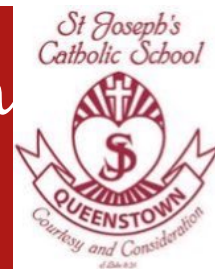


# St Joseph's Catholic School Queenstown

School Newsletter No. 29 Tuesday 11th October 2016



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### October Term 4

Tuesday, 11th October

Assembly - 2:15pm

Wednesday, 12th October

Parents & Friends Meeting - 7pm

Wednesday, 19th October

School Board Meeting

Friday, 21st October

Whole School Mass - 9:30am

Lyell House Visit (Huon)

Tuesday, 25th October

School Assembly - 2:15pm

Wednesday, 26th October

Year 6 Transition Day (Mt Heights)

Friday, 28th October

Class Mass (Prep/1) - 9:30am

Lyell House Visit - Myrtle

### November

Thursday, 3rd November

Athletics Carnival

Friday, 4th November

Class Mass (Huon) - 9:30am

Lyell House Visit - King Billy

Monday, 7th November

Public Holiday

Tuesday, 8th November

School Assembly - 2:15pm

Friday, 11th November

Class Mass (Myrtle) - 9:30am

Lyell House Visit - Sassafra

School Fair - 5pm

### 2017 Term Dates

**Term 1:** Feb 9th - Apr 13th

**Term 2:** May 1st - July 7th

**Term 3:** July 24th - Sept 29th

**Term 4:** Oct 16th - Dec 21st

## Devonport Basketball Tournament

Well done to the 3/4 boys and 3/4 girls teams who participated in the Devonport Basketball Tournament on Saturday, 24th September and Sunday, 25th September. Thank you to Jess Bryan for coaching the boys and to those parents who helped out with duties and a big thank you to Barbara Woolley who umpired every game for both boys and girls.



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EFTPOS facilities available

# Blue Gum News

We have now begun our final term as kindergarten students! This term is an exciting transition time for our students as they begin to become more involved with the older students. This term we will begin to play on the big playground, attend assemblies, visit the church and learn what students in Sassafra do each day. It has been wonderful to see each student grow and each personality flourish over the past three terms. Look at us in the photo from pre-kinder 2015 and from the beginning of the year!



## Emergency Practice

We will be holding an unannounced emergency practice in the first 4 weeks of term 4 with staff & students. This is to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify as a threat, warranting the school going into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like fire evacuation drills, we recognise the worth of testing this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible. If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.

## Reminders

### Basketball Tournament Training

Basketball Tournament training will be held this Thursday, 13th October from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

Next week's training sessions will be held on Tuesday, 18th October and Thursday, 20th October from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

**Rosters for this tournament will be handed out once we have received them.**

### Car Park

In the interest of the safety of all children, could the following request please be respected:

- Parents should leave the lane closer to Orr street free for drop-offs.
- Parents should park in the area closest to the hospital if they arrive early, to ensure space is available for vehicles arriving later.
- Children should not be dropped off in Pontifex Street.

*Luke 6:31 - And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.*

## **Grade 7 Transition Day – Mountain Heights**

Mountain Heights is offering two Transition Days for Grade 6 students who will attend Mountain Heights School as Grade 7 students in 2017.

The dates for these days in term 4 are:

Wednesday, 26th October and Wednesday, 16th November. (TBC)

Students will be oriented to the school, participate in structured lessons (Science, Cooking, Materials, Design and Technology, PE, Art and Humanities/English) and have a chance to meet up with old friends and start making some new ones.

Mountain Heights is also offering a Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 8th November to be held in the Mountain Heights School Trade Skill Centre between 7.00 and 8.30 pm. Parents can meet teachers, tour the school, find out about subjects offered and ask any questions they or their child may have about starting school at Mountain Heights in 2017.

## **Unconformity**

On Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 our St Joseph's Catholic School Mimigin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance Group will be performing a Ya Pulinginya welcome dance at the opening of The Unconformity Festival in Queenstown.

Our students have been working very hard during Term 3, and this week, alongside Aboriginal Community Worker Fiona Hamilton are practising their dance for this event. The ceremony (and performance) begins at 7.00pm on the corner of Orr Street and McNamara Street.

We strongly encourage all parents, friends and community members to come along and watch the performance.

## **Volunteers for Sewing**

If there are any parents/grandparents who can volunteer their sewing skills to make simple liturgical gowns (materials and pattern supplied) for school Masses, could they please contact Louise Sikkens. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

## **Canteen**

There will be no canteen specials for term 4.

## **Table Tennis Tables**

The school is looking to purchase table tennis tables. If you have a table that you no longer use and would like to donate or sell to the school please contact the school office.

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

### **SCHOOL FAIR - CLASS HAMPERS**

Items can be placed in your child's classroom in the hamper box.

**Blue Gum** - Gardening

**Sassafras** - Bathroom

**Leatherwood** - BBQ Picnic

**Huon** - Pamper Pack

**Myrtle** - Car stuff

**King Billy** - Christmas

### **School Fair**

We are asking for donations for our upcoming Twilight Fair on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please drop any full jars and/or chocolate bars/blocks into the school office. White elephant stall items can be dropped off at the office. If you would be available to help out at the fair, please leave your name and number at the school office.

### **Parents and Friends Raffle**

We will be holding a raffle over the next 2 term, to be drawn. once all 200 tickets are sold. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Please see the school office if you wish to purchase a ticket or grab a book to sell at home.

Prizes are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$2,000 PrePaid Visa Card

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Family ticket for the West Coast Wilderness Railway

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 2 adult tickets for Gordon River Cruises

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Afternoon High Tea for 2 at Penghana House

Thank you in advance for your support, and good luck!!

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 12th October, at 7pm, in the library .

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Queenstown Junior Basketball Association**

Registration Days for Queenstown Junior Basketball 2016/2017 season will be held today, Tuesday, 11th October & Wednesday, 12th October at the Queenstown Basketball Stadium from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

This season QJBA will be moving to an online registration and payment process. Please come along today and tomorrow to sign your child/children up to our association. We still require you to complete our registration form to be able to assign teams for the season.

Children must have turned 6 before 31.12.16 and be no older than 14 on 31.12.16 to be able to play in our roster.