

Term 2 Core Value: Respect

School Rule: Care for your appearance

Respectful Relationships Focus: Eat with your mouth closed and no talking with your mouth full

Dear Parents

P&F meeting via Zoom

On Monday night we held our Term 2 P&F meeting for the first time via Zoom. We had 16 people attend which is more than would normally attend in the cold weather of term 2. Current executive members: Mark Page, Donne Tizzard, Prue Picello and Kimberley Cusack are all stepping down from their positions at the end of this year as per the P&F constitution of serving a maximum 3-year term. So, if you are thinking about serving the school community you might like to start considering the positions. You can speak to me or the exec members if you have questions about the roles.

Recent Surveys

At the P&F meeting there were some questions about the two surveys that went out last week. I'd like to clarify the purpose and source of both surveys.

Survey 1 - accessed on Compass 'Insights'

Devised by the school for the purpose of parents to give the class teacher some insights about your child as a learner. We are honouring the fact that you have now spent a lot of time working with your child on schoolwork and have probably had some insights about them as a learner. The survey allows you to comment on HBL but is more geared to commenting on your child as a learner. At our semester 1 parent teacher interviews the class teacher can refer to this survey to help with the focus of the conversation - your child as a learner. The survey is NOT anonymous as we need to know the child for the interview process.

Unfortunately, accessing this survey hasn't been as easy as a Google Form survey. Compass is the platform for communication in the Diocese and we were encouraged to try the Insights tool. I shall be reporting to the Compass team that this particular tool needs tweaking to be more parent and school friendly.

The survey closing date is 5 June – tomorrow.

Thank you to those who have already taken the time to respond. Your feedback helps us for future planning and your thoughts and insights are valued and help add to the picture of your child as a learner.

Survey 2 - sent as an email notification on Compass as a Survey Monkey link.

Devised by the CSO and our new school Director, Danny Casey. It was sent to all families in the Diocese. The purpose is to seek feedback about the CSO and school response to Covid 19, and about the system and school in general. The survey is anonymous. The survey closed on 2 June.

Semester 1 reports

Reports will be delayed this semester to enable teachers to have more face to face teaching and learning time with students to gather assessment data and observations about learning. Reports will be modified to only report on learning in the core subjects of English, Maths and RE. This is a diocesan wide decision based on advice from NESAs about the flexibility of curriculum outcomes and reporting this semester. As per semester 2 2019, reports will be available via Compass on Friday 3 July, the last day of Term 2. Parent teacher interviews will be available in the first 2 weeks of Term 3. Booking for interviews will also be via the Compass app and will be opened on Monday 29 June. Instructions on how to book an interview will be emailed to you at the same time.

Maths Parent Education via Zoom- Monday night

Many thanks to Cathy Gualtieri, our numeracy leader, for putting together this parent education session via Zoom. Parent education is important to increase student and parent engagement with learning. Zoom is a difficult platform to use for a parent ed session, especially when we had planned opportunities to 'play' and problem solve with equipment. However, the parents who tuned in gained some knowledge and ideas about how we teach Maths, thanks for joining us!

Cathy offered free 'home kits' with equipment and instructions for some of the games we viewed that build number fluency and confidence. If you attended the meeting, please contact Cathy via email if you haven't already done so to receive a home kit.

Canteen re-opening – Friday 19 and 26 June - Lunch orders online only

At the P&F meeting we discussed the re-opening of the canteen. The CSO is allowing canteens to open in a modified way and if schools can meet the regulations and requirements for food service in Covid times. Our two canteen volunteer managers have discussed this with me, and canteen will be ready to open on Friday 19 June and Friday 26 June. This will be for lunch orders ONLY via QKR. The canteen **will not** be open for over the counter service of snacks at morning tea or lunch. This decreases the food and money handling issue. QKR will open for orders after Catherine has checked supplies and our food suppliers for stock. Thank you to Catherine and Georgia for their commitment to this role in these changed times.

Home Learning (Homework)

Our school has a [Home Learning Policy](#) (homework as opposed to HBL) implemented in 2015 after consultation with the community and reviewed in 2017 and 2019 with staff.

The policy states that teachers will set home learning that is mainly revision and practice tasks, according to the guidelines in the policy. Families may choose to opt in or out according to their beliefs and circumstances.

If you opt in, it is the responsibility of the child and family to set time aside and set expectations that it is completed.

Just as in HBL, the platforms of Google classroom or See Saw are used.

In K-2 home reading is the priority and expectation. Studies show that children who are read to by parents and read with parents are more engaged with reading and enjoy it more. The school has purchased an online reading series licence, *Wushka* for you to access books online for this purpose. However, reading the levelled practice books should not be a child's only reading diet. Reading a favourite picture book or chapter book to or with your child is also highly beneficial and so enjoyable as a bedtime routine.

Bringing toys to school - a trial

At our PBL/Well Being team meeting this week we discussed the issue of children's play options at lunchtime. Usually we would have out some dress ups, building blocks, toy cars and a car mat, items for a 'shop' and some balls.

As we can't use this equipment due to the communal nature and cleaning issues we have decided to TRIAL allowing children to bring in something to play with at morning tea and lunch. There are some parameters around this:

- the toy must fit in their schoolbag.
- NOT to be an electronic or battery operated toy
- NOT to be a 'precious' toy ie. if lost or broken the child won't be distraught!
- needs to go home each day in the child's bag to be cleaned.

Children can check with their teacher if it's an appropriate toy.

Our Lunch clubs have started again too as another option. These occur during the 2nd half of lunch and are announced on the playground at 1.25pm.

- Monday- Construction club
- Tuesday- Inside Fun club
- Wednesday- Robotics club
- Thursday- IT club
- Friday- song/choir club

Changes to our Communication Platform and App

I have referred to the Compass parent portal app many times in this newsletter. It is now the preferred app for email communication and push notifications. **We are now NOT using the St Joseph's app for push notifications.** The *St Joseph's school app* is now obsolete.

The Compass parent portal was introduced from the CSO late last year, and you would currently be using the Compass portal to report student absences and to access your child's academic reports. The HBL 'Insight' survey is part of Compass too.

If you are having issues with the Compass app such as receiving push notifications, please call Kerrie at the office who is very happy to talk you through it.

Our advice is NOT to log off, just close the app as it is hard to remember your username.

Dogs at school

Section 14 of the *Companion Animals Act* (1998) prohibits dogs on schools grounds except where the principal gives permission.

New date for Term 2 SDD- Pupil Free Day

A Staff development day (which is pupil free) has been scheduled for all Broken Bay Catholic schools for Friday 3 July. This is the last day of Term 2.

Welcome to Jessie C (Year 4) and her family who have joined St Joseph's this week.

Stay well and safe



Virginia Outred
Principal

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Year 6 Graduation Gift Fundraiser Gold Coin for Mufti

Friday 12 June 2020



Class Awards – Term 2, Week 6

Kinder	Ronan K Cadellia L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hard in reading groups Always being kind to others
Year 1	Kolton P Jude B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always working hard to complete tasks Learning and letting others learn
Year 2	Kaiya S Chase S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying herself to all set tasks Being a great listener
Year 3	Oliver P Felix T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always displaying a conscientious attitude towards learning Learning and letting others learn
Year 4	Ava P Kyah M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing all work with great enthusiasm Always being kind and respectful to your friends
Year 5	Michael M Max M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> His interest and participation in science Always doing his best and trying hard in everything
Year 6	Zoe C Jocelyn P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent effort in all KLAs Always wearing her uniform with pride
Star	Uriel C Finn T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great work in InitialLit lessons Working so hard with his handwriting
Moon	Daniel H Luke D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For starting all his deskwork independently For his focus and participation during story time

Class Captains for Term 2

Kinder – Ronan K
Year 1 – Max M
Year 2 – Roslyn C

Year 3 – Felix T
Year 4 – Tyson M
Year 5 – Mia P

Year 6 – Balty L
Star – Ava S
Moon – Harry B

Religious Education News

Home-Based Spirituality

The Catholic Schools Office have developed a new series of online parent sessions: *Home-Based Spirituality*. Read/watch reflection material in your own time, then zoom in to share some thoughts with other parents. Please follow the link below if you are interested.

<http://walkingtheway.dbbco.org/calendar.html>

Further information: jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 0413 171 110



Reconciliation

If your child has prepared for the Sacrament of Penance, you would have received an email from the Parish to book in a session for Saturday 6 June between 2:00-3:30pm. If you have any issues, please contact the parish office. As a school community we keep the following children in our prayers:

Cody Nate Cooper Jessica Mia Max F
Felix Adam Mitchell Nicholas Jackson

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

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

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



Spread the Word ~ Enrolling Now for Kinder 2021

Although we are socially distancing, we are still taking enrolments and conducting private tours for kinder 2021. If you have family or friends considering enrolment at St Joseph's in 2021, please spread the word!

Enrolling Now for Kinder 2021
Phone 9913 3766 to book a private tour



You will encounter a warm and welcoming community environment at St Joseph's Narrabeen



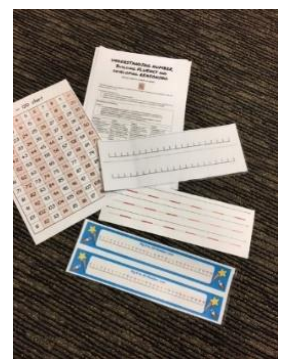
Curriculum News

Maths Parent Workshop

On Monday evening I presented a parent maths workshop via zoom that discussed the ways we teach Maths in class and NESA requirements. We discussed the importance of instructional understanding over the relational understanding.

“Instructional understanding is when you know *how to do things but not why*. You know the rule or the process but not why you do the steps.

Relational understanding is conceptual understanding. *Knowing why something works*. You need to invest time in relational understanding and children will need 200 “hits” to gain conceptual understanding of a concept.”



I have made some Maths kits for our families to use at home that includes some recourses for games that we use in class. Please email me if you would like a maths kits sent home. catherine.gualtieri@dbb.catholic.edu.au
We hope to run this again in the future.

Cathy Gualtieri ~ Teacher

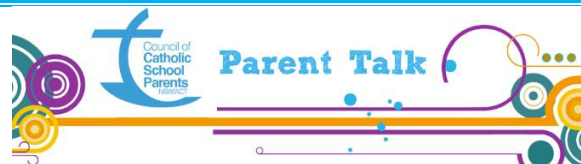




Education

Yr 5 Opportunity Class Placements – 2021

Application and information for entry to Year 5 opportunity classes in NSW government schools can be found [here](#).



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We understand that some families are currently unable to submit enrolment forms in person, so we are now accepting enrolments via email. Send your scanned application form along with copies of your daughter's Birth Certificate*, Sacramental Certificates*, Immunisation Statement, last School Report and NAPLAN Report to

smccc.registrar@dbb.catholic.edu.au

The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday 29 May
*Original copies will need to be sighted prior to the interview process

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Live Life Well @ School

THE POWER OF MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness is the simple practice of bringing your attention to the present moment. It has been shown to help promote happiness and relieve stress in children.

Introduce mindfulness to your child with video story books like:

- Mop Rides the Waves of Life: www.youtube.com/watch?v=WISH-tCt1Mk
- How mindfulness empowers us: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzKryaN44ss
- Mindful Ozzy Introduces Mindfulness: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k_R7R1gIdA

Developed by Northern Sydney Local Health District

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](#).



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.



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
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St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693