

St Joseph's Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3 31 October 2019

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Term 4 Core Value: Compassion School Rule: Be a good listener

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

Dear Parents

Bring your own designated device (BYODD) for Years 4-6, 2020

On Monday evening we held the parent information session for this new direction in technology hardware acquisition. I know many parents from Years 3-5 could not attend so I would like to include some facts and information shared.

Many of our staff members have attended professional learning around the use of I-pads as an engaging learning tool. Over the past 2 terms they have used iPads as tools for learning across many curriculum areas. Some of this use was demonstrated on Monday night. This becomes a complex issue when there are a limited amount of IPads to share across the school. We would like to have more IPads in years 4-6 to alleviate this issue. Each year the budget is stretched to cover replacement of old or out of date hardware (desktops or chrome books), paying the lease on some of the IPads we already have and moving forward, to replace the old whiteboards and data projectors in rooms with better technology.

BYODD is a solution that means families have the option of purchasing a specified I-pad for their child to use at school from years 4-6 only. **This is not compulsory but an option.** I understand that for parents of Year 6 2020 this may not make sense as they will be required to purchase a device for their child in 2021 for high school. I expect therefore that there will not be a high take up of this option for Year 6 2020. There will be rules in place for the use of the iPads. Miss Preston gave a demonstration of the use of Apple classroom, a management tool that gives the teacher control of the I-pads in the room in terms of opening and blocking use.

The paragraphs below have some main points covered on the evening. Please email me or arrange a time to call if you have a question you would like clarified.

Minimum Specifications

- iPad 6th Generation 32GB WiFi-only Consider buying an iPad with 128GB of storage
- Sturdy case with protection for corners and the screen
 - Recommended
 - Logitech Slim Folio Case
 - Griffin Survivor cases
 - OtterBox cases
 - Any case with a hardened plastic shell
 - Consider a case with a keyboard
 - Smart Covers are not recommended

Other Considerations

- Warranty Extension
 - AppleCare Protection+ (Cost \$65 for iPad)
 - Repair / replacement warranty extending by an additional year (to 2 years)
 - 2 x Accidental Damage claims while AppleCare is active (Service Fee of \$65 per incident)
- Wi-Fi+Cellulur models
 - o If bought, a SIM card must be removed before device comes to school
 - 4G services will bypass security of school network
- Applications
 - o You will require an Apple ID to be set up
 - Consider setting up a Family Sharing account from an adult and then set up children within that account
- Training
 - Apple Stores hold events/sessions In Store for Parents

Requirements and regulations for iPads at St Joseph's

- Only out and used when directed by teacher.
- Teacher uses apple classroom management tool on their iPad.
- Not on playground during breaks- only for learning with teacher
- In a sturdy case.
- Not taken out at before or after school care.
- Charged at home each evening. Brought back to school each day.
- No one touches or uses another person's I-Pad
- Parent must approve apps being loaded (via Apple family account)
- Repairs are the responsibility of the family

Installation of new Bishop

On Tuesday evening, along with the other Diocesan principals, I met Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Bishop Anthony will be installed as the new Bishop of Broken Bay on November 4th in a Mass at the Light of Christ centre Waitara. He was very encouraging, thankful and supportive of the principals of the Diocesan schools. We look forward to many years with Bishop Anthony as our leader.

Year 5&6 camp

This morning we waved off Year 5&6 for their overnight trip to Canberra. I know they will have a great time visiting the sites to enhance their knowledge for their unit of work in class as well as having fun together. Thank you to the parents for having your children packed, organised and at school by 5.45am this morning. Thank you to teachers, Brenda Paul, Olivia Preston and Anita Brooks who are accompanying the children and 'on duty' for about 36 hours!

Kinder 2020 transition

On Wednesday we welcomed the 2020 kinder children and their parents for their 1st of 3 transition mornings. Most of the children were excited to be in the kinder class with Mrs Jarman and to start meeting their peers and the year 5 students who will be their buddies next year. There are many new families in this class and I know you will make them feel very welcome to our community

Northern Beaches Chess Tournament

On Wednesday two teams from our school joined with many other Catholic schools for a full day chess tournament hosted by St Rose Collaroy Plateau. We have only just begun our chess club at one lunchtime a week and our teams did so well, coming in at 6th and 9th of 30 teams.

Harrison K, Anthony P and Jai S from Year 6 and Jordan P from year 3, Stirling S and Cooper S from year 2 played 7 games each-that's a lot of concentration, strategy and hard thinking in one day! Well done boys!





Sweeter than Honey conference

This conference for teachers of Religious Education is hosted by our Diocese over 2 days. Our very own Mrs Cathy Gualtieri presented yesterday on Visio Divino, a way of praying and learning the scripture through art images. Cathy has been working with all the staff on this strategy over the past year. The children are so responsive to the artworks and their insights are often very deep.

Save the date- P&F AGM- Monday 11th November- 7pm

Please note the date for our AGM. Decisions will be made about 2020 fundraising and the position of class parent co-ordinator currently held by Donne Tizzard is up for grabs.

Term 4

31 Oct/1 Nov Yr 5 & 6 Canberra Camp6 Nov Kinder 2020 Transition No. 2

9 Nov P&F Trivia Night

• 13 Nov Kinder 2020 Transition No. 3

• 1 Nov P&F AGM

• 23 Nov St Joseph's Parish Family Mass

28 Nov School Musical

17 Dec Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy

• 18 Dec Last day of school for students, Mass at 11.30am

Term 1 2020 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 bookings will be via the Compass Parent Portal. Students attend only for their booked time slot.

Tuesday 28 January Staff Development Day (no students) Wednesday 29 January Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6 Thursday 30 January Assessment Day for Kinder

Thursday 30 January Yrs 1-6 commence Friday 31 January Kinder commence

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

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

Warm regards

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Principal

School Communication

Link: School Website, Calendar and Term Dates

Link: St Joseph's School App

Link: <u>Qkr App payments, canteen orders</u>



Religious Education News

All Saints and All Souls Day

Tomorrow our church celebrates All Saints, it is a time that allows us to experience the joy of being part of the great family of God's friends. On Saturday we celebrate the feast of All Souls. Catholics believe that death can separate people who they love from them for only a while. We are still united with them in the Communion of Saints. On this feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed. We pray for them, remembering that likewise these people being purified have the power to intercede for us too.

Let us Pray together

Let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful. Amen.

Parish BBQ

On Sunday the 10 November our Parish will be having a BBQ after 9:30am Mass to raise money to help build a New Elementary School for the children of the Southern Highland Provence in Papua New Guinea. Come along, bring a friend or meet some new families in our Parish (see flyer below). Father Bogdan spoke with the children this week about the children and the school that the community is hoping to build.

Dates to remember for Term 4

Sat 23 Nov Parish Family Mass at 5:30pm, St Joseph's Narrabeen

Thurs 5 Dec Parent Reflection Morning at 9:00am

Assembly Prayer - The following classes will present prayer at the following Assembly

6 Nov Year 3 20Nov Year 1 4 Dec Year 5

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click <u>here</u>
ALPHA AT THE LAKES website link <u>here</u>



The Lakes Catholic Parish

Help us to build a New Primary School and a better future for children in Muli, Southern Highland Province, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Please come to a BBQ after 9.30 Mass to raise money for the project

Sunday, 10th November
The Church of St Joseph Narrabeen



Compass Parent Portal Tips

WHOLE DAY ABSENCE Enter via the APP on your phone (sick, holiday) – you

do not need to change the times, the default of "8am to 5pm" covers the absence for the day. Absences of 10 or more days - Request for Leave form must be submitted to the office as well as entering via APP

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE Enter via Kiosk in school office

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY Enter via Kiosk in school office

SCHOOL REPORTS These will only be available to parents via the APP, login now to avoid any delays

receiving your child's Semester 2 report in December

MAI & BEST START Bookings for MAI and Best Start assessments in week 1 of 2020 will be via

ASSESSMENTS the Compass Parent Portal/APP

REMINDER All parents were emailed a unique username and password on 13 September,

together with a parent information booklet

Curriculum Corner

School Musical 2019

Our musical this year is 'What a Wonderful World!' Rehearsals are underway and the students seem very excited about their upcoming performances.

An email was sent home last week regarding your child's costume requirements for the musical. Please read the note carefully. There is no need to purchase anything new if you already have the items requested. If you have any concerns or queries, please see me on your child's teacher.

Thank you for those who have filled in the Google form to help. We will be in touch soon.

We are still looking for more helpers - if you are able to help (costumes, sewing, make-up, rehearsal day, other special talent), would you kindly complete this Google Form: https://tinyurl.com/yyfnu96h



Brenda Paul - Assistant Principal

Kinder Zoo Excursion





Library News

We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the flyer has been sent home with your child. The Redgum Book Club catalogue is now all online. The catalogue is now open and closes on the 4th November.

Orders will be delivered to the school by 22nd November.



Order online at www.redgumbookclub.com.au or email orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

Kath McCamey - teacher/librarian

Getting ready for the 2020 School Year

2020 Family Registration Form

Thank you to those families who have returned their 2020 Family Registration Form. A second copy is being sent home to families who have not yet returned the form.

- Sibling discounts on school fees can only be applied after receipt of this form.
- Please ensure the form is <u>signed by both parents prior to returning</u>.
- This form needs to be completed by all families, even those with children leaving St Joseph's at the end of this year.
- Additional forms can be downloaded from our school website <u>here</u>.

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Student Opal Cards – 2020 Applications Now Open

Transport NSW has advised that school student opal card applications for 2020 have now opened.

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.



Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Parents of students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification from Transport NSW advising them to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

Questions – please refer to the Transport NSW Opal Card website <u>here</u>.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Contact information from the office

Parent Volunteers

We love parents volunteering at St Joseph's.

All volunteers should sign in at Compass Kiosk in the office on arrival, and sign out when leaving.

When you volunteer for the first time please attend the office to complete a <u>Volunteer Declaration Form</u> and provide ID (drivers licence). You will also be taken through a short induction regarding emergency procedures at St Joseph's.

VISITORS WELCOME! PLEASE SIGN IN AT OFFICE

Compass Parent Portal

There are two ways to access Compass - using the parent portal on any modern web browser or using the 'Compass School Manager' app on your mobile device. Parents can enter full day absences, access student academic reports, school calendar and update contact numbers and email addresses via Compass.

All parents have their own individual login details (emailed direct to you from the CSO).



School Fees

Instalment schedule payment dates for school fees can be found on our school website here.

The Fee Liaison Unit (FLU) at the Catholic Schools Office looks after all enquiries regarding overdue school fees and financial hardship.

The contact for St Joseph's Narrabeen at FLU is:

Name: Brendan Smith Tel: 9847 0738

Email: <u>schoolfees@dbb.org.au</u>

Qkr & canteen orders

Did you know you can place your Qkr canteen orders days, or even two weeks, in advance?

You do not need to wait until the day you require the lunch order.

Avoid missing the cut off by placing your orders a few days before.

Qkr FAQs can be found on our school website here.



School App

Do you have the school APP on your phone? We use this APP to send notifications and reminders, ie "cut off date for Mother's Day orders".

There is a page on our school website <u>here</u> with all information on how to download, and the functions available from the APP.

iTunes https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stjosephs-primaryschool/id1203501732?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4

Google Play

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=co m.fraynework.dbb.sjn

School Band

Roar Music Northern Beaches

If your child is interested in joining the school band, keyboard or recorder groups, please contact Monique Warokka at monique@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com or 9984 0369



OOSH Northern Beaches

All enquiries for Before and After School Care can be directed to either Flavia (on site before and after school), by phone to OOSH head office (9984 8089) or email manager@ooshnb.com.au.

Before school care is from 7am-9pm, and after school care finishes at 6pm.

Website: www.ooshnb.com.au
Head Office: 9984 8089

St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693

Second Hand Uniform Shop

As we have very limited stock in the second hand uniform shop, BEFORE placing any orders on Qkr please contact Amy Fittler who will let you know if size/stock is available.

Amy can be contacted on 0421 981 485.

New uniform items can be purchased from Lowes at Warriewood Square, or online.



Compass Parent Portal is now "live" Individual login details have been emailed to parents

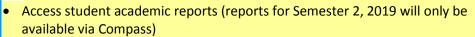
All parents should have received an email on Friday 13 September with information about our new Compass Parent Portal and App, including login details. The new system will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

To ensure you receive Compass notifications on your mobile device, please remember to enable this functionality. Simply press the Allow button when prompted during the installation of the Compass School Manager app.

Please log into Compass if you have not already done so, check that your contact details are current, and update if necessary. This will ensure we can communicate effectively with you.

WHEN TO USE THE PARENT PORTAL / APP

- Enter explanations for absences:
 - if your child is absent for the day you will now enter it via the App in the morning - Select "Add Attendance"
 - If you have an "unexplained absence" which you need to enter (for a date in the past), click on the three bars in the top left corner (on APP), a browser will open and there will be a green bar indicating the absences which need to be entered.





- Update your contact details
- View information on your child/ren's attendance

WHEN TO USE THE KIOSK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- All late arrivals and early departures must be entered into the Compass Kiosk in the foyer by a PARENT.
- Late children should not be dropped at the gate to walk in unaccompanied.
- The Compass Kiosk in the school foyer looks like a large iPad and is to be used by parents who pick up their child/ren early, for late arrivals, and for sign in by all visitors to the school.

Absences of 10 or more school days will still need to be applied for using the <u>Application for Extended Leave - Form A1</u> found on our school website. This form should be printed, filled in and handed in to the school office with supporting documentation.

Please contact the school office if you have not received an email with your login details, or have any questions. If the email is not appearing in your Inbox, please check your SPAM or Junk folder.

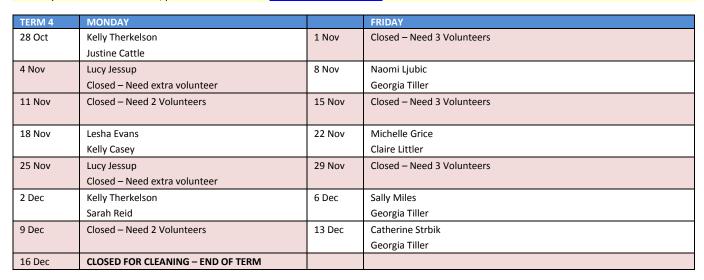




Canteen Roster & News

Clarification of canteen operation and Qkr ordering

- The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays provided we have volunteers.
- Any student who wishes to buy <u>lunch</u> from the canteen needs to have a Qkr lunch order placed.
- Lunch orders can be submitted on Qkr two weeks in advance.
- Please avoid trying to order "on the morning" as Qkr gets very busy and you may not be able to process your order.
- Please take note of the date you select for "order delivery". There is a two week period on the screen to choose from.
- On dates where we do not have volunteers, you cannot "accidentally" place a Qkr order. The system is closed off.
- Please check the newsletter weekly to see when the canteen is open.
- Volunteers must sign-in at the school office prior to working in the canteen.
- If you are able to volunteer, please email Donita at: donita.kerin8@gmail.com



Diocesan Notices



Key Note Speaker Philomena Billington

Philomena has over 40 years' experience at all levels of Catholic Education, it is her passion – particularly in the area of Parent Engagement and inspiring Lay Leadership. Phil is insightful, entertaining and an



9.00 Key Note – Philomena Billington

10.30 Morning tea 11.00 Parent led workshops Conversation with Phil

12.30
Lunch
1.30
Walk the Labyrinth
Stations of the Cross
Time to walk the grounds
2.30
close