

Term 1 Core Value: Community

School Rule: Care for belongings

Respectful Relationships Focus: Help someone with a heavy load

Dear Parents

What a difference a week makes! With new announcements about regulations for self-isolation and social distancing rules our world is a very changed place this week.

We are all trying to adjust quickly to a new way of learning at home and being together in a different mode.

But more importantly, I am acutely aware of how the forced shutdowns of businesses in tourism, events, health and hospitality have affected the livelihood of so many of the families in our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all now. Please call and reach out to our community if you are struggling in any way. We will do our best to assist. I encourage you to keep up your contact via your class FB pages or just by messaging to check in on others.

Your mental health and the wellbeing of you and your family is very important at this time. The CSO has a document with links to health and wellbeing. There are also some very good reminders about online safety and screen time whilst at home.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FBdHPiXu_92xqrFK2ixPeVPwzellUK2g/view

For the safety and wellbeing of staff and children still here at school we ask that you still adhere to any regulations regarding self-isolation if you have a family member returned from overseas or have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed.

Stay safe and well everyone! This too will pass and we'll all be back together again at St Joey's soon.

Home Based Learning (HBL) begins next Monday

This week teachers have been working with online platforms *Google classroom* for years 3-6 and *See Saw* for K-2. Most children working from home this week have been able to get online and complete some tasks. The children at school have been working on similar activities.

Next week we will begin our formal HBL. This means that all classes will have a weekly timetable/grid of tasks. For 3-6 students their google classroom tasks will be ready by 9am on Monday morning. For K-2 the schedule with links will be emailed to you by 9.30am on the Monday.

It will be a transition week for all of us to see what works and to iron out any glitches.

I would like to emphasise here to be kind to yourself and your family. You are not expected to be a teacher, most of the tasks can be done with some reading and independent time with supervision from you as the parent. Of course, the younger students may need some initial intervention then can complete or explore tasks by themselves. There is time factored in for recreation, exploring, imaginative play. Children should not be expected to be in front of a screen for 5 hours. Home school is very different to at school learning in a class in terms of time.

Teachers will be giving feedback and comments but do not expect feedback for every single task for every child every day.

Communication with school and teachers over the next 2 weeks during HBL time.

Please communicate by email with teachers about learning and tasks at home, they will answer between 9-3.30pm, Monday to Friday. You can still phone the office between 8.30 and 3.30 for any administrative queries and questions for Kerrie.

Children can communicate about their learning with teachers too. This is preferable than you emailing the teacher. Years 3-6 via their Gmail account and K-2 via see saw when they upload work. The years 3-6 children have a set of protocols re: the use of google classroom on the class page. It is NOT a social chat page.

Teachers are also learning about other forms of communication for the whole class like Zoom. We will trial it next week.

It is most important that you have the school APP loaded on your phone ([see instructions](#)). This will be our quickest and easiest way to communicate any issues to the whole school. Otherwise email will be our form of communication for whole school messages.

Easter Raffle

Don't forget we are encouraging you to still sell the raffle tickets and we will draw the prizes on 3 April (next Friday). You can pay via QKR and drop the ticket stubs in our letterbox in an envelope.

Thank you to canteen managers and volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Catherine Strbik and Georgia Brizell, our volunteer canteen managers for their work over this term. After we decided to close the canteen last Friday, there was a directive from the government that all school canteens close.

Thank you also to those who have volunteered this term. When everything is back to normal, we would love to see you back again.

Calendar reminders

Thurs 9 Apr Last day term 1

School dates are on the [Google school calendar](#) on the website. It is worth checking the school calendar regularly.

Warm regards



Virginia Outred

Principal

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School Communication

Link: [School Website, Calendar and Term Dates](#)

Link: [St Joseph's School App](#)

Link: [Qkr App payments, canteen orders](#)

Religious Education News

Caritas Project Compassion Boxes

During Lent we have been supporting Caritas through Project Compassion. If your family have been making contributions to your box and wanted to drop them off at our school office, we will make a total donation as usual. Alternatively, families can make their contributions via the Caritas website directly. Thank you for your continued support at this time of need.

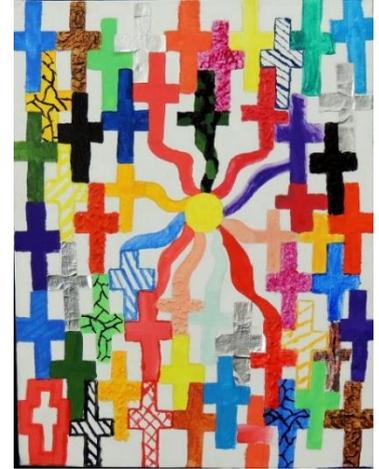
Walking the way in difficult times

So here we are, "walking the way" with our children and families, amidst a Coronavirus crisis. As public gatherings, even [Masses](#), are suspended, perhaps this Lent and Easter present an opportunity for a collective grassroots effort to re-set the Church's compass to its domestic, familial heart. As Mike and Alicia Hearn ([Messy Parenting Project](#)) put it, "Parents are the spiritual leaders of their home, every day, not just when there is a global pandemic!" Under the pressure of Coronavirus, do we have a chance here to reimagine ourselves at the level of our most basic ecclesial cell? Let's keep "walking the way" with courage and hope.

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

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

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



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

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.

