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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 June: Chantelle G
Olivia R
Finn W

6 June: Olivia T

7 June: Max J

UNIFORM SURVEY

Thank you to all those parents that completed and returned the uniform survey recently. While the vast majority of families have returned the survey, it is important that you still return yours if you haven’t done so already.

REGIONAL TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS.

Congratulations to Beau M & Max J on being selected to compete at the Hunter Region Touch Football trials. What a fantastic effort by both boys.

END OF TERM RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

This term we are introducing an end of term recognition assembly to celebrate student successes throughout the term. Awards will include achievement in class, selection in sporting teams or other academic achievements. Parents of award recipients are invited to attend the assembly. You will receive a short letter if your child will be receiving an award. The end of term recognition assembly will be held on Wednesday 24 June at 2pm.

NAIDOC

This year’s NAIDOC celebrations will occur on Thursday 25 June. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee and celebrates Aboriginal culture annually. Students will rotate through a number of activities focussing on Aboriginal art, stories, sport and culture. Students will also this year take part in a traditional smoking ceremony.
SKOOLBAG APP
The Skoolbag app has been taken up by a large number of our parents. The app allows the school to send messages and notification straight to your phone. This week parents were advised of the cancellation of the athletics carnival on Sunday afternoon by the app. If you don’t yet have it, or have upgraded your phone and forgot to reinstall it, now is the time to get connected. The app can be installed on all apple and android smartphones. The best thing is...its FREE.

iPhone & iPad Users
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device
2. Type your school name in the search - using suburb name will help
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear - click “free” then “install”
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps” - your school will then be visible - click “free” then “install”
5. When installed click “open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked
7. Click the “more” button on the bottom right of the App, then “setup”
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you

Android Users
1. You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the App.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, - using suburb name will help
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search
4. Click the “install” button
5. Click “accept” for various permissions (please note we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and 5 sat the NAPLAN tests during week 4. These tests are standardised and used throughout Australia to measure students' achievement in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The information gained from the tests provide schools with valuable data to use when evaluating school programs. With such a large number of students throughout the country sitting these tests it will be sometime before the results are available.

Aaron Quinnell - Principal

OFFICE NEWS

CANBERRA EXCURSION
There are still quite a few families that are not up to date with their instalments. The 4th instalment of $50.00 is due on 10 June. Prompt payment would be appreciated. If you are having difficulty with payments please see Mrs Clark in the office as Student Assistance may be available.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS - Weeks 4 & 5

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QUALITY WORK AWARDS

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HOME READING AWARDS

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BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE BACK BY FRIDAY 29 MAY

Congratulations!
P&C NEWS

Whilst fundraising is a major task of the P&C, it is not the only role we play within the school. The P&C also nurtures the relationship between students, parents and teachers and they also play a role in developing and reviewing school policies.

At each P&C meeting the principal presents a policy for review. So far in 2015 we have reviewed the School Leaders and Canteen policies.

Fundraising is a key role of the P&C. In 2015 the P&C has funded many vital resources/facilities. These include:

- Classroom resource packs $1250
- Mathletics $1000
- Reading Eggs $1000
- Playground repairs $3500
- New multi sport goal posts $2500
- School smart phone app $300

The two main fundraising avenues for the P&C are the canteen and the Pelican RSL raffle. We are always after more volunteers to assist with each of these functions, as well as other “one off” P&C fundraising activities.

We have over 60 families involved in the Blacksmiths school community. If each family could volunteer to help at just one function each year we would comfortably meet all our goals. So the next time the call goes out to volunteer for the canteen, or a raffle or a BBQ, or a sporting carnival, why not think of the school, think of your child’s education and put your hand up to help out.

Whilst on the subject of volunteers, we need people to assist with the RSL raffle on Tuesday 16 June and Tuesday 30 June. The raffle is very simple to do, with the added benefit of refreshing drinks and the best Chinese meals in town right at your fingertips. Talk to the office or Daina Hissey if you’d like to help.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2015/2016 Entertainment Book is now available for purchase from the office. The books sell for $60.00 each and are a great gift idea. The school receives $12.00 from each book sold.

CANTEEN NEWS

BURGER DAY

This Friday 29 May is Burger Day in the canteen. Chicken burgers will be available by pre-purchase only. Orders need to be handed in to the school office, with payment, no later than midday on Thursday 28 May. Order forms have been sent home today with the newsletter. Please note that there will be no other canteen menu options available on this day other than drinks and snacks.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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MARKET STALL

Look out for some great bargains at our next stall later this week. Produce includes:

- Choko Pickles (thank you to the McCabe Family)
- Spinach
- Chokos
- Rocket, Rosemary, Parsley, Mint, Chocolate Mint, Oregano and Bay Leaves
**ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT**

In the interest of all children who attend Blacksmiths PS we encourage parents not to send nuts, or products containing nuts, to school.

Thank you

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**Seasons for Growth® Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation and divorce**

**PARENT INVITATION**

St Joseph’s Charlestown is delighted to be offering a new program for parents this term – the Seasons for Growth® Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation or divorce.

St Joseph’s regularly offers the highly successful Seasons for Growth® program for children and young people and for many years, parents whose children have participated in the Seasons for Growth® Young People’s Program have been asking ‘is there a program that can help parents, too?’

The Seasons for Growth® Parent Program has been developed to meet this need. The program provides an opportunity for you to reflect on the experience of separation and divorce from your child’s perspective and to explore ideas and strategies that might help you support your child/ren through the changes happening in your family.

The Seasons for Growth® Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation or divorce is a small group program (2x2hr sessions) for 6-12 parents. It can be offered as 2 evening or 2 daytime sessions. It will be run at St Joseph’s Primary School and the cost is $13.50 to cover resources.

If you would like to participate in this learning opportunity please contact Benita on 4979 1353, or by email at benita.tait@mn.catholic.org.au

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**DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?**

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
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- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
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