

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion

School Rule: Be a bucket filler

Respectful Relationships Focus: Stress Management

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and our final term for 2018.

Term 4 School Value: Compassion

We focus on the value of **Compassion** in Term 4 as the Diocesan Mission week is in Term 4.

Yesterday I attended the annual Diocesan Mission Mass at the Cathedral in Waitara with Mrs Cathy Gualtieri and year 6 leaders from the social justice, civics and citizenship and liturgy teams. The theme for Mission week is 'Healing a Nation through Education'.



A representative from Catholic Mission spoke to the students about the positive impact their fundraising has on the targeted villages and children across the world, building schools and training teachers. The Year 6 social justice team will organise a mission fundraiser later this term to donate to the Catholic Mission projects.

Mission work is an action that demonstrates our compassion for others. There are many other ways to show our compassion, in the way we relate to others no matter their circumstances.

Fun Fair

The HUGE event on the calendar for Term 4 is the Fun Fair on Saturday October 27th. This is the fundraiser focus for the P&F this year.

Its only 7 days away and the children are getting very excited. This will be my first St Joseph's fun fair and the children assure me 'it's the best fun ever'.

There are very important messages and information in Sam Mancell's Fun Fair newsletter. Please read and respond as needed.

Just a few reminders- the Fun Fair is a community and family event, the school takes responsibility for the safety of premises but the teachers are not on supervision duty and we ask that you take responsibility for the duty of care for your children. Security and St John's first aid officers will be present on the day.

As part of the entertainment for the Fun Fair there will be school band and dance performances in the hall, this includes visiting bands and community dance schools. We invite you and family and friends to sit and enjoy the group and solo performances from 11am. As this is a 'live' show please be courteous during performances and refrain from talking or moving.

Writing Competition Success

The craft of creative writing has been a focus of our English teaching programs over the past 2 years. As part of this process teachers have been encouraging our students to enter some writing competitions. This provides the young writers with a real audience and purpose for their writing. Some of our Year 6 students entered the 'Write4Fun' competition and this week 3 students, Matilda P, Sophie L and Stella N were informed they are finalists and have the opportunity for their stories to be published in the 'Write 4 Fun' book.

Some students also entered the 'Lunch with the Stars' creative writing competition after that event last term. Matilda P, Sophie L and Amber C were winners. The prize is a visit from an author for a writing workshop for Year 6.

Congratulations to all of these talented students!

Kiss n Ride pick up zone changes- to ensure the safe use of our pick up zone in the afternoon we are placing 3 traffic cones marking 3 stopping zones - Please read the information later in the newsletter about this.

Date savers & Key dates for terms 4 – October / November

- **Saturday 27th October**- Fun Fair
- **Wednesday 31st October** – School Photos
- **1-2nd November** – Yrs 5 & 6 Bathurst Overnight Excursion
- **7, 14 and 21st November** – Kinder 2019 Transition Program
- **Sunday 25th November** – Parish Family Mass (St Rose Church)
- **Monday 26th November** – P&F AGM
- **Friday 14th December- Christmas Carols performance and end of year whole school celebration** - In the school playground, 6.30- 7.30pm (more details to come after Fun Fair week)

Warm regards



Virginia Outred
Principal

School Communication

- Link: [School Website, Calendar and Term Dates](#)
Link: [St Joseph's School App](#)
Link: [Qkr App payments, canteen orders](#)

Religious Education News

Religious Education Curriculum

This term as part of the staff professional learning, we will be further developing our Religious Education Units. Our hope is to further engage our students and develop a long lasting enduring understanding.

Last term, Year 2 began to investigate "How we can show Loving Service like Jesus does?" Over the coming weeks we would like to share some reflections about our learning through a prayer. This week we will reflect on the Gospel Passage of the Poor Widow (Mark 12:41-44). The following reflection has been written by **Ciara, Jacinda, Sadie** and **Monique**

The story of the Poor Widow teaches us about giving all that you have and not to be greedy – to be kind.

Dear God

*Please help us to be more like the poor widow by giving to others. This can be giving our time, showing kindness and helping charities. Help us to be more generous even if it is sometimes hard to be generous to people who are not so kind to us.
Amen*

Need some time out for yourself after the holidays?

Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay is offering a Parent Retreat Day in the beautiful, restful grounds of St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Kincumber South. Friday 2 November, 9am–4pm. Cost: \$20 donation (pay on the day). Theme: 'Ancient Wisdom, Contemporary Lives' (see the flyer at the end of the Newsletter).

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

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



ALPHA AT THE LAKES website link [here](#)

Curriculum News

Encouraging Persistence Maintaining Challenge

This year the Stage 3 teachers have had the opportunity to be engaged in a professional learning project in Mathematics known as '**EPMC – Encouraging Persistence Maintaining Challenge**'. Its focus is to explore the potential of using challenging mathematical tasks.

Lead researcher Professor Peter Sullivan, (Faculty of Education, Monash University) , who facilitated the project for our DBB schools, has been involved in a study involving nearly 5,000 primary and secondary students in state, independent and faith based schools across Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. The study suggested that students learn mathematics best if they engage in building connections between mathematical ideas for themselves rather than being told how to by the teacher. "In this approach, learning will be more robust if students connect ideas together for themselves, and determine their own strategies for solving problems." (Sullivan, 2015).

EPMC is founded on the premise that students need to be encouraged to *persist* which includes concentrating, applying themselves, believing they can succeed and making an effort to learn. Therefore, it is critical that teachers design lessons and tasks that *challenge* students; *enable* sustained thinking, decision-making and risk-taking; and *develop* increased learning effort, self-efficacy and independence.

Through the professional learning, focused on reflective pedagogy (the method and practice of teaching) and based on a team approach, teachers deepened their understanding of the pedagogical practices (the learning activities that support the unit of content) that encourage persistence and challenge to extend and improve the learning outcomes of all students.

As you are probably aware, EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) has been and continues to be a very significant direction for mathematics teaching and learning in our school and all DBB primary schools. EPIC complements the EMU approach by focusing on the targeted areas of need: extending *all* students, particularly in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) and Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8), by deliberately attending to the impact of persistence and challenge in Mathematics.

Even though it is a major focus for the Stage 3 teachers, all teachers in the school have also been included in the learning so that this particular approach can be filtered through Mathematics teaching practices K-6.

In the coming weeks I will share more information about the EPIC approach to learning and teaching Mathematics.

Brenda Paul ~ Assistant Principal

Messages from the Office

Kiss & Drop Zone

We will be trialling a new process in the afternoons at our Kiss & Drop zone. There will be three traffic cones marked **Car 1**, **Car 2** and **Car 3**. Cars should move into the zone, three cars will be loaded at a time, three cars will move on, and another three cars will enter the zone. No queue jumping please.

A reminder that council rangers patrol the area for the safety of all our students. Please obey all street signs when parking or waiting in the Kiss & Drop zone.

School Photos – Wednesday 31 October 2018

Photo envelopes will be sent home with each child **NEXT WEEK**. Photos can be ordered online once you receive your envelope.

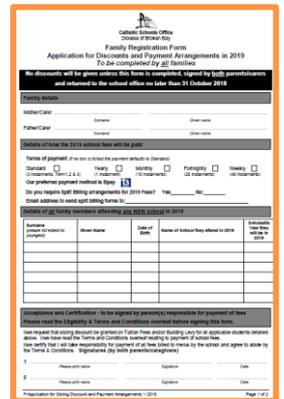


Messages from the Office

2019 Family Registration Form Application for Discounts and Payment Arrangements in 2019

An orange **2019 Family Registration Form** was sent home to all families last term. This form needs to be completed by all families, even those with children leaving St Joseph's at the end of this year.

- Sibling discounts can only be applied after receipt of this form.
- Please ensure the form is signed by both parents prior to returning.
- **Please return to school office by Wednesday 31 October 2018.**
- Additional forms can be downloaded from our school website [here](#).



Student Opal Cards - 2019

Transport NSW has advised that school student opal card applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

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



Students leaving St Joseph's to attend high school / another school will need to re-apply / update their information.

Link to re-apply / update: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. **If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.**

Parents of students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification from Transport NSW advising them to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

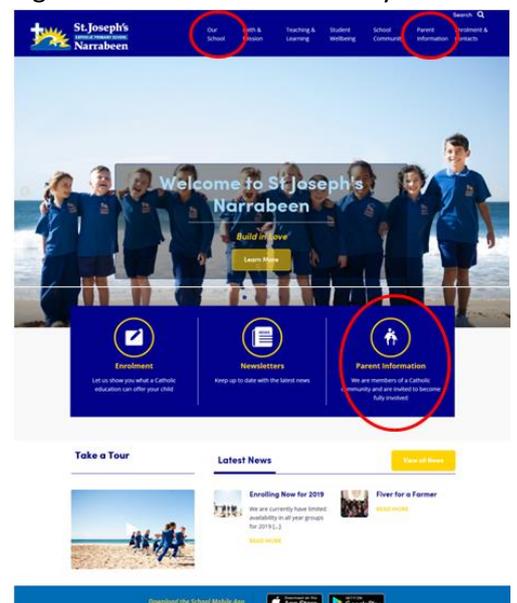
Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS entitlement for the first time will receive their card via Australia Post mail at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

Questions – please refer to the Transport NSW Opal Card website [here](#).

New website and App now live

Our website upgrade is now complete and live. The URL is the same: www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au.

Most information relating to day-to-day life at St Joseph's can be found on either the **"Our School"** or **"Parent Information"** tabs. The Parent Information tab has a quick link on the home page, and contains the school calendar (new Google calendar format), newsletters, forms and links, Qkr and our school APP sub pages.



Our St Joseph's APP has also been upgraded and all parents will need to "upgrade" the app on mobile devices (via the App Store or Google Play). The update is available now.



Fun Fair ~ Saturday 27 October ~ 10am – 3pm

** See detailed newsletter attached**

- Cake Stall donations – Friday 26th deliver to School 2.45pm-3.15pm and Saturday 27th 9am (see attached flyer)
- Link to Fun Fair page on school website [here](#)
- [Fun Fair Facebook](#) page – share with your friends!

Canteen Roster

Below is the canteen roster for Term 4. Please contact Donita if you are able to assist on any of the vacant dates: donita.kerin8@gmail.com

The canteen is currently closed off on Qkr on the red shaded dates as we do not have **enough** volunteers. **We are aware some people have volunteered for some of these dates, however the canteen cannot open with just one volunteer.** If a second/third volunteer comes forward the canteen will be reopened and parents advised by push notification on the school APP.

TERM 4	MONDAY		FRIDAY	
15-Oct	Pupil Free Day	19-Oct	Cath Strbik / Sarah Reid	
15-Oct		19-Oct	Naomi Ljubic/Jacqui K	
22-Oct	Kelly Therkelsen	26-Oct	Brigid Tysoe	
22-Oct	Justine Cattle	26-Oct	Regina Wilkinson	
29-Oct	Closed – Volunteers Needed	2-Nov	Yvette Payne, Michelle Grice	
29-Oct		2-Nov	Nichole Cook	
5-Nov	Belinda Bradley	9-Nov	Prue Picello, Vanessa Brentall	
5-Nov	Sam Petersen	9-Nov	Kirrily Coyle	
12-Nov	Lesha Evans	16-Nov	OPEN	
12-Nov	Kelly Casey	16-Nov		
19-Nov	Kelly Therkelsen	23-Nov	Closed – Volunteers Needed	
19-Nov	Need 2nd volunteer to open	23-Nov		
26-Nov	Closed – Volunteers Needed	30-Nov	OPEN	
26-Nov		30-Nov		
3-Dec	Closed – Volunteers Needed	7-Dec	Cath Strbik / Sarah Reid	
3-Dec		7-Dec	Naomi Ljubic/Jacqui K	
10-Dec	Closed – Volunteers Needed	14-Dec	Closed – Volunteers Needed	
10-Dec		14-Dec		
17-Dec	Closed for cleaning	21-Dec	School term finished	

Diocesan and High School Notices

Information about applying for Year 7 2020 entry into selective high schools is now available [here](#). Applications close on Monday 12 November 2018.

2018 FUN FAIR NEWSLETTER



Welcome back Everyone,

The countdown to our School Fair is on – **8 DAYS TO GO!!**

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who are putting in so much effort to make our School Fair AMAZING and special thank you to **North Shore Timber & Hardware Warriewood** for their donation to help make our Haunted House the best one on the beaches!

Plus - we have some wonderful garden figurine decorations made and donated by **DJ McKenzie** that will make our fair extra spooky!

The Cake stall will be taking baked good donations the week of the fair. See attached Flyer for details.

We need a **two more volunteers for the late afternoon BBQ roster** – please text me on 0425 296 906 if you can help. Note: All Volunteers need to ensure their volunteer form is filled out and ID shown to school office.

To All Volunteers – you are welcome to dress up or come as you are. We are just grateful you can help out!

Please help by Liking the event on the new [Fun Fair Face Book page](#) & sharing with your friends!

Thank you to our Sponsors

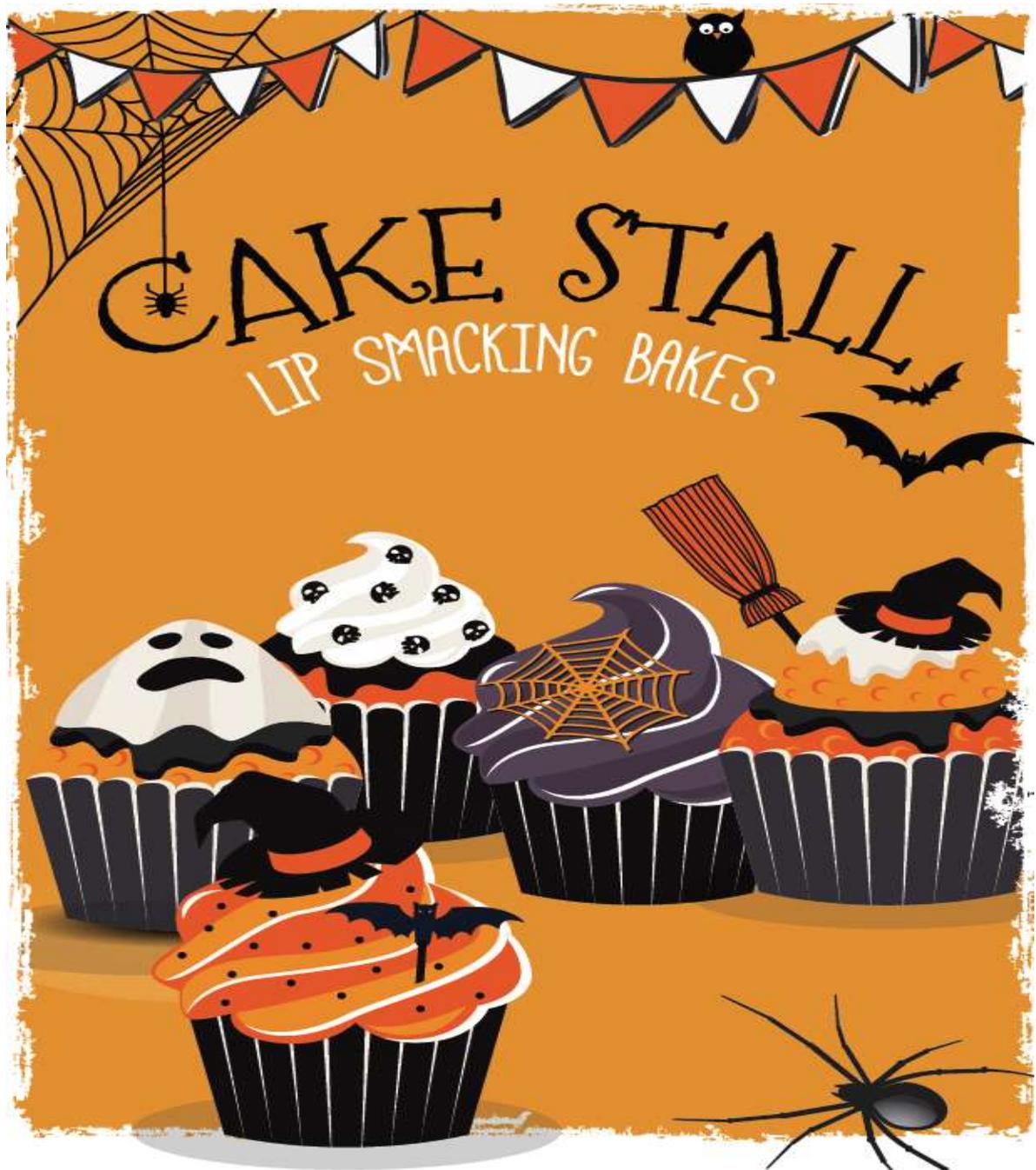


And Donations:



Katie Page Personal Training, **Grice and Catellan Families**

Mark Andrijic of **ANDCO CONSTRUCTIONS** and Steve from **Pinnacle Property Maintenance**



We will be sending home a cake box with the eldest child in each family the week of the fair. We need you all to use your baking skills and make us something delicious to sell at the Cake stall on Fair day. It can be a whole cake, cupcakes, slices, tart, gluten free etc. We appreciate any type of baking treat that you feel comfortable and competent making. On the Cake box there is a section for you to fill out the ingredients. You must make sure to include all the ingredients to ensure those with food intolerances or allergies are fully aware of what they are buying. The Finished baked goods are then to be delivered to the school canteen on Friday 26th in the afternoon (2.30pm – 3.15pm) OR on Saturday 27th before the fair commences (preferably 9am) to the Hall Kitchen.

If you have any queries please email samlynch.5@gmail.com

A Parent Retreat Day

'Ancient Wisdom, Contemporary Lives'

Rest
Refresh
Renew



'Come away to a quiet place by yourselves and rest a while.'

Mark 6:31



Friday 2nd Nov 2018. 9am-4pm
St Joseph's Spirituality Centre
8 Humphrey's Rd, Kincumber South

Cost: \$20 suggested donation (pay on the day)

Bookings: Sallyanne.butel@dbb.catholic.edu.au RSVP: 20th Oct

Guest speaker: *Rabbi Gad Krebs*

Followed by Workshops & Walks by the Water.

How do we tap the **deep wisdom** of our **life experience**, **family ancestry** and **faith tradition**, and pass on to our children what is most precious to us? Join us for a restful day of '**soul food**' and reflection in a beautiful **natural** environment, on **sacred** ground where St Mary MacKillop, and indigenous Australian ancestors, once walked.

[Details overleaf]

2nd November is

All Souls Day

Join us in a Mass of remembrance for our loved ones at 2pm.



Program



Rabbi Gad Krebs

Rabbi Gad, from Masada Synagogue, St Ives, is married to Tamar and they have four children. He is a gifted speaker and a generous contributor to education initiatives in our Diocese and beyond.



'Dialogue and friendship with the Jewish people are part of the life of Jesus' disciples.' - Pope Francis

The overall program will be facilitated by team members of CSO Broken Bay.

More about our Retreat Day

And tips to make the most of it!

Fri 2 Nov 2018

- 9.00 Gather
- 9.15 Rabbi Gad Krebs
- 10.45 Morning Tea
- 11.15 Workshop #1
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.00 Workshop #2
- 2.00 All Souls Day Mass
- 2.45 Workshop #3
- 3.30 Free time
- 4.00 Finish

Mark the calendar! Take time off work. Organise a babysitter. Car pool, enjoy the journey together!

The Workshops invite storytelling and journaling around the important events and people who have shaped our lives. The process is gentle, allowing each person to enter at their own pace.

Workshops also allow for optional solo or small group walks in the grounds, including use of Labyrinth and Stations of the Cross by the lake.

We will finish by 3.30, allowing you till 4pm to linger in the beautiful grounds if you wish.

If you can only make part of the day, we understand! Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Cost: Suggested donation \$20. Donation box available on the day.

We continue Walking the Way

Despite every obstacle imaginable, the Jewish people have managed to maintain their traditions over millennia, with a remarkable capacity to adapt and innovate while drawing on the ancient wisdom of their ancestral faith.

The role of family, home, and scripture is central to this dynamic.

What can we, as Catholic parents, learn from Jewish families in our own efforts to pass on to our children the deep insights of our life experience, our faith, our ancestry, our scriptures?

This retreat day allows for gentle reflection and space to get in touch with 'who' and 'what' is most dear to our hearts, to rediscover the deep wisdom of our faith tradition as we walk with our children in faith, hope and love.

A special day to draw close to those we love and miss

2 Nov is All Souls Day, a special day when Catholics remember and pray for their deceased loved ones. Our Mass will be an opportunity to do that. You may like to bring with you a small symbol that reminds you of a loved one (a flower, a photo, a momento) to have with you during the day's reflections and/or to place at the sacred space.



An initiative of the **Walking the Way** Parent Formation Program
Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay

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