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Term 4 Week 1

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St Joseph's School Wyndham

From the Principal - Ms. Naomi Martin

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school—to term 4, 9 weeks of excitement and activity!

STAFFING

Last term Mrs Brooke Boneham resigned her position in the canteen. Thank you Brooke for your innovation and passion for our kids over the last year. We wish you all the best in your new endeavours. For the last few weeks of the term the canteen was run mostly by Mrs Deli Carter and Ms Zabby Birch. Sincere thanks to Deli and Zabby for filling in for the time. Thanks also to Tanya Wright and Emma Venables who stepped in on a couple of occasions. Ms Kim Smith has come back to us and taken on the canteen. Welcome back Kim, and thanks for coming back to us!

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons begin next week (23 October) for Yr 1—6. Permission notes will be sent out before the end of this week. I ask parent to contribute \$15.00 per child to assist with the cost of hiring the pool and the lanes for the lessons. We will conclude the swimming lessons with a short novelty swimming carnival on Friday 20 November.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Our last community partnership meeting for the year will be held on Friday 27 November at 11.00am. After the meeting we will have assembly and then a community lunch. Please mark this date in your calendar now, and come in and share your ideas for our school as we are preparing for a new year.

FUNDING

There have been significant changes to the funding model for Catholic Schools. Funds to run the school for 2016 are tight. We are looking to make savings in all areas possible. However, the School Board has received news that Catholic Education has approved our application for a school upgrade. The School Board asked that the classrooms in the upper school have a complete upgrade. There will be a new office building and the current office will become the staff room. The plans include a meeting hall in the middle of the school upstairs. This will be an air conditioned place for assemblies, concerts etc. The upgrade will happen in 2017. This is very exciting for us.

READ-A-THON

We are holding a read-a-thon in week 2 & 3. This will encourage students to read more and at the same time, raise funds for our new drink fountain. Students need to get some sponsorship. The more minutes the students read for, the more interesting prizes they can achieve. Can I ask parents and extended families to support your child in this. We will give the students some reading time at school, and ask that you supervise your child in some reading time at home during the two weeks.

ATTENDANCE

Can I remind parents to have your children at school every day. By missing one day, the students can miss vital information which leaves gaps in their learning and may put them behind. Funerals and sorry time are unpredictable and important for immediate family to attend. However, students taking days off for reasons other than medical or sorry time is not acceptable if you want the best for your child's education.

Have a great week - Naomi

IMPORTANT DATES;

- > **Assembly 12.10pm**
- > **SCHOOL BANKING Tuesday's**
- > **Kimberley Pilgrimage to Rome and The Holy Land 24.10.16—8.10.16**
- > **Swimming lessons begin next week 23**

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Miss Zabby

Please be at school by **7:30am** for a **7:40am** start.

If your child is late please remind them to sign in at the front office.

If your child is absent please contact me via email or phone

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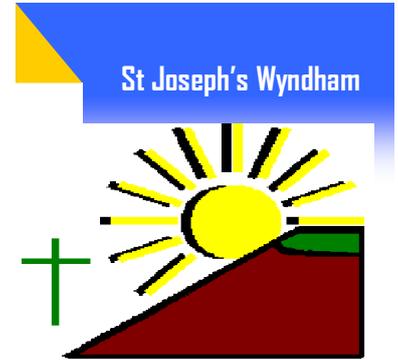
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READ-A-THON

Reminder that the Read-a-thon is in week 2 & 3. Please encourage your child to read at home, and record the minutes your child reads.

Money raised will go towards a new drink fountain.



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LIVING FAITH

Matthew 10: 17—30

A man asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus replied "You know the commandments" The man said, "Ever since I was young, I have obeyed them" Jesus looked at him with love and said, "Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me" Then man went away sad because he was very rich

REFLECTION

It is good to have a good income and be able to provide for your family. This gospel is telling us that money should not become our obsession. We need to share at sharing time, and give when we feel the need to give, but most importantly, treat all with respect and be helpful when we can, regardless of our income.

PRAYER:

God our Father, Give us grateful hearts that we may share our wealth more generously, and never forget that all people are important. AMEN

ABSENCE NOTE - ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL WYNDHAM

Please be aware that _____ is/was away from school on ___/___/15 due to _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____