



St Joseph's Newsletter

Week 1 Term

1 February 2018

Term 4 Core Value: Community
School Rule: Wear a hat outside
Respectful Relationships Focus: Be a bucket filler

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. I trust you all had a restful, rejuvenating and fun holiday break. I visited all the classes yesterday and spent time with our new kindergarten this morning and it is wonderful to see the smiling faces of the children again, all eager and ready to learn for another year in our community of St Joseph's. Our new kinders settled so well this morning and there were big smiles, with just a few tears from parents.

We welcomed our new teaching staff and our new admin officer who are settling in well and learning on the run!

Classes and Teachers for 2018

A reminder of our classes and teachers for this year. New staff are highlighted.

Office administrator- Mrs Kerrie Andrews
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
Year 4- Mrs Lisette Calleja
Year 5- Mrs Kath McCamey (3 days) Mrs Emily Hobson (2 days)
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 (1 day)
Learning Support Teacher- Mrs Jade Browett (3 days)
Micro Teaching program- Mrs Anita Brooks (4 days)
Learning Support Assistants- Mrs Jenny Cox, Mrs Kim Marlin, Mrs Andrea Fitzpatrick.

Changes to Newsletter

The newsletter will still be emailed every Thursday. However, every 2nd week it will be a much shorter version with just key dates and reminders.

As there are other modes of communication to parents I thought this may alleviate some of the information overload in our lives.

The school website and app is a reference for calendar dates, we send out 'push notifications' via the app and the class parents communicate via the class FB pages.

Weeks 1 and 2 of each term will be a full version of the newsletter and then the odd weeks (3, 5, 7, 9) will be abridged versions

Link: [School Website, Calendar and Term Dates](#)

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

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

Upcoming events

- School swimming carnival on **Monday 5th February** for **Years 2-6 only** at Manly Boy Charlton outdoor pool. 9-11.45am. Please refer to the Google form for details of transport, and what children need to wear and bring. Buses will leave school immediately after the 9am bell.
Link to online permission form for 2018 Swimming Carnival:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYU_TRbYI1v8ICArwK0_fraF8oQrbL74RpfCOwUrMkvdUSQ/viewform
Our new PE teacher, Mrs Nicola Frost has the program organised and will meet parent volunteers at the pool at 9.15am. Thank you to those parents who were able to volunteer their time
- Beginning of school year Mass on **Thursday 8th February**. Please see **Cathy Gualtieri's** REC news later in the newsletter for details.
- Parent Information evening in classes on **Monday 19th Feb**. There will be 2 sessions from 6.30pm, more details to follow.
- Year 5 &6 are off to leadership camp from **Wednesday 14th Feb to Friday 16th Feb**
- Northern Beaches Catholic schools representative swimming carnival on **Wednesday 28th Feb** at Warringah Aquatic Centre
- **P&F 'Welcome to new parents evening' on Friday 2nd March**. This will be in the school courtyard. It will be a BYO event for parents only.
- P&F meeting for Term 1 on **Wednesday 14th March**.

P&F happenings and Class Parents for 2018

Tonight I will meet with the 2018 class parents with class parent co-ordinator Donne Tizzard and P&F president, Mark Page. We will be finalising 2018 events.

Teacher's Professional learning

In the coming weeks I will share with you the School Improvement Plan for 2018.

In the area of **Pastoral Care and Well-being** the staff have begun some professional learning around our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) model. This is part of our school behaviour management policy and the framework we use to teach the children about expected behaviours and to reinforce good behaviours. Pattie Beattie, CSO Education Officer for Pastoral Care and Well-being will be leading us next week focussing on our reward systems. It's always important to affirm and acknowledge when children choose the right behaviours or strive to improve an identified behaviour. We do this at school all the time verbally, often 'on the spot' when the child receives immediate recognition and it has the most benefit. I shall keep you informed and connect you to information about this as we learn.

As you can see it's a busy term (when is it not I can hear you say!).
I look forward to seeing you at any of our events and around the playground.

Warm regards



Virginia Outred

Principal

Reminders

New “No Parking” Zone - Please be aware the RMS has zoned the area along Lagoon Street from the school to the church as “No Parking” from 6.30am to 6.30pm.

Kiss N Ride road rules - When dropping children off in the morning, please use the Kiss N Ride zone for Kiss N Drop.

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.

Religious Education News

Welcome to a new school year. I am very excited to be welcomed back into the St Joseph’s School Community as the Religious Education Coordinator. I look forward to sharing our faith journey together.

This term our school core value is “Community”. At St Joseph’s we are a Catholic school, a community, a family with a story, a history and a purpose who believe in Jesus Christ.

Parents, friends and extended family are invited to the St Joseph’s Whole School Mass to begin the 2018 school year, to be held on Thursday 8 February at 9.15am.

Coming up in the following weeks:

First Reconciliation - parent information evening, to be held in St Rose Church, Monday 12 February at 7pm. This is for families of year 3 children and above who have made the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Wednesday 14 February marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Years 3 and 4 will attend the parish 9:15 mass and Infants will participate in a small Liturgy during school time.

Parish News

From the set of Divine Renovation symbols below, you will notice the second symbol from the left mentions ‘Connect Groups’.

This is the next phase of Divine Renovation that we are going to commence at The Lakes Parish and is an excellent sequel to those who have completed Alpha.

These groups will meet for a six-week period during Lent, 2018. Everyone belongs to various types of groups – sporting groups, friendship groups, clubs, old-school groups, professional groups, family groups etc.

A CONNECT GROUP INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on Monday, 5 February 2018 at the Lakes Parish Hall, Narrabeen, commencing at 7.30pm. More information can be found in the Parish Bulletin.

Café Time – watch this space for when Café Time starts again in the St Joseph’s Hall.

Catherine Gualtieri
Religious Education Coordinator

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



Religious Education News cont.



Got Questions...

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

Library News

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed reading lots of books.

Borrowing: All children in Kindergarten – Year 2 require a Library bag to borrow. This can be a canvas or calico bag, a shopping bag, or even an old pillow slip. Children in Years 3-6 do not need to have a Library bag to borrow.

Helpers: The Library needs helpers! If you are able to help shelve books on either a Monday or Tuesday morning 9am-9.15am, or can cover books at home please fill in the form below. If you did this last year I do not automatically keep you on the list for this year as I know circumstances can change so please fill this out and return it to the Office.



Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

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LIBRARY HELPER

Name _____ Child's name _____

Child's class _____

- I can shelve books on Monday mornings.
- I can shelve books on Tuesday mornings.
- I can cover books at home. (Circle whichever applies)

Office News

2018 school fees

2018 school fee statements have now been emailed to all families by the Catholic Schools Office. Please contact the school office if you have not received your statement. If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact the school office 9913 3766 or sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Lost Property If you are missing any items please check lost property boxes located outside student office window. A friendly reminder to label **all** school items for.

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 ~ P&F President

Canteen Volunteers

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

Canteen is 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 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.

Community, Respect, Compassion, Stewardship

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