

**Term 4 Core Value:** Compassion

**School Rule:** Learn and let others learn

**Respectful Relationships Focus:** Respect other people's points of view and opinions

Dear Parents

### Fun fair- what a wonderful community we have!

I hope you read the email I sent on Monday thanking so many people for their contributions to the success of the Fun Fair. It is still being talked about in our community and across the wider area as a wonderful day. As I stated final profit will be tallied when all outgoings and incomings are balanced, whatever the amount the day was a success on so many more levels. Thank you all again.

### End of year Family Carols evening - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Please save the date for our next school community event, a carols evening in the school grounds on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Cara Appleton is preparing each class to perform some Christmas Carols as part of a connected story. The band will also perform.

This will be a simple family evening where families can bring some nibbles and blankets and join together to farewell the school year.

### Band News

Early this term Corrina Clarke from CC Music, the company who runs the school band program, informed me that they will be ending their contract with us at the end of this school year.

This was a difficult decision for Corrina to make, who has had to consider changing circumstances for 2019 including teacher availability, work load and financial reasons.

The school will definitely have a band next year, I will shortly begin the process of advertising. Corrina and her team will remain in close contact with the new company to ensure some continuity and handover of lessons, material, recorder group and performances.

The recruiting process for new musicians wanting to join the Junior Band in 2019 will remain the same as in previous years and CC Music will be conducting instrumental try-outs from week 5.

### Year 5&6 Camp to Bathurst

This morning we waved farewell to the stage 3 students as they headed off for their overnight camp to Bathurst.

They will learn about Australia's exploration and gold rush history as part of their studies for History and Geography. I'm sure they'll also have lots of fun being together.

Here are some photos from their stop at the Blue Mountains this morning.



### Changed Parking conditions in Lagoon St

It has come to our attention that the council and/or RMS has put up new signage outside the presbytery and church indicating a bus zone, 6.30am-6.30pm 7 days a week. This was the case for a short time earlier this year when the B-Line was functioning, then removed, now back in place. Please be aware and spread the word as the ranger has been visiting Lagoon St regularly.

On that note I'd like to thank those parents using the pickup zone safely, driving up to the orange cones that indicate cars 1, 2, 3 and moving off safely.

### Date savers & Key dates for term 4 –November

- **1-2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Yrs 5 & 6 Bathurst Overnight Excursion
- **7, 14 and 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Kinder 2019 Transition Program
- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Parish Family Mass (St Rose Church)
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – P&F AGM
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Carols performance and end of year whole school celebration** - In the school playground, 6.30- 7.30pm

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 in Year 2

This week's reflection comes from Evie, Abbey, Simiah, Emily and Tori.

*The story of "Feeding the 5000" teaches us to help those in need. We have learnt that Jesus showed compassion to all the people that came to listen to him.*

*Dear God*

*Please help us to be like you. Jesus and the disciples were tired and they saw 5000 people starving - Jesus wanted to help. Jesus helped them be nourished, help us to be nourished by Jesus too.*

*AMEN*



### All Souls Day

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Children will be attending Church with their class teacher to reflect in prayer for family members who have passed. Please talk to your child about this as it would be lovely for them to pray for specific family members.

### Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue session will commence over the next fortnight and continue into December. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for dates and times.

**Share your story, your voice is needed.  
Speak boldly; listen humbly and with an open heart.**

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Further information can be found on the Plenary website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>  
The following video has a wonderful introduction to the process. <https://youtu.be/ezdk5ez3EcM>

**Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator**

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

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

### Encouraging Persistence Maintaining Challenge

Last week I continued to inform you about '*EPMC – Encouraging Persistence Maintaining Challenge*'- and we looked at challenge in Mathematics, what it is and why it is so important.

Today I am going to share ***about persistence and why it is so important***. Important mathematical ideas are complex and it is not possible to engage with them without sustained thinking. Students gain satisfaction from the act of overcoming challenge, and this satisfaction leads to improved self-concept. Overcoming challenges also provides the strategies and experiences that can be useful in students' later studies and lives. Challenge also contributes to brain development and growth.

When confronted by a task that requires them to make decisions on the solution type and solution strategy, the expectation is that students do not appeal to the teacher for direction but seek to solve the task for themselves especially when the solution is not clear.

**The metaphor of mindsets.** Dweck (2000) categorised students' orientation to learning in terms of whether they hold either ***mastery*** goals or ***performance*** goals. Students with ***mastery*** goals seek to understand the content, and evaluate their success by whether they feel they can use and transfer their knowledge.

Dweck connected these orientations to what she described as mindsets. A ***growth mindset***, in which students believe they can get smarter by trying hard, is connected to mastery goals. A ***fixed mindset***, in which students think they are as smart as they are ever going to get, is connected to performance goals.

Students with a growth mindset believe they can get smarter by trying hard. Such students:

- tend to have a resilient response to failure
- remain focused on mastering skills and knowledge even when challenged
- do not see failure as an indictment on themselves
- believe that effort leads to success

Students with a fixed mindset believe they are as intelligent as they will ever get. Such students:

- seek success but mainly on tasks with which they are familiar
- avoid or give up quickly on challenging tasks
- derive their perception of ability from their capacity to attract recognition

As well as talking with the children about their mindsets, we affirm persistence, effort, co-operation, learning from others and flexible thinking with comments like "You did not give up even though you were stuck", "You tried something different" or "You tried to find more than one answer".

Next week, we will explore a little about the structure of an EPMC Maths lesson.

***Brenda Paul ~ Assistant Principal***

## Library News

### Redgum Book Club

We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the catalogue has been sent home with your child. Every order will earn resources and books for our school. Go to their website [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au) where you will find many more great titles to order this term, with books starting from \$2.00. Orders close on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> November and books will be delivered *free* to the school, week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> November. Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au).

If you wish to keep the order as Christmas presents let me know and I will organise for you to pick them up from school rather than send them home with your child.

*Fran Jones ~ Teacher Librarian*

## From the Music Room...

### Fun Fair

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all of our performers for giving up their time to prepare for and perform at the St Joseph's School Fair on Saturday. I am always struck by the amazing talent in our little school and this day was absolutely no exception!!

Well done to all our performers. They were:

- St Joseph's School Choir
- St Joseph's School Band - Senior and Junior, led by Miss Clarke, Mr Marsden and Mr Rigby
- Senior Dance Group led by Mrs Paul
- Junior Dance Group led by Mrs McCamey, Chloe L, Chloe R, Abbi B and Jolie M from Year 5
- Soloists - Sierra W, Sophie B and Chloe L
- All of our St Joseph's School buskers - Sonny Z, Dani B, Ava J, Luciana A, Cameron T, Luca C, Olivia C, Sadie J, Frankie K, Stella L, Lucas B, Ciara A, Immy B, Mollie H and Yasmin B.

A HUGE thanks to all of our wonderfully supportive parents for getting your children there on time and for being an extremely receptive audience!

### Vale Richard Gill

Last Sunday, we heard the incredibly sad news of the passing of one of Australia's finest conductors and musical educators. Richard Gill AO had a strong connection with the Diocese of Broken Bay and I was honoured to work with him on several occasions over the past few years, along with other Creative Arts teachers throughout our diocese.

It is simply impossible to adequately sum up the enormous impact that Richard's work has had on Creative Arts education in Australia. He believed deeply that all children have the right to music in their lives and that it is through participation in singing, moving and creating that the mind, imagination, spirit and soul of a child are stimulated. Richard spent a lifetime using his fierce creative energy to bring music to us all and especially to children. He was funny, charismatic, charming, highly disciplined and abundantly generous of spirit.



Richard talked constantly about singing as a fundamental element of music education. American composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim said, *'If I cannot fly, then let me sing'*. In memory of Richard Gill, I encourage you to turn up the music in your house or your car and sing loudly and heartily with your children this week (and all the weeks after that) - to help their souls and their minds soar, as he would have urged us to do... and I am certain that in each of those notes we sing, Richard's essence will be there.

*Cara Appleton ~ Creative Arts Teacher*

*Richard Gill AO 1941 - 2018*

## Messages from the Office

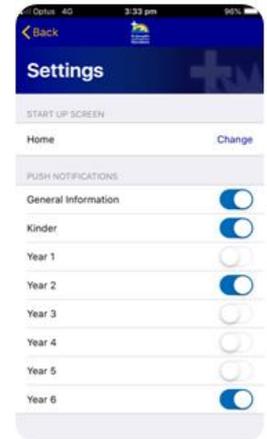
### Family Registration Form - Application for Discounts and Payment Arrangements in 2019

Thank you to those families who have returned their orange **2019 Family Registration Form**. Additional forms have been sent home today to those families who have not returned their form.

- 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 – no form = no discount
- Please ensure the form is signed by both parents prior to returning.
- Additional forms can be downloaded from our school website [here](#).

### New School App

Have you updated your St Joseph's App? Once you have updated you are able to turn on/off the categories of push notifications you wish to receive in Settings. We recommend parents turn on notifications for **General Information** and the year group for your child/ren.



### 2019 Term 1 Start Dates

To assist parents who are planning holidays in January, please note school dates below. All children are required to attend a compulsory assessment in January.

Assessment booking details will be emailed to parents during the last week of term. Students attend only for their booked time slot.

Tuesday, 29 January ..... Staff Development Day – no students  
 Wednesday, 30 January ..... **Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6**  
 Thursday 31 January ..... **Assessment Day for Kinder**  
 Thursday 31 January ..... Yrs 1-6 commence  
 Friday, 1 February ..... Kinder commence

**All students attend a compulsory assessment. Booking details will be emailed to parents during the last week of Term 4.**

### SCHOOL TERMS - 2019 (as set by the NSW Department of Education)

**TERM 1** Tuesday 29 January ..... Friday 12 April  
**TERM 2** Monday 29 April ..... Friday 5 July  
**TERM 3** Monday 22 July ..... Friday 27 September  
**TERM 4** Monday 14 October ..... Friday 20 December

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAYS IN 2019 WILL BE ADVISED ONCE SET

### Student Opal Cards - 2019

Transport NSW has advised that school student opal card applications for 2019 opened on Monday, 15 October 2018. Full details can be found on our school website [here](#).

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>

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

Congratulations to everyone in the St Joseph's community on the success of the School Fair last weekend. Even from our distant vantage point in Sri Lanka, I have seen photos and heard comments about the fair and the feedback has been wonderful. The aim of the fair was to involve the wider community, not only our St Joseph's families, and Sam Mancell and her team have managed to do exactly that.

An event like this reminds us all why we enrolled our children at St Joseph's, where the community spirit is evident for everyone to see. The Fair takes a huge effort to organise and thanks must go to all the parents that volunteered their time, not only last Saturday, but also in the build-up to the Fair. Sorting through donations, organising rosters, baking cakes, decorating stalls, running stalls, counting money - all these and more were done by our parents, staff and in some cases, students.

So a huge thank you to all students, teachers and parents involved; no matter what your contribution, it all added to the great atmosphere and vibe and made us all very proud to be part of our fantastic community at St Joseph's. Finally, a profound thank you to Sam Mancell who has pulled together this outstanding event. Sam has worked tirelessly over the last year and, almost single-handedly, has driven the entire process. She deserves all our thanks for the time and dedication she invested in our children and our school.

Best wishes to everyone

**Mark Page**

### Timber for Sale

Timber used to construct the "Haunted House" is available for purchase. Was brand new prior to being used for haunted house. It is 35mm x 70mm pine untreated, 50 / 1.8m. Pick up from school.

Cost: \$100



## 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](mailto: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	
		2-Nov	Yvette Payne, Michelle Grice	
		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	Cybelle Massey	
12-Nov	Kelly Casey	16-Nov	Claire Littler	
19-Nov	Kelly Therkelsen	23-Nov	<b>Closed – Volunteers Needed</b>	
19-Nov	Jacqui McKeand	23-Nov		
26-Nov	<b>Closed – Volunteers Needed</b>	30-Nov	Cybelle Massey	
26-Nov		30-Nov	<b>Claire Littler</b>	
3-Dec	<b>Closed – Volunteers Needed</b>	7-Dec	Cath Strbik / Sarah Reid	
3-Dec		7-Dec	Naomi Ljubic/Jacqui K	
10-Dec	<b>Closed – Volunteers Needed</b>	14-Dec	<b>Deirdre Alves</b>	Simone Pagano (until 11.45am)
10-Dec		14-Dec	<b>David Sincavage</b>	Catherine Strbik (11.45am to close)
17-Dec	<b>Closed for cleaning</b>	21-Dec	<b>School term finished</b>	

## Diocesan and High School Notices

### St Lucy's School Week Without Words Raffle

There are 8 fantastic prizes to be won in St Lucy's "Week Without Words Raffle"! Please visit our raffle page: <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/www2018> and purchase your raffle tickets.

The aim of the raffle is to raise funds which will help St Lucy's give all of their students a voice through the use of Extra Speech therapy, ipads and Proloquo2Go licences, Literacy for Life reading program and programs to address challenging behaviour which relate to communication.

Due to regulatory restrictions, tickets for our raffle are only available in NSW. Raffle closes on 3<sup>rd</sup> December and is drawn 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### Manly Warringah Basketball Association

Manly Warringah are holding their tryouts for u12, u14, u16 and u18 boys and girls over three Sundays starting next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Contact: Enquiries phone 9913 3622 or email [janet.bilton@manlybasketball.com.au](mailto:janet.bilton@manlybasketball.com.au)

**8 FABULOUS PRIZES TO WIN! DRAWN ON 05 DECEMBER 2018**

**1st PRIZE**  
**COCKTAIL PARTY FOR 30 GUESTS**  
Prize includes: Choice of 10 canapè items, Glassware (champagne, wine & high balls) - Staff (up to 4hrs from arrival time)  
Kindly donated by Victoria and Jennifer Williams of Phoenix Catering

**2nd PRIZE**  
**LEXUS ESCAPE TO HUNTER VALLEY**  
Two nights' accommodation & breakfast for 2 people, at The Sebel Kington Park in the Hunter Valley. Drive to your weekend away in award-winning Lexus LS200T - the car is yours to enjoy all weekend!  
Kindly donated by MG Carols Automotive Group & Lexus of Newcastle

**3rd PRIZE**  
**WEEKEND AWAY IN MANLY**  
2 nights accommodation in a One Bedroom Harbour View Apartment at Quest Manly PLUS A buffet breakfast for 2 at Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific PLUS \$150 cash  
Kindly donated by Quest Manly, Colquhoun & McPhee and hosted by Manly Pacific

**4th PRIZE**  
**WEEKEND AWAY IN BOWRAL**  
2 nights accommodation for 2 guests in The Shed at St Chads, Bowral located in grounds of 1920s residence  
Kindly donated by Manly Pacific

**5th PRIZE:**  
**SAMSUNG GALAXY TABLET**  
• 2015mm (8.1")  
• HD resolution

**6th PRIZE:**  
**TOY HAMPER**  
A fantastic toy hamper as featured that every little girl would love. A perfect gift for Christmas!

**7th PRIZE:**  
**BOARD GAME HAMPER**  
A hamper of fun games as featured. A perfect gift for Christmas!

**8th PRIZE:**  
**SKATER HQ VOUCHERS**  
• Family and group skate hire vouchers  
• Tandem Bike Hire voucher

To purchase tickets, please visit:  
<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/www2018>  
1 Ticket for \$5 • 5 tickets for \$20 • 15 Tickets for \$50 • 35 Tickets for \$100

### LET'S SWIM.....

Start your Sunday with a family swim, finishing with a BBQ sausage sandwich. The **COLLARROY SWIMMING CLUB** can offer just that!



The **COLLARROY SWIMMING CLUB** is a friendly, family orientated swimming club, catering for all ages and standards. Distances start from 15 metres, 25, 33, 50 and 100 metres covering all form strokes. In addition we have Parent and Child races thought the season and 33 metre Freestyle Vet. races for those over 30 years old. All races are handicapped so everyone has a chance to win a race!



The club also offers long distance races on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm. This has been very popular over the years.



Come down and have a look one Sunday morning at the **newly renovated** Collaroy Rock pool, which now has lines on the bottom. Races commence at 10.00am and the program usually finishes around midday. We may even have the BBQ on.

More information is available poolside at the recording table, or browse the website: <http://collaroyswim.com.au>. For any questions please email [collaroyswim@gmail.com](mailto:collaroyswim@gmail.com)