

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion

School Rule: Care for your belongings

Respectful Relationships Focus: Be an honest person

Dear Parents

Classes for 2020

It is my pleasure to announce the staffing for classes in 2020.

- Kinder- Mrs Alison Jarman
- Year 1- Mrs Carmel Sekulich
- Year 2- Mrs Cathy Gualtieri (4 days) Mrs Kath McCamey (1 day)
- Year 3- Mrs Lisette Calleja
- Year 4- Mrs Emily Hobson (5 day fortnight) Mrs Pauline Carlyle (5 day fortnight)
- Year 5- Miss Olivia Preston
- Year 6- Mrs Brenda Paul (3.5 days) Miss Taylor Bird (1.5 days)
- Library- Term 1- Mrs Kath McCamey (2 days)
- Creative Arts- Mr Michael Warby (1 day)
- PE- Mrs Nicola Frost (1 day)
- Learning Support Teacher- Mrs Jade Browett (3 days)
- Micro Teaching program- Mrs Anita Brooks (4 days)
- Learning Support Assistants- Mrs Kim Marlin, Mrs Andrea Fitzpatrick and one more to be confirmed.

Sadly, we bid farewell to our long-time learning support assistant, Mrs Jenny Cox who has taken up a full-time position with St Lucy's, but thankfully based here at St Josephs for 2020. Jenny has always been a strong advocate for our learners with diverse needs as well as a valuable team member, always willing to go over and above to help both staff and students alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny for her commitment to the role and our school community.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Kath Fogwell who has been part of our teaching team for the past 2 years in a part time role. Kath has always brought a positive enthusiasm and absolute dedication to her teaching role and we shall miss her. Kath leaves us to take up a full time teaching position.

I also take this opportunity to thank all our staff at St Joseph's for their dedication to their classes and all students at our school and for the wonderful way they support each other as a team. This was exemplified at last week's hugely successful school Musical where every teacher took on a task so that the night could run so well.

Praise for Musical- What a Wonderful World!

I have included an email we received from one of our VIP guests at the musical, Dr Mark Askew, head of educational services at the Catholic Schools Office.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to attend the celebration of "What a Wonderful World" last night at Sacred Heart Mona Vale.

I am always in awe of the deep talent, both in the wonderfully generous and talented staff who create the event, and in the enthusiasm of the St Joseph's students in performing!

The sheer joy of the students was great to see! The creative arts are certainly alive and well at St Joseph's school!

Please pass on my congratulations to the students, and sincere thanks to the staff,

With best wishes- Mark

I would like to add my thanks and praise for our wonderful AP Brenda Paul, for creating and bringing to fruition the musical. There was such a joyful positive energy the entire night and it was heart-warming to see the smiles on the faces of all the children. They put in their best effort and should be rightly proud of themselves.

Thank you to parents as well for supporting and encouraging your child to perform and for having them ready with costumes and on time for the night.

Access to Semester 2 reports

As our school is now using the Compass Parent Portal your child's report will be loaded onto this portal. Currently you can already see their past reports from 2017, 2018 and semester 1 this year in the browser. Please ensure you have downloaded the APP (see instructions later in the newsletter). The semester reports will be accessible next Friday 13 December.

BYODD iPad in 2020 for Years 4-6 students

Thank you to those parents who have filled in the Google form to indicate to us if you are planning to purchase (or bring from home) an iPad in 2020 for Years 4, 5 & 6. If you haven't already done so can you please fill it out so we can indicate to our IT department possible numbers.

The CSO technician will be at our school on Wednesday 5 February 2020 to connect the iPads to our system. Remember, if your child's iPad at home meets the specifications they may bring that one to school.

Minimum specifications are: 6th Gen iPad, minimum 32 GB, WIFI only, sturdy case, optional Apple care.

We noticed that there were many deals over the last weekends sales. Officeworks always seems to be cheaper and will match prices. <https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/c/technology/ipads-tablets/ipads>
A 6th Gen 128GB is \$547 and a 7th Gen 32GB is \$525.

Parliament House visit for the Year 6 Civics and Citizenship team

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending NSW Parliament House as a guest of our MP, Rob Stokes. Each year Mr Stokes invites school leaders, from all the primary schools in his electorate together with their parents to a morning tea and presentation of certificates. Our team of Sophie B, Maddie G, Chloe L and Cameron T proudly represented us wearing the new school blazers purchased by the current year 6 class as part of their farewell gift to the school.



Class parents for 2020

We now have all our class parents for 2020. Thank you so much to those wonderful people willing to step into the role.

There will be a meeting for 2020 class parents to explain the role and allocate events in Term 1, week 2 next year, **Monday 3 February 2020.**

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass, Wednesday 18 December at 11.30 am – early dismissal

Please join us if you can for this Mass, a celebration of a year of learning and growth, together as a school community. We will be making various presentations and farewelling Mrs Cox, Mrs Fogwell and leaving families at the completion of Mass.

As this is the last day of school you may take your children home after the Mass for an early start to the holidays if you wish. This will be around 1pm.

Our kinder keyboard group and year 1 recorder group performed at assembly yesterday. Congratulations to the little budding musicians.

On Saturday 7 December our band children will perform at the Narrabeen Lakes Festival. Drop in from 10.45am to support them.

Volunteers morning tea – Thursday 12 December @ 9.15am in the library
Volunteers help to make the world go round! Well they certainly do here at 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.

Calling for a canteen roster coordinator for 2020

Thank you to those who have enquired about this role and are thinking about it at this stage. We shall know soon.

Term 4

- 12 Dec Volunteer Morning Tea – 9.15am-10.15am in Library (last swimming session for K-2)
- 13 Dec Semester 2 reports available on Compass
- 17 Dec Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy at 6pm
- 18 Dec Last day of school for students, Mass at 11.30am – students may leave after Mass with a parent



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. Bookings will be via School Interviews. More information to follow.

School 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

Second Week of Advent "Peace"

As we enter the second week of Advent we light the second candle representing "Peace", peace for ourselves and for the whole world.



Please find a link to an Adult Advent Calendar. Many children have a chocolate calendar they open each day as a countdown for Christmas. Often as parents we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season and don't have time to reflect on what it means in our faith journey.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/calendars/advent-calendar-for-adults>

St Vincent De Paul Hampers

This week you received a letter outlining our support for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. Please have all items in for your class hamper by next Tuesday 10 December. They will then be passed on to our wonderful Parish Team to distribute to families in need.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

All children are invited to attend the Parish Family Christmas Mass at 6pm on Tuesday 24 December. All children are invited to be part of the Nativity and are encouraged to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds, and Wise Men etc. If you are attending, please let Mrs Gualtieri know. catherine.gualtieri@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

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

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

<p>HOPE</p> <p>Week 1 Candle Name: Prophet's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Hope Reminds Us: Jesus is coming</p> <p>Verse: Romans 15:12-13</p> <p>Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.</p>	<p>PEACE</p> <p>Week 4 Candle Name: Angel's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Peace Reminds us: The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."</p> <p>Verse: John 3:16-17</p> <p>Prayer: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come, and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.</p>
<p>FAITH</p> <p>Week 2 Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle Candle Symbolizes: Faith Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem</p> <p>Verse: Luke 3:4-6</p> <p>Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.</p>	<p>JOY</p> <p>Week 3 Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Joy Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus</p> <p>Verse: Luke 2:7-15</p> <p>Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.</p>

Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser

Friday 6 December - Yr 6 Graduation Fundraiser

Gold
coin for
mufti



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

Curriculum News

What a Wonderful School!

A massive **MERCI BEAUCOUP** to all the wonderful students who performed so beautifully and with so much joy last Thursday night. There is always such a massive high around the school after the performance – something that would be great to bottle and keep forever! Thank you all for your amazing support leading up to the show and for your incredible response to ‘What a Wonderful World!’ Every acknowledgement and thank you means so much.

Once again a massive **GRACIAS** to Belinda Bradley who did such an incredible job of putting all the costumes together. I love that our musical is such an amazing community experience, where we all get to see our talented students shine so brightly.

NAMASTE to all the students, teachers and parents – I couldn’t have done it without you all!

In the classroom...

Last week as part of this term’s RE unit Mission Rite, the Year 6 students were asked to ponder this question: ‘If Jesus visited our school, what would he **see**, what would he **hear**, what would he **think**?’

Here are some of their responses:

- *...he would see a lot of kids playing games together, also he would see some people just playing with one friend of theirs. He would hear inclusive people talking to everyone, he would also hear people helping each other when some are upset. He would think ‘What a lovely inclusive school it is.’ **Leticha I***
- *...he would see children playing all sorts of games, children working hard depending on the time of day. He would hear some people shouting and people laughing and talking. Jesus would think...in my opinion, he would think ‘What a lovely little school.’ **Aidan J***
- *...he would see kids playing in big groups, playing happily most of the time. He would hear a lot of “you’re out” or “Goal!” and people laughing- but not at each other, with each other. He may hear someone occasionally getting angry at someone else. He would think it is a kind school where nearly all of us are friends. He would think there is room for improvement. **Anthony P***

Brenda Paul - Assistant Principal

Class Awards – Term 4, Week 8

Kinder	Jeremiah C Charlie K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent mathematical thinking solving problems • Trying his best in the musical
Year 1	Jordan P Jonah P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being a kind friend • Being inclusive and always taking turns
Year 2	Eva O Felix T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always wanting to learn in literacy • For always caring for his belongings and looking out for others
Year 3	Sasha C Orsen G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always taking care when presenting work • For always using lovely manners
Year 4	Kaden S Charlie S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabulous effort in literacy and maths • Great attitude to learning
Year 5	Noah E Reuben M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His improved efforts in hand writing • Always looking out for others in the class
Year 6	Gabriella H Jai S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming a more confident performer • Showing respect and kindness to his buddy
Turtle	Luke D Ben P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For consistent effort in music class all semester • For playing turn taking games with his friends
Sea Snake	Charlotte L Ethan R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For outstanding concentration and participation in music class • For outstanding effort and participation in music all semester!

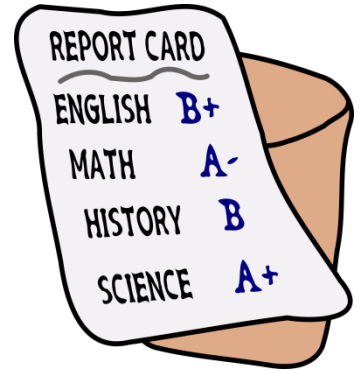
School Reports – Semester 2

School Reports will be available to parents in Week 9, via the Compass Parent Portal.

Reports **WILL NOT** be emailed as they have been in the past, parents will log into their Compass Portal to view or download the report.

To avoid any delays in accessing your child’s report, please ensure you have logged into Compass and are familiar with the portal.

Compass Tip Sheets are available on our school website [here](#). All parents were emailed individual username and password on 13 September 2019.



Important message for Year 6 Parents and parents of leaving students

Please be aware that you will need to download/print off semester reports currently appearing in Compass by 31 December 2019 if you wish to keep a record of these. Once a student leaves a school, parent access to that student’s details in Compass ceases. If you have any problems doing this during the holiday period, please contact us after 28 January 2020 when we are open for the new school year.

2019 School Fees – Final Instalments

Thank you to those families who have already finalised school fees.

Families on monthly, fortnightly and weekly instalment schedules will be nearing the end of payments. A few things to note:

- The final payment is generally one or two dollars either less or more than all other scheduled payments. For families with fees still owing, would you please check your statement emailed earlier this week to see if you need to adjust your final payment.
- Please ensure you contact your bank if you have direct debits set up once, you have made your final payment.
- If you need to check your balance, please contact Kerrie in the office.



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 **lunch** 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



TERM 4	MONDAY		FRIDAY
		6 Dec	Sally Miles Georgia Tiller
9 Dec	Kelly Therkelson / Sarah Reid Julia Van der Wallen	13 Dec	Catherine Strbik Georgia Tiller
16 Dec	CLOSED FOR CLEANING – END OF TERM		

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 [Volunteer Declaration Form](#) and provide ID (drivers licence). You will also be taken through a short induction regarding emergency procedures at St Joseph's.

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).

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 school 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 ASSESSMENTS Bookings for MAI and Best Start assessments in week 1 of 2020 will be via the Compass Parent Portal/APP



Kiss & Ride Reminders

Please exit the K&R zone as soon as you have loaded/unloaded your child/ren. **Please do not stop to chat / leave your vehicle.**

Please enter the queue from Wellington St, making a left turn into Lagoon Street and the K&R zone.

For the safety of all students, please do not make U-turns in Lagoon St outside the school/church/bus zone/K&R zone

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: schoolfees@dbb.org.au

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 [here](#) with all information on how to download, and the functions available from the APP.

iTunes <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/st-josephs-primary-school/id1203501732?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fraynetwork.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

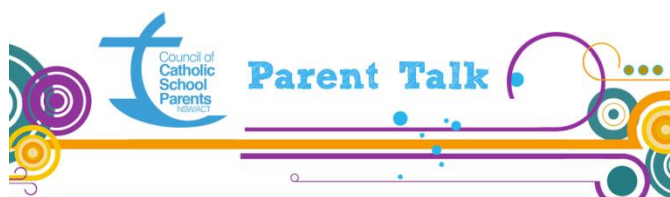
As we have very limited stock in the second hand uniform shop, BEFORE placing any orders on Qkr please contact Amy Fittler who will let you know if size/stock is available.

Amy can be contacted on 0421 981 485.

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



Diocesan Notices



The November edition of [Parent Talk](#) is now available. In this edition, we share some useful safety resources, including the recently launched eSafety website from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the new edition of the Child Safety Handbook. The NSW Curriculum Review Interim Report has been released, and public consultation is currently open, giving you the chance to provide feedback on the direction of education in NSW. We also have two feature articles, one on the lengths isolated parents will go to in order to ensure their children receive a quality education and another that provides tips on how to talk with your child when a loved one dies.

Live Life Well @ School
Try for 5!



5 serves of vegetables each day

One serve =
1 cup salad
or
1/2 cup cooked veg
or
1 medium potato

*Try veggie sticks for Crunch & Sip
(cucumber, capsicum, celery and carrot are great options)*

Discover new ways to add veg to your day, visit:
www.tryfor5.org.au

NSW GOVERNMENT | Health Northern Sydney Local Health District

Developed by Murrumbidgee Local Health District

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.**

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>. Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020. **Questions** – please refer to the Transport NSW Opal Card website [here](#).



January School Holiday Vacation Care, Camps and Activities

The Football Factory – January school holiday camps. 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 or 9972 7766

Evolve Tennis Academy - https://www.evolutetennisacademy.com/holiday_camps or contact 9971-0644 or by email : evolutetennis@evolutetennisacademy.com

Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care Services – [Northern Beaches Vacation Care](#) or 9942 2312 or email vacationcare@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Aussie Gems Cheerleading – School holiday programs - <http://www.aussiegems.com.au/>

Macquarie University, Junior Science Academy – <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/campus-services-and-facilities/childcare-centres/junior-science-academy>

NSW Sport & Recreation – School Holiday Camps - <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/events/school-holiday-program>

Sing Your Heart Out - a high-quality singing workshop with experienced, fun, and inspiring singing teachers! 20 to 24 January, 2020. St Kieran's Parish Centre. For children aged 5 to 12 years. For more information and to enrol, call Natasha on 0425 297 827 or visit www.syho.info

Manly Warringah Gymnastic Club – January school holiday programs (short and long day options available) - : <https://www.mwgyclub.com/contact-us/> or 9972 9222

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.
- Access student academic reports (reports for Semester 2, 2019 will only be available via Compass)
- Receive communications
- 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 [Application for Extended Leave - Form A1](#) 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.



1st Elanora Heights Scout Group

Real Christmas Tree Sale

**Saturday
14 December**

**7AM – 1PM
(or earlier if sold)**

**Billarong
Reserve**

**(just off |
Wakehurst
Parkway)**



7.12.2019

NARRABEEN

FURLOUGH HOUSE Fair

A stylized illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, there are several dark green pine trees on a dark hill. A large, dark bird is flying in the sky. The background is a warm orange and yellow gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Several colorful balloons (blue, orange, yellow, green, pink) are floating in the sky. The word 'Fair' is written in a blue, cursive font with a white outline, overlapping the landscape.

10AM-1PM
FREE KIDS ZONE

- Jumping castle
- Petting Zoo
- Face Painting
- Fairy Floss
- Fire Engine



HUGE BARGAINS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE • NEW ITEMS • BOOKS
CAKES • SWEETS • CLOTHES • ORNAMENTS
DISHES • JEWELLERY • DVDS • CDS

SAT 7 DEC 8AM - 1PM

Furlough House | 72-90 Ocean St | Narrabeen

