

St Joseph's Newsletter

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Term 2 Core Value: Respect

School Rule: Care for your appearance

Respectful Relationships Focus: Say no if you know something is not right

Dear Parents

We finished last week with the sad news that our year 2 teacher and REC, Mrs Cathy Gualtieri's mother passed away early Friday morning. The funeral was held yesterday. We keep Cathy and her family in our prayers.

But such is the circle of life, we began this week with the wonderful uplifting news that Miss Olivia Preston (year 5 teacher) became engaged on the weekend. Olivia is proudly flashing the shiny bauble on her left hand - congratulations to Olivia and her fiancé Liam!

P&F news - Proposed change to uniform supplier

This time last year I met with Lowes management re: some issues with quantity and quality of stock. This year there has again been issues with supply of stock in the store. I was directed by the P&F to begin the process of ceasing the contract with Lowes and looking for an alternative supplier. The uniform supplier, Cowan and Lewis were second in the tender process back in late 2016 and are a preferred company by the CSO. They are currently looking at our numbers and needs to ascertain if we can begin a new contract by summertime orders later in the year.

However, I must emphasise that if we cease the contract with Lowes, the biggest difference to you the parent will be how you buy the uniforms. Cowan and Lewis are an online ordering business. They deliver orders to the school twice a week and exchanges within the week. Samples of sizes would be kept at school if a child needs to try on for sizes. I have positive reports from our neighbouring Catholic schools who currently use Cowan and Lewis to say they are efficient and accommodating. The quality is apparently also better.

The P&F executive and I will keep you updated on the progression of the possible change.

Reminder - Mufti day tomorrow

The Year 6 fundraising event plans for the school gift have been interrupted by our school closures and restrictions. However, tomorrow they kick off again with a mufti day at a gold coin cost.



Canteen re-opening - Friday 19 June - Lunch orders online only

As informed last week, 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 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 <u>will not be open for over the counter service of snacks at morning tea or lunch</u>. 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.

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 NESA 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 two 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.

Bringing toys to school - a trial

At our PBL/Well Being team meeting last 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 i.e. 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. Thank you to those children and parents who have adhered to these guidelines this week.

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

A reminder that Compass 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.

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.

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.

Stay well and safe

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<u>St Joseph's website</u>
<u>St Joseph's Google School Calendar</u>



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



Compass

A reminder to parents/carers that full day absences should be entered via your Compass parent portal on your smart phone or on a web browser.

Late arrivals and early departures should be entered on the Compass Kiosk in the school foyer.



In week 10 of this term, bookings will open for parent teacher interviews. These bookings will be made in the Compass parent portal (either on your phone or on a web browser on PC/laptop).

Instructions for accessing Compass on either a web browser or the App can be found on our school website here. If you require assistance setting up the Compass app on your phone, please phone Kerrie in the office who can talk you through the steps.

Handy Hints

- When searching for our school to set up initially, search "Narrabeen", not "St Josephs".
- Do not "log out" when you have finished using the App on your phone, just close the App (saves having to remember your login details).

July School Holiday Vacation Care, Camps and Activities

Macquarie University, Junior Science Academy – https://www.mq.edu.au/about/campus-services-and-facilities/childcare-centres/school-holiday-programs

CSO, High School, Wellbeing & Community Notices





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School Zones

CATHOLIC GIRLS SECONDARY COLLEGE, YEARS 7 - 12 MERCYCHATSWOOD, NSW, EDU, AU

They keep our children safe

School zones operate between 8 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4pm on school days.

The speed limit is 40km in all school zones.

We aim to improve road safety in school zone areas to protect children on their way to and from school.

It's important to understand the road conditions and signage in school zone areas. Please assist us by keeping our roads safe and educating your children to be safe around traffic.

Child safety is paramount and we make no apology for issuing infringements to drivers illegally parked in school zones. We are continuously conducting patrols during school terms to ensure child safety around our schools.

No Parking

No Parking zones can be used to **drop off** and pick up children



• Drivers may stop to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.

- The driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the car
- Do not leave the vehicle unattended

Double Parking

Penalty \$191 and two demerit points





 It is illegal to park within three metres of double white centre lines

Penalty \$344 and two demerit points

Bus Zone

Stopping is **not permitted**



• Drivers are not permitted to stop in a bus zone at any time. Unless. the sign shows times of operation, then the restriction only applies during those times.

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 Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted in these greas

· A continuous vellow line on the edge of the road also indicates a

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Driveways

Do not park across or on a driveway or any other vehicle access way.

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Please note:

Correct as at 1 July 2019 but are subject to change . Demerit points can increase the cost of your Greenslip.





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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.

VISITORS WELCOME! PLEASE SIGN IN AT OFFICE

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

Fmail: 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 Head Office: 9984 8089 St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693