Dear Parents and Friends,

It is hard to believe we are into the second last week of the term. There has been so much going on at St. Joseph’s with all the children involved and loving the learning opportunities and experiences they are involved in.

This week is the third week of Lent and we are drawing closer to the Easter season when we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all when he died on the cross. Please remember that it takes very little to stop and think about ways we can be like Jesus in our daily lives. To think about the opportunities we have to help someone, be a little bit nicer in the way we talk to others, support a person in need, care for someone who is in need of our assistance or give something of ourselves so that someone’s life is just a little bit better.

Deanery Cross Country

This Friday the whole school will be heading over to Tocumwal for the Deanery Cross Country. Children from Kinder to year 2 will head to Sacred Heart for an infants course and children from Year 3-6 will head to the Tocumwal Football Oval for the 2-3km course. Some of the Year 2 children have chosen to join the 2km run which they are welcome to do. All the children will meet at the oval for a shared lunch. We leave at 9:30am to be there by 9:45am to walk the course. All welcome to come along and support the boys and girls.

Year 5/6 Circus Spectacular!

Next Monday afternoon, the 4th of April, all are welcome to come along to the first ever St. Joseph’s Circus Spectacular! Over the first term during their Monday fitness and physical education sessions the year 5/6 Class have been learning circus skills. Next Monday they will present all that they have been learning about so come along and check it out. We will even have our own personal ring leader (who is on the hunt for a top hat if anyone has a spare one lying around).

St. Joseph's Relay for Life ~ This Wednesday

This Wednesday the students of St. Joseph’s will take to the oval to raise awareness and money for the anti-cancer council. A group of year 5/6 students and Miss Steward have worked hard to prepare the event for us by sending out sponsorship sheets, making banners and preparing teams. So tomorrow we will all pull on our runners and dress up in our team colours to take to the track from 11:30am to 12.30pm. Last Saturday and Sunday Hilary and Jessica Knight together with a dedicated team participated in the first ever Cobram Relay For Life. For the 33 teams involved it was a chance to do something for a good cause, but what was also clear was they were all doing it for someone! Someone who was a very special part of their lives. During the candlelight ceremony people wrote on candle bags tributes to people who have passed away from cancer as well as the people who have survived. It was very moving to walk around that oval amongst the candlelight reading the loving tributes to the many people fighting or have fought cancer. Congratulations to Hilary and her family for coordinating their teams involvement. Your Dad, Charlie would be very proud. Please support the children in their efforts to raise money and awareness in our St. Joey’s Relay for Life tomorrow.

Open Day and Enrolment Drive

Attached to the newsletter is a small flyer promoting our school open day to be held in May. The aim of the day is to invite prospective parents to come along and have a look at our A grade facilities and also meet the very experienced and knowledgeable teachers we have. Please take the opportunity to pass along or mention to any young families that you know. It is the positive promotion by you, our parents that really makes a difference to the people you meet and their impression of our great school.

MacKillop AFL Trial

Good luck to Mark Clark and Thomas Burns who are heading off to the MacKillop AFL trials this Thursday. I’m sure you will try your best and represent our school with pride.

Pupil Free Day – Wednesday 27th April

Please note that the first day of Term 2 (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.

Prayers Please

Please keep in your prayers Mollie McGrath and her family. Mollie had an accident over the weekend while horse riding and has sustained some injuries to her face.

Yours In Christ,

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Week 10 Term 1
Tuesday 29th Mar, 2011

Special points of interest:
♦ Student Awards
♦ K/1/2 Inquiry Unit
♦ Religious Education News
♦ Sports Report ~ Relay For Life
♦ 2011 Tipping Tales

Principal's Award

Awards to:
Ben Bauer
For taking responsibility for our school environment and caring for the people in it.

Footy Tipping
There is still time!
Hello Everyone,

Last week was a busy week starting off with a visiting author called Rosalyn Motter. Congratulations to Phoebe for her great colouring in and winning a book. On Thursday we had an M.J.R day where we learned about how we should treat each other. It was a really fun day and we all enjoyed ourselves. On Friday the year 6’s went to the high school for a forensic science day which was really fun.

Today we went to an R.A.A.F day in Tocumwal, on Wednesday we are having our own little relay for life where we will dress in the clothes of our team colour and on Friday we are having our cross country in Tocumwal.

Next Monday we are going to do our circus where we are going to dress up as clowns. You are all invited to come at 2pm. We would really like everyone to come along.

Courtney & Blake

Congratulations to this week’s award winners...

- Jesse Modderkolk
- Tristan Doyle
- Kelsey Hislop
- Sophie Jackson
- James McLaw
- Thomas Loomes
- Bella Sibraa
- Riley Congram

Name: Ben Bauer
Date of Birth: 11/4/2005
Class: 1

Favourite things to do at school:
Playing any games and with equipment because it is really fun to me.

Best memory at St. Joseph’s:
This year’s swimming carnival because it was really good fun.

Favourite thing to do when you get home:
I like to watch TV when I get home. I really like the cartoons.

Best memory of a time with your family:
Last Christmas because we got to see all of our family.
**Religion Education News**

**Year 4 ~ St. Joseph’s Feast Day Mass**

Thank you to the Year 4 class and Miss Steward for leading us so beautifully during our mass to celebrate St. Joseph’s Feast Day last Friday. It is always great to see the children participating fully by reading and singing. Thanks to Renee for preparing the children so beautifully.

Toody Braybon
~ RE Coordinator

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**2011 TIPPING TALES**

Well the St. Joseph’s footy tipping for 2011 is off and running and what an exciting weekend it was! 2 games decided on less than a goal and one draw! So did anyone make an early play for the bonus five points and call a draw? Nope—not a one!

So our early leader is denis0408 on 12 points...an ex local who is surrounded by the wrong code and we may have thought therefore been unlikely to have a great knowledge of who’s hot and who’s not but is proving us wrong so far!

Our leader is followed closely by GIL082 who may just be a force to be reckoned with and Toody (I’ve always felt comfortable pacing myself) In the knockout competition we have most making it through! Did everyone jump onto the Magpie bandwagon and what will happen this week when they have to choose something else? Maybe then we will sort the strong from the weak!

Stay peeled for the ins and outs as the rounds pan out. If you still wish to register go to www.oztips.com, register and search for St. Joseph’s Finley. The password is jff2011

An Almost Footy Legend

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**Sports Report**

**Relay for Life**

On Wednesday our Relay for Life will take place from 11.30am-12.30pm on the school oval. Students now know their team colours and will wear these to school on the day along with their runners. Team leaders from year 5/6 have been busily preparing colour co-ordinated banners and accessories for each of their team members and will give these out on the day. There are 12 people in each team and a teacher allocated to each team to check off the amount of laps run/walked by each participant. A $2 entry fee (donation) will be collected from each participant at the start of the day and this will go directly to the Cancer Council. The family sponsorship forms and money will also be collected (every little bit helps!) At the end of the day, the team who walks/runs the most laps will win a little prize. Certificates will also be awarded to a boy and girl in each year level who have the highest lap tally.

Well done to Cherie, Sophie L, Sophie J, Rhiannon, Phoebe, Dalton, Brooke, Courtney, Stephanie, Kate, Jessica and Thomas for taking on the role of team leaders and for their preparation in the lead up to the day. You should be very proud of your efforts.

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**MacKillop Football Trials**

Good luck to Mark Clark and Thomas Burns who head to Wagga on Thursday to participate in the MacKillop football trials. We hope you have a fantastic day and enjoy the experience. We’ll look forward to hearing about your day on Friday.

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**Cross Country**

Good luck to all students who will be participating in the cross country on Friday in Tocumwal (whether its the modified course for infants or the 2km or 3km race). Enjoy your day.

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**Last week of After School Activities**

This Wednesday is the last week of After School Activities for the term. Students have been participating in Ultimate Frisbee activities for the past 6 weeks and should be very proud of their efforts and enthusiasm while doing so. Last week students participated in a new set of games including Frisbee Golf (where they moved around a course trying to throw their frisbee into the hula hoops in the least amount of throws possible), Stork Tag (where students had to stand on one leg if they were caught and could only be freed once a frisbee was passed to them) and Mini Tee-ball (using frisbees). 2 frisbees will be given out as prizes tomorrow for two participants and certificates awarded to all participants at assembly on Friday.

Once again, well done to all students who have participated in the program. It is a pleasure to take you for After School Activities each Wednesday.

Renée Steward (Sports Coordinator)

Thank you Miss Steward for running our AASC from us all!!!
**School Diary:**
Wed 30th ~ St. Joey’s RELAY FOR LIFE (11:30-12:30) 
Thurs 31st ~ MacKillop AFL Trials ~ Wagga
**APRIL**
Fri 1st ~ Deanery Cross Country ~ Tocumwal
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-Thurs19th ~ Year 5/6 CANBERRA Excursion
**JUNE**
Fri 10th ~ School Athletics Carnival

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**K/1/2 ~ Building Positive Relationships**

During Term 1 the K/1/2 class have been researching what are the components of positive relationships. They have been identifying the skills and qualities that we value in other people; qualities like trustworthiness, being positive, helpful, considerate of others and many more. These are just some of the responses from the kids when asked to draw and write about what they like in other people.

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

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