Welcome back everyone! I hope that everyone had a great summer holiday and are ready for the 2017 school year. St Joseph’s inside and out is looking fantastic at the moment. Countless hours were spent in the holidays keeping our grounds looking good - spraying, trimming branches, mowing, blowing debris away and I really have to thank my wonderful husband and family for all of that. A mowing roster will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. The carpets were shampooed and a general clean out and tidy up was completed. Teachers have spent a great deal of time preparing and getting their classrooms ready and they both look bright and fresh and inviting. The work has been completed in the Infants classroom with the stage being removed, new carpet throughout the classroom and new pin boards erected. I know the Year Ones and Twos were very happy with the changes yesterday.

I am very excited about my new position as Principal at St Joseph’s and am looking forward to working with all of our community. There will be changes that will take place along the way with the aim to improve our school and move forward and I hope that these changes will be embraced. Communication is a big focus this year and the way that St Joseph’s will do this will be a little different. Email will be the main mode of communication and as you are aware the email will only be an electronic copy from now on. You will note that the format has been changed to make it a little easier to read and keep you up to date with important events and dates that are taking place in the school. The newsletter is also a place where we celebrate what is happening at St Joseph’s. It is important that the children share what is happening in their classrooms and we recognise their wonderful achievements, as well as keeping you informed of their great learning.

The school has also purchased a new mobile phone. A text is now another mode of communication that parents can use to inform the school of a child’s absence. The number is 0439 538 896. This will also stop the need for parents to text staff on their personal mobile numbers. The phone will be checked every morning so please feel free to use this method. It will also be taken with staff when they are outside the school grounds ie excursions, swimming etc. If you need to ring the school the schools landline is still the number that you need to use.

Our opening school mass will be on Thursday 9th February at 6 pm. Prior to mass we will have a meet ‘n greet in the two classrooms. With so many new staff it is a great opportunity to meet our wonderful new teachers and for them to have the chance to get to know you as well. We hope that you will be able to make it.

We welcome our new Kindies along with Cyrus Dell and his family to the St Joseph’s community. Cyrus has joined the Primary class and is in Year three. I am sure that Cyrus will enjoy being in the Primary room and has been warmly welcomed by all of the children.

Please feel free to contact me at any time should you need to discuss any concerns or queries. I ask that you give me a ring or come and see me rather than a text so that I can discuss any issues that you may have. Issues can often be quickly resolved if there is clear communication and sometimes meaning can be lost or misinterpreted when this doesn’t happen.

I look forward to a successful 2017 working with all of our St Joseph’s families,

Kind regards

Kirsty Beavan
### Calendar

#### Week 1 - 30th January to 3rd February
- Tues 31st January: Student Yr 1-6 return to school
- Wednesday 1 Feb: Kindergarten’s first day
- Friday 3rd February: No Friday Recess

#### Week 2 - 6th February to 10th February
- Monday 6th: Canteen - Lucy
- Wednesday 8th: Swimming Carnival in Batlow - K-6
- Thursday 9th: Meet’n Greet 5pm, Opening School Mass 6pm
- Friday 10th: Friday Recess—Lauren Roche, Lucy Roche, Tina Collins, Kindergarten Rest Day
- Mowing: Eliza Roche’s Family

#### Week 3 - 13th February to 17th February
- Monday 13th: Radio - Lottie & Jacob, Canteen -
- Wednesday 15th: Kindergarten Rest Day
- Friday 17th: Western Region Swimming - Coota, Friday Recess -

#### Week 4 - 20th February to 24th February
- Monday 20th: Radio - Canteen -
- Tuesday 21st: Leadership Program - Yr 5/6?????
- Wednesday 22nd: Leadership Program - Yr 5/6?????, Kindergarten Rest Day, Directors Visit—Ross Fox
- Friday 24th: Friday Recess -
- Mowing: Pearce Family

### UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

#### Kindergarten Rest Days
During February, Kindergarten will have three rest days as follows:
- Friday 10th Feb
- Wednesday 15th Feb
- Wednesday 22nd Feb
During the rest day’s Miss Well’s will carry out student assessments. An email has been sent out to Kindy parents with times.

#### Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival with St Mary’s will be held on Wednesday 8th February in Batlow this year, Kindergarten to Year 6 students will attend.

All children will travel by bus, a note was sent home earlier this week. Please return the permission note and money.

The Community Council are holding a BBQ for lunch. If you would like to order a lunch for your child please send in a paper bag with their name and order on it with money enclosed.

- Rissole/ water or popper $4
- Sausage/ water or popper $3

Please return your child’s order by this Friday.

Helpers on the day would be most appreciated for time keeping, recording etc. They will need to wear their school sports uniform.

Please remember your sunscreen, hat, towel, swimmers, rashie and goggles (if you have them).

#### Meet’n Greet / Opening School Mass
On Thursday 9th Feb we are going to do a meet and greet with parents followed by our Opening School Mass.

All parents are invited to a meet and greet with St Joseph’s staff at 5pm on Thursday 9 Feb. This is a chance to meet our new staff and introduce yourself to your child’s teacher. Light refreshments will be provided.

This will be followed by our Opening School Mass at 6pm.

Students will need to wear their full school uniform.
**Sport Day**
In 2017 our Sports Day will be held on a Friday. All children will need to wear their sports uniform on Fridays.

**Supervision**
Supervision of students will start from 8:40am onwards. Children arriving before 8:40am are to sit in the weather shed until teacher supervision begins. This is a school policy and we thank you for your understanding.

**Drop Off & Pick Up Zone**
Both our drop off and pick up zones are in Gundagai Street at the front of the school. A reminder that the chain will be put up across the front entrance in Gundagai Street from 8:30am to 3:15pm.

Parents are reminded to come to the gate to collect children, they will not be sent out to cars.

Our Bus zone is in Wyndham Street, children will be walked across with a staff member who will wait until all children are collected and supervise children walking home.

If the weather is wet, the chain will be down and parents can drive in at the Wyndham St entrance to form a line and exit via the Gundagai St driveway.

**Rosters**
We will be sending out the rosters for Monday Canteen, Friday Recess and Mowing.

- **Monday Canteen** - this involves sorting the orders in the morning and filling the orders later in the day ready for lunchtime. We are very happy to have as many parent helpers to help out, even if it’s doing a morning shift or lunch shift.

- **Friday Recess** - students have the opportunity to purchase items from our Friday recess canteen, parents are placed on a roster and are asked to supply the equivalent of 24 pieces. Items are sold at between 20c-50c.

- **Mowing** - our school grounds are maintained by our families and this is via a roster system. Generally families will only need to do this once during the year.

**Fruit Break**
Children have fruit break daily at school. Please could parents ensure children have a piece of fruit that is easy to eat and doesn’t require cutting up or peeling.

**School Banking—Bendigo Bank**
Bendigo Bank offer a Banking service to St Joseph’s. The Bank pick up and return deposit books each Wednesday. Deposit Book and money can be left in the front office in a Bendigo Bank container. For more information or to start an account contact Bendigo Bank.

**Absentee notes:**
CEO Canberra now has electronic reporting. A reminder has been given to all schools that absentee notes are compulsory and need to be filled in by parents when their child is away. The absentee note is available on the website.

Welcome to our new Kindies
**Friday Tuckshop**

Friday Tuckshop Roster – Please could parents provide the equivalent of 24 pieces. Some ideas are biscuits - anzac, choc chip, shortbread, jam drops, ginger, home made ice blocks or frozen yoghurt pops for summer, white chocolate crackles, muesli slice or balls (nut free), savoury muffins - apple, banana, blueberry, scones with butter and jam, white chocolate crackles, sweet or savoury cakes or cupcakes - chocolate, banana, carrot, lemon, sultana, melon slices, fruit wands (fruit kebabs), pikelets, Popcorn. NO ITEMS WITH NUTS IN THEM PLEASE

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Monday Canteen

Lucy Roche is looking after Monday Canteen for the next 4 weeks. There will be a Community Council Meeting soon which Monday Canteen will be discussed. The menu will remain the same as last year.

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**Menu**

**Drinks**
- Water $2
- Fruit Box $1
- Flav. Milk $2 (Choc, Straw, Banana)
- Warm Choc $2

**Hot Food**
- Party Pie 60c each
- Sausage Roll $2
- Chicken Nug. 40c each
- Chicken Noodle Soup $2
- Ham & Pineapple Pizza $2
- Ham Pizza $2

**Toasted Sandwiches**
- Ham $2
- Cheese $2
- Ham & Cheese $2.50

**Salad Sandwiches** (Made up at Café)
- Salad Sandwich $6
- Meat Salad $6.50

**Sandwiches**
- Vegemite $1.50
- Jam $1.50
- Ham $2.00
- Devon $2.00
- Square Chicken $2.00
- Cheese $2.00