

**Term 4 Core Value:** Compassion

**School Rule:** Do your best

**Respectful Relationships Focus:** Look for the good things that other people do, and say them aloud

Dear Parents

We are very quickly approaching the end of the year and things tend to get a little frantic in school. The students are working hard consolidating their learning and preparing for the end of year carols evening too. The teachers are continuing their wonderful work as well as collecting data to track learning and prepare reports on student learning to parents. In this newsletter there is some sharing of learning as well as some reminders of events and gentle reminders about processes that keep our school running efficiently. Take a moment to sit, breathe and read!

#### Debating

Each year we enter a team in the Northern Beaches Catholic schools debating competition. This year Mrs Cara Appleton is ably preparing the team each Thursday for the after school debate at Mater Maria College. This year's team has 2 members from the 2017 team, Sophie L and Jasmine P and new members from Year 6, Imogen B and Caleb A as well as Year 5 students- 'debaters in training' - Anthony P and Abbi B. The team is working very well together preparing their arguments and speeches. Debating is challenging and each week the team are improving at the hardest of skills- rebutting the arguments of the opposition side. We wish them luck for their remaining two debates.

#### Remembrance Day

On Monday morning the year 5 class led us in a beautiful liturgy to commemorate 100 years since the first Armistice Day. The last post and reveille were played beautifully by Luca C and Cameron T. The choir sang a lovely song about why we remember that brought tears to the eyes.

#### Robotics Club

This week I visited the Stage 3 group to see their robots in action. I was amazed at what they had constructed and then programmed their machines to do. There was lots of on the spot problem solving and evaluating of why or why not something worked. Thank to Mrs Emily Hobson for her commitment to Robotics Club.

Last week we were contacted by one of our parents about the possibility of receiving a grant through their employer to use for STEM learning. This will mean we could purchase more of the Edison robots. Thank you Paul Cusack!



#### Late to school procedures

The NSW government has regulations about attendance at school and the procedures for marking the roll and absences. This data is collected by our head office each term and passed on to the government. Therefore we must adhere to the processes outlined for us by the CSO in regard to marking the roll, late arrivals and early departures.

A reminder that when your child is late to school (after 9am bell) you need to bring them to the front office for a late slip before they go to class.

## **Uniform**

A reminder that the boys summer shirt is the new one from Lowes that is worn untucked and has the school logo. There has been a phase in period since last year for this item. If your child needs a new shirt please purchase this one from Lowes. The representative from Lowes is in the process of ordering the polar fleece jacket so stocks will be ready for next year. The current jacket can still be worn until such time your child needs a new one.

## **P&F AGM- Monday 26th Nov @ 7.30 in the school library**

A reminder that everyone is very welcome at the P&F AGM. We are looking for someone to be our new representative for the Catholic Schools parent body for the diocese. Donne Tizard, would be happy to explain what the role involves.

Please come along to the meeting, I will share some results of the TTFS survey that went out last year as well as NAPLAN results.

## **Volunteers morning tea - Friday 30th November @ 9.15am in the library**

Volunteers help to make the world go round! Well they certainly do here St Joseph's. We invite you to come along to a thank you morning tea. So whether you volunteer at school, in the canteen, on excursions, at sports carnivals and gala days, with school banking, reading in classrooms or at home covering books or other tasks you are very welcome to join us.



Please RSVP using Google Form [here](#) to give us an idea for catering.

## **End of year Family Carols evening. - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.30pm**

Cara Appleton and all the classes are well into preparation for this whole school event. Each class will 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 in a festive Christmas atmosphere. It will only be 60-90 minutes. As this is an event with children present there will be no alcohol.

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

- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Plenary Council *Talking and Listening Dialogue* session, 2pm in Hall
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Crazy Sock Day
- **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 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Volunteers Morning Tea @ 9.15am in the library
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Carols performance and end of year whole school celebration** - In the school playground, 6.30- 7.30pm
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – last day of school for students

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Outred".

**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

### Crazy Sock Day

Tomorrow all children have been invited to wear crazy socks to school with their sports uniform and donate a gold coin. I encourage all families to watch the following video with their children to discuss why we are having this day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDojBadfENI&feature=youtu.be>



### Religious Education Curriculum in Year 2

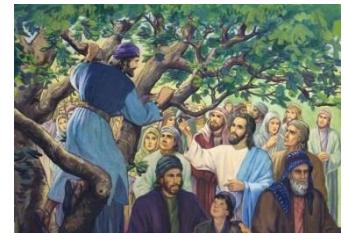
Our final reflection from Year 2 will look at the story of Zacchaeus.

*Jesus asked Zacchaeus to come down from the tree so he could eat with him. Many people were shocked that Jesus wanted to eat with a Tax Collector who stole money. This story teaches us forgiveness and like Jesus to have faith in all people.*

*Dear God*

*Help me to be forgiving and know I can learn to be a better person from my mistakes. AMEN*

*Written by Jaxon, Olivia, Riley*



### Upcoming Liturgical Events

- Parish Family Mass: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm at St Rose. Please RSVP with the link <https://goo.gl/forms/W4DP6ncPeAzGsJs72>
- Advent Liturgy: Tuesday 4th December at 2:30pm all classes will be attending and Families are welcome to bring a wreath for their home to be blessed.
- Christmas Carols: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm in the school playground.
- Whole School End of Year Mass: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30am in the Church.

**Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator**

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

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

## Curriculum News

This week, Year 6 were lucky enough to have a writing workshop run by the author Wendy Fitzgerald. This was made possible because three of our students Matilda P, Sophie L and Amber C, won the writing competition connected to the 'Lunch with the Stars' day they went to earlier in the year.

They were given tips on

- What Makes a Good Writer
- Six Secrets to writing a good short story
- Developing a Character Building Kit

Wendy was very impressed with how capable and enthusiastic all the Year 6 students were and how well they responded to her great knowledge and writing suggestions.

It was wonderful to see the students, who have worked so hard on improving their writing this year, being given so many complements from a published author. I have no doubt we have some future authors in the making!

**Brenda Paul ~ Assistant Principal**



## From the Music Room

A special acknowledgement for several of our talented music students who have recently been involved in their AMEB exams. The Australian Music Examinations Board provides a program for exams where students access a special syllabus in order to progress through levels or grades; from beginners right through to extremely advanced grades for professionals. The testing is very rigorous and students spend months preparing for their exams. This year, four of our St Joseph's students have been involved with AMEB. They are: Dani B, Alana M and Cameron T (Year 5) and Frankie K (Year 6).

Dani B, also recently auditioned for The Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE). NSSWE is a band extension program designed for student musicians who play woodwind, brass or percussion instruments. It is no mean feat to audition for this highly regarded group and the field is extremely competitive.

It takes a significant level of commitment, as well as courage, skill and amazing inner strength to participate in these music extension opportunities and we want to congratulate these talented and courageous students for taking up the challenge! Our school is very proud of you!

**Cara Appleton - Creative Arts Teacher**

## Canteen Roster

Below is the canteen roster for the remainder of 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	
		16-Nov	Cybelle Massey	
		16-Nov	Brigid Tysoe	
19-Nov	Kelly Therkelsen	23-Nov	Prue Picello	
19-Nov	Jacqui McKeand	23-Nov	Kirrily Coyle	
26-Nov	<b>Closed – Volunteers Needed</b>	30-Nov	Cybelle Massey	
26-Nov		30-Nov	Claire Littler	
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>	

## 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**.

Families who are yet to return their form have been sent an additional hard copy and an email copy.

- 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 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 school student opal card applications for 2019 are now open. 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](#).

## Diocesan and High School Notices



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Accepting applications  
for Year 7, 2021 now

A large photograph of three female students in school uniforms, smiling and posing together. They are wearing blue and white striped blouses with white collars and buttons. Below this main photo is a horizontal strip containing four smaller photographs showing students in various classroom settings, such as science lab and music room.

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