TERM DATES

March
Wed 11—P & F Meeting, 8:55am
Thu 12—Mass 9:30am, Grade 1,
2, 3, 4 & 5
Sat 14—P & F Mitre10 Mega
BBQ Fundraiser
Tue 17—Free Dress Day, Bring
an Easter Egg
Tue 17—Board Meeting, 7pm
Mon 23—Book Club orders due
Tue 24—Project Compassion
Boxes due
Wed 25—Sacrament of Reconcili-
ation, 7pm, St Johns Church
Thu 26—School Photos
Fri 27—Term 1 concludes,
2:10pm finish

April
Mon 13—Term 2 commences

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

With only three weeks to go we are nearly at the end of Term One. At this time of
year our Grade 6 families are making the important decision of choosing a Second-
ary School for their child’s education. As teachers we hear the odd comments of,
‘Mum and Dad will let me go where I want’, ‘I’ll just go where my friends go’ or ‘I
don’t want to go to …’

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states ‘As those first responsible for the edu-
cation of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which
corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible
parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as
Christian educators (2229).’

I would encourage you to consider these words from the Catechism. As parents
we need to make decisions for our children, especially around something as im-
portant as education. Sometimes this may make us unpopular; however, your
child’s future shouldn’t be a popularity vote. Attend as many information nights/
open days as possible and ask lots of questions, this will give you the best feel as to
what school will best suit your child’s needs.

Today, Imogen Paine, Nick Bindley and Ethan McDonald are representing our
school at the Division Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best.

There is Mass 9:30am tomorrow morning for students in grades 1-5, all welcome
to attend.

Next Tuesday, 17th March, is ‘Bring an Easter Egg’ casual clothes day. Students who
wish to wear casual clothes should bring in an Easter Egg which we will then use
for our Easter Raffle at the end of term.

There has been many parents who have started using the absentee forms available
through our ‘Skoolbag App’. Just a reminder when filling in these forms you must
include your signature and complete all details required including, reason for ab-
sence. Doctor certificates should be forwarded to classroom teachers on return to
school.

Regards,

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11 March 2015
**Junior School News**

The children in the junior area have been learning about shapes in maths and last week at art they produced some beautiful paintings of animals based on simple shapes. The children are continuing on their Lenten journey and have learnt about those less fortunate in our world. They are remembering to contribute to our Caritas ‘Food for life’ project compassion fund-raiser. All the children in our junior area have been participating in regular brain-gym activities and the teachers are already noticing improvements in concentration and fine-motor skills. We welcome the Foundation students to their first Wednesday at school today.

**Middle School News**

The Grade 3/4 classes have been working hard on learning all about measurement. They have been measuring using centimetres and making metre rulers. Many of the students are moving forward to get their pen licences and all children are enjoying learning how to join their letters.

All children are looking forward to Thursday’s Mass especially as they will be singing some favourite songs.

**Senior School News**

Our senior students have been busily practising for our Easter Encounter Play. This is a small production which we will be performing for the St John’s School Community, in the church, on Tuesday, 24th March. Please support our children, even if you do not have a child in Grade 5 or 6, by setting aside some of your time to be in our audience.

In Maths, the students have been practising their times tables and learning about factors, multiples and prime numbers. The students have started reading *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor and have been having some great discussions in the classroom about what life would have been like as a child during World War 2.

**Sport—Effective Tuesday 10th Mar**

Children will take part in a 1 hour sport lesson once a week on the following days. **Sports uniform is to be worn on your child’s allocated sport day.**

**Assembly – Class Item**

Classes will perform an assembly item as follows.

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**Wednesday**

F/1 D, F/1 BM, 1/2 F, 5/6 K, 5/6 M

**Friday**


**Birthdays 11/3/15 to 17/3/15**

Cooper Cox
Charlize Alexander
Ben Brown-Blackley
Addison Lievesley
Braxton Witteveen

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**Koo Wee Rup Football Club**

**AUSKICK 2015**

**DATE:** Friday Nights from 17th April 2015.

(The season will run for approximately 15 weeks, excluding long weekends and school holidays.)

**TIME:** 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

**AT:** Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve. Denhams Rd KWR.

**COST:** $81

AUSKICK is open to Girls and Boys aged 5 to 12 yrs of age.

All registrations and payments are done online.

How to register:

- Click Register, enter KOO WEE RUP into the Centre Locator.
- Follow steps to register your player’s details.
- You will then be guided through the payment steps.
- Any parents willing to help coach the kids please contact Geoff us soon as possible please.

If you have any questions contact Geoff Foster, KWR FC Junior Coordinator:

Email: kwwrfc@gmail.com or Junior Co-ordinator: Geoff Foster – 0418 581 874.
Parents & Friends News

Easter Raffle and Free Dress Day ~ Next Tuesday, 17 March is a free dress day. In exchange for free dress, each child is asked to bring an Easter egg or Easter novelty which we can use for our Easter raffle which will be drawn on the last day of term. There will be 3 prizes for each class and 3 whole school prizes. Raffle tickets are being sent home today. Extra raffle books are available from the office. Please make sure you return them by Thursday, 26 March.

Trivia Night—Due to lack of numbers the Trivia Night has been postponed to later in the year.

Mitre 10 BBQ—Saturday, 14 March

The roster for Saturday’s BBQ is:
8-10am—Brad Dubois, Caroline Roff, Chris Seuren, Tammy Topham
10-12 noon—Kylie McCormack, Rachelle Richardson, Carolyn Wainwright
12-2pm—Kim Foster, Karen Parsons, Paul Topham

P&F Meeting—Wednesday, 15 April ~ This year P&F meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month (term dates permitting) immediately following line up in the staffroom. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 April. New members and pre-schoolers are always welcome.

Pakenham Bucks ~ When you shop at Hardy’s The Good Guys in Pakenham let them know, before you pay, that you would like Pakenham Bucks for St John’s and they will give you a voucher to drop into the office at school. For every $25 you spend the school will receive $1 to redeem on anything in the store.

The P&F now has EFTPOS facilities separate to that of the school. We do not offer cash out.

Canteen Roster

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Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on Friday afternoons:
2:45pm to approx. 3:15pm

Alternatively, completed order forms with payment can be left at the office. These will be processed on Friday afternoons and uniform sent home with your child.

Payment must be made at time of purchase.

EFTPOS, Cash or cheque made payable to St Johns PFA.

New Sports Tracksuit Pants are now available.

Fees—EFT Details

Families wishing to pay fees via EFT can do so using the following Banking Details:

BSB: 083 879  Acc No: 69544 2410  
Acc Name: St Johns Primary School

Your family name or account number must be noted in the detail.

EFTPOS is now available at St Johns for payment of fees.

Please note:

We do not offer CASH OUT

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are conducted weekly at school by Tutor Teach Me Guitar—for all enquires please contact them on:

1800 983 991

Piano Lessons

Ann Larkins is conducting private Piano lessons for interested students.

Further information is available from the office or contact Mrs Larkins on:

0417 102 087

Book Club orders are due Monday 23rd March

No late orders accepted.

Enquiries to Rachelle on 0417 031 763

KOO WEE RUP

CATHOLIC PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

Including the communities of
St Joseph’s, Iona;
St James, Nar Nar Goon;
Holy Family, Maryknoll;
St John’s, Koo Wee Rup
and St Mary’s, Lang Lang.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:
St Joseph’s, Iona—Sunday 11am
Holy Family, Maryknoll
2nd Sunday, 8am
St James, Nar Nar Goon
Saturday 6.00pm
St John’s, Koo Wee Rup
Sunday 9:30am
St Mary’s, Lang Lang
3rd Sunday, 8am
Alternatively, upon request.