

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion

School Rule: Be in the right place at the right time

Respectful Relationships Focus: Do one good thing each day for someone else

Dear Parents

A short newsletter this week.

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

A reminder that everyone is very welcome at the P&F AGM.

A second reminder that we are also looking for someone to be our new rep for the Catholic schools parent body for the diocese. Donne Tizzard, would be happy to explain what the role involves.

Please come along to the meeting, I will share some results of the TTFM survey that went out last year as well as NAPLAN results. There will be discussions about decisions for uniform, thank you's and the treasurers report with final figures from the Fun Fair.

Canteen News

Today I met with the parent canteen committee, Catherine Strbik, Jacqui McKeand and Donita Kerrin. We were reorganising all the tasks and roles for these volunteers as Donita steps down from her role at the end of this year. We will be trialling the use of an APP for the roster for 2019, more to come on this next week. Please read the other canteen news later in the newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Donita for all the volunteer time she has devoted to canteen tasks over the past 2 years.

End of Year Christmas cards and candy canes

At the end of each year, lots of families purchase cards and candy canes to distribute to everyone in their class. We understand the meaning and sentiment behind the gesture but also know this can be an expense for families, the cards and envelopes are often left behind or tossed out immediately and candy canes wrapped in plastic are consumed before school even begins. It doesn't exactly send the correct message about the 'giving' at Christmas and is not environmentally or nutritionally sound practice.

A group of concerned parents approached us last year with some new ideas on how to share the festive spirit of Christmas without the waste after the impact of the message of the School Musical.

This year we are suggesting that the children will create an e-card or google slide with a Christmas message to share online with their class mates as part of their English/technology program in class.

Families can then use the money normally spent on cards and candy canes to purchase the food items for the Vinnies Christmas hampers we always donate to families in need. Our REC, Cathy Gualtieri will explain this message in a note that will be sent home next week re: the food donations for the hampers.

I hope you can support our idea to spread Christmas cheer in a fun, more ethical and sustainable way.

Catholic Worldview Photo competition

Congratulations to Tori M and Frankie K who have been awarded Encouragement awards in the 2019 Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Catholic Worldview Photo Competition. They will be awarded their prizes at an assembly at Maria Regina, Avalon.

End of year Family Carols evening. - Friday 14th December @ 6.30pm

Come along with the family, bring low chairs or blankets and some nibbles for our simple Christmas story with carols. It will be approximately one hour of Christmas fun and spirit! See Cara Appleton's insert below for more details about what to wear.

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

A reminder to please RSVP via the Google Form to give us an idea for catering.

Google Form [here](#)

Date savers & Key dates for term 4 –November

- **Sunday 25th November** – Parish Family Mass (St Rose Church)
- **Monday 26th November** – P&F AGM
- **Friday 30th November** - Volunteers Morning Tea @ 9.15am in the library
- **Friday 14th December- Christmas Carols performance and end of year whole school celebration** - In the school playground, 6.30- 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 19th December** – last day of school for students



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](#)

End of year Family Carols evening

All your amazing children are enthusiastically preparing for our Christmas concert to be held on Friday evening, 14th December at 6.30pm.

This event is set to sound very festive and we are asking for our students to look visually festive well, so we ask for them to please wear the following:

- * denim shorts, jeans or skirts on the bottom (preferably blue denim but whatever you have at home is fine) AND
- * a top or t-shirt in either red, green or white (printed tees are fine if that's all you have at home)
- * children may also choose to add some embellishments such as tinsel to their wrists, a Santa hat or reindeer antlers

I will send our arrival times and procedures closer to the date.

Please email me with any questions you may have: cara.appleton@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Look forward to seeing you there!!!

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.

Cara Appleton - Creative Arts Teacher



Religious Education News

Crazy Sock Day Thanks

Last week we raised money for Catholic Mission Australia. Thank you for your continued support every year. The final tally will be published in the newsletter next week. This money will go towards building schools for children in Myanmar.



Plenary 2020

PLENARY COUNCIL– Have your Say. Please watch this video and complete either the Google form or answer the questions on the Plenary Website. Your voice is important for our future!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exNXH2YcB8Y&feature=youtu.be>

Advent Festival of Readings and Songs

Please find attached a flyer for this uplifting Festival of Readings and Songs to start the season of Advent.

Upcoming Liturgical Events

- Parish Family Mass: Sunday 25th November at 6pm at St Rose Parish
- 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 14th December at 6:30pm in the school playground.
- Whole School End of Year Mass: Wednesday 19th 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](#)

End of Year Celebration

Everyone's Invited

Families, children and friends of our parish - If you are too old to bring your own children then have your grandchildren bring you along!

Bring along a plate of your favourite food and drink to share and lets party together

Saturday 15th December 2018

After 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's
Fr Sobb Parish Hall, Narrabeen

More information: Bettina 0468 303 749 or
Tom 0427 705 232

Advent Festival of Readings & Songs

Mount St Benedict Centre
Sunday 2nd December
4.30 - 5.30 pm

Reflection: Fr Erick Niyiragira CP

Please join us for Afternoon Tea
commencing 3.30 pm.



449d Pennant Road,
Pennant Hills NSW 2120
(Entrance via Hull Road)



Let us look towards Christ our hope.
With eager hearts we come
together to pray, reflect
and ring in Advent 2018.

*The Son of God
became a Refugee ...
but choirs of angels
heard the mother's
weeping ...and
heaven rang with
songs of peace and
hope.*

Cost: Donation towards Good Samaritan ministries in Kiribati

Bookings by: Monday
26 November 2018

8752 5390 or
mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au

Class Awards – Term 4, Week 6

Kinder	Nelli P Kaiya S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hard at writing Always trying her best
Year 1	Adam L Cooper S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hard to improve his writing Always being ready to help others
Year 2	Abbey R Ciara Q Simiah C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving in writing Using great visualisation in her writing Being a good friend to all
Year 3	Sonny Z Emily L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being focused to write a creative text Being a good listener to get tasks completed well
Year 4	Emma L Bonnie J Balthly L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Her enthusiasm to learning Excellent editing and recrafting of her writing Being a good listener
Year 5	Ruby E Aidan J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conscientious work on her historical recount Always ready to help others
Year 6	Luc D Matilda P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrious and observant work in Mathematics For her kindness and compassion always with others in our community
Tornadoes		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Meteors		<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Library News

Next week, Week 7, will be our last week for borrowing. We ask that you help your child to look around for any books they have at home and return them to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mrs Jones – Teacher Librarian

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

We have one volunteer for next **Monday, 26 November**, if we can find another volunteer canteen will open. Please contact Donita if you are available.

Over the next few weeks our stock in the canteen will be running low as we near the end of the year. Some items will sell out and we thank you for your understanding.

In 2019 we will have some changes to the canteen menu – stay tuned for more details!

TERM 4	MONDAY		FRIDAY	
		23-Nov	Prue Picello	
		23-Nov	Kirrily Coyle	
26-Nov	Closed – Volunteers Needed	30-Nov	Cybelle Massey	
26-Nov		30-Nov	Claire Littler	
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	Deirdre Alves	Simone Pagano (until 11.45am)
10-Dec		14-Dec	David Sincavage	Catherine Strbik (11.45am to close)
17-Dec	Closed for cleaning	21-Dec	School term finished	

Messages from the Office

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](#).



School Banking

School banking needs your help!

We are looking for someone to help Amy Fittler next year. If you could possibly spare an hour to an hour and half on a Tuesday morning, during school terms, can you please contact either myself, Amy or Claire Littler. Thank you

Vanessa Hill



Diocesan and High School Notices



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- Innovative learning
- A College on the move

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