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**Welcome to Term 4 Week 8**

**2 December, 2019**

**Our Catholic Value for this Term is Patience.**

**Season of Advent:** Yesterday we began the season of **Advent**. I invite you to take a few minutes as a family to make an advent wreath - three purple candles, one pink candle & a circle of greenery & pray the following prayer in preparation for Christmas. We become so busy, that we often forget the main reason why we have the celebration. Each week I will include a prayer in the Newsletter.



*We respect and embrace the Wiradjuri people of this region as the traditional custodians and cultural knowledge holders of this land.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 4

**6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**End of Year Mass & Family Night 6pm**

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Sydney Excursion**

**17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Pool Party**  
**Children's last day**

**Please mark on your calendar**

### WEEK 1

*Light one candle and sit for a moment in silence.*

*Christ our Light,  
Shine in our lives with hope and promise.  
Give us right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season.  
Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love.  
We await your coming with wonder.*

*Amen*



**Sadlier Religion**

### End of Year Mass, Year 6 Graduation & End of Year Celebration:

This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December starting with Mass at 6pm.

The students do not need to wear school uniform, just tidy casual clothes. Year 6 will be in full summer school uniform, and will change after the formalities.

May I suggest that you bring something to repel the mosquitoes. Thank you to those parents who offered to assist in various ways on Friday night. I will be in touch with you over the next couple of days. It is not too late to put your hand up. Many thanks.

**You are welcome to bring your own plates & cutlery.**

## Sydney Excursion:

We will be leaving **St Michael's** at **5.45am** on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** and arriving home about **11 pm** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**. The cost for the adults is \$130.00, which is due this **Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> December**, please. We look forward to a great excursion full of learning, fun and different experiences.

If you have lost your list of requirements please let us know and we will send another one.

***It is most important that their full school summer uniform & school shoes are packed for the Wednesday. Many thanks***

**Congratulations To One of our Ex-Students:** It is always great to hear news of our past students. Congratulations to Kasey Bogie who has been elected School Captain for 2020. Kasey attends Macquarie Anglican Grammar School in Dubbo. We were all very excited to hear this news. Well done Kasey.

**Christmas Art:** Congratulations to Millie Berry whose artwork was chosen for the Christmas Art Competition Exhibition. Millie and mum, Jane, were at Notre Dame University for the opening yesterday with Mrs Foran.

Millie's artwork was one of 86 chosen for the Exhibition out of 1100 artworks in Sydney. Well done Millie. St Michaels is very proud of you.



**Bust The Dust Raindance:** *Please refer to our Facebook page for more information. Monica has registered us.*

We will be joining with St Joseph's School Trangie in their 'Bust the Dust' Raindance on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. We are asking our students and anyone who wants to join us to come and dance for joy. Students can wear their farm clothes to school and bring an old hat for the raindance. Hoping that this will change the weather! If not, then we will have a bit of fun!



*Inspired by the example set by St Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, St Michael's Catholic School aims to foster a love of learning, allowing all children to reach their full potential through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.*

### This Week

**K - 2 Intensive Swimming continues**

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec St John's College - Hit The Ground Running**

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec End of Year Mass & Family Night.**

### Next Week

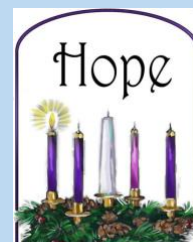
**10<sup>th</sup> Dec Whole school excursion to Sydney Leaving 5.45am**

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec Excursion returning @ 11 pm.**

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

***"As we wait in joy for you, Lord help us do what you would do."***





## Commonwealth Government Drought Community Support

**Initiative DCSI Round 2:** The Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society are working together to administer the Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI) for eligible drought affected households.

If you're a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who is struggling financially because of the drought, you may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of up to \$3,000 funded by the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 (DCSI).

To be eligible you'll need to be over 18, an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and live/work in a specified Local Government Area (LGA). Warrumbungles Shire Council is one of those areas.

Payments can cover numerous expenses such as groceries, vehicle maintenance, energy & utility bills, health & medical expenses, for example.

Please note that assistance for our LGA is Vinnies. To apply for the grant it must be done on line. **Louise Hennessey from Centacare has offered to come this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9am to assist with completing the form. She will be available in the old Office area just of the driveway.**

**Louise can be contacted by phoning 0419 631 781 (Mon - Thurs).**

**Swimming:** K-2 Intensive Swimming will continue all this week. Please remember to pack towel, sunscreen, swimmers & swim shirt. No shirt no swimming. **You do not need to send in \$3.50 for pool entry. Years 3 -6 will go swimming on Tuesday for Sport.**

**Children's Gift Giving:** Just a reminder not to include edibles in children's gift.

**Teachers' Gifts:** Please refer to last week's Newsletter regarding Gifts for teachers when there are many calls on your finances. The last thing we want to do is add to your financial hardship. It is only a suggestion but it comes from the heart.

Finally, as our school term heads into the last weeks of the year I encourage everyone to walk gently. As the school, family and social busyness takes over, I encourage you to be kind to yourselves and your children. The focus is on ensuring a positive end to the school year and that we can make the most of each day. I know that many of our students are starting to feel the effects of what has been a big year of school, which seems to have flown by. Tiredness can fray our edges a little. Good sleep, listening patiently and responding gently will always help when our children come to the end of a school year.

It's all about the learning!!!!!!

Have a great week.

*A Margaret Flood.*

## AUSSIE OF THE WEEK

**Toby Turnbull**



Congratulations Toby!

When Toby saw a younger student who was sitting alone on the playground, he went up and asked that student to come and sit with his group. Toby saw someone who was feeling left out and did not want that person to feel that way. He showed compassion and kindness to a younger student who was very grateful for being included.

Well done Toby! We are very proud of your actions!



## MERIT AWARDS

**Years 3/4:**

Toby Turnbull

**Years 5/6:**

Oliver Gaden

Annabelle Brennan

Harry Beer

Dezie Spargo

Cooper Horton

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Summer READING CHALLENGE

ENTRIES  
CLOSE  
6 FEBRUARY

READ 10 OR MORE BOOKS  
TO GO INTO THE DRAW TO  
WIN ONE OF FOUR IPAD MINIS!

### EXPAND YOUR IMAGINATION BY READING THIS SUMMER

These summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge will begin and we are encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, book, e-book or graphic novel.

### READ TO LEARN... READ FOR FUN... READ TO WIN

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our systemic Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books (5 full length novels for secondary) during the summer holidays to go into the draw to **win one of four iPads**.

### HOW TO ENTER

If you would like to keep an informal record of the books you have read over summer, then download and complete the [personal reading log](#) (or print the page below). Once your challenge is complete, [enter your list of read books online](#) to go into the draw for a prize (the link to the entry form is also available on the Catholic Education Office website). A parent or guardian must confirm books read prior to entry. **Entries must be received by 5pm, Thursday 6 February 2020.** The draw will take place on Friday 15 February 2019 and the winners will be published on the [Catholic Education Website](#).

## Dunedoo Amateur Swimming Club

- TIME TRIALS is NOT ON this week because of the Dance Concert.
- Don't forget to bring in your non-perishable item for the hamper the Club is raffling off on Saturday at the Carnival.
- Entries for the Swimming Carnival close tonight at 11.59pm. So get them in!
- On Carnival Day the gates open at 8am, Warm up is at 8.15am and the Carnival starts at 9am.
- We still need some more helpers! If you are available can you please let Ben Kline know, Thank You.



## PARISH NEWS

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Coolah: Saturday 6pm  
Mendooran: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 8am  
Elong Elong: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 8am  
Ballimore: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 8am  
Dunedoo: Sunday 10am

### Welcomers:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December –  
B Horton  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December –  
A Whitten & M Berry  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December –  
Noah James  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December –  
J Wentworth Brown

### Altar Servers:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December –  
L Frampton & G Coe  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December –  
F Hogden & N James

### Collection

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December –  
K Inder  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December –  
N James

### Sacristan

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December –  
B Horton  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December –  
N James  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December –  
H Armstrong

## DID YOU KNOW?

School  
closes for  
students  
Tuesday  
17<sup>th</sup>  
December.