



## Cemetery Masses during November

There will be Masses at the cemeteries during November as follows:

Blayney Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm

Carcoar Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm

Millthorpe Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm

Mandurama Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm in the  
**church**

Blessing of graves will occur at all places. If bad weather, Mass will be in the church.

## Secondary Excursion

As part of the preparation for the Secondary Excursion next month, all participants will be required to undergo a swimming competency test.

This is a mandatory component of a Risk Management Assessment for such an event.

People may be aware of a judicial finding in the news this week, concerning the death of a little girl whilst at a school swimming fun day.

The school was criticised in the judgement for not knowing the swimming competency of the victim.

In order to comply with any follow-on directives, we will be testing the students' swimming ability.

This **does not** mean that non-swimmers will be precluded from being involved in the excursion.

It simply means that we will be able to identify and cater for those students who are not strong swimmers.

During sport next Wednesday, (5<sup>th</sup> November) all participants in the excursion will need to bring their swimming gear plus \$2.00 entry fee for the pool. Those students not involved in the excursion will also be expected to attend as a normal activity for sport.

## NAPLAN

As reported earlier, all classes will be starting a course of lessons next week in paragraphing. Workbooks have been produced for students to work through on this aspect of writing that appears to be a problem for many of our students.

All students will be given a pre-test and an after test to gauge student progress (hopefully!).

Father, All-Powerful and ever-living God  
Today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place.

May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
Our Lord.

Amen

This Friday we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day at 9.30 in St James' Church. ALL WELCOME.

All Saint's Day is when the Church commemorates all saints, known and unknown. The Church has always honoured those early witnesses to the Christian faith who died because they were faithful. They refused to deny Christ, even when this denial might have saved their own lives. The early history of the Church is filled with stories of the heroic faith of these witnesses. Log on to <http://www.silk.net/RelEd/saintsactivities.htm> for some interesting activities on Saints.



We need to finalise numbers before ordering dubs of the Wizard of Oz so this is your last chance to order your copy. This professionally produced DVD/Video is a great record of this fabulous production that your children were part of and would make a great present for grandparents, family & friends at only \$20. Ring and place your order return this form to the office.

*(Please detach and return to school)*

**Wizard of Oz Orders**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No of copies**

**DVD**

**VIDEO**

**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Infants/Primary Awards**

Awards for Week 3 went to the following:

- Kinder: Patrick McRae, Bella Taylor, Jordan Turner
- Yr. 2: Faith Copland, Sophie Cheney
- Yr. 3: Adelle Hutchings, Brandon Rossi, Georgia Calub
- Yr. 4: Taylor Hadlow, Maisie Dickie, Jacob Acton

**Trial School Certificate**

On Monday and Tuesday of this week the Year 10 students completed their Trial School Certificate exams in English, Mathematics, Science and Australian History and Geography. There were, of course, mixed reactions to the papers, but overall the students seemed confident of good results.

**Birthdays**

The school community wishes Gemma Collins, Tim Sullivan, Shayne Price and Jessi Turner a very happy birthday as they enjoy their special day.

**Year 5 and Early Learners Reading Program**

During Term 4, Year 5 students from St Joseph's will be involved in a reading program with children from Blayney Early Learners. Students enjoyed choosing books and reading to their pre-school buddies. It's a great way for our Year 5 students to develop their reading skills. It's also a great way for pre-schoolers who are coming to Joey's next year to become familiar with students who will be their Year 6 buddies in 2009. Congratulations Year 5! The pre-schoolers really enjoyed it. Well done!!

**Water Savings**

The school recently submitted the final report on the implementation of the Community Water Grant that was a federal Government initiative awarded to the school late last year. The Water Grant was used predominately to install a rainwater tank for toilet flushing purposes and to replace existing tap and bubbler mechanisms to ones of a spring loaded operation. The school was thrilled to determine that water usage has been reduced by approx 50% over the usage period. This clearly represents a financial saving to the school and its parent community.

## **Waste Management**

Throughout the year the awareness raising efforts of the school community has witnessed a cost saving of \$220/month on the emptying of the Cleanaway skip bin. With recycling and the management of non recyclable and recyclable waste, students are being constantly reminded of the benefit of caring for the environment by reducing land fill waste. The multi coloured otto bins, provided as part of the Nestle Purina Community Environment Programme continue to highlight the need to recycle!

## **Worm Farms**

The schools 5 worm farms are rapidly devouring bucket fulls of "fruito" left overs. Students are gathering left over fruits and vegetables in "blue" buckets to feed to the thousands of hungry little mouths.

On 12<sup>th</sup> of December, Mrs Sue Clark from Netwaste will visit the school to give environmental talks to each of the infants and primary classes.

The school is proud to be promoting its Environmental management Plans and applauds Nestle' Purina for its generosity in financially supporting the schools efforts.

## **Rudd Computers**

The secondary students have been feasting on valuable computer experiences on the 11 Rudd educational revolution computers that have been in the school this term. These state of the Art laptop computers give airport internet access across all secondary classes, thus freeing up the computer laboratory for infants and primary classes. The laptops have the latest version of Microsoft office 2007 installed, enabling students up-to-date access to word, excel, powerpoint etc.

## **Staffing Allocation 2009**

The school has received its staffing allocation for 2009 from the Catholic Education Office in Bathurst.

As Principal, I am delighted to advise that no reductions in staffing have been made with Infants/Primary classes remaining K-6 and a full complement of secondary classes being maintained.

The school eagerly anticipates a strengthening of enrolments across all classes for 2009. Please

contact the Principal to discuss the individual educational needs of your child.

## **Staff Professional Development**

Last Monday Mrs Wattam and Miss Hickman attended an inservice entitled, 'Driving I.T. Integration' at St Philomena's in Bathurst. Many teachers in the Bathurst Diocese attended the day. It was designed to introduce and familiarise staff on the use of Teamboard and Easiteach.

St Joseph's has an Interactive Whiteboard set up in the Computer Room. The programs mentioned above are available and many teachers are making use of this technology and software. Easiteach is a software suite recognized globally as the most powerful lesson development tool available. Software components enable creation of exciting, dynamic lessons in Math, Literacy, Geography, and Science

Easiteach® Studio includes a comprehensive resource library enabling teachers to easily incorporate graphics, video, flash files, animations and graphs.

As a follow up, the teachers returned equipped with information and presented their findings to the rest of the staff.

Hopefully you will see and hear more about it as we all become 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners.

## **Year 3 and 4 Excursion – Student Recollections**

Last Friday, Year 3, Year 4, Mrs Wallace, Miss Hickman and Mr Toole went on an excursion to Sydney.

Dad got me up at 4:45am. I had one piece of toast and then got ready. We were a few minutes late.

It was a very long four hours, so I took my CD player and my Leapster. Lots of people borrowed them.

When we got to the Powerhouse Museum, we had recess outside. First we went to the Experimentations, which was so cool! It was mostly about electricity. Secondly we went to Cyberworlds, where Mr Toole found a cool maze game. I didn't get much of a turn.

Next we went to 'League of Legends', which was kind of boring. We went to the King's Cinema which only showed games of football.

After that, we went to 'Never Done', which showed olden day stuff. We went to a steam engine after that.

We went to the IMAX Theatre next. The 3D glasses were big! We saw Fly Me to the Moon.

Later we went to the Aquarium. We saw penguins, crocodiles, sharks, fish, sting rays, starfish and turtles. Then we all walked to the bus.

We had dinner at McDonald's at Lithgow, which was yummy. I was so tired I went to bed as soon as I got home.

It was fantastic!  
Nicholas Brouggy

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Last Friday, Year 3, Year 4, Mrs Wallace, Miss Hickman and Mr Toole went on our Sydney excursion.

When my mum woke me up, I got dressed and ready straight away. Emma picked me up because my dad was away. When we got to the bus, it was freezing! On the bus I sat next to Calle.

When we got to Sydney, we went to the Powerhouse Museum. We went to the Experimentations. That was cool! After that, we went to the League of Legends. It was awesome!

Then we went to the IMAX Theatre. We saw Fly Me to the Moon. You had to wear 3D glasses, or it looked fuzzy. When you had the glasses on, it looked like you could grab stuff. I tried to grab the orange juice. After the movie I wanted to keep the glasses, but you had to give them back. That was fun.

Next we went to the Aquarium. I loved the touch pool. I touched the starfish and it was really cool! We went to see the sharks and stings rays. It looked like the sting rays were smiling. The sharks were awesome! Then we went to buy souvenirs. It was extremely hard to pick because there was so much stuff, but I bought a sticky sea creature and a key ring that said Sydney Aquarium. Then we had to walk all the way back to the bus.

We traveled to Lithgow for dinner at McDonalds. I had a Happy Meal. We got home at about 9pm. I went straight to sleep when I went to bed. It was an extremely fantastic day!

Kate Redmond

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On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, we went to Sydney. The bus left at 5:30am. We had to pick up Mr Toole in Bathurst. We stopped at a rest stop and went to the toilet. Then we kept driving to Sydney.

At 10:15am, we arrived at the Powerhouse Museum and had recess. After recess, we went into the Powerhouse Museum to see the League of Legends exhibition.

After that, we had lunch at Darling Harbour.

At 1pm, we went to the IMAX Theatre to see Fly Me to the Moon. We had to wear 3D glasses. It was about three flies that go to the moon.

After that we went to the Sydney Aquarium. We saw a platypus then we saw a freshwater crocodile. Then we went underwater and we saw a huge sting ray. Then we saw a Great Barrier Reef display. I got to touch a starfish. After that we went to the gift shop.

Then we walked back to the bus. We left Sydney at 3:40pm. We had to wait for Miss Hickman, Maisie, Melanie and Carissa to come back from the gift shop.

We had McDonalds for tea at Lithgow. We watched The Muppet's Wizard of Oz on the way.

We got home at 8:45pm. It was a time I'll never forget.

Maddisen Rake

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On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Year 3 and Year 4 went to Sydney. We had to leave at 5:30am. On the bus we watched a movie called Dukes of Hazard on Melanie's portable DVD player.

At 10:15 we arrived at the Powerhouse Museum and had recess. Then we went into the Museum. We saw the electronics exhibit and then we saw the League of Legends exhibition. It was really cool.

At 12:30pm we had lunch. There were heaps of seagulls and ibises in the park where we had lunch. Then we walked to the IMAX Theatre. We watched Fly Me to the Moon in 3D. The movie went for one hour. The screen was humungous! After the movie we walked to the Aquarium.

On the way to the Aquarium, we saw jellyfish in the water. We saw heaps of fish at the Aquarium and we walked on a glass footpath. We saw an enormous sting ray too. After that, we went to the gift shop. I bought a bean bag ball then we walked back to the bus.

At about 6:30pm we arrived at Lithgow McDonalds. I had three nuggets, chips and a Coke. Then we got back on the bus to go home.

On the way home, I played my DS nearly all the way. We finally got home at 8:45pm and I went to sleep.

Jye Turner



**Year 3 and 4 Excursion**



**Canteen Roster**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Denise Taylor  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Jenny Cheney  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Edwina Cock  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Judy Belecky  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Anne Lynch

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Sophie Winter  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Amanda Dickie  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Karen Nicholls  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Dolly Honeysett  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Rachel Burke

**Canteen Red Day**

When: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

**Recess:**

Bucket of hot chips \$2.50

**Lunch:**

dagwood dog/pluto pup + drink \$3.50  
if ordered before Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. (\$4.00 after)

No other lunches will be available on this day

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**CANTEEN RED DAY  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Dagwood Dog/Pluto Pup  
+ Drink \$3.50**  
*if ordered before Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov*

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