

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion
School Rule: Care for your belongings
Respectful Relationships Focus: Be an honest person

Dear Parents,

School Musical I don't have enough superlatives to express how wonderful the performance of the School Musical, 'Power of One' was last Thursday night. All the children enjoyed performing and gained so much from the experience. It was an evening of community togetherness and school spirit and I also think lots of us heard clearly the message of the musical and might have reflected a little more on how our individual habits and practices are affecting our environment as we went about our daily lives this past week.

Cara Appleton and Brenda Paul were exhausted but elated after the evening and very appreciative of the thanks and praise from the community. Below is a letter from Cara and Brenda to the community.

To all the parents and St Joseph's community,

On behalf of Virginia and the staff, we would like to thank you for the delicious morning tea that many of you provided for us yesterday as a thank you for the musical. We would also like to thank you for the very unexpected and generous gift.

We have been overwhelmed with the beautiful messages and response to 'The Power of One'. The excitement, joy and love in the Sacred Heart hall last Thursday night was palpable and we were beyond thrilled with the performances of our beautiful and gifted children.

We could not have accomplished the performance without the help of so many of our generous parents and grandparents. We feel very blessed and privileged to be a part of such a loving and giving community.

Thank you once again for all your amazing support...can't wait for the musical 2019!!!

Much love

Brenda Paul and Cara Appleton

On Monday morning the classes will be performing just their class dance routine for the St Lucy's classes and the Parish playgroup. This is a 'quieter' rendition of the Musical to meet the needs of these groups.

Announcement of new Senior Admin Officer for 2018 It is with great pleasure that I inform you that Mrs Kerrie Andrews will be our new Senior Administration Officer for next year replacing Mrs Lisa Emerton. Kerrie is currently at Sacred Heart Mona Vale where she is the friendly face at the front office, very much like our lovely Lisa! Kerrie is excited to be joining us in the new year. I know you will make Kerrie feel very welcome next year as is the St Joseph's way.

While I'm on the subject of dynamic Admin officers, I know you join me in expressing how much we in the community have all appreciated having Lisa Emerton step into the office since Term 4 last year. Her friendly face, humour, and 'can do' attitude have enhanced our community and certainly made my transition so much easier.

Lisa will be out of the office next week taking leave she had arranged long before she was asked to step into the role here at St Joseph's each term this year. We will have replacement staff in the office but I request that you keep out of the ordinary requests to a minimum until Lisa is back.

End of Year family gathering- Sunday December 3rd 4-7pm I look forward to seeing lots of the families at the P&F end of year celebration at Bilarong reserve (<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/recreation-area/bilarong-reserve>). The reserve has an enclosed play space and lots of flat grassy space for ball games etc. Come 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.

Issue with canteen spending money We are aware that there has been some incidences of canteen spending money being taken from children's bags on the upper veranda of the school. These incidences have been off and on over the past 2 terms, unfortunately this type of incident does occur in schools.

We have rules about children not going back to their bags during break times, however it can be difficult to ensure this is enforced. At this stage we are dealing with the issue in class, teachers are speaking with children about the rule, '**Be in the right place at the right time**' and asking children to make sure their spending money is safely in a zipped pocket of their uniform or in a purse given to the teacher to mind inside the classroom. Children should not have a lot of money to spend as lunch orders are on QKR. I draw to your attention this information from the parent handbook, **Children do not need to bring more than \$2 cash to school for the canteen to purchase morning tea.** I will also be speaking to classes about honesty and continue to monitor the situation.

Class Parents for 2018 Thank you to those parents who have put their hand up to fill this role for 2018. We now only need 2 parents for Year 4 and 1 more for Year 5 2018.

If you are interested please contact myself or Mark Page. I will then arrange a meeting before the year is out to discuss events, dates and communication.

Semester 2 reports Teachers have been finalising the Semester 2 reports over the past weeks. These reports are based on the learning outcomes and work completed in Terms 3 and 4 this year, so your child's grade is based on their achievement for this period of time. An 'S' grade is sound, meaning the child has achieved the expected standard and outcomes.

Reports will be emailed home next Friday (8th December). Teachers will be available in week 10 if you wish to make a time to speak with them.

Warm regards,



Virginia Outred

Principal

Reminders

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. 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.

2017 school fees

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

2018 School Fees Link to [2018 Application for Sibling Discount and Payment Arrangements](#)

Final reminder for forms to be returned. Please return to the school 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.

School Calendar

Term 4

Week 8

3 Dec P&F End of Year Gathering (Bilarong Reserve)

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 [St Joseph's School App](#)



Link to [Qkr App payments, canteen 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



Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th

St Joseph's – 6.00pm – Family Mass (see link below for more info)

St Rose – 6.00pm – Family Mass

St Rose – 8.00pm – Mass with carols beforehand

St Joseph's – midnight – Mass with carols beforehand

Christmas Day – Monday 25th

St Rose – 8.00am

St Joseph's – 9.30am

War Vets Chapel – 11.00am

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

Learning and Teaching News

- Kindergarten:** **Cooper S** for excellent reading skills.
Max F for always having neat work.
- Year 1:** **Simiah C** for an amazing science information report.
Jacinda R for trying so hard to be neat.
- Year 2:** **Imogen F** for excellent effort in information report writing
Max M for being a kind and caring Year 2 student.
- Year 3:** **Jocelyn P** for always being focused to complete all learning tasks well.
Luca P for always being a respectful and kind Year 3 student.
- Year 4:** **Jai S** for being an enthusiastic writer.
Rose H for amazing spelling attempts.
- Year 5:** **Amber C** for fantastic commitment to the school musical.
Lucas B for commendable commitment preparing for the musical.
Caleb A for using persuasive devices in his writing.
- Year 6:** **Grace M** for working so hard on her lines for the musical.
Mattie S for working so hard on her lines for the musical.
- St Lucy's Possum Class:** **Oscar D** for working well on class tasks.
Lachlan H for being such a good role model to others in his class.
- St Lucy's Wombat Class:** **Elijah L** for learning his sight words and working so hard.
Julian O for working so hard at reading.

Library News

Overdue books: All children who have books still out received a yellow post-it note with the titles listed on it this week. Please help your child to find these books and return them **next week**. We are having a competition to see which class gets all their books back first. Thank you for your assistance with this.



Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

Sport News

Congratulations to Oscar J for receiving the Outstanding Sports Achievement Award 2017.

Office News

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 sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au Lisa Emerton will follow up to assist families with fee enquiries.

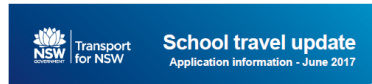
Lost Property The lost property boxes are overflowing with jumpers, lunch boxes and drink containers. If you are missing any of these items please check lost property boxes located outside student office window. A friendly reminder to **label all school items** so that they can be returned promptly. Thanks



Changes to State Transit Bus Services from 26th November 2017 – [Route 155](#)

For more information click [here](#).

School Travel [link update](#)



Student Travel – Opal Cards 2018

Students commencing **Year 3 or Year 7** next year will need to update/reapply for Opal Card for Student travel see [link](#) to update/reapply.

For important information and further details regarding Opal Cards see [link](#) to NSW Government Opal Travel website. (Opal for school students and FAQ for school students)

Too sick for school If your child is not well and you are unsure of exclusion periods for illness please refer to link [Too Sick for School](#)

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.

Mark Page

Canteen Volunteers 2018

If you're available to volunteer for canteen in 2018, please let Donita Kerin know - donita.kerin8@gmail.com 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 cc.musicandsport@gmail.com 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 cc.musicandsport@gmail.com 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

St Joseph's Church
21 Lagoon Street
Narrabeen



THE LAKES
CATHOLIC PARISH

St Rose Church
4 Rose Avenue
Collaroy Plateau

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2017

Come Celebrate Christmas with us!

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24 December

Family Masses
6pm St Rose Church & **6pm** St Joseph's Church
(Children can come as Angels or Shepherds)

Christmas Vigil
9pm St Rose Church *(carols from 8.30pm)*

Midnight Mass
St Joseph's Church *(carols from 11.30pm)*

Christmas Day: Monday 25 December
8am St Rose Church
9.30am St Joseph's Church
11am War Vet's Chapel



Reconciliation Times
St Joseph's 19 & 21 December 7-8pm
St Rose 20 & 22 December 7-8pm
(also after all morning Masses 19 – 22 December)

Parish Office: 56 Veterans Parade, Collaroy Plateau 2097
P: (02) 9982 1058 E: parishoffice@lakesparish.org.au W: www.lakesparish.org.au

The Lakes Parish
PLAYGROUP

Monday 9.15am – 10.45am
 in the Parish Hall
 \$2 per child
 Enquiries to Nuala Quigley 0451 944 474

All are welcome Enter via Lagoon St school gate



Got Questions...
 Click [here](#) for more information
 about **Alpha at the Lakes**



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](#)

Community, Respect, Compassion, Stewardship

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