



St Raphael's Catholic School

Term 3, Week 6 Newsletter
23rd August 2010



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Dear Parents,

"Crossing the Story Bridge" is the theme of our combined Book Week / Literacy & Numeracy Week celebrations. A special Open Day on Tuesday focuses particularly on grandparents and students K-10 are strongly urged to come dressed as a book character of their choice. The day is composed of; Grandparents / Parents visit from 9:30, Book Parade at 10:30, Shared morning tea at 11 and Special Activities Rotation at 11:20. Typically, these times are fantastic fun, the more engaged the better.

Matthew Doyle, our artist in residence for last week's NAIDOC Week, engaged students from K-10 in a delightful manner. Matthew's depth of character, gentleness, presence and sheer talent were an absolute privilege to share. Friday's Mass and concert featured the talents of children under inspired guidance from Matthew.

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides real support people dealing with tough times. Last year our local Vinnies supported 830 families and provided \$23,000 in assistance. At Mass on Friday, Vinnies representatives received the St Raphael's contribution to their annual Winter Appeal. Students (and parents, of course) contributed \$860 which was used to purchase winter goods from Target, Cowra. In beautiful generosity, Target gave us discount upon discount resulting in goods for Vinnies worth considerably more than \$1100. What a great community we live in!

Last week at MacKillop College, Bathurst representative athletes from schools of the diocese competed to select a team to represent the Bathurst Diocese at the next level of competition. Impressive performances by the St Raphael's contingent saw fourteen of our students named in the squads for primary and secondary. Particularly strong performances by secondary students saw the biggest team named from here in many years.

We are privileged in our school to have a most beautiful chapel. It breathes the spirit of St Brigid and her sisters. The chapel is open regularly and is the perfect venue for people to take the time to *Stop*,

Look, Listen and Think. Our holy ground is there for the children and staff to visit. You too, are invited to take advantage whenever you want. The Blessed Sacrament is present, the venue and atmosphere is beautiful and it is there for us all.

Have you assembled your brains trust for the **P&F Quiz Night** on September 4th?

Michael Gallagher
Principal



*Loving Spirit,
Like the gentle sun in winter,
You penetrate the darkness within,
Enlivening,
Quickening,
Invigorating us.*

*You shine away our deadness,
Our numbness.
Your spirit ignites us,
Until we slowly realize
That our winter has thawed,
And we are warm and loving.*

*Bless us,
The seeds in your ground.*

Amen.

(Trisha Watts & Gabrielle Lord *Sanctuary* Where Heaven touches Earth)

Gospel Challenge Week 6 Term 3

**Try your best to enter by the narrow door
Luke 13:22-30**

What's On This Week!!

Monday 23

Happy Birthday to Digby Williams and Charlie Williams.

Tuesday 24

Happy Birthday to Jorja Bone and McKenzie Bone.
Open Day – Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations.

Wednesday 25

Stage 3 Rugby League in Sydney.
Stage 3D debate vs MPS.

Thursday 26

Happy Birthday to Damien Jesuthasan.

Friday 27

Primary Assembly at 1:55pm – KF.

Happy Birthday to

Owen Munro and Bradey Trethewey for Saturday 28th
and Sophie Johnston for Sunday 29th.

R.E. News

Altar Servers' Roster

Sat 28th Aug – Sarah Smith, Holly Proctor and Cheverne Sparkes.

Sun 29th Aug – Julia Cains and Charlotte Groves.

Reconciliation Enrolment

Parents wishing for their children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation must enrol their child. Next Sunday at the 9:30am is the only enrolment time left. Please ensure that enrol on Sunday or contact Miss Mary Ford before that day.

Curriculum News

JOETSU, SAYONARA!

Last Tuesday morning saw the remainder of the Secondary (after the Athletics Team had left earlier) farewelling our Joetsu friends after a short but most enjoyable visit. A big THANK YOU to our host students and families for their generosity and hospitality; also to the teachers and students of the wider school community for their welcoming smiles and gestures of friendship. A very happy and relaxed visit, it passed all too quickly!
Ann Aphorpe – LOTE Teacher

Book Week and Literacy / Numeracy Week

On Tuesday, 24th August the school is celebrating the themes of Book Week and Literacy / Numeracy Week. The themes for these celebrations this year are:

Book Week- Across the Story Bridge Literacy /
Numeracy Week- Learning for Living.

Open Day

Tuesday, 24th August, 2010

Time: 9.30-11.20am

A special invitation is extended to grandparents, as well as, parents. As indicated in previous newsletters parents, and grandparents are welcome to join the students and staff at school on Tuesday, 24th August, 2010. The timetable is:

9.30am Parents and grandparents visit classrooms.

10.30am Book Parade (students dressed as a book character) for students from Kinder to Year 10.

11.00am Recess with students (Tea and coffee in St Brigid's Hall)

Book Parade (10.30 – 11.00am)

Note: This is not a Mufti Day.

If students do not dress as a book character they are to wear the uniform they usually wear on Tuesdays.

Students, in dressing for the Book Parade, must wear clothes that are practical. They must be able to do all the classes they usually do on a Tuesday. Students need to organise a sign, or bring a book, that tells the audience which story book character they have dressed as. The focus for the Book Parade is participation. There are no places or prizes.

Primary Assembly

The next Primary Assembly is to be held on Friday, 27th August. The assembly will be lead by Mrs Finlay's class, Stage Kinder F. The assembly commences at 1.55pm and is held in St Brigid's Hall.

Sport

Diocesan Athletics Carnivals

Our athletes this year have excelled themselves with some great performances at the recent Primary and Secondary Diocesan Athletics Carnivals held in Bathurst last week.

We are sending a very talented Secondary team to the Sydney Athletics Centre on Friday, 17th September for the Combined Catholic Colleges championships – ten students in all and one of our largest representative teams for a number of years. The students are Brody Hannan, Brad Napoli, Ben Wilkinson, Jessica Banks, Luke Britton, Dean Ellison, Jade Ryan, Maddison Ryan, Brad Siegert and Georgia Waters. Congratulations to the students on a wonderful effort.

Our Primary students had a great day and four of them will be representing the Diocese of Bathurst in Newcastle on Friday, 10th September at the Polding Athletics Championships. Students to win a place in the diocesan squad, and their events, are: Nick Wilkinson – Shot Put (1st) Discus (1st), Tayla Garratt – Shot Put (2nd), Phoebe Skene – High Jump (2nd) and John Terry – High Jump (1st)

Thank you to the teachers and parents who travelled with the students, provided great support on the day and assisted in running the events.

Mrs Lyn Purcell – Sport Coordinator

Term 2 Primary Sporting Events

Remaining sporting events for Primary students this year:
August 25 Stage 3 Seven-A-Side Team: State Finals in Sydney

Semi-Finals Stage 3 to play a 13-a-side game against a St George (Sydney) team

Of Special Note

Past Student Achievements

Dr Amber Beavis, a Student of St Raphael's Central School in the nineties, has just been notified that she has been awarded Churchill Scholarship as well as the Endeavour Scholarship. These are two prestigious awards. Amber's area of expertise is in Genetics and she will now be working at the Smithsonian Institute in York and CalTech in America. She will also be using part of her Scholarship to work in Samoa.

Amber's undergraduate work was done at ANU and since her graduation she has done post-doctoral studies in Berkley, USA.

Bus Area

Please be aware that the gate closest to the office building is for bus students only and the gate at the Kindergarten end is for walkers and students being collected. Once you have collected your child/ren we would appreciate you moving away from the bus area. Having people standing on the footpath hinders the access for students moving to their buses and raises safety concerns in regards to children outside the fence near the buses as they arrive and depart.

School Fees

A reminder that school fees for Term 3 are now due. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Canteen Update

This week's roster is as follows:

Tues 24	Wed 25	Thurs 26	Fri 27	Mon 30
Kylie McNamar a	CLOSE D	Carrie Simunic	Liz Russell	Jacqui Cusack
Jane Stendell		Janice Ryan	Lyn Harvey	Tracey Grech
		Lisa Mallon	Kelly Webb	

Lost Property

Lost property is a reality of school life. Labelling helps us to return the property promptly to the correct owner. We depend on families to check that the clothing children

bring home is actually theirs. The vast majority is successfully reunited with its owner.

- ◆ During each term unlabelled / unclaimed property accumulates at the front office. Parents are encouraged to take the chance to come in and check.
- ◆ After a term unclaimed lost property is kept in a basket in the store room, still available for the owner to claim.
- ◆ After another term any remaining unclaimed lost property will be allocated to either St Vincent de Paul or our Clothing Pool.

P & F News

QUIZ NIGHT CHALLENGE

The questions are finished. The prizes list is growing. But have you booked your table for the St Raphael's P&F Quiz night yet? It will be held on Saturday 4th September at the St Raphael's Hall Cowra doors opening at 7.00 for a 7.30 start. Bookings are at Geoff Day, Optometrist, 123 Kendal Street. Cost is just \$10.00 per head for tables of 8/10 people. Bring your own Drinks and Nibbles.

Thank you to all the families and businesses that have shown their support for the Quiz night. The St Raphael's P&F Quiz night is rumoured as the biggest Quiz Night in Cowra this is due to the generosity of all the families who get involved by donating prizes for the evening, booking tables and enthusiastically supporting the evening. If you are thinking of donating please drop it to the school by Monday 30th. It does not have to be expensive but good quality something you might like to win. You can donate anonymously or you can write your name on a card and place it with your donation so we can acknowledge your contribution to the Quiz night.

Car Rally

On the 12th September the P&F have been asked to assist at the Cowra Car Rally again. So if you are a car enthusiast and don't mind an early start (6.00 am) we are looking for people who could help out at running the breakfast BBQ. If this is you please call Jeremy on 0427422671.

Community
Connections

PCYC Junior Dance Party!

Date: 27th August
 Start: 6.30 pm start
 Cost: \$5 per child
 See you there!!



Newton's Nation 2010 Central West Tour

<http://www.newtonsnation.com.au/>

Are you in to music, skating, BMX and more? **The organisers of top skate festival Newton's Nation have are holding a skate show and competitions in**

Cowra on Sunday 3rd October. They will bring a bus load of professional skaters & riders to Cowra skate park for the day.... but we need young people in Cowra to help make this happen.

First of all **we need you're ideas for a theme.** This is youth event so we want the theme to come from you (and I'm sure you have more creative ideas than we do). If your theme is chosen it will be on posters and merchandise for the event and you will win a cool prize. Entries close Monday 30th August.

Please send your ideas to cowrayouth@yahoo.com.au

The above email address has been set up by organisers for correspondence regarding the event. If you have any questions, ideas or would like to volunteer to assist on the day, please email or phone Liz Reynolds (headspace, 63426186) or Linda Barron (Cowra Shire Council, 63402069)

The event will be run by Newton's Nation in partnership with **Cowra Council, headspace** and **PCYC.**

Western New South Wales Development Workshops
Mind Challenge Enrichment Workshops will be operating in the Dubbo area on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th October, 2010.

The Western NSW Development Workshops offer challenging and exciting courses for primary school students. These workshops are designed to enrich and stimulate children's understandings in a range of subjects and interests. Students are also provided with an opportunity to interact with children of similar abilities and interests.

Students Who May Wish To Attend

- Gifted and/or Talented students
- Gifted underachievers
- Students of above average ability
- Students who have a special interest in a particular area

Course Leaders

All course leaders are experienced in their field. Many are primary, secondary teachers and university lecturers who are experienced at preparing and presenting specialised courses. All course leaders are committed to developing high quality educational courses that enhance student learning.

Courses

The courses for this development weekend are designed to challenge, extend, motivate and stimulate students' learning. Students will be involved in activities that develop higher-order thinking, problem solving, decision-making and creativity.

Enquiries

To obtain further information regarding these workshops contact Sean Montgomery at Western NSW Development Workshops.

Telephone: 02 8814 6256

Email: montgom2@optusnet.com.au

Jujitsu for Kids (Shidokai Kodan Bujutsu)

Wednesdays 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Shop 15 Piccadilli Arcade (upstairs)

Only \$7 per lesson (no contracts to sign). \$40

membership/enrolment fee which includes full uniform

Great for self-defence, confidence and co-ordination.

Contact 0457 365 630 for more information

Parent Line

Ph: 1300 1300 52

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