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Welcome to Term 4 Week 7

25th November, 2019

Our Catholic Value for this Term is Patience.

Feast of Christ The King

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'. Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom' Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise. This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ. We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

© Fr Michael Tate

Next Sunday we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's Year.

Sydney Excursion: Permission Notes are due back this Friday 29th November.

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



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

6th December
End of Year Mass & Family Night 6pm

10th & 11th December
Sydney Excursion

17th December
Pool Party
Children's last day

Please mark on your calendar

School for pupils closes on Tuesday 17th December following their pool party.

Christmas Art: All the best to Millie Berry as she attends the Awards Ceremony at Notre Dame University next Sunday. It is a great experience and one that will stay with her for a while.

End of Year Family Night: *This will be held on Friday 6th December beginning at 6pm in the Church. This is one night that all children look forward to, so please make every effort to attend.* In last week's Newsletter there was a request for assistance. To this point we have had one person put their hand up. I just ask that you please consider helping in some way. If everyone does a little then we can all enjoy the evening. Many thanks.

Children's Gift Giving: At this time of the year we see various things being exchanged between children. Can I please put out a plea that is does not include edibles as we have a number of children that have different allergies. So to be on the safe side, please don't send an edibles. Many thanks.

Teachers' Gifts: *This is only a suggestion not what you have to do. I am very conscious that every family is struggling and some more than others. We as a staff have on occasion spoken about the gifts we receive at the end of the year. While each of us appreciates this generous gesture, the financial pressures on families at this time of the year is enormous. Can I please make the suggestion that for this year, your child writes a message of gratitude to their teacher. If your child really feels a gift is necessary, please encourage them to make something or to donate used books that they no longer read to their classroom library rather than purchasing something. The fact that they have taken the time to write a note or choose a book will mean 1000 times more and it will not add to your financial worries.*

Swimming: This will take place every Tuesday until the end of Term. K-2 Intensive Swimming started today and they have been given their roster. 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.**

Parenting Ideas for Schools: There is a webinar - "Brave Parenting In A Culture Riddled With Worry" which is coming up on Wednesday 27th November at 8 pm. Refer to last week's Newsletter on [How parents can redeem the voucher.](#)

Have a great week.

A Margaret Flood.

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

Week 7
K - 2 Learn To Swim Programme.

Next Week

5th Dec St John's College - Hit The Ground Running

6th Dec End of Year Mass & Family Night.

Intensive Swimming finishes.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Prayer for Rain:

God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life
And Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us
We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land.
Our starving animals and failing produce.
Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought
In your loving providence send abundant rain soon
And renew the faith of your people and the face of our land.
We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things. Amen

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Dunedoo Amateur Swimming Club

- Don't forget Time Trials are starting at 6.15pm due to dance running late in the lead up to the concert.
- Our Carnival will be held on Saturday 7th December. The draw is on our Facebook page.
- We are looking for volunteers to help run the Carnival. If you are available to help on the 7th please let Ben Kline know.



Birthdays.

Congratulations &
Birthday Wishes to:

**Ellie Wentworth
Brown**



AUSSIE OF THE WEEK

Chelsea Miller



Congratulations to this helpful member of our school. Although usually quiet, Chelsea can be relied upon to stand up for what she thinks is wrong, in a very polite way. When confronted with something that she knew was wrong, she got advice from a teacher and went about trying to help this person. Her polite way of helping was appreciated by the class and showed that she is brave, as well as helpful. She was nervous about taking action but took a risk and was successful.

Well done Chelsea. You took the risk!!

**Saturday 14th
December
1.30pm**
Meeting Room at Old
Westpac Building,
Dunedoo
Gold Coin donation
Contact: Sharon Nott 0428 859 509

Presented by Dunedoo
Coolah Landcare

PILLIGA RISING

"A heartbreaking, exhilarating tale
of a community unified in defence of
land and livelihood"
-Elizabeth Farrelly
Sydney Morning Herald

IF GAS CAME FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, WOULD YOU RISE?

DENDY
CINEMAS

BALANGARA
FILMS

Wilderness Society
Life Support.



MERIT AWARDS

Years K/1/2:

Mitchell Inder

Years 3/4:

Mads Gaden

Cooper Baker

Jack Wentworth Brown

Years 5/6:

Cooper Horton

Millie Berry



Have an active summer holiday adventure at one of our residential or day camps!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

For the best holiday fun, our popular school holiday camps get kids and teens outdoors, learning new skills and making new friends. Our residential programs include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor-led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport (where applicable)

RESIDENTIAL AND DAY PROGRAMS

Sport and Recreation Centres:

- Berry
- Borambola
- Broken Bay
- Milson Island
- Sydney Academy of Sport

Book now on 13 13 02 or visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays



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The Dune "Doo" - Working at Wellness
presents
WAYNE BENNETT
LIVE & FREE
for the community
SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
from 2pm
at the Dunedoo Sports Club
Golf, Squash, Tennis, Jumping Castles, Card Tables, Chocolate Wheel,
Fun Activities & Live Music
Complimentary dinner
5pm to 7:30pm
FREE CAMPING
AVAILABLE ON SITE
RSVP by Friday 29th November to any of the following businesses
Delta Ag ph: 6375 1209 DRH ph: 6375 1107 Leigh Stoddart & Co ph: 6375 1942
Dunedoo Sports Club ph: 6375 1018
This service is funded by:
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NATIONAL LIONS CLUB
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PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

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

Readers:

Sunday 1st December –
Annabelle Brennan



DID YOU KNOW?

School
closes for
students
Tuesday
17th
December