Catholic Schools Week 2016

Next week our school will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school. This year’s theme is ‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’ The 2016 CSW theme ties with the Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love. Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms every day, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community. It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us to participate with members of our parish and wider community in the spirit of this celebration. Listed below is a schedule of events for the week that you are invited to attend:

**Monday:** Yr 4 to visit Lakeside Nursing Home for a healing Mass and to entertain and talk to residents.

**Tuesday:** Footy Fever out of uniform day – donations towards Caritas mission appeal.

**Wednesday:** Primary students to Schubert Shield 7’s Rugby League (boys) and League Tag (girls) competition in Port Macquarie.

**Thursday:** Swim & Survive sports program; St Patrick’s Day.

**Friday:** St Joseph’s Day Liturgy 10am; Thank you presentation to Sr Fran 10.45am; Morning Tea 11.15am; Tabloid games 11.45am. Visitors welcome to look around our Catholic school.

**Insight SRC:** Over the past two years our whole school has been part of the Diocesan Insight SRC process which uses a Melbourne based company to help measure and build productivity and effectiveness in schools. This process has been a very useful tool for taking a good look at how effective our school is and providing steps to be taken in moving forward in the right direction. Some of the strategies implemented have brought about important change and have helped to maintain a culture valued by all. This year, commencing next week, we will start the cycle again with another set of surveys for staff, students and parents. This will tell us if our efforts and focus have been successful and once again provide us with direction for the coming year. There will be sixty parent surveys sent home by random selection, so you may receive an envelope on Monday with details on how to complete the survey (either paper copy or online). Surveys are sent directly to Insight SRC and the school will not be able to identify any individual responses - these come back to us in summary form. Completion of the survey is voluntary but we strongly encourage you to participate in the process if you are one of the families selected as your views are important and will certainly have an effect on shaping the future direction of the school. If you do not wish to participate in the survey please send your envelope back to school so we can pass it onto another family.

**World Day of Prayer:** Last week I was very proud of our school captains, Lillyana Watts and Nicholas Bridle, who represented SJPL at the World Day of Prayer for Cuba, held at the Bonny Hills Community Church. Our leaders participated in the prayer service by reading some prayers and there were many positive comments from the large congregation about our school and the great job they did.

**Stations of the Cross:** Once again we are planning a wonderful opportunity to pray our traditional Stations of the Cross this year in our school parish community on Pilot Beach. We would like to invite parents, families, parishioners and the wider community to join our students for Stations Along the Beach on Holy Thursday 24th March. There will be two sessions: 12.00pm (Years 1, 5 & 3) and 1.00pm (Years K, 2 & 4). Year 6 will be involved in both sessions as leaders. All students will have a picnic lunch at the beach either before or after their session.
**EMU Maths:** Mrs Peck and I have recently undertaken profession learning around a mathematics intervention program called Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU). This program is being rolled out across all schools in the diocese and focusses on the early years of schooling and aims to improve children’s confidence and understanding in Maths. So far we have been practising our assessment skills with Year 1 children, although we have also been able to test some Year 4 students as well. Eventually as more staff are trained, all students across the school will benefit from this program and, along with our efforts to develop a growth mindset, hopefully every child will have success in and love mathematics. Kind Regards, David Hughes (Principal).

**Prayer for Catholic Schools Week**

Lord Jesus,  
You came among us as teacher, to reveal to us the Father’s endless love and mercy.  
Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom, seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.  
May our Catholic schools continue to be places of belonging and sources of hope and enthusiasm for our young people and their families.  
May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided by the inspiration of your Spirit.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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**CALENDAR**

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<td>23/3: Easter Hat Parade &amp; Egg raffle 24/3: Stations of the Cross Pilot Beach 31/3: School Cross Country carnival 8/4: Pupil Free Day</td>
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**Incitare Day**

On Tuesday a small group of Year 6 students participated in a student faith formation day at the St Agnes Youth Hub in Port Macquarie. The day was focused around celebrating friendship, discipleship, Christian living, courage and Making Jesus Real. Year 10 CSYMA students from MacKillop College guided the children through a day of activities, games and faith formation. As well as having fun, our Year 6 representatives Lillyana, Eden, Shanyse, Brae and Hayden were friendly, enthusiastic and responsible leaders of our school. Josie Lulham.

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**Easter Hat Parade & Gigantic Easter Egg Raffle**

**WED 23rd MARCH after assembly**

Don’t forget to bring a coin donation!
**TUESDAY 15TH MARCH: PROJECT COMPASSION FOOTY FUNDRAISER**

On Tuesday we invite the children to wear their favourite footy team colours or jerseys. We ask that each child bring in any spare coins on the day to add to their football team coin line. The more coins, the better!! All money raised will go towards our Project Compassion funds that will benefit children less fortunate than ourselves living in overseas countries. Although it is out of uniform, children will still need to wear enclosed shoes.

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**Mr Bullock celebrated his birthday during the week with some Balmain Tigers inspired cupcakes, created by Magda!**

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**UKULELE & RECORDER LESSONS THIS WEEK**

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**SPORTING NEWS**

**Schubert 7s Rugby League & League Tag Day**

Josh, Nick, Sam, Hayden, Aiden, Zac, Lachlan, Jacob M, Harry, Maddie B, Brooklan, Lillyana, Eden, Aimee Jai, Jordan, Sarah, Miah, Calum, Jacob B, Finlay, Lochlan, Blake S, Molly, Catherine, Isabel, Piper, Milla, Jessica, Riley A, Eli, Noah D, Sebastian, Noah F, Trey, Daniel, Oscar, Zoe, Mia, Emma W, Natasha, Summa, Kenzie, Lorna, Sienna, Archie, Blake E, Jack K, Ned, Charlie, Haine, Jett, Olivia, Maddie M, Candice and Kaena are travelling to Port Macquarie next Wednesday to take part in this non-competitive fun day. The teams all had sessions with our NRL Northern NSW Development Teams Officer Pat Preston today preparing for the day. Mr Hughes, Mrs Hurrell, Mrs Steep and Mr Marshall will be looking after the teams on Wednesday on what promises to be a very enjoyable day of physical activity for the children.

**Friday Night Rugby Union**

Notes were sent home with interested boys and girls from Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 today. Permission slips need to be returned to your child’s teacher by next Wednesday 16th. For any further details please contact Mr Bullock.

**Mark Bullock**

*Sports Co-ordinator*
TODAY'S NEWS

CANTINE NEWS

“Free” Fruit for our students….

Following on from our recent canteen healthy option ideas, some of our parents have voiced their approval for more fruit to be available in our canteen. As a result, any parents wanting to donate fruit for the canteen – please bring it to the office and it will be stored appropriately for the canteen days that week. The fruit will be offered free of charge to students at both recess and lunch. Watermelon has proved very popular today!

REMINDER FOR STUDENTS WITH LONG HAIR

That it needs to be tied back to aide in the prevention of head lice.

Thank you!

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE NOW ON!!!

Kindergarten and Year 1
Your teacher will read books from the challenge list to you in class.

Year 2
You must read 30 books (25 books from the challenge list and 5 of your own choice). You can read the books on your own, read them with someone or someone can read them to you.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
You must read 20 books (15 from the challenge list and 5 own choice). You must read these books on your own.

Come and see Bec or Miss Mac to get your reading log sheet and we can also help you select books for the challenge 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

TERM 1 POOL PARTY

WED MARCH 16TH 5PM-7PM
KENDALL POOL
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!

Holy Week Ceremonies

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CAMDEN HAVEN

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SURFING NORTH HAVEN
O’RAFFERTY RULES JUNIOR SURFING CONTEST
9 & 10 APRIL 2016

All enquiries to Andy Cross on 0413 487 173.

Are you in need of child care for our pupil free day on Friday 8th April? Please contact the school office ASAP so we can make arrangements (pending level of interest).