Take up your cross

The Word

Jesus told his disciples that he would suffer and die and then be raised to life. But Peter said, “This must never happen to you”. Jesus said to him: “Get away from me Satan! You are an obstacle because these thoughts of yours don’t come from God but from human nature. If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, carry your cross and follow me.”

Look Closer

Paradox: Thinking like God. Those who save their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will find it”. The word ‘life’ has two meanings: our physical, earthly life and our eternal spiritual life. So Jesus is warning us against selfishly seeking after material comforts. He promises reward for those who give up these comforts to follow Jesus.

Prayer Space
Symbol: Cross

Lord Jesus, you call us to love. Help us to love others and not be selfish, Amen.

Josh’s Jargon

On Tuesday our teachers were released from the classroom for the day to spend time with our regular expert consultant, Lucy Fisher, to further improve the way we teach maths across the school. In particular, we are working towards a ‘whole school approach’ to implement in 2018 in which:

- we teach and learn the same content in maths each week
- students are assessed prior to each unit to provide their exact level of understanding
- they are then carefully grouped according to their specific needs
- teaching and learning planned and delivered

Whilst in a way this was already occurring within classrooms, it will enable us to work together as a staff more effectively towards providing the best possible learning opportunities for our kids in maths. It was great to be able to work on developing this process on Tuesday while our students continued usual routines with our valued casual teachers!

Have a great week!

Josh

Pie’s will be delivered next Thursday

We are registered for the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. Please return your completed sheets and/or stickers to school so we can purchase resources.
Gospel Values are what Jesus said, what Jesus did and what He told us to do.

Stewardship of creation
Honouring the created universe as a gift from a loving Creator God given in trust for all. People respect and share the resources of the earth, since we are all part of the community of creation. By our work we are co-creators in the continuing development of the earth.

Upcoming Dates

- **Week 8 (4th – 8th September)**
  Parent / Teacher interviews
- **Wednesday 6th September**
  Junior Joeys
- **Wednesday 13th September**
  Open Information Night
- **Thursday 7th September**
  Pie Drive Fundraiser Delivery Date
- **Mon 18th - Wed 20th September**
  Canberra Excursion (Stage 3)
- **Friday 22nd September**
  Term 3 ends
- **Monday 9th October**
  Term 4 commences

St Joseph's Manildra Open Information Night

Wednesday 13th September
6pm - 7pm    School Library
Whether enrolling your child next year for Kinder or just wanting to gain an insight into what our school is all about, you are most welcome to join us in our newly renovated surrounds to learn about:
- exactly how we provide excellent teaching and learning programs to move our students to the best they can be
- transitioning into Kindergarten successfully, whether it be at St Joseph's or elsewhere
- other features or questions about our school

This week’s student spotlight is on **Olly Bennie**. Olly is becoming more confident at sharing his ideas orally in class, and recently has been asking thoughtful questions and contributing lots of great ideas to discussions. We encourage Olly to continue this! Olly should also be recognised for always displaying a friendly, caring and positive attitude towards others. This doesn’t go unnoticed and he is such an asset to our school.

**Congratulations! Make sure you see Mr Dunn for your ‘2 Joeys Dollars’**.
Reminder – RISE Youth Festival

Just wanting to remind and encourage any of our Stage 3 students (and older siblings!) to join Mr Dunn and some already signed up students in coming to this festival in the upcoming school holidays.

When: 27th/28th September
Where: Ridgecrest, Lake Burrendong
Who: Everyone from Years 5-9
Transport: Mr Dunn happy to assist in any way

Head here to register and for more info: www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Payment can be made via school: Contact Mr Dunn or Mrs Press

Launch of Children’s Liturgy
Saturday 9th September at 6pm Mass

We are very excited to announce that one of our regular casual teachers, Megan Brooks, will be launching a ‘Children’s Liturgy’ for kids in our school and parish. This is a wonderful initiative by Megan that will involve:

- children being invited down to the infants room just after the start of mass
- where they will participate in fun activities and learning about the message from the Gospel of the day in ‘kids speak’
- kids from ages 3-12 all welcome!
- Followed by dinner for the kids

St Mary’s Orange Patronal Feast Day

- All families from Orange and surrounds invited
- Sunday September 10th at St Mary’s Church, Orange
- 9.30am mass followed by family fun day!

Sausage sizzle, pasta, sweets, raffles, games, jumping castle, music, entertainment
Congratulations to Ella Gibson, Toby Gibson, Phoebe Hoolahan, Ryan Press and Claire Townsend who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday night.

The students were confirmed by Bishop Michael McKenna and Father Greg Bellamy who then joined them and their families in our school hall for a celebration after the Mass.

Thank you to the many people involved in the preparations – parents, families, staff and Sr Ann.
Stage 2 News

where would you like to live?

1. Build a 3D map of Australia with your classmates.
2. Mark on the map where you would like to live.
3. Label the name of the place, the state or territory it is in.
4. Describe its climate.
5. List at least 2 natural features near your place.
6. Explain why you would like to live there.

what "natural features" means
is climate the same as the weather?
what climate means
the states and territories
where the desert is
how to find the sea, mountains and rivers on a map
how to read a map

Can do our project?

what do we need to learn before we can do our project?

Read the skills.

through the project, the children will also be learning new mapping and data

learning knowledge about natural, social and political features of Australia.

year 3 and year 4 students are busy working on a project that will have them

complete it.

knowledge and skills they thought they would need in order to

once given the project, the children set about listing all the
Inspired by our last class novel, "George's Marvelous Medicine" by Roald Dahl, Whitney Jade, Will, and Ryan conceived their own marvellous medicines and wrote descriptive stories about them.