

**Term 1 Core Value:** Community

**School Rule:** Be a good listener

**Respectful Relationships Focus:** Wait for someone to stop speaking before beginning with "Excuse Me"

Dear Parents

Our school identifies four core values; Community, Respect, Stewardship and Compassion. The children are taught what these mean through our Religious Education lessons and other teachable moments. We have just purchased four flags that display the values. We will display these in the school as a visual reminder of our values. The value we focus on in term one is **Community**.

At prayer in assembly yesterday the Year 6 leaders helped the children to understand what the core value of community looks like. Actions such as: *treat others as you yourself want to be treated, love your enemies, pray for everyone, share our possessions and be good to everyone.*

Trophies for point score and spirit cup at our swimming carnival were also awarded to Aloysius and Therry.

#### Parent Information Evening - Monday

Thank you for your attendance at the information sessions on Monday night. All teachers spoke about communication and shared their email address with you. Please be mindful that teachers can't always reply to emails immediately or during the day as they are teaching and also have meetings and playground duties. Usually a teacher will reply within 24 hours of receiving your email.

#### Social Emotional Learning

One of our SIP goals this year is to monitor and track the student's social/emotional skills and teach those skills that are identified as needing attention.

So what are social emotional skills and what is social emotional learning? On Monday evening some teachers displayed slides with some basic information about the social emotional continuum of skills. Please use this [link](#) to the slides.

#### NAPLAN Online (for years 3 and 5)

In response to some enquiries about NAPLAN at the parent information evening, here are some answers and a link to a fact sheet from ACARA.

- We are doing NAPLAN as an online assessment this year, as are over 50% of all NSW schools - including all schools in our diocese.
- Year 3 **do not** complete the writing test online, they will use paper and pen.
- The tests are completed over 9 days during week 2 and 3 of term 2.
- Practice tests will be completed later this term for children to practice using the online tools, however our students have been completing online tests from the end of year 1.
- The capabilities of our hardware and system were tested over the past 2 years.
- Teachers will attend training with the CSO in the next 2 weeks.
- Parents and carers fact sheet link below: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/media/documents/NAPLAN-Online-fact-sheet-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

#### First P&F social event of the year

The first P&F event this year is the **Welcome to new parents evening tomorrow night (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February) at 6.30pm** in the school playground. This is an **invitation to ALL parents**, not just new parents, to begin the year with a no cost casual social occasion. It is an adult only event. I look forward to catching up with lots of you there.

Please see the message (later in newsletter) from Katie and Amie, the kinder class parents who are organising this event.



## Clean up Australia Day- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Our school will participate in this Australia wide day. Please read the message from our year 6 environment team leaders:

Did you know that around 6.3 billion kilograms of rubbish, most of it plastic, is dumped in the world's oceans every year? This kills about a million sea creatures.

**'Change starts with you!'**

St Joseph's are participating in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

We have been sent biodegradable bags and fabric gloves. Year 5 and 6 are encouraged to bring in gardening gloves too (as the other gloves may be too small!).

Thank you, **The Environment Team- Dani, Leticha, Hunter, Rose**



## Year 5&6 CAMP this week

As promised, are some recounts from Year 6 about the leadership camp last week.

### Hike To Long Reef Headland

When we were on our hike to Long Reef Headland, we saw a sunset as pretty as a blooming flower. For the walk up I spent most of my time admiring the unique wildlife that surrounded me. The beach was immaculate. The water was crystal clear. The beautiful sun shone on the water as it went down. It looked like a rainbow with pink, yellow and blue illuminating the night sky. The moon was absolutely gorgeous and it glistened in the night sky like it was leading the way home.

**By Gabbi**

### Challenge Course

Whoosh!!! I swang over the shark infested waters trying to get to the safety of my life raft. Phew! I landed but now the rest of my tribe had to make it. We were at the Collaroy Centre and we had just given the biggest challenge of our lives! We were in the Challenge Course which was testing our leadership and teamwork skills. Luckily, there weren't any sharks, we were just imagining them. There wasn't a life raft either, just a mat on the ground. We were told to get from one mat to the other without hitting the ground (shark infested waters). We also had to bring a bucket of water with us without it tipping. When we all made it across we felt like had accomplished something great because we had used all our skills to get across.

**By Anthony, Jacob and Jai**

### Flying Fox

I nervously took my helmet and popped on to my head and clipped the strap. It was my go next! I could hear my heart pumping blood quicker by the minute. It was my go! I could barely move my feet to get to the rope from the other person. "That was so fun!" they screamed. I slowly walked up the hill to where the instructor was waiting. She had clipped me in and she was doing Jocelyn now. She took the barrier away. My heart was pounding. "Three, two, one GO!". We screamed as we glided through the air hearing the birds humming a lovely tune. Oh no I thought as I started to twist and turn and all of a sudden I was BACKWARDS! My tummy did a flip then my thoughts were interrupted by a loud CLANK! I had done it. I had zoomed down the zip line! "I want to do that again!" I screamed. The person after me had pulled me to the ladder and I was unclipped. I went straight to the back of the queue with Jocelyn. We both wanted to do it again.

**By Emma L**

### The Giant Swing

I was up next and I was feeling sick, shaky and scared. I was getting attached to the ropes, sitting on the tall ladder, about to be pulled up. OMG!!! "You can do it" yelled all of my friends. I was finally at the very top about to pull the red rope = DROPPING ZONE!!! "3, 2, 1, AHHH". As I was dropping down my stomach was in my throat and every one could hear a powerful scream louder than ever. I was so relieved when the swing started to slow down but at the same time I was so proud of myself that I had faced my fears. And believe or not, I went on the Giant Swing again!

**By Maddie, Chloe.L and Gus**

### Laser Tag

As we sat down on the log, waiting for the instructors to tell my group and I how to play. After the instructors told us how to play, we found out our teams. Yes I'm on the red team! Once we found out our teams my group and I went to check out the bases. When red team found out that Miss Preston was on red team we were so excited! We got our laser guns and tested them out, it got even more exciting minute by minute. We all got in our positions then the laser guns said "Game started." I sped around the barrels and ducked so I didn't get shot. "Deactivated, head back to base" said the laser gun. I headed back to base being the only person there. I couldn't wait to play again.

**By Bridey C**

## Upcoming events

- **P&F welcome to new parents evening.** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 6.30pm
- Northern Beaches Catholic schools representative swimming carnival on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** at Warringah Aquatic Centre
- **Clean up Australia day for schools-** 1<sup>st</sup> March
- **P&F general meeting date-** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm

Please note our **2 Staff Development Days (SDD)** which are **Pupil free days in 2019** are:

- 29<sup>th</sup> April - Day 1 Term 2
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Day 1 Term 3

These dates are on the Google school calendar on the website. It is worth checking the school calendar regularly.

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

### Altar Serving Ministry

This morning Father Robert visited the children in years 4-6 regarding ministry. He spoke to them about Altar Serving in church and other ministries such as Reading, ICT (operating the PowerPoint) and Singing.

If you or your child is interested in joining a Parish Ministry please contact myself or the Parish Office (9982 1058). It is a lovely way or being involved in our parish on the weekend and the children are able to build their own personal relationship with God.

### Parish Family Mass

All families are invited to our first parish family Mass for the year. It will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 5:30pm Mass. This is a great way to start the new year and meet other families from our school and parish. Please RSVP on using the link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/Pn5913PM8rEjRPtf1>

### Plenary Council 2020

There is only a few weeks left for you have your say to shape the future of the church. 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.

### Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

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

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

## Class Awards – Term 1, Week 4

Kinder	Ayla V Toby T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Working hard at reading and writing</li><li>Being a good listener in class</li></ul>
Year 1	Jackson H Raema W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Being very focused in library</li><li>Always being a great listener</li></ul>
Year 2	Lerryn T Ollie P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fabulous detail in writing</li><li>For being a bucket filler all the time</li></ul>
Year 3	Erin L Monique M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Writing a great sizzling start</li><li>Always being a good listener</li></ul>
Year 4	Daniel P Emily L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Creative ways with written words</li><li>Always being ready to learn</li></ul>
Year 5	Reuben M Amelie P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Having such a positive start to learning in year 5</li><li>Being a great listener in class</li></ul>
Year 6	Alana M Sienna C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fantastic application in mathematics</li><li>Being a great listener and always ready to learn</li></ul>
Turtles – K	Daniel H Sam N Hugo H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Great listening in class</li><li>Being a great friend</li><li>Great participation in drama</li></ul>
Sea Snake - 1	Chase S Annika S Benji B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Being such a helpful team member of Seasnake class in our busy first week at school</li><li>For doing great weekend news in a clear voice and full sentences</li><li>Being his best at being independent across all school activities</li></ul>

## Library News Term 1 Week 4

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again we will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. To complete the Challenge children in Kindergarten to Year 2 have to read, or have read to them, 30 books from the PRC list. I use books from the PRC whenever I can in Library lessons and put them in the newsletter each week. The children in Years 3-6 have to read 20 books from the PRC list, 5 of which maybe from outside the list. The competition closes on 30<sup>th</sup> August. The lists can be accessed here: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>



Books in our Library have stickers indicating they are on the list. If you wish your child to be part of the PRC please let me know or tell them to let me know and I will register them. Once they are registered, which I can do after 4<sup>th</sup> March, they can enter their books online, including any they have read so far this year.

### 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. You have until next Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, to order your books online.

Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au) Please do not send orders to school. Thanks for your support for this offer.

*Fran Jones – Teacher Librarian*

## Messages from the office

### Student Attendance – Friendly Reminders

To comply with student attendance guidelines and WHS requirements, please note:

- **Late Arrival:** Students arriving to school after the morning bell has rung (9:00am) must have a Late Arrival slip completed at the school office by a parent/guardian. This slip should then be presented to the class teacher.
- **Leaving School Early:** Students must be signed out at the school office if they are to leave school early. The "sign out" book must be completed even if a note has been given to the class teacher. Office staff will then contact your child's class and request your child come to the office.
- **Holiday/extended leave:** If you are taking your child/ren out of school for a holiday/extended leave, documentation must be handed in to the school office **PRIOR** to your child's leave. Leave forms can be found on our school website [here](#)
- **Absent:** If your child is home sick or absent for the day, please email the school office at [sn@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sn@dbb.catholic.edu.au) prior to 9am. Your email will be forwarded to the class teacher for roll marking.



**Student Medication** – A reminder to parents that all medication (prescription, over-the-counter, herbal) must be accompanied by either a [Request to Administer Medication](#) form completed by a doctor, or the chemist prescription label on medication. Anaphylaxis and Asthma management plans prepared by a doctor must be provided with Epipens and Ventolin.

**School staff cannot administer any medications without written advice from a doctor.**



**Parents are welcome to attend the school office during the day to administer medication if doctor permission cannot be provided.**

Parents of children who have medication stored at school (Ventolin, Epipen etc) should keep a note of the **expiry date** of medications and provide a new supply when expired.

**Parent Volunteers** – We love parents volunteering at St Joseph's. **All volunteers should sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out when leaving.** When you volunteer for the first time please attend the office to complete a [Volunteer Declaration Form](#) and provide ID (drivers licence). You will also be taken through a short induction regarding emergency procedures at St Joseph's.

## Open Morning - Kinder 2020 + New Families

Our school open day for new enrolments for kinder (and other grades) for 2020 is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Enrolment packs will be available on open day, or can be collected from the office after 18 March.

To assist with future planning and our enrolments, we need to project the population of the school for the years 2020 to 2024.

If you have **not** completed our Enrolment Projections Google Form in the past (ie last year), and you have pre-school children, toddlers or babies at home, could you please fill out via this [link](#). This will help us check that all siblings have enrolled for their prospective kindergarten year.

Please do not include your child/ren already at school.

If all your children are already at school, you DO NOT need to complete this form.



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## Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser

### Hot Dog Lunch - Wednesday 27 February 2019 Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser

Year 6 will be holding a "hot dog for lunch" day on Wednesday 27 February 2019 to raise funds to go towards their graduation. Hot dog orders must be placed on Qkr under the **P&F Section** – not canteen. **Hot dogs orders close at 9am on Tuesday 26 February 2019.**



**Yr 6 Class Parents – Claire L, Michelle G and Donne T**

## P&F News



**\*\*\* Welcome Parent Evening (particularly new parents) \*\*\***  
**Friday, 22nd February ~ 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

We have many new families across all years at St Joeys so come to our gathering in the playground and say hello. It's a GREAT opportunity to meet the parents of the new students in your child's class and make them feel welcome. After all, this is what our community is all about!

BYO drinks and a plate...relax under the twinkle lights and enjoy a relaxing evening without children.

Lock in your babysitters now!

See you then - **Katie and Amie (Kindy Class Parents)**

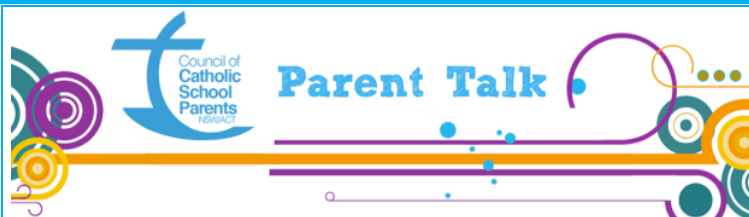
## Canteen Roster & News

The canteen will be open Mondays and Fridays. Below is the roster for term 1. If you have never worked in the canteen and would like to try, let Jacqui McKeand 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)

On dates where we still need one more volunteer, the canteen and ordering on Qkr will remain closed until a second volunteer is found.

FYI – our sushi supplier has changed to Sushi Way, another local Narrabeen retailer. Unfortunately Sushi Hiro is no longer open on Monday.


TERM 1	MONDAY		FRIDAY
		22-Feb	Nichole Cook
		22-Feb	Anu Bhatia / Jacqui McKeand
25-Feb	Daniele Munro	1-Mar	Jacqui McKeand
25-Feb	Cath Strbik/Liv Falvo 11am - 1.50pm	1-Mar	Naomi Ljubic, Georgia Brizell
4-Mar	Daniele Munro	8-Mar	Cybelle Massey
4-Mar	<b>Closed – Need 1 extra Volunteer</b>	8-Mar	<b>Closed – Need 2 extra Volunteers</b>
11-Mar	Daniele Munro	15-Mar	Sally Miles
11-Mar	Cath Strbik/Liv Falvo 11am - 1.50pm	15-Mar	<b>Closed – Need 2 extra Volunteers</b>
18-Mar	Lesha Evans	22-Mar	Cybelle Massey
18-Mar	Kelly Casey	22-Mar	<b>Closed – Need 2 extra Volunteers</b>
25-Mar	Nat Twells	29-Mar	Michelle Grice
25-Mar	Daniele Munro/Liv Falvo 11am - 1.50pm	29-Mar	Claire Littler
1-Apr	Kelly Therkelson	5-Apr	<b>Closed – Volunteers Needed</b>
1-Apr	Sarah Reid	5-Apr	
8-Apr	Daniele Munro	12-Apr	Catherine Strbik
8-Apr	Liv Falvo 11am - 1.50pm	12-Apr	Jacqui McKeand



**PARENT TALK ENEWS - the first edition of Parent Talk for 2019 is now available [here](#).**



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### Live Life Well @ School

#### IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST



It's the most important meal of the day, but 1 in 4 children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class and have no energy for playtime.

#### Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

#### Handy tip:

Discourage children from eating breakfast in front of the TV.

This can also help speed up your morning routines!

For more ideas, search 'breakfast' at [healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



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Contact: Sandy 0439388810 for more enquiries