

Term 4 Core Value: Community

School Rule: Wear a hat outside

Respectful Relationships Focus: Be a bucket filler

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. The children have come back smiling and eager to begin the year. The teachers also, are well rested and excited to welcome a new class. I hope all families enjoyed a restful holiday. I know that many of you and your extended families were probably affected in some way by the devastating bushfires in NSW and across Australia. I hope you and your loved ones are now well and safe. Thank you for having your children ready and prepared for school today both materially and more importantly mentally to begin the school year in a positive manner.

A special welcome to our new families to St Joseph's, the Marrett, Sampson, Kusnierz and Olivares families have children starting in grades 2 and 5 today and tomorrow we welcome 22 new kinders with 11 new families to our community. We also welcome new staff member, Miss Taylor Bird who will be teaching Year 6 for 1.5 days a week and welcome back Mrs Sam Carolan who will be a learning support assistant 2 days a week.

Classes and Teachers for 2020

Our classes, teachers and staff for this year:

Office administrator	Mrs Kerrie Andrews
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 Pauline Carlyle (5 day f'night) Mrs Emily Hobson (5 day f'night)
Year 5	Miss Olivia Preston
Year 6	Mrs Brenda Paul (3.5 days) Miss Taylor Bird (1.5 days)
Library	Mrs Kath McCamey (2 days)
Creative Arts	Mr Michael Warby (1 day)
PE	Mrs Nicola Frost (1day)
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, Mrs Sam Carolan

Communication

The newsletter is one of the main forms of communication between school and parent. A link is emailed every Thursday. Every second week I endeavour to make it a much shorter version with just key dates and reminders.

Other forms of communication include:

- The [school website](#) for general information and forms and policies;
- The school app or website for calendar dates. We send out 'push notifications' via the app for up to the minute communication;
- Class FB pages administered by your class parents and class parent co-ordinator- Donne Tizzard.

I encourage you to read the newsletter each week as your first port of call for information.

Before and after school arrival and dismissal procedures

We have procedures in place to ensure the safe and smooth arrival and dismissal of students. **These are in place so that ALL children are delivered safely home and teachers know how each child travelled home. It is part of our duty of care.** I ask for your continued support in adhering to these procedures, even if it means a little bit of inconvenience for you for the greater good for all children and families.

The information below is an extract from the parent handbook 2019. We will be updating the handbook shortly with the Compass procedures for late arrival and early pick ups.

BEFORE SCHOOL – Morning supervision begins at 8.30am. We remind parents that children arriving prior this time are not supervised. Children should make their way to their classrooms, place their bags outside the classroom and play in the supervised areas. Parents may accompany their children and stay in the grounds until the bell rings. The playground equipment is out of bounds before school. Any child arriving after assembly has finished must go the office to be signed in on the Compass kiosk as a LATE ARRIVAL PARTIAL ABSENCE.

AFTER SCHOOL - Children are escorted to the Lagoon St playground by class teachers at 3.00pm ready for 3.05pm dismissal. Children catching the bus, walking, or being picked up at Kiss and Ride line up under the shade cloth. There are separate lines for bus, walkers, Kiss & Ride. Parents picking up children wait in the front playground for the teacher to dismiss the class. Those children waiting for a parent for playground pick up will stand at the pole in front of the hedge. **Please do not gather in the area outside the K, 1 and 2 classes as this makes it difficult for teachers to organise the children and account for each one.**

There is no playing in the yard after school as there is no teacher supervision, whether you as a parent are present or not.

A Kiss and Ride system operates in the No Parking zone on Lagoon Street from 3.05pm. Parents should tell their child if he or she is to use Kiss and Ride. A sign with your family last name should be displayed in the front left window. Please ask at the office and we will have one printed and laminated. Children will be escorted to the cars by a member of staff. Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles. There are 3 spaces marked by orange cones for pick up. If your child is not present at Kiss and Ride, you will be asked to drive around the block whilst your child is located. **PLEASE DO NOT QUEUE IN WELLINGTON STREET AS THIS INTERFERES WITH TRAFFIC FLOW.** KISS & RIDE drivers are not permitted to get out of the car. Please ensure that bags etc are in car as the driver is not to get out of the car to go to the boot. We recommend staggering the time that children are collected from Kiss and Ride so as to avoid queues. If using the kiss and ride zone please adhere to the road rules. If there is not a vacant position in the 3 marked zones then please move on and go around the block to try again. Your patience means all are kept safe. The council ranger regularly patrols Lagoon St. Children not picked up by 3.20pm will be taken to the school office to be picked up there.

Assessment day

Thank you to those parents who booked your child for a one on one mathematics assessment with the class teacher on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday this week. This Mathematical Assessment Interview (**MAI**) collects important data each year on your child's progress in the main concept areas of maths. It is a Diocesan wide assessment with every child in every primary school in the Broken Bay diocese completing the interview style test.

As the assessment takes up to 30 minutes per child, having the assessment day allows us to see each child in a short period of time. The results allow us to track progress, identify areas of concern and then plan teaching programs accordingly. The CSO collates and collects this data to assist in intervention decisions in schools.

When the data is collated at the CSO level parents will receive a feedback letter by mid-term.

Upcoming events

As the saying goes, we 'hit the ground running' in terms of events. Please check through these dates and respond to notes promptly so that events can be organised in an effective and timely manner

- **Class Parents for 2020- planning meeting on Monday 3rd February 7-8pm.** Class parent co-ordinator Donne Tizzard and P&F president, Mark Page will be finalising 2020 events.
- **Beginning of school year Mass on Thursday 6th February 9.30am.** Please see **Cathy Gualtieri's REC news** later in this newsletter for details.
- **School swimming carnival on Thursday 13th February for Years 2-6 only** at Manly Boy Charlton outdoor pool. 12.30pm-3.30pm. Please refer to the Google form emailed to you today (and linked below) to give permission, choose events and for details of transport, and what children need to wear and bring. Buses will leave school at 11.30am and return by 4.00pm.

Please submit the [Google form](#) by Wednesday 5th Feb so that our PE teacher, Mrs Frost can organise the program.

As usual we are calling for parent volunteers, please tick the box on the Google form if you can offer your time- you are SO appreciated. Mrs Frost will meet you at the pool at 12.00pm to allocate roles.

- **Parent Information Evening** in classes on **Monday 17th February**. There will be 2 repeated sessions, 6.30pm and 7pm, more details to follow. This will be followed by:
- **General P&F meeting at 7.30pm**
- **P&F event** - Welcome to new (and existing!) parents evening, **Friday 21st February**. Save the date- more details to come.

Parent engagement in 2020 - Open classrooms each term

As part of our strategy for our new School Improvement Plan (SIP- more details on this next week), we are having an open classroom session each term and inviting parents to come and be part of the learning. Each term will be a different day and time to try and cater for many parents over the year.

Our session for Term 1 is on **Thursday 12 March at 2.20-3pm** and the subject focus is Religious Education (RE).

BYODD

Students in years 4-6 who are taking up the option of bringing their own iPad to school this year, are to inform the class teacher. The CSO technicians will be at school on Wednesday 5th February to connect the devices to the school WiFi.

Canteen

Once again big thank you to Catherine Strbik who is coordinating the canteen this year joined by Georgia Brizell as the roster coordinator. **First day for canteen is Friday 7th February**. Volunteers are needed for all other days at this stage. Please see the more detailed notice further on in the newsletter.

School Band

Our band director, Monique from Roar Music will have been in contact with parents re: your child's tuition day and band rehearsals. Tuition begins next week (week 2) and band the following week (week 3). Please contact Monique directly if you have any questions.

I look forward to catching up with you at any of our events and around the playground.

February reminders

Mon 3 Feb	Class parents 2020 meeting in library @ 7pm
Wed 5 Feb	BYODD enrolment day
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
Fri 21 Feb	P&F Function – Welcome to new parents
Sat 22 Feb	Parish Family Mass @ St Joseph's, 5.30pm
Tues 25 Feb	Yr 3 boys visit St Paul's Manly
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass & Liturgy

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

Welcome to the new school year and I look forward to celebrating many steps along the journey of faith with you this year.

This term our school core value focus is "Community". At St Joseph's we are a Catholic school a community, a family with a story, a history, and a purpose who believe in Jesus Christ.

Parents, friends and extended family are invited to the St Joseph's Whole School Mass to begin the 2020 school year. This will be held on Thursday 6 February at 9.30am. At this Mass we will welcome our new families and students and Year 6 Leaders will be commissioned.

Lakes Parish Choir

The Parish will be running a Youth Choir and children in Year 2-6 are invited to join. Please see the attached flyer.

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click [here](#)
ALPHA AT THE LAKES website link [here](#)

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 Georgia at: georgia_brizell@hotmail.com



TERM 1	MONDAY		FRIDAY
		7 Feb	Catherine Strbik Naomi Ljubic
10 Feb		14 Feb	
17 Feb		21 Feb	

Diocesan Notices

NAREMBURN & NORTHERN BEACHES FAMILY CENTRES

TERM 1 PROGRAMS 2020

catholiccaredbb.org.au/brochures

WOMEN'S WELLBEING GROUP	KEEPING KIDS IN MIND	STEP INTO WORK	1 - 2 - 3 MAGIC
A space for women over 18 to come together in a safe welcoming environment. Join us for art, cooking, yoga, support and more.	For parents experiencing conflict after separation. Learn how to support your children.	Designed for women who want to find meaningful paid work. Assists with recruitment, coaching, planning and stress management.	For parents of 2 - 12 year olds. Learn how to manage behaviour without arguing or shouting and enhance your relationship with your children.
Fridays 7 February – 3 April 2020 10.30am – 12.30pm Naremburn Family Centre 40 Merrenburn Avenue Cost Free	Thursdays 13 February – 12 March 2020 10.00am – 12.30pm Northern Beaches Family Centre 116/20 Dale Street, Brookvale Cost \$100	Tuesdays 18 February – 17 March 2020 10.00am – 12.30pm Naremburn Family Centre 40 Merrenburn Avenue Cost Free	Tuesdays 24 March – 7 April 2020 10.30am – 12.30pm Naremburn Family Centre 40 Merrenburn Avenue Cost \$20
MORE INFO: P: (02) 8425 8700 E: intakefs@catholiccaredbb.org.au	MORE INFO: P: (02) 8425 8700 E: intakefs@catholiccaredbb.org.au	MORE INFO: P: (02) 8425 8700 E: intakefs@catholiccaredbb.org.au	MORE INFO: P: (02) 8425 8700 E: intakefs@catholiccaredbb.org.au

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



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.





CHILDREN'S CHOIR

commencing February 5, 2020



**for
ALL children in
Years 2-6**

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS
3:30pm ~ 4:30pm

WHERE: Fr. Amiel Sobb Hall
Lagoon St, Narrabeen

WITH: Nathan Stark



Register your interest at:
lakesmusic@bbcatholic.org.au