

# St Joseph's Newsletter

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**Term 4 Core Value:** Compassion **School Rule:** Move safely at all times

Respectful Relationships Focus: Let someone go before you

Staff and students who suspect they may have COVID-19 must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free. Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result.

Please read the list of symptoms that the Dee Why Respiratory Clinic suggests indicating when testing should occur.

\* Fever

\* Dry cough

\* Sore Throat

\* Runny or stuffy nose

\* Shortness of breath

REMINDER: Covid safe plans for schools still require that "non-essential" adults do not enter the school. Of course if your child is late to school, or being picked up early OR you have an enquiry for the office, you may enter. Please help us to all stay safe by adhering to this regulation.

#### Dear parents

This will be the final newsletter for 2020.

We are almost at the end of what has been, to coin a very overused term, an 'unprecedented' year. We have all had to adjust to a very changed world and a very different way of operating. There has been grief, sadness, anxiety and loss experienced by many of our families. But there has also been moments of joy, laughter and togetherness that have buoyed us and uplifted us, at times just when we've needed it. For me, it's always the children who uplift my spirits and remind me why I chose this privileged career of teaching. In these last weeks, the staff reflect on the year and even in this difficult year it's the joy on the faces of our students as they achieve something, they've been striving for that we remember.

I would like to thank you all for your commitment to your children's education, your passion for the community and your support of the staff. In our very busy lives, it's so easy to forget to say thank you for the little things as well as the big. To all those parents working away quietly in their roles I say, 'I see you and I thank you!'. To the exceptional staff at St Joseph's I say, I see you and I thank you!'

At this time we also bid a sad farewell to those families who will move on from our community as their last child finishes up at St Josephs or they move on to new places. We wish you all the best as you join new school communities and take your memories of Joey's with you.

Thank you and farewell to:

Alden Castellan Cusack Cook Coyle Edwards Keenahan Joergensen

Tysoe Wilkinson Tizzard Margetts Hayler Launay Luna Soares

We still have end of year events for opportunities to celebrate the Advent/Christmas season and give thanks for 2020.

# End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy Wednesday 16 December at 11.30 am

This is a celebration of a year of learning and growth, together as a school community. We will be making various presentations and farewelling Mrs Gualtieri and Mrs Hobson and leaving families at the completion of the Liturgy. We will also clap our leaving Year 6 students through the school gate for the last time.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions, only leaving parents invited will be able to attend.

As this is the last day of school you may take your children home after the Liturgy for an early start to the holidays if you wish. This will be around 12.30pm.

## **Semester 2 reports on COMPASS APP - FRIDAY**

Reports will be ready to be accessed on the Compass app on the afternoon of Friday 11 December. You will be sent a Compass notification when the reports are uploaded to your child's Compass page.

Teachers have been finalising the Semester 2 reports over the past weeks. These reports are based on the learning outcomes and work completed in Terms 3 and 4 of this year, so your child's grade is based on their achievement for this period of time. This is a time to celebrate gains in learning and learning behaviours.

In NSW we are mandated by NESA to report on student learning using a 5-point grade scale. The range for academic achievement is: Extensive, Thorough, Sound, Basic, Elementary. There is an explanation on the front of the report for each of the grades.

If you wish to meet with the class teacher to discuss the report, please contact the teacher directly to arrange a suitable time.

# Class parents for 2021

A very special thank you to those parents who were class parents this year and helped communicate, organise and build community. Class parents for 2021 are:

KINDER	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Sandy Langley	Debbie Carter	Naomi Ljubic	Leanne Baggot	Kelly Therkelsen	Katie Page	Corrinne Vercoe
Tara Thomas	Alana Lindsay	Georgia Brizell		Leah Thomas	Fiona Kelly	Caroline McKenzie
						Simone Pagano

## Year 6 2020 gift to school

As is the tradition at St Joseph's, the leaving year 6 class of 2020 have purchased a gift to the school. They have purchased a beautiful lectern with the school plaque to be used at assemblies, and official events. This will be a wonderful addition to our school.

Thank you to the year 6 students and their parents and especially the class parents, Katie Page, Cybelle Massey and Kimberley Cusack for their organisation of fundraising events in a year that had very limited opportunities.

## **MAI** and Best Start Assessments

Bookings open on Monday 14 December. Please see details later in this newsletter. These are compulsory assessments for all students.

# 2020 End of year plans, celebrations dates and essential details

Event	Date and Time	Location	Who?	
Semester 2 student reports available on Compass	Fri 11 December After 3pm	Compass Parent Portal	Parents to access on Compass. Remember to download your report to keep if your child is leaving at the end of the year.	
Book 2021 MAI & Best Start Assessments	Bookings open Monday 14 December	Compass Parent Portal	Parents to book (see information later in newsletter)	
'Meet your 2021 teacher' afternoon	Tues 15 December 2-2.40pm	2021 classrooms	Students to their 2021 teacher and class for a transition session	
Year 6 Graduation Liturgy	Tues 15 December - 6pm	St Joseph's Church	Year 6 student and parents only	
End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy and assembly	Wed 16 December at 11.30am Last day for students	School shade cloth area	Students and invited parents only	
Year 6 students traditional 'clap out' from the school through tunnel of students	Approx. 12.00-12.15pm	School playground to Lagoon St gate	Students only. Parents can wait outside in Lagoon St to pick up	

# 2021 beginning of year dates

Please note the following dates in your diary for the beginning of the school year in 2021.

Wednesday 27 January Staff Development Day

Wednesday 27 January Afternoon - Assessment Day for Kinder - Yr 6

Thursday 28 January Assessment Day for Kinder - Yr 6 Friday 29 January Assessment Day for Kinder

Yrs 1-6 commence (wear sports uniform – PE with Mrs Frost) Friday 29 January

Monday 1 February Kinder commence (wear normal uniform) Monday 1 February Meeting for 2021 class parents @ 7.30pm

Monday 8 February 12pm – 3pm - School Swimming Carnival (Yrs 2-6) – Manly Pool

Teacher/Parent Information Evening for whole classes, followed by Term 1 P&F Monday 15 February

meeting.

Finally, I wish you and your families a blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas with time to relax and share special moments together.

Stay well and safe

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**Principal** 

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St Joseph's website

St Joseph's Google School Calendar



# 2021 Best Start & MAI Assessment Bookings – All students

# Bookings will open on

# **Monday 14 December 2020**

All children are required to attend a compulsory assessment in January. Assessment bookings are made via the Compass Parent Portal. Students attend only for their booked time slot.

Wednesday 27 January Afternoon - Assessment Day for Kinder - Yr 6 **Thursday 28 January** Friday 29 January

Assessment Day for Kinder - Yr 6 **Assessment Day for Kinder** 

All students attend a compulsory assessment. All booking are made via Compass.

All bookings are made via the Compass Parent Portal App on your phone or your PC.

A "Conference Booking Quick Guide" can be found on the Compass page of our school website <u>here</u>.



# **Religious Education News**

# Thank you

As I write this weeks newsletter item, I am reflecting on how thankful I am for being part of this wonderful St Joseph's community. A welcoming and inclusive community who have allowed me to grow in leadership and as a person of faith. Upon joining the community in 2018 as REC I knew that it would always be a place that would stay dear in my heart. I will take a little piece of St Joseph's to Manly with me.

Today I met with Mrs Kath Fogwell, our new REC and she is excited to lead the community in faith as we start the new year. I know that you will welcome her as you have done with me.

Finally I wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas and hope that as we approach 2021 our lives will return back to normal and our faith journeys continue.

# Third Week of Advent "Joy"

As we enter the third week of Advent we light the third candle representing "Joy," for ourselves and everyone. Christmas is a joyful celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus, God's entry into the world.

Stay tuned to our school Facebook page as the children reflect on what Joy means to them.

# **St Vincent De Paul Hampers**

Thank you to the lovely donations that have been received for "The St Vincent de Paul" Christmas hampers. These items have now been handed on to the parish chapter representatives and will be distributed to families in our local area.

# Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click here





The December 2020 issue of Broken Bay News is now online!

Featured in the December Christmas edition is Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter, Celebrating Vocations with three diaconate ordinations, a new look for Catholic Schools Broken Bay and much more!

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\_bay\_news\_december\_2020\_issue\_208

# **Canteen Roster & News**

The canteen will be open in Term 4 for <u>LUNCH ORDERS ONLY</u>. There will not be any over-the-counter service at recess/lunchtime. See roster below, if you are able to volunteer, please email Georgia at: georgia brizell@hotmail.com

#### Clarification of canteen operation and Qkr ordering

- The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays provided we have volunteers.
- Any student who wishes to buy <u>lunch</u> 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.

TERM 4	MONDAY		FRIDAY
7 Dec	Sarah Reid	11 Dec	Catherine Strbik, Georgia Brizell
	Amy Fittler		Naomi Ljubic
14 Dec	CLOSED FOR CLEANING	18 Dec	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

# **School Opal Cards**

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020. Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online.



Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

# **Catholic Schools Broken Bay Notices**



# 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). Parent guides can be found on the Compass Parent Portal page of our website here.

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 FIU 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**



New uniform items can be purchased from Cowan & Lewis via their online store. Full details can be found on our website here.

#### Second Hand Uniforms

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.

## **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 OOSH staff (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-9am, and after school care finishes at 6pm.

Website: www.ooshnb.com.au Head Office: 9984 8089 St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693

## No Nuts

Please help us keep our students with allergies safe.

No nuts, tree nuts, pine nuts or products made from or containing any nuts to be brought to school (including pesto, peanut butter, almond butter, Nutella, nut oils).



# **Summer School Holiday Vacation Care, Camps and Activities**

# Please enquire with individual companies for any changes due to Covid.



**The Football Factory** –school holiday camps. Half Days 9.00am-12:00pm | Full Days 9.00am-3.00pm. For 5-14 year olds. Book from 2 days to 10 days – https://thefootballfactory.com.au/school-holiday-camps/ or 9972 7766

**Evolve Sports Tennis Academy and Game Ready Football** – holiday camps – online bookings visit <a href="www.evolvesports.com.au">www.evolvesports.com.au</a> and look for "Holiday Camps". More information email <a href="mailto:evolvetennis@evolvetennis@evolvetennisacademy.com">evolvetennis@evolvetennis@evolvetennisacademy.com</a> or phone 9971 0644

**Goodwin's Tennis Academy** –school holiday program, held at Kitchener Park, Mona Vale. Full details on website: <a href="https://www.goodwinstennisacademy.com.au/">https://www.goodwinstennisacademy.com.au/</a> Contact Joel on 0410 523 726; email goodwinstennisacademy@outlook.com

Aussie Gems Cheerleading & Fitness Academy – school holiday programs – ninja/parkour/basketball/gymnastics/cheerleading - <a href="http://www.aussiegems.com.au/school-holiday-programs/">http://www.aussiegems.com.au/school-holiday-programs/</a>

# Highrise Cheerleading and Parkour - holiday camps

Cheerleading holiday camps- <a href="https://www.highrisecheerleading.com.au/cheerleading-holiday-camps">https://www.highrisecheerleading.com.au/cheerleading-holiday-camps</a>
Parkour holiday camps- <a href="https://www.highrisecheerleading.com.au/flips-tricks-parkour-camps">https://www.highrisecheerleading.com.au/flips-tricks-parkour-camps</a>

Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club – school holiday camps - short and long day programs - <a href="https://www.mwgymclub.com/">https://www.mwgymclub.com/</a> or tel 9972 9222 or info@mwgymclub.com





