

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion

School Rule: Use kind words and actions

Respectful Relationships Focus: Congratulate others with a smile and eye contact

Dear Parents,

Year 6 graduation liturgy Last night the year 6 children, their families and school staff gathered together in the church with Father Raphael to celebrate and give thanks for their primary years of schooling. It was a very symbolic and moving ceremony organised so capably by Brenda Paul and Cara Appleton. Our outgoing year 6 class are small but 'great things come in small packages'. They have been a wonderful group of leaders in our school and exemplify the values of our school. We wish them God's blessings on their next step in their education journey of life.

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass The whole school will gather for our final Mass on Friday, 15th December at 12.30pm in the church. This is a time to celebrate our year and farewell those in our community who are leaving. Everyone is invited to join us. You have the option to take your children home afterwards for an early start to the holidays.

The Actory Drama School performance last week Last Thursday the school was treated to a very entertaining play presented by the students who attend Sean Munro's after school class on a Monday. We have some budding comedians in the group. I was delighted by the confidence of the children and the skills they have developed through attending the classes. Sean has places available for next year. Further information can be found under Extra Curricular News.



Appropriate haircuts I know it's the end of the year and summer and some freedom is here but I am including this from our parent handbook to prepare for return to school next year.

HAIR

Girls: long hair should be tied back. Hair ribbons must be in the school colours (blue/white).

*Boys: neat, not too long, no chemical colouring or **extreme hairstyles**.*

This includes the cutting in of designs, zig zags etc.

School Advisory Council (formerly the Board) This group of parents performs an important community service. Most schools in the diocese have an advisory council set up, The St Joseph's Advisory council was set up in 2012 by Peter Rafferty when he was in the advisory council role at the CSO. It is based on a shared wisdom model, with the council discerning and advising in relation to the school goals and values. They meet once or twice a term.

The Chair of the Council since its inception is Brendan Barrett, he is stepping down from the council. I would like to thank Brendan for his calm guidance and support of the outcomes of the Council for the past 5 years. Two other members of the council, Kerry Bradley and Luci Kelly who have served a number of years too are also stepping down. Thank you for your advice, wisdom and good humour.

There will be an opportunity next year to recruit new members through a retreat process where people can discern if this is a role for them in our school.

School Swimming carnival google form Tomorrow you will be emailed the link to a Google form to enter your child in events for the school swimming carnival to be held on Monday 5th Feb, 2018. This is for students in years 2-6 2018 only.

Finally I would like to thank all of you for including me so warmly into the community this year. Every day I am so grateful for being appointed to this school. This school is such a friendly community because of all of you. In our very busy lives so many things go unsaid and so many people can be taken for granted. I would like to say a very sincere thank you for all that you do as parents for your child's school. I wish you all a very blessed, happy and peaceful Christmas.

Warm regards,



Virginia Outred
Principal

Reminders

Important dates and reminders for next year

Monday 29 Jan	Teachers return	
Tuesday 30 Jan	Assessment Day, Years 1-6 Kinder- assessment day	Children attend for their allotted time Children attend for their allotted time
Wednesday 31 Jan	Years 1-6 return to school in summer uniform	
Thursday 1 Feb	Kindergarten begins Class parents meeting in library @6.30pm	
Monday 5 Feb	Swimming carnival 9.00am-11.45am at Manly Pool	
Monday 19 Feb	Parent information evening for each class	
Friday 2 March	Welcome to new families' parent evening 6.30pm	

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.

School Calendar

Term 4

Week 10

- 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

2018

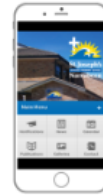
TERM 1

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
- 5 Feb Swimming Carnival (Yr 2-6)
- 2 Mar Welcome to new parents evening (parents only –School courtyard)

Week 11

- 13 Apr Last day of Term 1



Link to [St Joseph's School App](#)



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



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

Religious Education News

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Advent. It is known as Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday. In 2014, Pope Francis said on that day we should be thinking about all the good things life has given us, instead of worrying about all our Christmas preparations. He called this the 'Sunday of Joy'. Having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments.



What can we do?

We can prepare for Christmas by:

- Praying together as a family.
- Sharing a special family meal together.

Meals are a wonderful way to deepen family bonds and to share faith. Jesus used meals often as a way of sharing himself and teaching his disciples.

Family meals help us to understand the Eucharist as a gathering of loving unity, where Christ is truly present. Light three candles on your Advent wreath. Third candle (pink) symbolises **joy**.

Then pray:

Dear God,

When the world was dark, you sent a light.

That light was Jesus.

Thank you for all the times we have felt the light of Jesus in our family.

Please be with our family as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday this year.

Amen.



Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th

- St Joseph's – 6.00pm – Family Mass**
- 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

Café Time [see link](#) Every Wednesday afternoon 2pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall.



Blessings

Margot Beckett
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Curriculum News

Online booking for MAI / Best Start interviews 2018

All families have been sent an email today regarding booking their child/ren's MAI / Best Start interview.

Kindergarten 2018 Link [Kindergarten MAI Best Start online booking](#)

Year 1 to 6 2018 Link [Year 1 to 6 MAI online booking](#)

Please note, online bookings will close on 22nd December

We aim to assess as many children as possible in Year 1 to Year 6 on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January along with Kindergarten on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January. It is important to note those who do not secure a booking will be assessed during class once the term commences.

- The assessment for Year 1 to Year 6 is 30 minutes.
- Kindergarten assessments are 40 minutes.
- Children are not required to wear their school uniform on assessment day. Parents are asked to make their way to the Library until their child/ren's assessment is complete.
- There will be no teacher supervision on the assessment day.
- Parents are able to book simultaneous times for their children across classes where available.



Stationery List for 2018

Link to list of stationery items required [Kindergarten to Year 6 stationery list](#)

The Netball Game of the Century – Year 6 v Teachers

As is the custom, the Year 6 students of 2017 took on the teachers in our annual netball game. The teachers competitive antics added to the fun of the game with Kindergarten to Year 5 cheering from the sidelines. Mrs Sekulich was the goal shooter extraordinaire and Gabriel C was also on fire in the goal circle. The team captains, Mrs Paul and Lilly K, led by example, however the teachers were victorious on the day.





Library News

Thank you to all those who promptly returned Library books or paid \$10 towards replacement costs. It is good to have so many back. At present we still have 18 books out. Please ensure either the books are returned this week or \$10 towards the cost of replacement is paid by the end of this week. Kindergarten were the first class with all their books back. Thanks for your assistance with this.

Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

Office News



School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) - students progressing from Year 2 to 3 and Year 6 to 7. NSW Transport has made some improvements to their system which now means that students who are progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

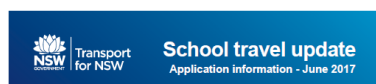
School Fees Final payment of school fees is now due unless you have a payment plan previously approved. Statements for fees due were emailed to families on 2nd November. If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact the school office 9913 3766 or sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au Lisa Emerton will 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

French Club 2018 The French Club will be running in 2018 if the registration numbers are there to continue. You can express your interest and even suggest your preferred day / time by emailing sally@sallymiles.com.au The club has been a great addition to the students' language skills. They have spent each week learning general conversation and French grammar / writing rules, all while having fun with games and songs about numbers, days, months, seasons, colours, food and animals. Expand your child's capacity for languages and join in the fun in 2018!

The Actory Drama School – Drama students performed their play for the whole school last week.



Drama Classes

Link [Enrolment form \(Drama\)](#)

Link [Permission Slip \(Drama\)](#)

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.

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

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

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)

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



Community News

the lights of
CHRISTMAS
an agb event

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.

Northern Beaches Footpath and Walking Plan Please see link regarding [Northern Beaches Walking Plan](#) Northern Beaches Council is seeking involvement of all northern beaches schools in helping them to develop the Northern Beaches Walking Plan which will include the development of the future footpath delivery program.

Community, Respect, Compassion, Stewardship

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