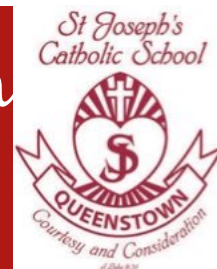


# St Joseph's Catholic School Queenstown

School Newsletter No. 16 Wednesday 15th June 2016



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Term 2 June

Thursday 16th June

School Photo Day

Friday 17th June

Playgroup

Class Mass - Prep/Grade 1 - 9:30

Monday 20th June

School Board Meeting - 7pm

Tuesday 21st June

Dance Fever

School Assembly - 2:15pm

Friday 24th June

Whole School Mass - 9:30

Tuesday 28th June

Dance Fever Concert (Memorial Hall) - 9:30 - 10:30

### July

Friday 1st July

Last day of term 2

### 2016 Term Dates

**Term 1:** Feb 4th - April 8th

**Easter:** March 25th - March 29th

**Term 2:** April 26th - July 1st

**Term 3:** July 18th - Sept 23rd

**Term 4:** Oct 10th - Dec 16th



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Reports

Mid year reports are currently being finalised and will be going home with students on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### Sunday's Gospel

**Luke 9:18-24 - Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say I am?"**

Self-sacrifice is part and parcel of being a family. Parents and children are all called upon from time to time to change or give up their own plans or desires to accommodate those of someone else. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that it will be no different for those who belong to his family. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me."



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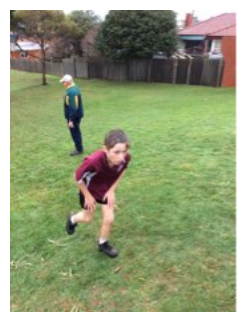
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## Japanese/Music

I have the privilege of teaching every child in the school. I can therefore say that all children are happily engaged in the Japanese programme. Blue Gum has been enthusiastically working on counting in Japanese from 1 to 10. Some of them were even spotted practising writing their Japanese numbers on the ground with chalk! Very impressive! They are also learning action words and songs. All classes, from Prep. up, started the year with revision of last year's topics with most children remembering a commendable amount. Additional greetings and the topics of transport and food have been studied. When studying a foreign language, it is always important to learn about the culture, and all classes have been actively involved. Myrtle students have demonstrated independent thinking by finding out extra information, like how high Mt Fuji is. Come and see their posters and information hanging up on the walls in Tas. Oak. It is such a pleasure when students show interest. I am particularly proud of King Billy, the first class to be learning how to read and write one of the Japanese alphabets – hiragana. Myrtle has heard about this too, and they are very keen to follow on their heels. If you happen to walk past the music room, you could well hear recorders being played, you might see a full class using percussion instruments, or you might hear a class singing. Leatherwood has been looking forward to learning the recorder and now it's happened ... a work in progress! All classes from 1-6 are involved in a recorder programme. Some classes have even made up their own musical compositions, and they look forward to performing at an assembly. Singing is an important part of the programme and all students happily get involved. It is not uncommon for some students and small groups to be asked if they would like to sing for the class. I am always pleasantly surprised because it's always seen as 'no problem'. Music is like a language, and all children are building on their ability to read music, learn the various elements and symbols involved while performing on an instrument.

## North West Cross Country





### **School Photo Day**

Our school photo day will be held tomorrow, Thursday, 16th June. Students are to be dressed in their full winter uniform.

### **Lego Challenge**

Lego creations need to be completed and be at the school office no later than tomorrow, Thursday, 16th June.

### **Scholastic Book Clubs**

Book Club orders are due back to the school office.



### **Tasmanian Premier's Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge will run for 10 weeks during Terms 2 and 3, from 14th June to 23rd August. This includes the July school holidays, providing students with an opportunity to continue with their reading over the break. Reading and literacy are fundamental skills that all students need to succeed in their schooling and throughout their lives. The challenge is a key Tasmanian government program supporting Prep to Grade 6 students to develop these vital skills.

It aims to:

- Inspire children and young people to love books and reading;
- Raise parent and community awareness about how important reading is as a life skill.
- Encourage families and parents to read with their children every day

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm in the school library.** During our meeting we will be updating our constitution, please come along if you would like to have some input. If you would like to view a copy of our current constitution please see Rebecca Lay.

### **Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

The order has been placed for our Billy G's Cookie Dough tubs. Thank you very much to those who helped support us. Delivery will be in the final week of term 2 and will need to be collected from the school on the day of delivery. We will notify those that made orders once the delivery has arrived.

### **Community News**

The Queenstown Junior Basketball Association will be holding a basketball clinic on Tuesday, 5th July from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Queenstown Basketball Stadium. The clinic is open to all age groups and is \$10 per person.

### **Auskick**

Auskick will be held at the Queenstown oval on Friday 17th June from 3:30pm. All Welcome.

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