Dear Parents/Guardians

Well the beginning of the new term is certainly flying past us!

Earlier this week we had our ‘Leaders Induction’ Mass where our Year 6 students were commissioned as our school leaders for 2017. This is a very proud moment for our students as they embark upon their final year of primary school. Thank you to our school community of parents, students, staff and friends who supported them by witnessing this wonderful event.

A big thank you must go to our wonderful P&F volunteers who turned up to form a group of 13 parents with the soul purpose of continuing the drive to support St Joey’s. Votes were cast and our executives for 2017 are: Jenny Bryant (President), Anne McDermott (Vice President), Eleisha Smith (Secretary), Pru Vaile (Treasurer), Jodie Abbott (Fundraising) and Lisa Hagarty (Promotions). Please feel free to come along at any time, wherever you can.

Next Monday, 20 February we are hosting a ‘Parent Forum’ to ask parents some explicit questions about engaging parents more in our school community and understanding why we do what we do, in relation to education and learning. More information is included on Page 3. We hope that you can come and share with us your views.

Renowned author and Autism guru, Dr Tony Atwood will be in Taree on Friday 3 March hosting a free morning session for parents/carers from 9-11.30am. The focus is “I think or know my child had Autism, what now? What if I also think I have Autism? If you are interested in attending please RSVP online asap at https://www.catholiccare.org.au/landing-pages/free-autism-information-session-with-autism-expert-dr-tony-attwood/

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God Bless

Emma Timmins
Principal

School News.....

As part of our PBS system we acknowledge that the following student, Yazmin Shepherd has reached a significant milestone by following the ‘3 Wise Is’ and has reached 300 Gotchas!
Well done Yazmin!
**Important Events:**

**Week 5**
- 20 Feb: Parent Forum (1) 9am, (2) 5.30pm
- 22 Feb: Sacraments Info Night—Resource Room, Taree Parish

**Week 6**
- 28 Feb: Dio Swimming Carnival—New Lambton
- 28 Feb: Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Day
- 1 Mar: Whole School Mass—Ash Wednesday 10:30am

**Week 7**
- 6-10 Mar: Catholic Schools Week—Great Learning, Great Communication
- 10 Mar: School Cross Country
- 10 Mar: Catholic Schools Week Mass

**Week 8**
- 13 Mar: St Clare’s Open Afternoon for Year 7
- 13-15 Mar: Year 6 camp to Sydney

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**School Fees**

School fees for Term 1 were issued this week. If you are entitled to a HCC discount please ensure you provide a copy of your card to Mary for processing. These fees are important for our school’s financial viability and we appreciate your on-going commitment.

Please contact the Principal, if you need to discuss your account for 2017.

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**Resourcing Parents**

Resourcing Parents provides parenting education information to parents and carers of children from 0-18 years. The website contains lots of current information and programs to support parents in the fulfilling but demanding role of parent/carer. Please check this website out as it may have something that interests you and your family.


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**REMEMBER....................**

Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road.

Use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road safely before and after school.

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**The Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) News:**

**Week 5 Focus:** I make good choices on the playground.

**Week 6 Focus:** I eat on the seats.
Dear Parents/Guardians

One of our goals in 2017 and beyond is to **encourage greater parent participation at St Joey’s** and one way to do this is through better communication. Therefore, we need to know from our parents what is important in relation to your child’s education and how we can work together in a more cohesive manner. In response to this, with the full support of the P&F we are hosting a **‘Parent Forum’** on Monday 20 February in the hall. There are two sessions available to accommodate the busy lives of our parents: the 1st session is at 9am and the 2nd session is at 5.30pm.

The forum will be hosted by Cath Garett-Jones, CSO Parent Liaison with the support from members of the P&F and school staff. The following questions will be asked during the forum, as well as some brief information about how our school is progressing in different areas strategically for the next 3 years.

**AGENDA Questions**

1. What do you see as the purpose of education at STJW?
2. What are the things you would like your child to learn in the areas below:
   - Academic: in the classroom?
   - Social: in the playground, with friends and others at school?
   - Emotional: about their feelings and how to manage them?
   - Spiritual: about their Faith?
3. What value do you give NAPLAN results in the scheme of your child’s education?
4. How do you see your role as a parent in the education of your child?
5. How can we help you to help your child learn academically, socially, emotionally or spiritually?
6. What are some short and long term opportunities we can seek to provide as a school to our students here at St Joey’s?

We hope that you can be a part of this process and share your voice in our school community! As our motto says “Growth In Unity!”
Regional Swim Team


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FUTSUL SUCCESS

As previously mentioned in November newsletter last year, Zaylon Proctor of Year 3 was also selected to play Futsul for NSW in Penrith in January.

Although, he did not go through to next level, he had a wonderful experience.

Well done Zaylon!
Getting the new year started in Year 6

It was great to get back to school with friends, ready to have a wonderful year.
We finally made it to the Year 6 tables.

Health Hustles to organise.

Maths

Lots of learning.
Happy Birthday

wishes ........................

Jem Stead turns 7; Hunter Saunders and Yarramundi Hollis turn 9; Jazmine Pattison turns 10 and Blake Fishwick turns 11.

Pupil Free days
Term dates
2017
Term 1: 30 January—7 April
Term 2: 24 April—30 June
Term 3: 17 July—22 September
Term 4: 9 October—15 December

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Music Opportunity

If anyone in Year 3 and above is interested in learning how to play an instrument in 2017, please contact Mary for more information.

Good for Kids good for life

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Joining in team sports is a great way to increase your child’s physical activity. Other benefits include:

- Teaching teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Gaining confidence through interaction with other children
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly, having fun!

Registrations for winter team sports open in the first weeks of Term 1 so why not inquire today about what team sports are available in your community?
Are you looking for a great team sport to play? 
Come to Taree Tigers Hockey Club & give Hockey a go. There is a free starters pack for all new junior players.

It is a great team sport for boys and girls from 5 years of age. Taree Tigers Hockey Club is looking for players in 2017 for both Junior & Senior competitions. No matter what your age or ability we have the junior Boys or Girls or senior team just for you. We have a registration day on Monday February 27th 4.30 to 6.30pm at the Taree Hockey Centre. If you would like to just come and try before you decide you are very welcome also. Contact Tony Lewis on 0418510986 or Nicole Clark on 0467433428 for more information. So come on, give hockey a go in 2017.

Year 7 Enrolments for 2018

Mr Peter Nicholls, Principal of St Clare’s High School will be attending St Joseph’s Wingham on 8 March from 3.10 pm to discuss 2018 enrolments. All welcome to attend if you are considering enrolling your child at St Clare’s High School in 2018.

Open Afternoon for 2018

St Clare’s High School will be holding an Open Afternoon on 13 March from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. The afternoon begins with a meeting in the school library followed by a tour of school facilities and then an opportunity to meet with members of staff.

Parents/guardians along with their child/ren are invited to visit the school on this afternoon.