7

Congratulations to all of the weekly award recipients, keep up the good work!

(No awards were given in week 8 due to the school swimming carnival last Friday)

Kinder	Levi Eastley, Koby Keith
Year 1	Charlotte Feeney, Hendrix Vanveldhuizen
Year 2	Hudson Freeman, Kaija Falvey
Year 3	Jemma Paull, Neil Westgate
Year 4	Ben Caruana, Cianan O'Connor
Year 5/6	Toby Jamieson, Isabella Falvey

REC, Miss Natalie Walters.....

Sunday Gospel (Second Advent)

This is the one (John the Baptist) of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'.

(Matthew 3: 3)

Reflection

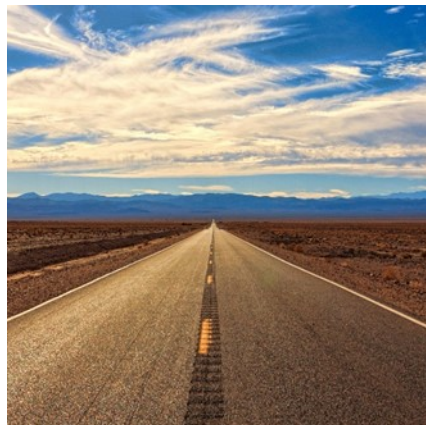
John the Baptist was imagining us getting a nice new road ready so that God can travel straight into our lives without finding any holes to fall down, or blocks in the way. He was saying to the people, 'You need to get yourselves ready like a good straight road'.

Questions of the Week

Adults — What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Young People — What can you change about yourself this Advent to make the world a brighter place?

Children — What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?



End of Year / Year 6 Graduation Mass

When: Wednesday 11th December

Where: St Bernard's Church, Denman

Time: 9.30am

Please join us as we come together to celebrate this year as a school community and all that we can be thankful for. We will also be celebrating our Year 6 students and wishing them all the best on their journey to High School.

School Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic day we had last Friday at our school swimming carnival. The sun was shining, the students showed were enthusiastic and many new records were achieved on the day. Congratulations to the students who now have their names in the history books of record holders at St Joseph's Denman.

Female Results

9 years 50m freestyle—Ivy Hagan 44.91

10 years 50m freestyle—Olive Cushan 40.18

Junior Girls 50m backstroke—Olive Cushan 54.65

11 years 25m butterfly—Sophie Paull 30.78

Senior Girls 25m butterfly—Addie Hagan 23.55

Male Results

Open 100m freestyle—Diesel Hagan 1.14.65

10 years 50m freestyle—Harry Thompson 34.20

12 years 50m freestyle—Diesel Hagan 32.72

Junior 25m freestyle—Neil Westgate 26.03

Juvenile 50m breaststroke—Archie Medhurst
1.13.22

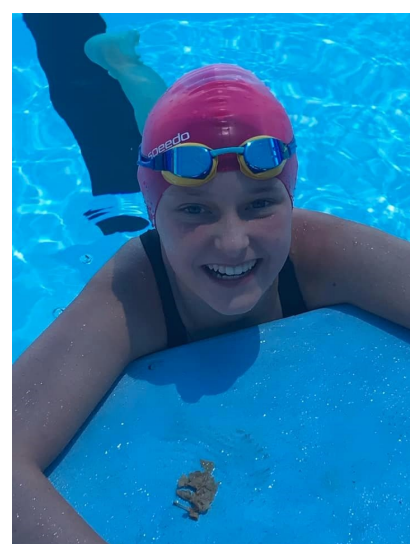
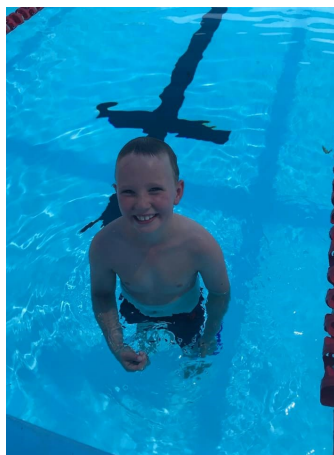
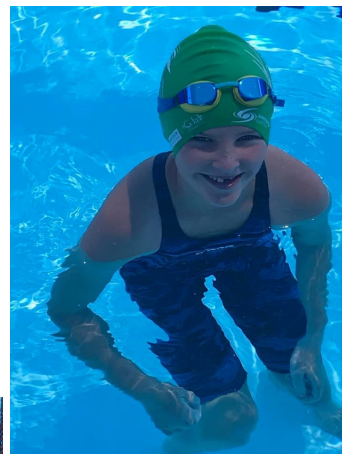
Junior 50m breaststroke—Harry Thompson 49.21

Senior 25m breaststroke—Johnathan Sturgeon
49.86

Junior 50m backstroke—Harry Thompson 46.75

11 years 50m backstroke—Will Hejduk 48.10

Junior 50m butterfly—Harry Thompson 37.37



RETIREMENT HIGH TEA



**You're Invited to Celebrate with Us the Many Years
of Service by Mrs Lyn Moore at St Joseph's Denman**

Friday 13th December 2019 2pm

LOCATION: St Joseph's, 80 Palace St Denman

RSVP by 29th November

02 6547 2496

virginia.chapman@mn.catholic.edu.au

From the P & F.....

December is the P & F 's turn to clean the church once a week for the month. It only takes a couple of hours & is very easy, just some basic dusting & vacuuming. Grab a friend to help you & it will be done in no time. Please consider volunteering for the last time in 2019. Names to Lillian Hagan please.

St Joseph's Denman P & F 2020 Rosters

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Canteen: (Every Monday Morning 9 – 12)

I am able to help serve on the canteen on Mondays. Yes / No

I am able to be rostered on once a month / term.

Dates I am not available:

Cattle Sales: (2 Volunteers needed Every 2nd Last Friday of the Month)

I am able to help cook the bbq at the cattle sales. Yes / No

I am able to cook a slice / biscuits to be sold at the cattle sales. Yes / No

Months I prefer to be rostered on:

Could you return forms to school or email lillian_hagan@bigpond.com by the 18th of December 2019.

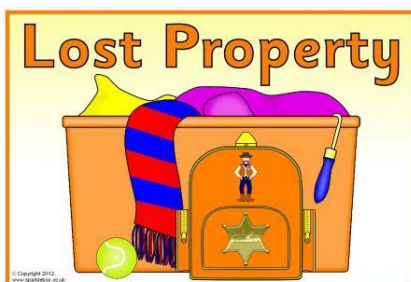
Thank you

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**FINAL SCHOOL
BANKING IS THIS
THURSDAY**



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

At the end of the term all unclaimed clothing will be donated to the P & F 2nd hand clothing pool.

P & F AGM
This Wednesday
Commencing at 3.15pm
All Welcome



Upper Hunter Regional Library

**Come and see a
SCIENCE SHOW that
ROCKS!**

Date:
6 January 2020

Time:
10am to 12pm

Location:
Denman Library
7 Ogilvie Street
02 6547 2208

Bookings essential 6543 1913 or email us
on library@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au

www.uhrl.nsw.gov.au

