

St Joseph's Newsletter

Week 6 Term 4 16th November 2017

Term 4 Core Value: CompassionSchool Rule: Be in the right place at the right time.Respectful Relationships Focus: Do one good thing each day for someone else.

Dear Parents,

School Leaders visit Parliament House Last Friday Year 6 leaders, Nate L and Ava K with their parents and I were guests of our local state member, the Honourable Rob Stokes for a leadership morning tea at NSW Parliament House. The leaders were presented with certificates after Mr Stokes talked to them about what it means to be a leader.



School Musical Only 1 week until the big night! Cara Appleton and Brenda Paul sent an email yesterday regarding arrangements for the actual day. Please take the time to read the information included in Curriculum News on page 4 and any further information over the coming week to ensure your child arrives in time and you are in the right place for pick up as well.

New P&F Team update Thank you to Prue Picello who has agreed to be treasurer. <u>We are now recruiting for a class parent co-ordinator who can oversee the class parents in 2018</u>. Let myself or Mark Page (<u>pageinoz@gmail.com</u>) know if you are interested in this role.

Class Parents for 2018 We now have class parents for Kinder, Year 2 and Year 6 for 2018. If you are interested in being the class parent for your child's class in 2018 please contact myself or Mark Page). We would like to arrange a meeting before the year is out to discuss events, dates and communication.

Volunteer's morning tea- 17th November Our school would not function without all the wonderful volunteers in so many roles. If you have volunteered for the school in any capacity we would love to show our appreciation at a morning tea tomorrow. Please see the link - <u>RSVP online Volunteers Morning Tea</u> We would love to see you there!

Kiss N Ride road rules Please be aware that the kiss n ride zone is a no standing zone from 2.30 pm. If you are parked and waiting from that time to 3pm you are breaking the law. The same zone is also used as pick up for the St Lucy's students from 2.40pm and parents of those students need to access the zone from that time.

Can I please request that all parents adhere to the road rules?

End of Year family gathering- Sunday 3rd December (change of venue)

This event will now be at Bilarong reserve (<u>https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/recreation-area/bilarong-reserve</u>). The reserve has an enclosed play space and lots of flat grassy space for ball games etc. Come along at 4pm with the family and a picnic for an informal get together. Santa will hopefully pay us a visit around 5pm!

Please be aware as this is a school sanctioned event with children present it will be an alcohol free event.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St Joseph's 6pm Thank you to mums, Nuala Quigley and Jo Daley who have put their hand up to be the parent organisers of the St Joseph's 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. This is a special family Mass including children in many roles, such as a Gospel pageant. Margot Beckett will organise and rehearse those children who would like to be a part of the pageant before the term ends. There is a Google form with the details and an RSVP – Link <u>Christmas Eve Mass St Joseph's information & online RSVP</u>

Warm regards,

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Virginia Outred Principal

Reminders

2017 school fees

Payment of 2017 school fees is now due unless you have a payment plan previously approved.

2018 School Fees

Link to <u>2018 Application for Sibling Discount and Payment Arrangements</u> Form to be returned <u>no later than Monday 20th November</u> so that correct fees for the 2018 school year can be determined for your family.

No discounts will be given unless the form is completed, signed and returned to the school by the due date.

The **Kiss N Ride pick up zone** All cars need to display names in the front dash window. If you do not have a clear A4 size poster with your family name then please contact the school office.

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School Calendar

Term 4

Week 7
23 Nov School Musical
Week 8
3 Dec P&F End of Year Gathering (North Narrabeen Surf Club)
Week 9
6 Dec Cake Stall (coordinated by Year 6)
Week 10
13 Dec Year 6 Graduation Liturgy (5pm)
15 Dec End of Year Mass (12pm)
15 Dec Year 6 Graduation Dinner
15 Dec Last day of term
18 Dec Staff Development Day
19 Dec Staff Development Day



Link to <u>St Joseph's School App</u>



Link to <u>Qkr App payments, canteen</u> orders

2018

TERM 1 Week 1 29 Jan Staff Development Day 30 Jan MAI Assessment Day Years 1-6 & Best Start/MAI for Kindergarten

- 31 Jan Students in Year 1-6 commence
- 1 Feb Kindergarten commence

Week 11

13 Apr Last day of Term 1



Link to St Joseph's School Calendar and term dates

Religious Education News

Remembrance Day Liturgy Last Friday, our students and staff came together to commemorate Remembrance Day in a very moving liturgy. Our Stage Three students spoke beautifully as they led the liturgy. Our St Joseph's choir sang beautifully, a song about working together for peace and Cameron T performed an outstanding rendition of The Last Post. These students were all supported by the rest of our student community in their great reverence and respect.





Christmas Eve Mass at St Joseph's Church



Link Christmas Eve Mass St Joseph's information & online RSVP

Café Time see link Every Wednesday afternoon 2pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall.



Blessings

Margot Beckett Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Curriculum News

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra Earlier this term, Stage Three visited our nation's capital to deepen their understandings about the history of our government and to get a sense of some other events such as war, that have helped to define Australia as we know it. Our students and teachers all had an amazing time and much learning took place. One of our school leaders, Nate Littler, was so inspired by this excursion that he went beyond the call and has written a thoughtful and reflective piece about his time away. Congratulations to Nate - this shows the kind of leader that he truly is! Enjoy reading Nate's recount of this excursion via link <u>Stage 3 camp to Canberra by Nate L</u>







This update contains ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding arrival, dismissal and other general info for our upcoming school musical. We ask that you **read the update very carefully** so that you are familiar with all procedures. This will help towards a smooth night for all, especially for the children of St Joseph's.

Please don't hesitate to contact <u>cara appleton@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> or <u>brenda.paul@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> if you have any questions.



UPDATE FOR FAMILIES: WEEK 6

Please carefully read the following information so that the night can run as smoothly as possible.

Drop-off to Sacred Heart

Parents will need to walk their children to the big black school gate on Keenan Street (just inside the staff car-park entrance). Staff will be waiting at those gates to show children to their holding area. *Please take photos of your children outside the school grounds to avoid congestion at the gate.* We are hoping that this will provide a calm and smooth start for the kids and kindly ask for your support in this. Parking is at Woolworths opposite or on surrounding streets.

All children are required to be at Sacred Heart between <u>6.15pm and 6.30pm</u>. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES NO LATER THAN 6.30pm. Lead characters to arrive at 5.45 – 6pm, please.

Doors will open at 6.30pm. We respectfully ask that you **please do not enter the hall before this time**. Our lead characters will be doing final sound checks and warming up their voices. They need to do this with as much calm as possible. Entry is through the back doors of the hall. Entry through the side doors is for students and staff only.

Procedure for dismissal

Our students and all patrons will be asked to stay inside the hall after the performance ends. Once we are confident that all exit routes are well-lit and safe, Mrs Outred will dismiss the children first and then parents and guests. *Please read the following information so you are clear about dismissal and collection of your children.*

- Children and teachers will exit through the side doors and walk to their holding areas on the playground.
- Parents and guests will exit through the **back doors of the hall only**. Parents will then need to go to the playground to collect their children directly from the teachers. **Please ensure that you see your child's teacher before leaving.** The safety of all people in attendance is our paramount concern.
- Children will need to place their costumes into their bags and then place them in the tubs in each holding area. See info regarding costumes (in costume bags being sent home early next week).

General info:

- A reminder that you are kindly asked to keep your toddlers either on your lap or in their seats. **Under** no circumstances are they to be sitting with their siblings at the front of the hall. This is for the safety of all the children in attendance. Thank you.
- Prams are not permitted in the hall due to space restrictions. A holding bay will be available at the bottom of the stairs to the hall. Signs will show the way.
- No food or drink will be allowed in the hall.

DVD Sales

A reminder that no photography will be permitted in the hall during the performance. This includes videoing. DVD pre-orders open this Friday morning at 9am. Please visit our trybooking page to order yours: www.trybooking.com/328849

Kindest regards,

Cara Appleton and Brenda Paul

Learning and Teaching News



Kindergarten 2018 Transition Program Our 2018 Kinder class enjoyed their final transition to school on Wednesday. The students will start 2018 in the comfort and knowledge that they have already spent time in the classroom and have met their buddies. The children discussed what their healthy lunch boxes will look like when they come to school next year and spent time reading and investigating with their new buddies, Mrs Outred and Mrs Jarman.

Student Awards

Kindergarten:	Serena S for fantastic reading and writing. Mia L for always being a polite and cheerful member of class.
Year 1:	Erin L for being aware of children who are left out. Ava P for a clever Science Report.
Year 2:	Daniel P for showing enthusiasm and working hard on his narrative. Kaden S for his excellent efforts towards all set tasks.
Year 3:	Ryan C for being a respectful group member. Gabriela A for always being inclusive during group activities.
Year 4:	Elena B for her creative thinking in Literacy. Jacob D for his positive attitude to work.
Year 5:	Kayly S for working hard on learning division with fraction remainders. Sienna R for working hard on learning division with fraction remainders.
Year 6:	Boden W for commendable commitment to all aspects of school. Charlotte T for amazing commitment to the school musical.
St Lucy's Possum Class:	Tayah A for using his words to say how he is feeling. Riley B for learning his sight words.
St Lucy's Wombat Class: Aidan S for using words to say how he is feeling.	

Eli C for working so hard on his handwriting.

Sport News

Stage 3 Hockey Gala Day Thursday 30th November

Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in a hockey gala day at North Narrabeen Reserve.

Please submit online permission this form no later than WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2017.

Link Online Permission Hockey Gala Day Year 5 & Year 6

IMPORTANT: Please complete and submit individual forms for each child

Office News

School

fees

School Fees Final payment of school fees is now due unless you have a payment plan previously approved. Statements for fees due were emailed to families on 2nd
 November. If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact the school office 9913 3766 or sin@dbb.catholic.edu.au
 Lisa Emerton will follow up to assist families with fee enquiries.
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Lost Property The lost property boxes are overflowing with jumpers, lunch boxes and drink containers. If you are missing any of these items please check lost property boxes located outside student office window. A friendly reminder to **label all school items** so that they can be returned promptly. Thanks

Changes to State Transit Bus Services from 26th November 2017 – <u>Route 155</u> For more information click here.

School Travel link update

Too sick for school If your child is not well and you are unsure of exclusion periods for illness please refer to link <u>Too Sick for School</u>

P&F News

2018 School Fair

We are looking for parent volunteers to help organise the 2018 School Fair. Sam Mancell (Year 2 parent) has kindly agreed to oversee operations and we need a group of helpers to assist her. Additionally, if anyone has ideas that they think would be good to incorporate into the fair, please send them along. I can be contacted on pageinoz@gmail.com.











2018 Class Parents - If you'd like to volunteer as a class parent for next year's class, please let Yvette or I know. It's always good to have a term to understand the role before the next year starts.

Canteen - if you're available to volunteer for canteen in 2018, please let Donita Kerin know. <u>donita.kerin8@gmail.com</u> It's open 2 days a week from 9:00am - 2:00pm Mondays and Fridays.

Extra Curricular News

Band if your child is interested in joining the school band and playing an instrument please contact the band coordinator <u>cc.musicandsport@gmail.com</u> Band practice is Wednesday morning.

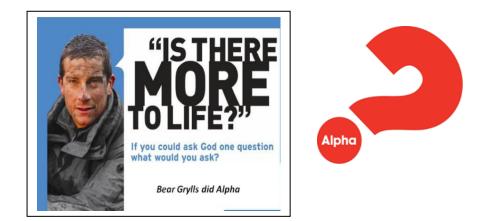
St Joseph's Band Program currently recruiting Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument and joining the wonderful band program at St Joseph's in 2018? The band program is open for students currently in years 1-5. Students will have the opportunity to try various instruments in weeks 6-9 this term. Instruments include trombone, trumpet, baritone, flute, clarinet, saxophone, glockenspiel and percussion. Students currently in kindergarten will have the opportunity to join the Recorder Group in 2018.

Please contact Corrina Clark and Anthony Marsden at <u>cc.musicandsport@gmail.com</u> for further information. An information letter will soon be sent home to any students interested.

Drama Classes Link Enrolment form (Drama) Link Permission Slip (Drama)

French Club St Joseph's is offering French Language Learning as an extra-curricular activity. The classes are run independently and will be held at 7:45am – 8:30am every THURSDAY in the Creative Arts room upstairs. Link to French Club enrolment form_Term 4 classes commenced Week 2.

Parish News



Got Questions....Come and have dinner with us

Tuesday 21 November 7-9 pm Lakes Catholic Parish Hall 21 Lagoon Street, Narrabeen RSVP to Parish Office: 9982 1058

https://sites.google.com/a/lakesparish.org.au/alpha/



PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click here



Community News



LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS at St Mary's Cathedral - Sydney's favourite Christmas tradition. Celebrate the season at Sydney's most popular Christmas lights show. Join us at the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral Square, in the heart of Sydney's CBD, for a spectacular sound

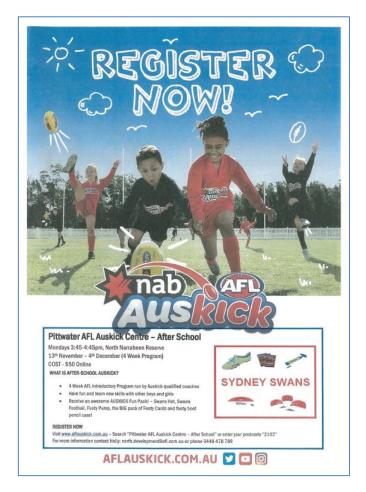
and light show every night from Wednesday 6 December until Monday 25 December 2017. Starting each evening at 7.30pm with a choir performance, the free sound and light show will commence at 8:30pm and continue through until midnight. Link to more Lights of Christmas

Transports for NSW Information about new train, bus and ferry timetables – link Transport for NSW











BIDDY BALL is designed to enhance the kids hand/eye coordination, left/right motor skills, ball work and fitness. Jerome Lee, who makes the sessions so much fun for the youngsters, runs it. The sessions are on every Saturday between 2.30-3.30pm at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sport Centre, Jackson's Road, Warriewood during school term.

MWBA BIDDY BALL Biddy Ball is designed to enhance the hand/eye coordination,

left right motor skills, ball work & fitness.

For boys and girls 7 years & under! Every Saturday at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, ph:9913 3622 2.30-3.30pm \$10 per session Come down and have some fun and improve your skills!! No booking required.

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