A Message from our Principal

A big thank you to all of our families that attended our Meet ‘n Greet and Opening school Mass last Thursday. It was wonderful to see all our staff meet our families despite the extremely hot conditions! It was a great way to celebrate the start of our 2017 school year.

This term we are trying to reduce the amount of waste that we are placing in our rubbish bins. We have some scrap buckets that all food scraps can be placed in, which will be distributed to some hungry chooks. We are also encouraging families to be mindful of the amount of packaging that is in lunch boxes. It is often more economical to buy items such as popcorn and chips in bulk, and place them in containers that can be washed, this reduces our waste as well as our carbon footprint. We are hoping that all families make a conscious effort to reduce waste to prevent the purchase of extra bins and pay extra waste disposal fees.

We wish all our swimmers off to Cootamundra well for the Western Region Swimming carnival in Cootamundra tomorrow and thank Mrs Turnbull for giving up her time to train the children this week.

Ross Fox, new Director of Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese will visit our school next Wednesday 22nd February at 11 am. Parents may take the opportunity to have an informal chat with Ross at morning tea, or may make a time to have an individual chat with him. If anyone is able to assist with catering for the morning tea, could you please let Jess Campbell know at corriedoun@gmail.com. A big thank you to Jess who has offered to co-ordinate the morning tea.

Kirsty Beavan
### Week 3 - 13th February to 17th February

- **Thursday 16th**: Western Region Swimming - Coota
- **Friday 17th**: Sport Swimming Session - K-6
  - Friday Recess - Eve MacDougall, Adele Richardson, Lisa Carmody.
  - Special Canteen Meeting 3.20pm

**Mowing:** Pearce Family

### Week 4 - 20th February to 24th February

- **Monday 20th**: Canteen - Jess/Lucy
- **Wednesday 22nd**: Kindergarten Rest Day
- **Thursday 23rd**: NRL Assembly
  - Leadership Course - Yr 5/6
- **Friday 24th**: Leadership Course - Yr 5/6
  - Sport Swimming Session - K-6
  - Friday Recess - Jenna Roots, Tammy McMahon, Krystal Miller.

**Mowing:**

### Week 5 - 27th February to 3rd March

- **Monday 27th**: Radio - Hugh & Matilda
- **Tuesday 28th**: Archdiocesan Swimming - Boorowa
- **Wednesday 1st Mar**: Ash Wednesday
- **Friday 3rd**: Sport Swimming Session - K-6
  - Friday Recess - Andrea Reynolds, Jess Campbell, Gina Roche

**Mowing:** Corbett Family

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### UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

#### Kindergarten Rest Days
**Wednesday 22nd Feb**
During the rest day’s Miss Wells’ will carry out student assessments. An email has been sent out to Kindy parents with times.

#### Special Monday Canteen Meeting
**This Friday 17th February at 3.20pm** there will be a special meeting regarding Monday Canteen.

**AGENDA**
- Results of Survey
- Menu Options
- Running of Canteen / Canteen Committee

**All parents are invited to attend.**

#### Director’s Visit
Our new CE Director Ross Fox will visit St Joseph’s on **Wednesday 22nd February**.
If you would like to meet with Mr Fox during his visit please contact the school so we can schedule a time. We look forward to his visit.

#### Reduce Waste at School
- Snacks in reusable
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox
- Place scraps in scrap bin

The vast majority of day-to-day waste can easily be avoided if schools make a concerted effort to reduce, reuse and recycle when they can. If schools cut down the amount of waste they create they can save money, and reduce their burden on the environment.

#### Western Region Swimming
The Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Cootamundra on **Thursday 16th Feb**.
All the best to the students who are going to swim.
BYOD Suggestions
Students are enjoying using their devices this year. We have a few suggestions that will make using the devices easier for the students but also for the teachers, they are as follows:

- google chrome to be used as the browser rather than edge for example.
- setting google as a home page (some other pages can contain inappropriate material on their news feeds)

Sport Swimming Sessions
Our Sports Day for all students Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held on a Friday this year.

All students will need to wear their Sports Uniform on Fridays.

During the warm weather we will hold our sports sessions at the pool. These dates are Friday 17th, 24th Feb and 3rd March. Students will need to bring $3.00 for pool entry (unless you have a season ticket) on the day. Please send students with their swimmers, rashie, towel, sunscreen and goggles (if you have them).

St James Parish Street Stall
St James Parish Street Stall is Friday 24th Feb.. Any help or saleable items would be appreciated.
A list of times for helpers in on the church notice board.

Opening School Mass

Absentee Notes
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 or you can email, text or ring the school.

Medication Forms
As part of our school policy, any medication to be administered during school hours will require a medication form. Medications such as panadol, antibiotics etc. Students are to hand the medication and note to a staff member when they get to school. This form is available via our website. Asthma Action Plans will be sent out shortly.

Updating Contact Details
This week we sent out a form for our families to fill in updating their contact details with the schools. If you haven’t received this form please contact the office and we will send one out.

Lunch Wallets
Lunch Wallets are available at our school for Monday Canteen orders. Your order and money is placed in the front pocket and our Canteen helper then places the food inside.
We have blue and yellow wallets available for $5. If you are interested in purchasing a wallet please send $5 in an envelope with your child’s name and we will send a wallet home.
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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