

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion

School Rule: Move safely at all times

Respectful Relationships Focus: Let someone go before you

Dear Parents

This will be the final newsletter for 2019. We are almost at the end of another very busy year in this wonderful community of St Joseph's.

This week at our staff prayer we were asked to share a moment in the year that we cherish. Everyone one of those shared moments related to children achieving learning gains. Anything from learning to tie a shoelace, making a new friend, persevering and succeeding with a very hard thinking maths task or applying new learning to an exceptional piece of writing. These are the little moments that we as teachers cherish and are rewarded by. What's your treasured moment this year?

I would like to thank you all for your commitment to your children's education, your passion for the community and your support of the staff. In our very busy lives it's so easy to forget to say thank you for the little things as well as the big. To all those parents working away quietly in their roles I say, **'I see you and I thank you!'**. To the exceptional staff at St Joseph's I say, **'I see you and I thank you!'**

Today we had a morning tea for volunteers, I know you can't all make it and so I acknowledge all volunteers for the wonderful work you do for the community.

We still have end of year events for opportunities to celebrate the Advent/Christmas season and give thanks for 2019.

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. We will also clap our leaving Year 6 students through the school gate for the last time.

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.

Finally, I wish you and your families a blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas with time to relax and share special moments together.

Semester 2 Reports on COMPASS APP - FRIDAY

Reports will be ready to be accessed on the Compass app on the afternoon of Friday 13 December. Make sure you have updated the Compass app to be able to access the report.

Teachers have been finalising the Semester 2 reports over the past weeks. These reports are based on the learning outcomes and work completed in Terms 3 and 4 of this year, so your child's grade is based on their achievement for this period of time. This is a time to celebrate gains in learning and learning behaviours. In NSW we are mandated to report on student learning using a 5-point grade scale. The words for the grades have changed slightly on this report from previous years. The range for academic achievement is: Extensive, Thorough, Sound, Basic, Elementary. There is an explanation on the report for each of the grades. If you wish to meet with the class teacher to discuss the report, please contact the teacher directly to arrange a suitable time.

Year 6 2019 gift to school

As is the tradition at St Joseph's, the leaving year 6 class of 2019 have purchased a gift to the school. They have donated four new school blazers to be worn by students representing the school at functions, banners for displaying our school name at carnivals and events and an absolutely beautiful painted mural on the outside canteen wall.

Thank you to the year 6 students and their parents and especially the class parents, Michelle Grice, Claire Littler and Dionne Tizzard for their fundraising, ideas and organisation!

Drama plays this week

Congratulations to the children from Sean Munro's Actory Drama School Tuesday afternoon group who performed their play for the school on Monday. Its wonderful to see the skills these children have developed for performance and their increased confidence in presenting their work.

Sean will again be running his drama school next year after school for students in years 3-6. Please look out for the flyers which will be distributed early next year.

Transition afternoon today

Today, each class spent 30 minutes in their 2020 classroom with their new teacher in a short transition session. (Year 4 2020 will do so on Monday). This may enable some children to have positive thinking and feel safe about their new space for 2020.

MAI assessment bookings for Tuesday 28 Jan and Wednesday 29 Jan

Yesterday you received an email about how to book this assessment interview for your child online. The **Mathematical Assessment Interview** is conducted on every child K-6 in our diocese each year at the start of the year. It determines the Growth Points in 4 mathematical concept areas. It is a highly innovative form of assessment that is based on extensive research in Australia to determine the conceptual steps a child takes to understanding. When analysed, the information we gain helps us as a school to plan and develop curriculum and instruction at the child's point of need and to measure a student's progress over time. The diocese values this information so much that they allocate an assessment day per school for teachers to conduct the one on one, hands on interview. The day is not actually a gazetted extra holiday for schools.

Please book your time online by 20 December this year to ensure your child is assessed.

School Advisory Council news

This group of parents performs an important community service. Most schools in the diocese have an advisory council set up, St Joseph's has one of the original groups set up in the diocese by Peter Rafferty when he was in the role at the CSO. It is based on a shared wisdom model, with the council discerning and advising in relation to the school values and goals in the School Improvement Plan. They meet once a term.

This year we bid a sad farewell to three members; Jacqui Harvey, who has been part of the team from the very beginning, Donita Kerin, who has been in the team for 4 years and Nicole Stuart who joined the team last year. Thank you so much ladies for your wisdom and discernment over the years. You shall be missed!

Term 4

- 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

Key dates for back to school 2020

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.

Tues 28 Jan	Teachers return
Wed 29 Jan	Assessment day, years 1-6 (Children attend for their allotted time only) Kinder- assessment day (Children attend for their allotted time only)
Thurs 30 Jan	Years 1-6 return to school in summer uniform Kinder- assessment day (Children attend for their allotted time only)
Fri 31 Jan	Kindergarten begins
Mon 3 Feb	Class parents 2020 meeting in library @ 7pm
Thurs 6 Feb	Beginning of school Mass @ 9.30am
Thurs 13 Feb	Swimming carnival 12.30-3.30pm @ Manly Pool
Mon 17 Feb	Parent information evening for each class, 6.30-7.30pm Term 1 P&F meeting, 7.30pm

All students attend a compulsory assessment. Bookings will be via School Interviews.

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](#)

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 weekend 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.

Religious Education News

Third Week of Advent "Joy"

As we enter the third week of Advent we light the third candle representing "Joy," for ourselves and everyone.

Pope Francis encourages Christmas nativity scenes at home. Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter in which he encourages the family tradition of setting up a Christmas crèche in the home in the days before Christmas. *"The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture"*, writes the Pope. Contemplating the Christmas story is like setting out on a spiritual journey. So great is God's love for us, that God became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with God. Read Pope Francis' letter here. http://www.vatican.va/.../papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_...



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

2020 Registration for the Sacrament of Penance

If your child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and is now eligible to enrol for the Sacrament of Penance. Enrolments open this Saturday 14 December, further information can be found on the Parish website and bulletin. Please find the link below for enrolments. <https://www.trybooking.com/BFTVY>

Thank you

Finally, I want to thank all the families in our school for your support and assistance in the Religious life of our School. Thank you to all the families who have contributed to the hampers and on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society I want to thank you and wish your families a Holy and Happy Christmas.

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

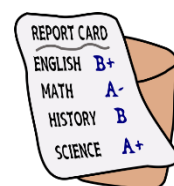
PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click [here](#)

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

School Reports – Semester 2

School Reports will be available to parents TOMORROW, Friday 13 December, 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.



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.

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
		13 Dec	Catherine Strbik Georgia Tiller
16 Dec	CLOSED FOR CLEANING – END OF TERM		

Diocesan Notices

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](#).



Position Vacant

St Kieran's Catholic Primary School Manly Vale is looking for a new Canteen Coordinator. If you are interested please click here for details. <https://www.teachers.on.net/vacancy/34463/>

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

Goodwins Tennis Academy – school holiday program, held at Kitchener Park, Mona Vale. Full details on website: <https://www.goodwintennisacademy.com.au/> Contact Joel on 0410 523 726; email goodwintennisacademy@outlook.com

Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care Services – [Northern Beaches Vacation Care](#) or 9942 2312 or email vaccationcare@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

Manly Warringah Basketball - school holiday camps + term comps - www.manlybasketball.com.au
Enquiries: 9913 3622

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



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.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.
- 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.





Book School Interviews Online

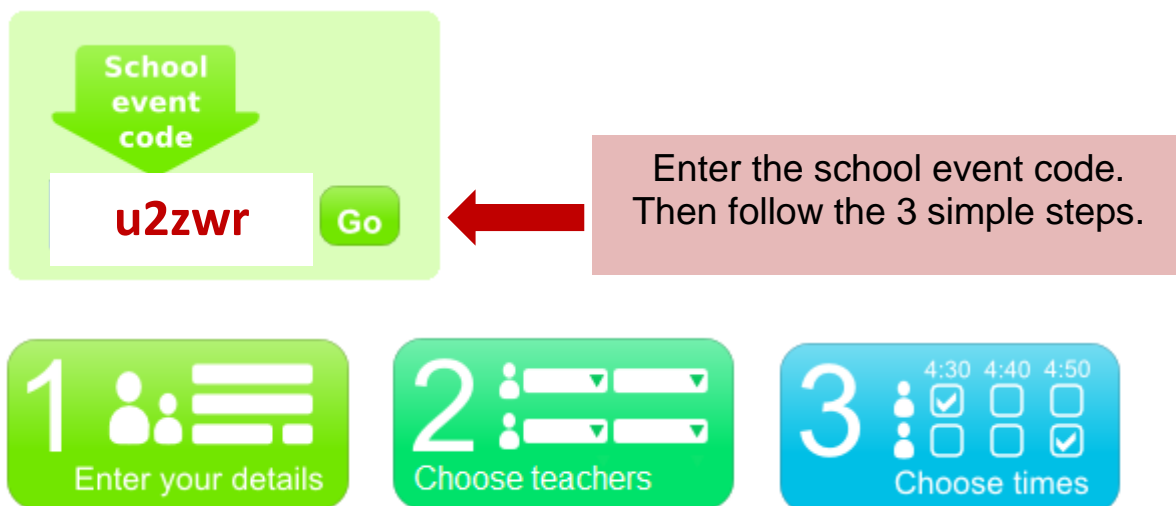
Dear Parents

Kindergarten MAI (Mathematical Assessment Interviews) / Best Start will be held during Week 1 Term 1 2020 on **Tuesday 29 January, Wednesday 30 January and Thursday 31 January 2020.**

Interviews are for 45 minutes. Parents are asked to wait in the playground until their child's assessment is complete.

You can now book interviews at times that suit your family best. Please book one assessment per child. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions below.

BOOKINGS CLOSE: Friday 20 December 2019



- **THIS BOOKING CODE IS FOR KINDER 2020 ONLY. YRS 1-6 HAVE A SEPARATE CODE. Choose teacher A (or B if applicable) to find a timeslot which suits you.**
- When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
- Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.
- We ask for parents to be within the school grounds to collect their child from the assessment as there will be no teacher supervision before or after the assessment.
- Kindergarten students commence school on Friday 31 January 2020.



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Year 1 to Year 6 MAI (Mathematical Assessment Interviews) will be held during Week 1 Term 1 2020 on **Tuesday 28 January & Wednesday 29 January 2020**.

Interviews are for 30 minutes and students only attend for their assessment timeslot. Parents are asked to make their way to the library until their child's assessment is complete.

You can now book interviews at times that suit your family best. Please book one assessment per child.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions below.

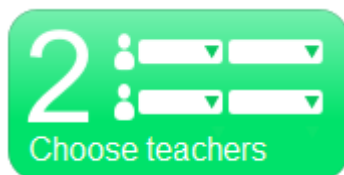
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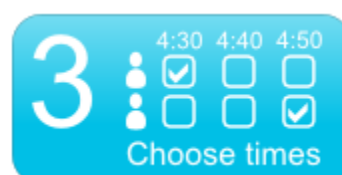
Enter the school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



1 Enter your details



2 Choose teachers



3 Choose times

- THIS CODE IS FOR YEARSW 1-6 ONLY, USE CODE "u2zwr" FOR KINDER 2020 BOOKINGS**
- Choose either teacher A (or B in some cases) for your child's year group to find a timeslot which suits you.**
- When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
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- We ask for parents to be within the school grounds to collect their child from the assessment as there will be no teacher supervision before or after the assessment.
- Years 1-6 students commence school on Thursday 31 January 2020.**

CLASS	TEACHERS
Kinder	Alison Jarman
Year 1	Carmel Sekulich
Year 2	Catherine Gualtieri & Kathryn McCamey
Year 3	Lisette Calleja
Year 4	Pauline Carlyle & Emily Hobson
Year 5	Olivia Preston
Year 6	Brenda Paul & Taylor Bird