Dear Parents and Friends,

Well isn’t it amazing how time flies when you’re having fun! Term 1 is coming to a close but we have many great things to look forward to in Term 2 and beyond.

Over this term, as a staff, we have been reviewing our school exit outcomes - the hopes we have for our students when they leave St. Josephs. During our discussion we talked about any changes and we all felt that the goals we have for the students in our care is still very relevant. We saw clearly that Catholic education is about:

♦ More than academic achievement.
♦ Experiencing and appreciating our faith and letting it be central in our thoughts and actions.
♦ Helping the children to be capable, cooperative and concerned citizens.
♦ Having respect for themselves, others and their world.
♦ Being competent and achieving their best in all curriculum areas.

I have included a copy of the exit outcomes (on the right) for you to read and if you have anything that you would like to discuss please feel free to call or come in.

Follow Up to ‘Cybersafety’ Program

It has been interesting to read a couple of articles that have been in newspapers lately regarding the issue of safe practices when using the internet. The Year 5/6 students had a great opportunity to learn about how they can safely interact with the ever growing world of the internet. I have placed on the back page a copy of an article taken from the Herald Sun on Tuesday, March 22nd 2011. It talks about children doing all they can to be involved in situations (social networking) that are well beyond their ability to cope with. Please read and consider carefully how you can help you child cope and grow through what is a very tricky time.

Wakakirri Information & Planning Meeting

There will be an evening held on May the 4th in our Library to discuss and plan our school entry in Wakakirri. Bek Doyle is our school coordinator but we will need parent helpers to meet all the requirements needed in props, costumes, etc. Thank you to the people who have approached Bek to offer their help but as my father always says ‘many hands make light work’. So please come along and find out all about Wakakirri and how you can help to make our school entry the best it can be.

Relay For Life

Inside you will find an article about our Relay for Life event held last Wednesday. What a great day! Thanks to our Year 6 leaders and Renee Steward for coordinating a very worthwhile community event. Keep an eye out for an article in the SRN : ).

ANZAC Day

Please remember that Monday the 25th of April is ANZAC day. There will be a special note sent home Thursday to outline what needs to happen. Please keep an eye out for it and pop it on the fridge to remind you. All students will be expected to be there in their winter uniform.

Easter Celebrations

This is the first time since I’ve been teaching (wish I assure you is not THAT long) that the final week of Term 1 is not Holy Week. Therefore we will not be holding our traditional Easter liturgy this week. Holy Week begins Sunday the 17th April. Over that week there will be many opportunities for you to come along to our parish celebrations of the Easter season. Mass times for St. Mary’s Finley are Palm Sunday (17th April) ~10.15am, Holy Thursday (21st April) Mass of the Lord’s Supper ~7.30pm, Good Friday (22nd April) Stations of the Cross ~ 10am in Finley and Commemo-ration of the Lord’s Passion ~ in Tocumwal at 3pm, Easter Saturday Vigil (23rd April) ~7pm, Easter Sunday (24th April) ~10:15am.

Prayers Please

Please keep in your thoughts Dalton Perryman and his family. Dalton is recovering from surgery after an accident with a horse.

Yours In Christ,

Veronica Braybon

Principal's Award

Awarded to:
Riley Congram
For listening to and acting upon advice given.

Pupil Free Day
~ Wednesday 27th April

Please note that the April the 27th will be a Pupil Free Day as the teachers will be attending a course in Wagga. This means that school will resume as normal on Thursday 28th April.
Hello Everyone,

This week is the last week of term one. Yesterday the 5/6’s held our very own circus act which went really well (with only a few mistakes).

Also this week we have our mass on Friday at 10:15am. Please come along and celebrate our great term.

Last week was the Deanery Cross Country which everyone had great fun at and enjoyed themselves. We also went to Tocumwal and saw the R.A.A.F which was really cool. We all loved the aeroplanes.

We are sure everyone is looking forward to the break and we hope that everyone has a safe and happy holidays.

Courtney & Blake

Congratulations to this weeks award winners...

♦ Austin Manger
♦ Nicholas Burns
♦ Archie Mason
♦ Jessica Knight
♦ Georgia Congram
♦ Bailey Bergmans
♦ Taylor Kleinschmidt
♦ Hayley Pan

Name: Bailey Bergmans
Date of Birth: 22/1/2001
Class: 5

Favourite things to do at school:
Doing things with my friends because they make it interesting and fun.

Best memory at St. Joseph’s:
Coming 2nd in the high jump because I did a Superman dive over the bar

Favourite thing to do when you get home:
Playing on the Wii because I beat Nick at bowling!

Best memory of a time with your family:
Going on a holiday to Queensland and particularly going to ‘Wet’n’Wild’.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Will Sexton 7th April 8
Bella Stbraaa 9th April 6
Emma Carey 6th April 10
Making Jesus Real Day

Last week Sally McFadyen came and spent the day with our year 5/6 children. Together they investigated what it means to make Jesus a very real part of our daily lives. From all accounts it was a very thought provoking day.

Deanery Cross Country

Last Friday the 1st April the whole school headed down to Tocumwal to participate in the Deanery Cross Country. The Year 3-6 children and some 8 year olds headed to the Tocumwal Football Ground for the 2km and 3km run while the K-2 children headed to Sacred Heart School to have their own course. Congratulations to the many children who have made it to the Diocesan Cross Country which will be held in Narrandera on the 29th April. Train hard over the holidays : )
What a highlight of our year so far! To see the sea of colours running, walking and jogging around the oval all working together to raise money for the fight against cancer was a wonderful thing to be a part of. Well done to everybody on working together to raise over $1000. What a huge effort and thank you to the families who showed their support of the kids and the cause.

Thanks again to Roz Burns Photography!

Justice League of Australia! We leave Superman in our wake!
The boys and girls have not stopped talking about the visit last Tuesday by the Royal Australian Air Force. I think many have set their sights on becoming a pilot as a result of being able to have an up close look at the many planes on display as welcome listening to the personnel speak about their experiences. A great day was had by all!

What an exciting experience Mark and I had last Thursday the 30th March. We headed off early to play at Wagga in the MacKillop AFL Trials. Both of us had a great day and we both played four football matches in the Southwest Region team that was selected at the first round of trials. The four games that we played were hard, very full on and challenging but they were also a lot of fun. We thoroughly enjoyed the day! Thank you to St. Joseph’s for allowing us the opportunity to participate in the trials and represent our school.

By:
Thomas Burns
Yesterday we held our first ever St. Joseph’s School Circus! The Year 5/6 class have been busy learning and perfecting their acts as part of their physical education program with Bek Doyle. Yesterday the whole school and many excited parents were able to see the finished show and from what we saw there may just be some budding performers among them. Thanks to all Year 5/6 and Mrs Doyle for a great show! Thanks also to Dim Wright, Julie Robinson and Hilary Knight for their spectacular face painting skills!
It is amazing to see how quickly the children confidently pick up and run with the technology they have. At St. Joseph’s we have at least six desktop computers in each classroom and then all the children are able to access twenty laptops which we have in a common area. Students from kinder through to year 6 use the technology we have each and every day to assist them.

Year 2/3 get into the mathletics online.

Niamh learning about language used in discussions

Year 4 kids learning their times tables on an iPod.
Reminder that DPF Banking information is

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Meal Deal Fri 8th April ~ $4 - A pizza, icybitem with juice or milk (please specify)
Roster: Molly Kleinschmidt & Hilary Knight
TERM 2 ~ ROSTER REQUEST ATTACHED

**UNIFORM SHOP:**
Open Hours:
Monday ~ 8:45am ~ 9:15am
Call Anne or Sasha to organise other times

**NET SET GO**
Kinder, Yr 1, 2 & 3 ~ 3:30 - 4:15pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 ~ 4:30 - 5:30pm
Registration at first Session

**AUSKICK**
Rego 4:30 - 5:30pm
$55 to register and receive a bag of goodies!

**LOST PROPERTY** ~ Size 8 Sports Jumper with the name ‘CLARK’ on it. Please return to school as it belongs to the Haynes family. Thanks for your help!

**School Diary:**

Fri 8th ~ Last Day of Term 1
Sun 17th ~ Palm Sunday (HOLY WEEK)
Fri 22nd ~ Good Friday
Sun 24th ~ Easter Sunday
Mon 25th ~ ANZAC Day ~ 10:45am meet between Police Station and Sun Valley Fruits.
Tues 26th ~ ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
Wed 27th ~ Pupil Free Day/Staff Development Day
Thurs 28th ~ First Day Term 2
Fri 29th ~ Diocesan X-Country (Narrandera)

**MAY**

Sun 1st ~ Fri 6th ~ Catholic Schools Week
Fr 6th ~ 10:15 CSW Mass (Deanery schools ~in Finley)
Tues- Thurs 10th-12th ~ NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)
Wed 11th ~ ST JOSEPH’S OPEN DAY ~ 2-6pm
Wed 11th ~ 7:30pm Our Library ~ St. Mary’s Nathalia
Information Session
Sun 15th ~ 10:15 ~1st Reco Commitment Mass (Yr 3)
Sun 15th ~ School/Parish Fete
Mon 16th-Thurs 19th ~ Year 5/6 CANBERRA Excursion
JUNE
Fri 10th ~ School Athletics Carnival
Tues 28th ~ Deanery Athletics Carnival (Jerilderie)

**DPF Banking**

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**1000s kicked off Facebook**

**Kids lying to get online**

**SOCIAL** networking giant Facebook is banning 20,000 children every day because they have lied about their age to join the site.
The company admitted it had to do more to stop young people using Facebook, as it revealed about a third of Australia's population use the site every day.

At a parliamentary inquiry into cyber-bullying, other social networking and online companies called for campaigns to highlight the dangers of the internet.

And there have been calls for an overhaul of the Australian school curriculum to include more effective cyber-danger classes.

The chief privacy adviser of Facebook, Moisele Thompson, said many Australian children under the age of 13 were trying to access a site by lying about their age.

"It's something that happens on a regular basis," Mr Thompson said.

Globaly, about seven million children who lie about their age are blocked from the site each year.

Mr Thompson said the company would hire someone to work on Australian policy issues within weeks.
He said Facebook was looking at how to control its content.

Other online companies

**Matt Johnston** conceded the internet was causing problems and that more action was needed from the community, corporations and government.

NineMSN corporate affairs director Jennifer Duxbury said it was time to overhaul what was taught in schools.

"We would also like to see effective cyber-safety education embedded in the curricula of every school" - JENNIFER DUXBURY

"We would also like to see effective cyber-safety education embedded in the curricula of every school," Ms Duxbury said.

"It could be useful to have a campaign around the importance of parents being engaged in this issue with their children — similar to the "slip, slop, slap" campaign.

Yahoo!? Asia Pacific legal director Samantha Yorke backed the call, and said something was also needed to address parental apathy.

"There's a little bit of a "it's not our problem" (attitude)," she said.

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With a very full week of news to report on I've given the footy tipping tales a rest. But don't be lulled into a false sense of security, I'll be back.... (However I just couldn't help mentioning the drop from 25 to the knockout tipping to 8!

The race is on between The_Mexcan, GL082, arneel gang, pbauer, phobestar99, martins q, a dogle rulz & belllloo)

An Almost Footy Legend!!!