

St Joseph's Newsletter

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Term 4 Core Value: Compassion **School Rule:** Learn and let others learn

Respectful Relationships Focus: Respect other people's points of view / opinion

Staff and students who suspect they may have COVID-19 must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free. Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result.

There has been some confusion and enquiries about this. Just to be clear, if your child is displaying Covid symptoms then according to the Department of Health they should be tested. Please read the list of symptoms that the Dee Why Respiratory Clinic suggests indicating when testing should occur.

* Fever

* Dry cough

* Sore Throat

* Runny or stuffy nose

* Shortness of breath

REMINDER: Covid safe plans for schools still require that "non-essential" adults do not enter the school.

Of course if your child is late to school, or being picked up early OR you have an enquiry for the office, you may enter. Please help us to all stay safe by adhering to this regulation.

Dear Parents

Staff News for 2021

I would like to announce that Mr Danny Casey, Director of Schools Broken Bay, has announced that our Religious Education Co-ordinator (**REC**) and year 2 teacher, Mrs Cathy Gualtieri has been offered and accepted the position of Assistant Principal (**AP**) at St Marys Catholic Primary School, Manly, beginning in the 2021 school year.

On behalf of the staff and all of you I congratulate Cathy on this promotion position, the next step in her teaching leadership career. As you all know, Cathy is a dedicated, passionate teacher who for the past 3 years has led our community in not only all things Mission and RE, but in other curriculum areas such as maths. We are very sorry to see her leave, she is a loss to our community, but a great gain for St Mary's. We will farewell Cathy formally at our end of year liturgy.

The Catholic Schools Office will immediately begin the process of recruiting a new REC for the school.

Kinder 2021 Transition Session

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting the kinder children accompanied by one parent for their first 'Covid safe' transition session. We welcomed 25 children, 18 of these are families new to our school.

There will be two more sessions over the next 2 weeks, so hopefully the children will feel comfortable at our school and in their classroom by the time they begin in February next year. We look forward to welcoming the children and their parents in 2021 to our beautiful community.

Debating

Today a year 6 debating team of Emma L, Jocelyn P, Rohan M, Bridey C and Stan C as chairperson had their first ever debate against St Rose Collaroy Plateau via Zoom. Usually this would be a competition over several weeks between 6 Catholic schools on the Northern Beaches. With the restrictions of Covid we will be debating twice against St Rose this term. The team represented us so proudly arguing the topic *That pets should be allowed on public transport*. We were the affirmative team. The team were very well researched and prepared. The team won the debate and we congratulate them!



Student DISCO - Tomorrow Night - 5.30-8.30pm

This is an outdoor event, so in the case of inclement weather, we will make a decision about cancelling or not tomorrow morning and will send out a notification to all families. Pray for fine weather!

Please see the poster included in this newsletter for details.

- The disco will be held outside under the shade cloth.
- K-2 disco, 5.30-6.30pm 3-6 disco, 7-8.30pm
- Cost is \$5 per child, payable via QKR (includes a bag of popcorn and a lollipop).
 Qkr orders will close at 12pm midday on Friday. No cash sales at the door, this is a cash free event.
- Parents will need to drop off and sign in as well as pick up and sign out their child
- There will be parent supervisors for both the K-2 and 3-6 disco. Parents not in those roles will not be able to stay.
- The theme will be Halloween (note that children are not permitted to trick or treat this year under Covid rules).
- Children to bring their own water bottle.

BYODD meeting for current Year 3 parents and other interested parents from current year 4 and 5

From this year we have been a 'Bring Your Own Designated Device' school for students in years 4-6. There is information about this program on our website here. The specifications for the Apple iPads have been updated by the CSO and our site is now updated. The program has been effective this year in allowing more children to have access to a device (whether it is their own or school owned) at the time they need it for effective and engaged learning.

The date for our Zoom information session about this program is **Wednesday 4 November, 7-8 pm.** Please RSVP your attendance via this <u>Google form</u> so that we can email you the link for the meeting. The Zoom link will be emailed to those who have registered on Tuesday next week.

P&F AGM - a new team is needed!

The P&F AGM will be held on Monday 9 November, 7.30-8.30pm.

At the conclusion of this year, our present team are all stepping down as they have either served their 3 years in their role or they are leaving the school. The roles of president, secretary and treasurer all need to be filled as Sam Mancell has already volunteered to replace Donne Tizzard as the class parent co-ordinator. None of the roles are too onerous, the whole team work together to organise the meetings and co-ordinate others.

The president is mainly an overseer role, the secretary takes the minutes and the treasurer looks after the finances, banking and financial reports. The treasurer works with Kerrie in the office with invoices etc. The P&F is a very important conduit of communication and engagement between the school and the parent community.

The P&F events are not just about raising money, they are about bringing the community together to celebrate occasions and to maintain the wonderful community feel we have at our St Joseph's village! You don't have to organise or run things the way they have always been run, we are open to new ideas and structures. Maybe 2 people sharing a role?

If you would like to volunteer for one of those roles but would like more information, contact us and we can put you in contact with our current president, Mark Page to chat with you.

TTFM – Tell Them From Me Survey - Now open

As mentioned last week, this survey is now open and ready. This parent, teacher and student survey, the 'Tell Them From Me' survey, is administered by a company and used at all of our Broken Bay Catholic Schools yearly.

Please read the introduction below and see the link to the survey. I encourage you to take the time to respond so that we can collect parent voice across many topics.



We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *St Joseph's Narrabeen*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using this URL: www.tellthemfromme.com/sjn20

Over the next few weeks, students from Years 4-6 only will also be completing a student survey for their voice and opinions on a variety of school issues. Please read the linked letter below to parents and fill out the nonconsent form if you DO NOT wish for your child to participate.

TTFM – Parent Information Letter

Fee Statements

Please check your fee statements emailed at the beginning of this term – credits have been applied for Yrs 5/6 camp and the K-2 swim program. Those who have automatic direct debits set up may need to adjust your payment amounts.

Families who are now in credit following Covid fee relief will be contacted by the Fee Liaison Team regarding any refund due.

Stay well and safe

Virginia Outred Principal Like and follow us at on <u>Facebook</u>
<u>St Joseph's website</u>
<u>St Joseph's Google School Calendar</u>



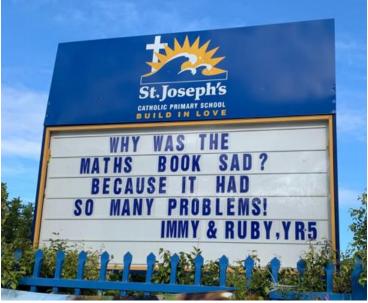
School Sign Takeover!

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It was Year 5's turn to take over the school sign and we definitely got a laugh out of **Immy** and **Ruby's** submission!

Nicely done, girls!





This term we have turned the school sign over to the students! Each week, we are encouraging a different year group to come up with a creative idea to showcase. The winning message will feature on the sign. Original compositions are strongly encouraged - and we can't wait to see what our Joeys come up with.

Religious Education News

Month of November

On Sunday our church celebrates All Saints, it is a time that allows us to experience the joy of being part of the great family of God's friends. During the day you might reflect with your family about the saints they know and maybe the saint you have chosen for Confirmation or take part in one of the parish weekend Masses. These can be booked via our Parish website https://www.lakesparish.org.au/mass-times

On Monday we celebrate the feast of All Souls. Catholics believe that death can separate people who they love from them for only a while. We are still united with them in the Communion of Saints. On this feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven in purgatory.

Your child might like to bring in a small card with family members names or a photo that they would like to put on their class prayer space during the month of November.

Let us Pray together

Let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful.

Amen.

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click here

Sports News

Northern Beaches Eagle Tag Gala Day - Yrs 4-6

NRL are hosting an Eagle Tag Gala Day for students in years 4-6. These are locally run Gala Days for all schools including Catholic, Public and Independent. Please note the above Gala Days are non - competitive and therefore no finals will be played. The focus is on player engagement and participation.

GOOGLE FORM PERMISSION

DATE: Thursday 19th November 2020 VENUE: North Narrabeen Reserve

TIME: 9.30am - 1.45pm

TRANSPORT: Students will walk with teachers to and from the venue.

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT: Children are to wear the correct sports uniform and school hat.

FOOD & DRINK: Please bring recess and lunch, you may wish to include some extra healthy snacks. Plenty of water to drink is essential.

SUNSCREEN: Parents, sunscreen must be applied at home for the day. It is advised that sunscreen is brought on the day for your child to re-apply throughout the day. If a student requires medication this is to be brought with them on the day and given to the supervising teacher.

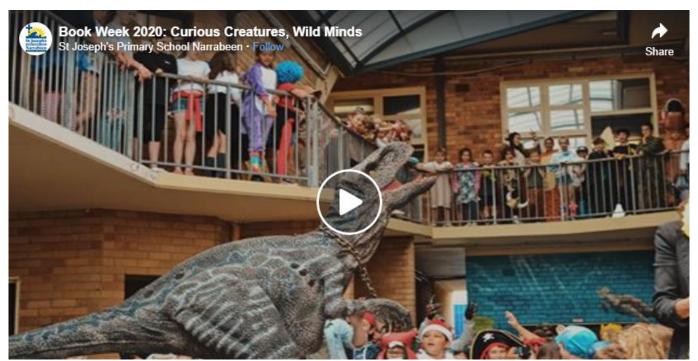
ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED: We need parents to help with team supervision for the day. Thorough knowledge of the game is not required as referees will be provided. If you can offer your time to help supervise your child's team on the day please indicate on the google form. This would be greatly appreciated.

As per COVID restrictions unfortunately parent spectators are not permitted.

Olivia Preston - PDHPE co-ordinator

The day the dinosaur came to school...

Individual photos of students can be downloaded from our school website here.











Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Canteen Roster & News

The canteen will be open in Term 4 for <u>LUNCH ORDERS ONLY</u>. There will not be any over-the-counter service at recess/lunchtime. See roster below, if you are able to volunteer, please email Georgia at: georgia brizell@hotmail.com

Clarification of canteen operation and Qkr ordering

- The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays provided we have volunteers.
- Any student who wishes to buy <u>lunch</u> from the canteen needs to have a Qkr lunch order placed.
- Lunch orders can be submitted on Qkr two weeks in advance.
- Please avoid trying to order "on the morning" as Qkr gets very busy and you may not be able to process your order.
- Please take note of the date you select for "order delivery". There is a two week period on the screen to choose from.
- On dates where we do not have volunteers, you cannot "accidentally" place a Qkr order. The system is closed off.
- Please check the newsletter weekly to see when the canteen is open.
- Volunteers must sign-in at the school office prior to working in the canteen.

TERM 4	MONDAY		FRIDAY
26 Oct		30 Oct	
2 Nov	Sarah Reid	6 Nov	Michelle Grice, Claire Littler
	Amy Fittler		Nichole Cook
9 Nov	Alana Lindsay	13 Nov	Catherine Strbik, Georgia Brizell
	Debbie Carter		Naomi Ljubic
16 Nov	Sarah Reid	20 Nov	Cybelle Massey
	Amy Fittler		Prue Picello
23 Nov		27 Nov	Naomi Ljubic, Lara Cox
			Sandra Mitchell
30 Nov	Alana Lindsay	4 Dec	Michelle Grice, Claire Littler
	Fiona May		Nichole Cook
7 Dec		11 Dec	Catherine Strbik, Georgia Brizell
			Naomi Ljubic, Debbie Carter
14 Dec	CLOSED FOR CLEANING	18 Dec	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School Opal Cards

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020. Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now <u>apply</u> online.

A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria</u>, they will receive an expiry notification via email.





Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.



CSO, High School, Wellbeing & Community Notices

October Broken Bay News

The October Broken Bay issue celebrates one year since Bishop Anthony Randazzo's appointment as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, as well as testimonies from our seminarians on their next steps in their journey to priesthood, CatholicCare's services for domestic violence and the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21 on Mental Health. There is also an update on Towards 2025 in our Catholic Schools, new building projects at St Brendan's and much more!

BBN Transfer

Read it now online:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken bay news october 2020 issue 207



Contact information from the office

Parent Volunteers

We love parents volunteering at St Joseph's.

All volunteers should sign in at Compass Kiosk in the office on arrival, and sign out when leaving.

When you volunteer for the first time please attend the office to complete a Volunteer Declaration Form and provide ID (drivers licence). You will also be taken through a short induction regarding emergency procedures at St Joseph's.

VISITORS WELCOME! PLEASE SIGN IN AT OFFICE

Compass Parent Portal

There are two ways to access Compass - using the parent portal on any modern web browser or using the 'Compass School Manager' app on your mobile device. Parents can enter full day absences, access student academic reports, school calendar and update contact numbers and email addresses via Compass. All parents have their own individual login details (emailed direct to you from the CSO).

WHOLE DAY ABSENCE Enter via the APP on your phone (sick, holiday) - you do not need to change the times, the default of "8am to 5pm" covers the school day. Absences of 10 or more days - Request for Leave form must be submitted to the office as well as entering via APP

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE .. Enter via Kiosk in school office

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY Enter via Kiosk in school office

Kiss & Ride Reminders

Please exit the K&R zone as soon as you have loaded/unloaded your child/ren. Please do not stop to chat / leave your vehicle. Please enter the queue from Wellington St, making a left turn into Lagoon Street and the K&R zone. For the safety of all students, please do not make U-turns in Lagoon St outside the school/church/bus zone/K&R zone

School Fees

Instalment schedule payment dates for school fees can be found on our school website here.

The Fee Liaison Unit (FLU) at the Catholic Schools Office looks after all enquiries regarding overdue school fees and financial hardship.

The contact for St Joseph's Narrabeen at FLU is:

Name: **Brendan Smith** Tel: 9847 0738

Fmail: schoolfees@dbb.org.au

Qkr & canteen orders

Did you know you can place your Qkr canteen orders days, or even two weeks, in advance?

You do not need to wait until the day you require the lunch order.

Avoid missing the cut off by placing your orders a few days before.

Qkr FAQs can be found on our school website here.



Second Hand Uniform Shop



New uniform items can be purchased from Cowan & Lewis via their online store. Full details can be found on our website here.

Second Hand Uniforms

As we have very limited stock in the second hand uniform shop, BEFORE placing any orders on Qkr please contact Amy Fittler who will let you know if size/stock is available. Amy can be contacted on 0421 981 485.

School Band

Roar Music Northern Beaches

If your child is interested in joining the school band, keyboard or recorder groups, please contact Monique Warokka at monique@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com or 9984 0369



OOSH Northern Beaches

All enquiries for Before and After School Care can be directed to OOSH staff (on site before and after school), by phone to OOSH head office (9984 8089) or email manager@ooshnb.com.au.

Before school care is from 7am-9am, and after school care finishes at 6pm.

Website: www.ooshnb.com.au Head Office: 9984 8089

St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693

No Nuts

Please help us keep our students with allergies safe.

No nuts, tree nuts, pine nuts or products made from or containing any nuts to be brought to school (including pesto, peanut butter, almond butter, Nutella, nut oils).

