

St Joseph's Central School, Blayney Newsletter

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"He is going before you to Gallilee

Just as He told you.

Don't look for him here

He is risen and gone

He's moved beyond death

And He sings a new song

The signs of new life are

now shining out

dying is over now, dying is done.

He is going before you to Gallilee

Just as He told you"

Kevin Bates 'Dying is Done'

Easter Mass

Thanks to all the mums and dads who came along to share our Easter Mass last Friday. The Easter Season is a wonderful time in the church's liturgical year. A time when we can truly rejoice.

Confirmation

A reminder to parents whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation to return the enrolment forms and money as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Patricia Wattam

(Religious Education Coordinator)

Pupil Free Day Success

The school acknowledges the generosity and cooperation of all families for the support given to the recent pupil free day (Monday 31st March).

Since the beginning of the year, the staff has worked diligently on six special committees that have been established to raise awareness of key functions within and around the school.

After meeting as Literacy and Numeracy committees, staff then divided into four special committees. These committees examined:

- the structures for a new Welfare Policy,
- ways of further promoting the school in the community through the publication of a prospectus and upgrading of the school's website.
- the recycling, waste management and environment committee worked on establishing a whole school environmental management plan
- the computer committee continues to research appropriate websites across all KLA's and to maintain the computer laboratory.

The successful day will have beneficial outcomes for all students in the school community.

Change of Date

Due to the unavailability of Fr Kevin Bates on the 28th-30th May, the Christian Living Camp for Year 6 students has been rescheduled for Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May.

This change to the school calendar has resulted in the need to transfer the Athletics Carnival from the 23rd May to Friday 6th June. Please note these changes in your calendar/diary.

Catholic Schools Week

The St Joseph's Central School community has been celebrating Catholic Schools Week over the past several days.

A whole school mass launched this inaugural celebration of Catholic Schools last Friday.

Yesterday, a band of hardy parents attended the school for a special luncheon. Parents joined student leaders, school executive and teachers for a feast of B.B.Q sausages, baked potatoes, salads, caramel slices etc.

Today, Thursday 3/4/08, parents were invited to visit classrooms, attend an infants liturgy and share lunch with students. Tomorrow, Friday 4/4/08, parents are invited to attend the school assembly hall where primary students will compete in the CWA Public Speaking "speak-off" to determine which students will represent the school at the regional public speaking contest.

Blayney Youth Council

Congratulations to Megan Kearney, Anthea Chapman and Ashleigh Grogan for

accepting the invitation to represent the school on the Blayney Youth Council. The first youth council meeting will take place today.

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 8th May (Week 2, Term 2).

Full winter school uniform will be required.

Urinals

All male students were relieved to see the 3 new urinals fully installed and ready to go. Mr Scott Ferguson attended the school early yesterday morning and installed the cisterns and necessary pipework. This now completes the IOSPP (Investing in our Schools Programme) and the Round 3 Water Grant which totalled approx \$72,000.

World Maths Day

The school congratulates Year 4 and Year 5 for the successes enjoyed as a result of World Maths Day. Both classes have won free subscriptions to Mathletics for the remainder of the year. Each student has a personal user name and password that can be used at school and at home. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the students as they "DO MATHS"

Walk Safely To School

Walk safely to School Day will take place on the first Friday of Term 2 i.e.(Friday 2nd May)

In walking safely to school it is hoped to

- promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- ensure that children hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- promote and improve the use of public transport and reduce the level of traffic congestion.
- reduce vehicle emissions to help tackle climate change and improve air quality.

Birthdays

The school community wishes the following students a very happy birthday as they enjoy their special day:

Jessica Emery and Mya Brown

Canteen Roster (7-11 April)

Monday Edwina Cock

Tuesday Amanda Dickie

Wednesday Karen Nicholls

Thursday Kirsty Gosewisch

Friday Nicki Smith

Blue Light Disco

Friday 4th April at 6.00pm (Juniors)

8.00pm (Seniors)

Newsletter New Format

The school is presently trialing new formats for the school newsletter. This upgrade is designed for ease of attaching the newsletter to the website.

Attachments

The Canteen Menu and Welfare & Discipline Policy are available at the school office.

Pupil Free Day

In the last two sessions of the day the four working committees met to work on major new policies. The 'brief' of the Welfare Committee was to formalise and publish the new Welfare Policy. Effectively, the policy has been in place already, but the latest version has put in place a recognisable hierarchy of consequences for particular types of behaviours. The advantage of the new scheme is in its transparency and its fairness. Students, staff and parents can now see what consequences result from which behaviours. Consequences are also increased for the seriousness or consistency of the behaviour. The scheme has been included in the newsletter for the convenience of all.

The next step for the Welfare Committee is to update the Commendation System so that it is consistent with the level 1 behaviours of the new scheme.

Literacy Committee

In the first session of the day, the Literacy and Numeracy Committees met to discuss

Implementation Statements and to plan activities for the rest of the year. It was decided that a much-expanded program will incorporate National Simultaneous Story Time, Children's Book Week, Literacy Week activities and visiting authors.

Inservicing of staff was also thought to be a priority.

World Youth Day - no longer a world away

This weekend marks 100 days until WYD!!
Just over a month left to register!!!

Dates to note

- April 18th - 20th Pilgrim Preparation Retreat (register by April 10th) call Gabrielle 63313611
- May 30th WYD Pilgrim Registration completion and payment deadline!
- July 9th - 14th Day in the Diocese Program
- July 15th - 20th World Youth Day Week
- July 21st WYD pilgrims return to Bathurst Diocese (NB: 1st day of term 4)

The Pilgrim Retreat

The Pilgrim Retreat is specifically for those who are going to World Youth Day. It will be a chance to look a little deeper at what it is all about as well as an opportunity to get to know those that are sharing the journey with you. Donation \$100 @ Shalom House of Prayer, Carcoar.

Register by April 10th. Call Gabrielle on 63313611.

WYD Pilgrim registration completion and payment deadline: 30th of May.

Visit from the Executive Director of Schools

Last Monday Mr Peter Hill, Executive Director of the Diocesan Schools, attended a special luncheon to meet the teachers and to inspect the facilities of the school,

May God bless you and your families.

Mike Powell

Principal