

St Pius X Primary School Windale



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NEWSLETTER

Term 1 – Week 6

2nd March 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday we had our Ash Wednesday liturgy which marks the commencement of the church's season of Lent. What is Lent?

Lent is a penitential season in the Church Calendar. It extends for the forty days leading up to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday. In the early church Lent originated as a period of penitence for those preparing for Baptism. Today, the whole Church unites in a spirit of repentance and renewal as we reflect upon Christ's death and resurrection and its implications for our lives. It is a time for renewing our vision, seeking healing and

reconciliation, and confirming our love for God and God's people. (Taken from All

Saints Parish Blackbutt South's Lent to Easter 2017)



Catholic Schools Week

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout NSW and the ACT. The theme for CSW is **Catholic Schools: Great Learning,**

Great Communities and we at St Pius X Windale witness this - every day.



To celebrate CSW we will have a special assembly next Friday 10th March commencing at 1.00pm. This will be followed by afternoon tea and Open Classrooms where parents can get a first-hand look at the terrific work their children are doing. Our school leaders and I will also be attending the Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass at Sacred Heart Hamilton next Tuesday. We are all looking forward to having a great CSW and celebrate the great learning and our great community.

2018 Enrolments commence

With the start of Catholic Schools Week next week, the Enrolment Period for 2018 also commences. It only seems like yesterday when

we welcomed our new Kinders and farewelled our Year 6. Our current Year 6 will receive Enrolment forms for St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead next week. If you know of any families wishing to enroll their child in Kindergarten at St Pius X for 2018, please have them contact the Office for an Enrolment Package.

Athletics Carnival

We initially proposed to have our Athletics Carnival next Wednesday 8th March. However, due to the recent rain and the forecast the



grounds beside the school will be far too wet. The new date for the carnival will be

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH. This is also St Patrick's Day as well as Close the Gap Day and we will look to incorporate both celebrations into our day. A note concerning our Athletics Carnival will be sent home next week.

Winter Sport Trials

Congratulations to Jarell Dejong who has been selected to represent the Lakes region and our school at the Diocesan Under 11's Rugby League Trials on Tuesday 14th March. We wish him all the very best on this day.

Paul Harragon Cup

St Pius X Rugby League squad will contest the Paul Harragon Cup on Wednesday 15th March. The team will play at Windale Oval in a 7 a side

competition. Children in Years 4,5 & 6 received notes about the competition today.

KFC Commences/ Playgroup

Our Kinder Friendly Club commenced on Wednesday 22nd February. There is still lots of spaces available for other interested families in our KFC Program. KFC is available for children who are 4 and are preparing for BIG school. Our Playgroup Program commenced on Thursday 23rd February. Playgroup is available for families with children from 0 – 4 years old. Please see Mrs. Booth if you are interested in either program.

P&F Meeting

Our next P&F Meeting will be held next Tuesday 7th March in our school hall commencing at 9am. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Infections & Illness

As much as we don't want the children to miss any school – with the cooler months approaching, we ask you to monitor your child's health closely. Parents are reminded that if their child is ill or has an infection they should seek medical attention. If your child is absent for more than 2 days, a doctor's certificate is expected. If your child has an infection (especially STAPH / school sores) a medical clearance is needed before they return to school. These procedures and checks are in place to ensure the health of everyone.

Take care,

Peter Bowen

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MARCH

- 5th Catholic Schools Week commences
- 6th Enrolments for 2018 commence
- 7th Catholic Schools Week Mass at Hamilton
- 11am
- 10th CSW Assembly 1.00pm
Afternoon Tea
Open Classrooms
- 14th Diocesan Winter Sports Day
- 15th Paul Harragon Cup – Rugby League
- 17th Athletics Carnival
St Patrick's Day
Close The Gap Day



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Happy Birthday to the following children:

- 5 / 3 Seth Calvert
Riley Paterson
- 12 / 3 Justin Davey
Natasha McGinley
- 13 / 3 Henry Davey
- 16 / 3 Luc Holmes

We hope you had / have a great day.

