Dear Parents and Guardians

NAIDOC WEEK

“We wish to begin by acknowledging that we are in the country of Aboriginal people. We pay respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.”

On Monday our focus for our prayer service was about our celebration of NAIDOC Week. Throughout the month of July NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has become the name of the week itself.

NAIDOC week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous community, but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces. In taking part in NAIDOC Week throughout this week we aim to celebrate Indigenous culture, history and achievements.

Welcome Back to Term Three

A very warm welcome to Term Three. After such a successful second term we are really looking forward to this coming term. It was great to see how quickly the children have settled down. It almost felt that we had not been away.

Term Three is the term when we really concentrate our efforts to improving all areas of our academic work. This is the term when focus on improving in all subjects.

We also have a number of very enjoyable activities happening throughout the term. I have listed below some of the activities that will be part of this term. As you can see we try to make our time at school important in two ways. Firstly we really emphasise the importance of our school work, especially the basic subjects of English, Reading - Spelling, Writing and Mathematics. Secondly we give our children a number of important experiences such as visiting artists, so our children enjoy the very same experiences students in big city schools would enjoy.

Highlights For The Term

Tony Bones

Each year teacher and actor Tony Bones comes to St Joseph’s to present one of the books from the Book Week reading list as a musical. These are wonderful productions and the children look forward to these performances with excitement. Tony will be with us on Monday afternoon with his musical, taken from the book ‘The Stone Lion,’ starting at 1.30pm in the MacKillop Hall. As Tony was only able to schedule us in on the Monday afternoon we also invited any children and parents from our Kindergarten class who would like to attend.
Catholic Education Week
Each Year we celebrate Catholic Schools in Tasmania during Catholic Education week. This is a
time to reflect on our Catholic Schools and the wonderful contribution we make to education in
Tasmania. During this week there will be a number of activities at our school to highlight Catholic
Education Week. Catholic Education Week commences on Monday 10th August.

Book Fair
Throughout the week preceding Book Week we will hold our Book Fair. A large number of
excellent books will be for sale each day. Our Book Fair will be from Monday 17th to Friday 21st
August.

Book Week - Book Week Parade
The week following is Book Week, Monday 24th to Friday 28th August. During this
week we celebrate the importance, excitement and enjoyment we experience through
reading books. During this week one of the activities will be a Book Character Parade
on Thursday 27th. Children are invited to dress as a book character for the day.

Pictures from our Dance Spectacular
Included with our newsletter are photos from last term of our great Dance Spectacular. This was a
wonderful day, celebrating the children’s learning throughout the term with Michael and Allie.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Again Woolworths have holding their Earn and Learn promotion. While we fully
support our local supermarket it might be that there are grandparents / friends who
live up the coast and can collect these stamps for us. The promotion started last
Wednesday. Over the years similar promotions from both Woolworth’s and Coles have
resulted in our school gaining some excellent resources.

Some Important Dates For Term Three
Thursday 23rd July    Our Parish / School Mass for the start of Term Three.
Monday 27th July    Visiting Artist: Tony Bones: Musical play titled “The
Saturday 8th August    Stone Lion”
Week Commencing Monday 10th August:    Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop
Book Fair    Catholic Education Week
Book Character Parade    Monday 17th to Friday 21st August
Life Education Program    Thursday 27th August
Term Three Finishes    Thursday 10 and Friday 11th September
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Kind Regards

Peter McBain

Principal