St John's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter

Vision Statement: In a Christ-centred learning environment St John’s School will develop each child to their full potential; Spiritually, Intellectually, Emotionally, Physically and Socially.

Week 10 Term 4
8th Dec 2014

End Of Year Concert
This Friday night is our School Concert and Prize Giving. We have a dress rehearsal at 11.30am on Friday morning and then set up chairs etc for the evening. Children may go home at 1.15pm on Friday so they can rest up for the evening. Children are to come in good casual clothes and need to be back at school by 6.20pm ready for Mass. Our “Giving Mass” and Yr 6 Graduation will begin at 6.30pm. During this Mass our students place a donated gift under the Christmas Tree. This gift is given to charity, generally an orphanage or refugees being assisted by the Sisters Of St Joseph. It encourages our students to consider others who are less fortunate than us. The gifts are to be wrapped and marked for suitability eg boy aged 9 elderly woman etc. It is a children’s service and each student will have a part to play in the service. A BBQ tea will follow the church service. All proceeds will be donated to Sr Helen Sullivan’s organisation which offers support to refugee families. Parents are asked to supply salads and slices and all parents will need to help as we cook, serve and clean up. While parents and guests are enjoying the BBQ the staff will ensure the children have something to eat and drink while preparing them for the concert over in the Convent. The concert will begin at approximately 8.00pm, when it is dark. After the concert and prize giving the children return their costumes and props to the Convent and may then go home. All the backdrops, props, lights and chairs need to be packed into the Art Room. With plenty of helpers this does not take long. We always have a fantastic night so please invite your family and friends to come along and enjoy the fun.

Attached to the newsletter is a price list for the BBQ tea. Please note, there will be no drinks for sale on the night.

We still need more salads and helpers to cook the BBQ, serve, clean up and pack away. Please provide salad servers with your salads. Attached to the newsletter are “Please Help” notes for those who have not yet sent their notes back.

P & F
Our last P & F meeting for the year will be held tomorrow night at 7.00pm. We need helpers to put up the lights beforehand. If you are able to help please ring Steve on 0427 431 945. We will be discussing business that has arisen during 2014 and our focus for 2015. We will be having a few nibbles and drinks, please bring a plate to share.

THERE ARE LIBRARY BOOKS STILL OUTSTANDING. PLEASE ENSURE YOURS CHILD’S BOOKS HAVE BEEN RETURNED.

Attached to the newsletter are school photos, Public Speaking and Morrambilla Certificates.

Last Week Of School
Monday will be normal and children are to wear their school uniform, classes will be held while concert equipment is being put away. End of year reports will go home on Monday. On Tuesday children may wear free clothes with a Christmas Theme (prizes will be given) for a gold coin donation to CARITAS. Children may wish to bring a large supermarket bag so they can take all their belongings home. Bring old clothes to change into for a ‘WET AND WILD’ afternoon! Students may bring water pistols if they wish.
Wednesday will be a clean up day and the last day of school for 2014.

End-of-year Music Concert
On Saturday 6 December the music students from Baradine Central School and St John’s Catholic School had their end-of-year music concert in the Baradine Central School hall. Each of the students had the opportunity to play a solo and all the music students combined at the end to play Silent Night. The students who participated were: Erin Tym, Hugo Bunner, Claudia Eastburn and Chloe Botfield on flute; Halle Hinchliffe, Jesse Younghusband and Zac Haywood on piano; Artemis Pech on recorder; Meg Walton, Madison Masman and Zac Haywood on clarinet; and Ted Matthews on saxophone. All the students played well and enjoyed having an opportunity to show friends and family something that they have learnt. A big thank you goes to all the parents and family for attending the concert and to the parents for supporting and encouraging their children.

Students are reminded about the Christmas Carol event in Coonabarabran on the 18th of December. Please let me know if your child is able to play at this event, so that I can pass the numbers on to the conductor of the Orbital Swing Band.

Rehearsal with Orbital Swing Band:
**Date:** Thursday 11 December 2014
**Venue:** Music Room at Coona Public
**Time:** 4:45pm
The rehearsal will be from 5:00pm until 6:00pm but all students must please be there at 4:45pm to unpack, tune, and be ready to start at 5:00pm.

Christmas Carols on the Main Road in Coona:
**Date:** Thursday 18 December 2014
**Venue:** In front of the Post Office in Coona
**Time:** Either from 5:30 or from 6:00 – this will be confirmed.
Students can dress up in Christmas colours and wear Christmas hats.

Baradine Carols By Candlelight
These will be held on the lawns of the MPS at 7.30pm on Sunday 14th December. Mrs Rossler’s music students will be playing Away In A Manger and Silent Night. If any students are able to go and sing with the musicians it would be gratefully appreciated. They may also sing a couple of songs from the concert. If it is raining the Carols will be cancelled.

Christmas Mass Times
**Baradine** Christmas Eve 9.00pm  **Coonabarabran** Christmas Eve 7.00pm
**Coonabarabran** Christmas Day 9.30am

School resumes for students
**Wednesday 4th February 2015**
*Swimming Carnival*
**Friday 6th February**