

**Term 4 Core Value:** Compassion

**School Rule:** Be a good listener

**Respectful Relationships Focus:** Listen when someone is talking, don't interrupt

Dear Parents

### Staffing News

It is with both joy and sadness that I announce our much loved Creative Arts and part time Year 6 teacher, Mrs Cara Appleton, has successfully applied for and accepted a position as full time teacher on the leadership team as Literacy co-ordinator at St Kieran's Manly Vale. Cara has been at St Joseph's for 7 years and in that time has made an enormous impact on our community. Those of you who have been blessed to have Cara as your child's teacher will attest to her outstanding skills as an educator, able to bring out the best in children and her genuine, gentle care and concern for all children in the school. Over the years, Cara has shared her talents to write, produce and direct the outstanding school musicals and many other school performance events. Cara is always doing the little extras that make a difference to all of us. I congratulate Cara on this new position in her career and know she will also make a positive impact on the St Kieran's community. We will officially farewell Cara at the end of year Mass on the last day of school, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am in the church.

### P&F AGM

Thank you to those who attended on Monday night. It was a great meeting with a social drink after. As it was the AGM, positions on the exec. were decided. I'm very happy to announce that the exec team from this year was once again voted in.

President..... Mark Page  
Class parent coordinator ..... Donne Tizzard

Secretary ..... Kimberley Cusack  
Treasurer ..... Prue Picello

I thank this team for their commitment, contribution and dynamic teamwork this year and look forward to working with them again next year.

The position of CSP rep is still open. The **Catholic Schools Parents** body is the diocesan representative group for all parents in the Catholic system. All parents are members who can access the events, website and services of this body.

Each school is required to have a parent who is active in their school to attend one meeting a term to hear the wider community direction and bring back the information to their school. If you think this might be the position for you please contact Donne Tizzard ([don\\_e\\_king@hotmail.com](mailto:don_e_king@hotmail.com)) for more information.

At the meeting, Prue communicated the figures from the Fun Fair, the total fundraising profit was just over \$10,000! This is an enormous financial success for the event, thanks again to Sam, the team and to all of you. The P&F pledged \$15,000 to the school from their budget for this year. This amount nearly covers the cost of the new Chrome books and iPads purchased this year.

### Well Being Week

This week was wellbeing week and the year 6 wellbeing team came up with the idea of the children dressing up as what they would like to be when they grow up. On Wednesday this week we had a school full of athletes, teachers, construction workers, doctors, lawyers, IT experts, vets and many others. It was lots of fun for the children!



## Canteen News

Jacqui McKeand has been researching the use of an appropriate APP for managing the canteen roster for 2019. We will keep you posted on this.

Meanwhile, if you would like to volunteer in the canteen next year Jacqui is taking names and dates for Term 1. The canteen will be open Monday and Friday in 2019, with the first canteen day be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (week 3).

If you have never worked in the canteen and would like to try, let Jacqui know and she will work with you for a day to take you through the procedures. Jacqui's email contact is: [jacqui.mckeand@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.mckeand@gmail.com)

## Congratulations!

Last Thursday Alana M and Jolie M represented St Joseph's at the Broken Bay basketball trials. Well done girls~!



**Congratulations** to year 5 student, Daniella B, who successfully auditioned for the NSSWE (Northern Sydney Symphonic wind ensemble). She will play flute in the junior ensemble, well done Dani!

## Volunteer's morning tea- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.15am in the library

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning at the volunteer's morning tea. I realise a lot of you can't make it on that day or time. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank each of you that volunteer your time in any capacity that adds to the life of our school and enables the community to function that much better. Thank you!

## End of year Family Carols evening. - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 detailed message further on in the newsletter.

## End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Our final Mass for the year will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30 am** in the church. Please join us if you can for this celebration of a year of learning and growth.

As this is the last day of school you may take your children home after the Mass if you wish. I envision this will be around 1pm as we will be making presentations, farewelling Mrs Appleton and leaving families at the completion of Mass.

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

- **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
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Mass at 11.30am and 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](#)

## Religious Education News

### Advent Women's Retreat at Notre Dame, Sydney

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 9:00-4:30pm, all women are invited to spend a day around the theme "My spirit rejoices in God my saviour." There will be Mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession and inspiring talks. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The retreat is taking place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. It is free but registration is essential on 82044189 or online: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/search?aid=48153>

### Plenary 2020

PLENARY COUNCIL - Have your Say. Your voice is important for our future! Please watch this video <https://goo.gl/forms/CjIQykdZspLZTaR42> and complete either the Google form <https://goo.gl/forms/CjIQykdZspLZTaR42> or answer the questions on the Plenary Website. Your voice is important for our future!

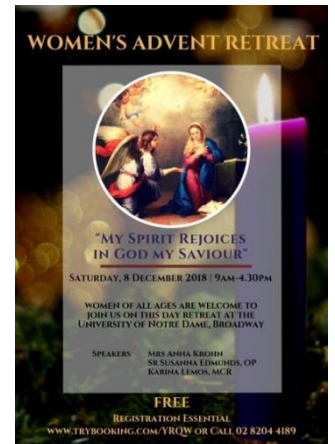
### Upcoming Liturgical Events

- 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.
- 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 and join in the Carol Singing**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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](mailto: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**



## Curriculum News

### Year 1's Response to the visiting puppeteer

On Monday a lady named Julie came to our school to teach us about puppets. She taught us 5 rules of not being shy. (I will tell you all of the rules).

Rule Number 1 – Eye Contact

Rule Number 2 – Connect with the audience

Rule Number 3 – Have fun and just do it!

Rule Number 4 – Voice

Rule Number 5 – Mouth action

Then we made our own wonderful, spectacular, awesome **PUPPETS!**

*Lerryn, Year 1*



One superb day on a Monday a lady called Julie taught us all about puppets. We got to make colourful, interesting puppets. I was so excited about it all.

It took an extremely long time until we got to make our awesome puppets. I didn't realize how much creativity there was. The imagination people had was amazing!

We were like OMG! That is spectacular! We couldn't believe our eyes.

*Stirling, Year 1*

## Library News

This week is our last week of borrowing as we need to find all those long overdue books and get them back on the shelves. We also need to repair books that are falling apart and work out those that need replacement. So please return your books as soon as possible.

If children are almost finished their book then they can let me know and they can keep it for another week.

*Fran Jones ~ Teacher Librarian*



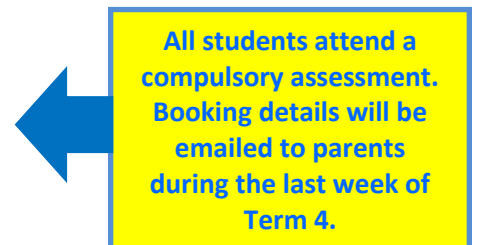
## Messages from the Office

### 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



### 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**

## Canteen Roster


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

**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	
		30-Nov	Cybelle Massey	
		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>	

## Diocesan and High School Notices



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## December/January School Holiday Vacation Care, Camps and Activities

**The Football Factory** – Summer school holiday camps 7th January 2019 – 25th January 2019. Half Days 9.00am-12:00pm | Full Days 9.00am-3.00pm | Extended days 8.30am-5.30pm. For 5-14 year olds. Book from 2 days to 10 days – [www.thefootballfactory.com.au](http://www.thefootballfactory.com.au) or 9972 7766

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