

Principal's Report
PT & F Meeting
Wednesday 27th May 2026
6.00pm

Google meet link: <https://meet.google.com/vpf-cbbw-euf>

RE News

- We will celebrate the First Eucharist with Delia, Molly and Grace this Sunday 31st May and we encourage all members of our community to join us.
- We will begin to educate the parents, staff and students about the Angelus as this is a prayer that the new Bishop has asked all schools to pray daily.
- We hosted a number of events in Term 1 to raise funds for Caritas during Lent. We trialled using Compass to support donations and this was very successful seeing over \$750 donated
- St Vinnie's Winter Appeal - PJ Day in May allowed us to donate almost \$100 to the winter appeal, and the students had a great time in their PJs.
- A student- led group - Faithful Foresters - has started meeting. This is a group that works under EarthCare Australia and the principles of Laudato Si (focusing on sustainability). Focus for the next 5-6 weeks for this is: Collecting scraps for our chickens from fruit break and eating times, as well as collecting poppers and milk boxes for recycling 10c collection.
- Catholic Schools Week - this week - our leaders represented us as the Deanery Mass held in Tamworth, and tomorrow all students will participate in a Wellbeing Day as part of Catholic Schools Week. Students will take part in various activities across the day.
- NAIDOC Day celebrations are set for July 3rd. We have been lucky enough to secure performances and workshops with the McCarthy Aboriginal Dancers, as well as TAMS providing a BBQ Lunch. We will invite local preschools and other community members along too, as a community building exercise.

Learning

- We have been focusing on moderating the evidence for our students with a disability. This is called the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD), which happens across all schools. We thank Leisa Crane, our Inclusion Support Teacher, and Sophie Tobler from ACS for supporting this process.
- We have preliminary NAPLAN results back and spent our professional learning meeting triangulating this data with our PAT data and in class assessment data to develop learning sprints for the students who are "almost there".
- I was asked to discuss our NAPLAN results at the recent principals meeting as we had displayed pleasing growth in numeracy.

- We have applied for a CAPA grant through Armidale Catholic Schools to support our play this year. The children will be performing “Peter Pan- The Neverland Remix”. We are having some difficulty finding an appropriate venue with sound and lighting so it may look a little different this year.
- We had the facilitators from Real Talk visit and work with our stage 2 and 3 students. The students enjoyed learning about social media and puberty through a Catholic lense

Sport

- We sent 13 students to Barraba last week to participate in the dio cross country.
- Our Athletics Carnival is coming up at the end of this term. Week 10, 26th June.
- We continue with soccer this term and will prepare for athletics during our sport time
- Next term we will start to wear sports uniform three days a week Mon/Wed/Fri
- We used out new gazebo at the dio carnival and it was great.

General News

- We were unsuccessful in winning a grant for the hydrobank but we have started the process of ordering and having the builder, plumber and electrician quote on installation. The hope is to have this installed during the winter holiday break.
- There is a new Anti bullying framework that ACS will roll out in 2027. The draft reporting information for parents will be shared for feedback. If you are interested in being a part of this please see me.
- We continue our enrolment drive for 2027. I have visited the Preschools and started enrolment interviews. We would like to complete this process by the end of this term so if you know of anyone who hasn't completed an online application please encourage them to do so ASAP.
- As a Principal new to St Joey's I would like feedback and ask that the PTand F and SAC complete a short survey. I will also ask parents at pick up.
- DA has been approved for the retaining wall
- Yarning circle grant will be re-submitted in June
- Grant has been applied for the wellness garden.



2026 ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Precision Through Planning

Our Vision

An inclusive Christ-centred education, encouraging all to Come! Share the Spirit!

Our Mission

To provide an authentic Catholic Professional Learning Community committed to improving the faith, learning and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Our Catholic Principles and Values

Primacy of God
Sanctity of Life
Fidelity in Relationships
Common Good

We are committed to

Catholic Identity

To encourage a Christ-centred inclusive learning community through strengthening the faith and wellbeing of all.

Quality Learning and Teaching

To create a data informed team culture that improves pedagogy and enhances learning outcomes for all students.

Our People Strong Teams

To strengthen school teams through open communication, shared responsibility & accountability.

The next meeting will be held at school on Wednesday, 29th July at 6.00pm