

Term 1 Core Value: Respect

School Rule: Wear a hat

Respectful Relationships Focus: Be a bucket filler

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2 to what is a very different and interesting world. This term is all about slowly returning to full time school for all children. There has been much debate in the media about why the staggered return and what it looks like in NSW. We follow the regulations and recommendations as advised to us from the CSO, who in turn are advised by the State government. The CSO has a Covid-19 Response Team and I receive daily updates from them about regulations, changes, policies and procedures to implement. We appreciate your support and patience by working with us through this staggered return. It allows us to work with the students remotely and to also supervise those that need to attend school. It is the same HBL for all students, at home or at school. This plan is also very much about the safety of students and staff. The government will be monitoring the data in terms of notified cases. If we are all patient and try to adhere to the regulations it will mean a quicker, safer return to full time attendance for everyone. We very much look forward to the day we are all back full time and learning together.

Staggered return to school from Week 3

A staggered return to school is being introduced in week 3, Monday 11 May. We have been advised that students are to be allocated to one day a week to attend school and work with their class teacher. As far as we know this arrangement will take place for at least two weeks. Tomorrow you will receive an email informing you of the allocated day for your family. We are allocating days from Monday to Thursday. This has been a difficult model to sort out and we are sorry that we cannot take preferences from each family for their day.

On your child's allocated day they will have face to face teaching time with their class teacher. If your child needs to attend school on other days that are not their allocated day due to your work requirements, they will continue to be supervised by teachers on a roster system to continue their HBL in the library or another space. This will also mean that teachers will not be on call online as much because they will be in the classroom working with children as well as trying to check the See Saw or Google classroom. Please be patient if you or your child does not receive a reply immediately.

Personal hygiene and safety when at school

Social distancing with children in classrooms is apparently now not required. However, teachers will practice physical distancing with each other and parents as much as we can.

There are now bottles of hand sanitiser in every room, please let us know if your child is not able to use this. We are asking children to hand wash before and after food breaks. The two rooms we use every day are being cleaned daily at this stage and toilets are cleaned every day as per usual with special attention to taps and handles. A reminder to please not send your child to school if they are unwell. As instructed by the CSO, if your child shows any signs of being unwell with symptoms related to Covid19 we will be utilising a space separate from the usual sick bay.

Uniform

At this time children can wear summer or winter uniform according to the weather. Children will be required to be in full winter uniform by week 4 (18 May). When children come for one day a week, they can wear their sports uniform for comfort.

Cancellation of events

Of course there are many events for this term that need to be cancelled or postponed due to the social gathering restrictions. At this stage we have looked at events up to week 5.

Cancelled

- Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Cross Country - Wednesday 6 May
- Mother's Day breakfast and Mass - Thursday 7 May
- NAPLAN assessments for years 3 & 5- 12 - 14 May
- Northern Beaches Eisteddfod for choir - 28 May

Postponed

- School Photos - now Wednesday 17 August (Term 3)
- Kids Disco - new date TBC
- Open Classrooms for parents to view Maths Learning - new date TBC

Still on

- P&F meeting. Monday 1 June via Zoom
- Parent Education in Maths – Monday 1 June via Zoom.

Look out on the **St Joseph's Narrabeen FB page** for short videos to announce the *Build in Love* awards for the Term 1 core value of Community and the student of the week awards on Assembly day.

Canteen

As per the regulations for schools the canteen is closed. The CSO will consider this decision again after week 5.

Advice re attendance rolls

We have received advice from the CSO re: marking of rolls for attendance during this time of HBL.

Engagement in Learning: During Covid-19 arrangements, CSO takes the view that engagement in learning involves the student being on task with the work assigned to them by the school. The student may be at home or at the school while engaged in learning. During HBL all children are expected to complete learning activities set by their teacher. If after 7 calendar days there has been no advice from the parent(s)/carer(s) regarding completion of learning activities set by their teacher, then this should be recorded as an unexplained absence using the A mark/code and follow up procedures actioned by the school.

Of course, we understand there are many different circumstances across all our families. The main thing is to communicate with your child's class teacher about your child's learning if there are issues with illness, limited access to devices and connectivity. Many of you have already done this. In turn the class teacher will make contact with you if they are not receiving or sighting work for a period of time.

CSO to parent communication

The CSO has uploaded a link on our school website front page titled "**Parent Hub**". I highly recommend you visit it. There are great explanations about HBL, mental health, tips for setting up learning and links to other sites.

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

- **Parent to teacher**
Please communicate by email with teachers about learning and tasks at home, they will answer between 9-3.30pm, Monday to Friday. A teacher may find it easier to call you if the issue is complex
- **Student to teacher to student**
Students can communicate about their learning with teachers too. This is preferable than the parent emailing the teacher with a clarifying question about a task.
Years 3-6 via their Gmail account and K-2 via see saw when they upload work.
The year 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.
Zoom meetings are being utilised for social connection and explanation of the weeks work.

- **Parent to school admin**
You can still phone the office between 8.30 and 3.30pm for any administrative queries and questions for Kerrie.
- **School to ALL school parents**
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 via the push notification. Otherwise email will be our form of communication for important whole school messages.
- **Facebook**
Our [FB page](#) is where we will upload some videos of awards or other fun things. It's not the place where will communicate about important issues.

P&F Easter raffle results

The Term 1 Easter Raffle was drawn in the last week of last term. Thanks to the Year 3 class parents, Georgia and Naomi for organising and completing in what was a difficult time. In case you missed the winners announcement on our FB page here they are:

- 1st Felix & Elliott T – Kinder and Yr 3
- 2nd Lachie & Louie P – Yrs 1 and 2
- 3rd Mia P - Yr 5
- 4th Cooper P – Yr 3
- 5th Eva & Sabrina O – Yrs 1 and 3
- 6th Ruby, Emily and Adam L – Yrs 5 and 3
- 7th Poppy & Oli G – K and Yr 2
- 8th Kyden W – Yr 6
- 9th Luke B – Yr 5
- 10th Charlie, Jonah, Oli and Jordan P – Kindy, Yrs 2, 3 and 4

Term 2 school Core Value: Respect

Our school core value for Term 2 is Respect. How important is this value in our world right now!?

As our school prayer states, St Joseph's is a place "where we respect ourselves and others". The way Jesus lived His life was a model for respect, respecting differences in others, listening to people and not judging them.

This page from the Kids Helpline site defines respect for children: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/all-about-respect>

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

Stay well and safe



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

Keep the Easter Spirit Flowing

In this COVID-19 world, our homes continue to be our sanctuary, the site of our children's home-based learning, and also their home-based spirituality. Think about it: at present our homes are really the only place where we can truly enter into the celebrations of our Catholic faith. In this season of Easter, let's use this opportunity and challenge to explore what it means to live fully and joyfully as "domestic Church", each in our unique household, family configuration, and personal expression. Some ideas follow.

May the power of the risen Christ, who brings forth light from our darkness, continue to strengthen you and your families over these [50 days of Easter](#).



An Examen for the Family

In these difficult times it is difficult to stop and have some time to reflect. The daily examen for families is a great little resource: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/player/prayer%20tools/anexamenforthefamily>

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

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

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

Community Messages



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Pittwater Council – Message re shared pathways

In these strange Covid-19 times, many more families than usual are using our shared paths.

This is a very positive thing to do, for so many reasons; exercise, getting out of the house and mental health being some of those reasons.

However, the extra people means that we have to take extra care with our etiquette on shared paths, so that we reduce the risk of injury to ourselves and others.

Please note that everyone can still maintain the required 1.5 metres separation while keeping the Shared Path etiquette, such as walking single file in order to keep to the left and allow others to pass in both directions.

<https://youtu.be/DrevqKZzGvU>



School Banking – Commonwealth Bank

We have received notification from the Commonwealth Bank that the school banking program will be on hold until the normal operating of school resumes. Their message for parents states:

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

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.

