

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion
School Rule: Move safely at all times
Respectful Relationships Focus: Let someone go before you

Dear parents,

Yes it is only Wednesday and you are receiving the newsletter! This is because reports going out on Friday means the system will be 'clogged' tomorrow.

Classes for 2018

It is my pleasure to announce the staffing for classes in 2018.

Kinder- Mrs Alison Jarman
Year 1- Mrs Pauline Carlyle
Year 2- Mrs Cathy Gualtieri (4 days) Mrs Kath Fogwell (1 day)
Year 3- Mrs Carmel Sekulich
Year4- Mrs Lisette Calleja
Year 5- Mrs Kath McCamey (3 days) Mrs Emily Hobson (2days)
Year 6- Mrs Brenda Paul (3 days) Mrs Cara Appleton (2 days)
Library- Mrs Fran Jones (2 days)
Creative Arts- Mrs Cara Appleton (1 day)
PE- Mrs Nicola Frost (1day)
Learning Support Teacher- Mrs Jade Browett (3days)
Micro Teaching program- Mrs Anita Brooks (4 days)
Learning Support Assistants- Mrs Jenny Cox, Mrs Kim Marlin, Mrs Andrea Fitzpatrick.

Mrs Jade Browett was employed last week for the position of Learning Support Teacher to replace Mrs Alicia Warburton. Mrs Browett comes to us with many years of experience working with the St Lucy's Aim High program at Narrabeena. We warmly welcome her to our community.

Year 6 gift to school

On Monday morning in the pouring rain, the ribbon was cut and the paper uncovered to reveal the Year 6 gift to the school. As you can see in the photo below they have completely beautified the playground bubblers area with a tiled splashback. The hand painted tiles were created by the year 6 class. The plumbing was fixed and new fully functioning bubblers installed. Thank you to the Year 6 class group, the class parents; Claire, Regina and Brigid for organising the fundraising and the planning and installation of the gift and all the Year 6 parents who contributed time and skills to the project. It looks wonderful and the children are enjoying bubblers that work!

Wow look at our beautiful, talented children and teachers and what they've done. The weather couldn't stop us this morning and we presented the school with the gift which was warmly received. A MASSIVE big thank you again to Adam, Luke, Sean and Joe who gave up their Saturday to put this gift together and to Cara who came in on her day off. We couldn't have done this without you all. We couldn't be more pleased with the way it turned out and to leave such an awesome reminder of our beautiful children.

Thanks again.

The three amigos- Claire, Reg and Brig xx



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Our End of Year Mass will be next Friday 15th December at 12 noon in St. Joseph's Church. We invite you to join us as we celebrate all the achievements of 2017 and farewell leaving staff and families. **Parents are welcome to take children home after the Mass.** Please note this is the last day of school for students.

P&F happenings and Class Parents for 2018

The new executive team met with CSO advisors on Wednesday night to hear about contemporary practices for P&F's across the diocese. As we have a completely new team this was a great learning experience for us. Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered for the role of class parent for 2018. This is an important pastoral and social role. Next year Donne Tizzard will be in the newly created role of class parent co-ordinator. She will be contacting all class parents for 2018 shortly with some information about communication with parents.

We have set a date for the **Welcome to new parents evening- Friday 2nd March.** This will be in the school courtyard which we hope to 'fancy up' a bit for the evening. It will be a BYO event for parents only. Please note the date in your diary.

P&F donation of money and spending

This week the outgoing P&F executive finalised the transfer of funds to the school from 2017 fundraising. The very generous amount has meant that not only can the air conditioners be funded as planned but also some new signage and spotlights to indicate our school entrances and location, especially in Ocean St. The new signs will be installed next week.

Thank you once again to the outgoing P&F committee for all their work this year.

Canteen spending money

A reminder for 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.**

Semester 2 reports

Reports will be emailed home on Friday.

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.

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 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](#)

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
- 2 Mar Welcome to new parents evening (parents only –School courtyard)



Link to [Qkr App payments, canteen orders](#)

Week 11

- 13 Apr Last day of Term 1



[Link to St Joseph's School Calendar and term dates](#)

Religious Education News

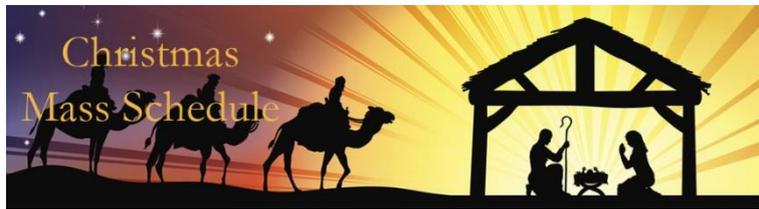
Last weekend began Advent

What is Advent? It's the season of expecting and waiting for Jesus to come. It's the process of preparing our hearts and minds to receive him.

The Gospel last weekend had a clear message: Jesus wants us to watch for his return. He says it three times. 'Be on your guard; stay awake, because you never know when the time will come'. 'Stay awake', he says, 'for you don't know when the master of the house is coming ... if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep'. Then he adds, '... what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.'



God is constantly revealing himself through the experience of our daily lives, and Advent is the ideal time to start noticing his presence. But to do this we need to slow down, to create spaces for silence around us, and to start living mindfully in the present moment.



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 – 9.00pm – 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

Assistant Principal News

A few weeks ago we were approached by Woolworths, Narrabeen to see if there were any donations we would like to accept in the school at this time to help "bring a little good" in this month of December. Among other things, we asked for some 'Christmas' shopping bags to collect and distribute our Vinnies food hampers in, and some fruit for the students for well-being week. The team at Woolworths delivered their donations to school last week.

We really appreciate the community support from the Woolies team and think that 'Narrabeen Good Acts' is a wonderful initiative to help promote community in Narrabeen.

A huge thank you from us all at St Joseph's!

Brenda Paul
Assistant Principal



Library News

Library books: Thank you to all those who have promptly returned their books. This week the children who still have outstanding books were given a note requesting either the return of the books or payment for replacement. Where possible I have included a picture of the missing books. At present we still have 74 books still outstanding. Having to replace these books eats into our budget and so we have less to spend on new releases. So please assist your child to find the books or pay the partial replacement costs. At present no class has returned all their books. So our competition is still going. Thanks for your assistance with this.

(some of the missing Year 3 books)



Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

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 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 for 2018. Any clothing items left in the box at the end of the year will be donated to the Clothing Pool and the rest tossed out.

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

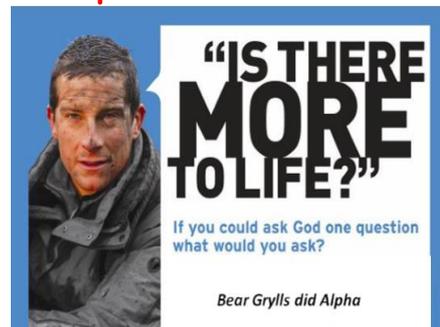


The Lakes Parish
PLAYGROUP
Monday 9.15am – 10.45am
in the Parish Hall
\$2 per child
Enquiries to Nuala Quigley 0451 944 474
All are welcome Enter via Lagoon St school gate

The poster features a row of colorful cartoon children holding hands at the bottom.

Got Questions...

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



"IS THERE MORE TO LIFE?"
If you could ask God one question what would you ask?
Bear Grylls did Alpha

The poster features a photo of Bear Grylls on the left and a blue background with white text on the right.

St Joseph's Church
21 Lagoon Street
Narrabeen



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

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PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click [here](#)



Community News

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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](#)

Goodwin's Tennis Academy – [see link for more information Summer Holiday School Tennis Camps](#)

Playball Sports & More – [see link for more information January Holiday Sports Program 2018](#) afternoon programs for 5-9 year olds.

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