

Term 3 Core Value: Respect

School Rule: Be prepared

Respectful Relationships Focus: Share your things with someone who doesn't have something

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*

Covid safety requirements - checking in using the QR code.

If you must enter the school, please remember to check in using the QR code displayed on all gates and around the school. You must wear a mask if you enter the school.



Dear parents

Do you have Home Based Learning (**HBL**) fatigue?

It's been 5 weeks and it certainly looks like we will have 5 more!

Last Friday evening you would have received an email from our Catholic Schools Broken Bay (**CSBB**) Director of schools, Danny Casey and our Bishop, Anthony Randazzo. The email was based on the Media Release from Catholic Schools NSW (**CSNSW**) re: the likelihood of the Greater Sydney lockdown extending to the end of term and therefore the readiness of Catholic schools to prepare for HBL to the end of this term (see letter at end of this newsletter).

So, on the back of that bleak news we have decided that next week will be whole school **wellbeing week** to give you a change in pace and a relief in mid term. What will that look like?

- there will be HBL learning Monday to Thursday for English, Maths and RE **but less than usual**
- the afternoon activities will be a selection of wellbeing tasks for students individually or for the whole family (see your class grid on Google classroom or See Saw as per usual)
- time to complete an entry for the **St Joseph's first ever Bounce Fest**, a creative and performing arts festival! This was announced on Thursday on FB but all the details can be [found here](#) on our webpage
- Friday will be an assessment and evaluation of HBL and prep day for staff (as endorsed by CSBB for all primary schools in our diocese).
There will be no HBL tasks set for Friday 20 August and staff will not be checking any online learning
- If your child must attend school on Friday 20 August they will be supervised with some play based activities indoors and outdoors.
- Friday could be a great opportunity for all families to take a break from the Home Based Learning (**HBL**) and look after your family well being if your work allows.

Week 6 of HBL

Our staff supervision timetable this week, with just a skeleton staff at school each day, has been very effective in enabling teachers to plan and present some lessons for zoom or on video and connect more with the children learning from home. Thank you all for the work you are doing at home and supporting the teachers.

As per last week we would like you to fill in the Google form, (there is a new one for each week), to help us plan the supervision for the week.

NEW GOOGLE FORM for week 6. This is only for those families who due to work and family circumstances need to send their children to school on some days for supervision.

Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) at home

Our school Behaviour Management Policy and guidelines are based on the concepts of the *Positive Behaviours for Learning* programs (PBL). Our CSBB Education Officers have produced a PowerPoint with narrative to help you at home with keeping children focussed and setting parameters around their schoolwork time and goals whilst doing HBL. If this has been a challenge for you, please click here for the resource - [PBL in the home WEBINAR - Google Slides](#)

Family Wellbeing during Home Learning in general

The CSBB has a great website/ Parent HUB with some resources on wellbeing for your family during lockdown. Maybe take the time next week during our Wellbeing week to log on and do some reading - [Wellbeing at Home - Catholic Schools \(csodbb.catholic.edu.au\)](#)

Announcing optional library zooms with Mrs McCamey

Starting next Wednesday afternoon, you can tune into Mrs McCamey's optional zooms around all things books. We are also happy to announce we have a subscription with *Story Box Library* for children to access more books. See your child's weekly grids next week for the details of the zooms and the login and password for the *Story Box online*.

P&F general meeting for Term 3 cancelled

You would have received an email from Sarah Reid and Amy Fittler, our P&F presidents re: the cancellation of this term's P&F meeting. Basically, there is nothing to report or organise at this stage and until we know the extent of future restrictions for returning to school we cannot plan anything.

The **uniform committee** was formed at the Term 2 P&F meeting and has met during Term 2 with the rep from Cowan and Lewis re: an updated uniform for girls in 2022. We will meet on Monday night to finalise plans for introducing that uniform. We will inform you of this very soon.

Awareness of Covid identified venues and testing

We ask that you stay aware of the identified venues as casual or close contact near to us in terms of requirements by the govt for testing. Woolworths Narrabeen was identified last Sunday night as a casual contact venue for those who attended on Sunday 1 and Monday 2 August. This affected 3 of our staff who all had to be tested and stay at home until a negative test received. If your child requires a test or has symptoms and needs a test please inform us and show proof of the negative result if they are coming to school. This is to protect the staff and students who are at school and their families. Unfortunately, children are not immune or safe from this strain of the virus, as we see from the schools being shut down after positive cases.

Condolences to the Olivares family

Our sympathies to Roberto, Julia, Eva and Sabrina on the passing of Roberto's mother in Columbia this week

Adjusted Term 3 dates for your diary

- **CANCELLED** – ~~Monday 16 August~~ – P&F General meeting
- **POSTPONED** - ~~Saturday 21 August~~ - Lakes Parish Sacrament of Confirmation
- **NEW RESCHEDULED DATE** – **3 September** - Years 3&4 excursion to Botanic Gardens
- **CANCELLED** - ~~Friday 3 Sept~~ - P&F Father's Day breakfast
- **TBC** - **Tuesday 14 September** - Stage 2 Gala Day
- **TBC** - **Thursday 16 September** - Stage 3 Gala Day
- **NEW RESCHEDULED DATE** - **2 November** - Years 1&2 excursion to historic schoolhouse

Other important dates for your forward planning in Term 4 2021

- **Thursday 28 – Friday 29 October** - Year 5&6 overnight camp to Canberra
- **Thursday 18 November** - School Musical @ Sacred Heart Mona Vale hall

Warm regards



Virginia Outred
Principal

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[St Joseph's website](#)
[St Joseph's Google School Calendar](#)



TERM 3 - HBL

Communication

We will continue to keep you informed by our usual channels of communication. The best way to keep up with the messages and changes is to make sure you read all of the emails being sent home via Compass. These are also loaded onto the St Joseph's school website in the [Covid online Info Hub](#). You can check back anytime in the hub for information. **Here's a quick summary of where to go for key information during Home Learning.**

- **COMPASS:** We send official school emails via the Compass app. These will also be updated on the Online Info Hub.
- **SCHOOL WEBSITE:** We have two key pages:
 - The Online Info Hub for COVID Home Learning, where we are constantly adding all messaging so it's in one handy place: <https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/parent-hub-covid-home.../>
 - And the Parent HBL Lesson Hub, where parents can get a clear overview of lesson plans: <https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/.../home-based.../>
- **EMAIL:** Teachers will email parents directly with news specific to students and classes. (Including login details and passwords if you need them.) Teachers are available on email from 8.30am-3.30pm.
- **SEESAW:** Kindergarten to Year 2 will use Seesaw to allow communication between students and teachers, and to allow students to complete and submit work within the app.
- **GOOGLE CLASSROOM:** Years 3-6 will use Google Classroom to communicate directly between students and teachers, and to allow students to complete and submit work.

Supervision at School

We currently have a skeleton staff working at school. Thank you all for the work you are doing at home and supporting the teachers.

We set up a new Google form attendance each week, communicated to families via Compass and the newsletter. This is only for those families who due to work and family circumstances need to send their children to school on some days for supervision.

School Buses during August Lockdown

Please note there will be **NO SCHOOL BUSES** operating to our school (morning and afternoon) during the August lockdown period (2 August through to end of August).

Sick / Absence during HBL

During the HBL period, all children are marked "present" for home based learning.

If your child is sick for a day and not completing any HBL work, please mark them as absent/sick in Compass, just like you would for a normal school day.

Religious Education News

Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The Feast Day for Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was Sunday 8 August. All students are learning about Australia's first saint as part of their Home Learning this week.

Education was close to Saint Mary's heart. She ensured all students were treated as equal, regardless of wealth, with every child as special as the other. Some well-known quotes from Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop to reflect on:
"Find happiness in making others happy"
"Never see a need without doing something about it"



Grandparents' and Special Elderly Friends Liturgy

We value all our grandparents and special elderly friends. Those who are here with us, those we cannot visit and those who have passed away. We may not have been able to celebrate together this year, but our hearts are with them today and always.

Our liturgy can be viewed on our school website or Facebook page. A huge thank you to Lu Wilkinson for putting this together. <https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/grandparents-day-2021/>

Feast of the Assumption

Celebrated every year on 15 August, this Sunday, the Feast of the Assumption commemorates the death of Mary, Jesus' mother, and her bodily assumption into Heaven. During this time, we give thanks and praise for Mary's grace-filled and blessed life. All students will be learning about and reflecting on this special time during their Home Learning next week.



Churches are currently closed in Broken Bay

Visit The Lakes Parish Catholic Website to see Father Robert's latest updates. <https://www.lakesparish.org.au/>

If you subscribe to the Lakes Parish YouTube Channel you should receive a notification of when Masses are available: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKYfh15GrCWifhWtPFxCgw/featured?view_as=subscriber

Kath Fogwell - Religious Education Coordinator

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

P&F Message

We sincerely hope everyone is coping ok during this difficult lockdown and that your children are enjoying the Home Based Learning.

The P&F committee had an executive meeting via zoom with Virginia this morning. We have decided not to have an official P&F meeting next week as planned. If you have any P&F topics that you would like to raise please let us know and we can take them to Virginia.

Unfortunately many upcoming events will be cancelled/postponed and many we cannot make a decision on until we know what restrictions are in place for the future. In the meantime, Lulu is planning a few fun events to make things a little more interesting for the children. Keep your eye out for 'Bouncefest!'

Take care and please reach out if we can help in any way.
Regards, Sarah & Amy



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YEAR 7 2024**



Enrolments open until
Monday 13th September 2021

www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au



Welcome to the latest issue of [Parent Talk](#) for 2021.



**PRIORITY
FEEDER SCHOOL**



If your child is currently enrolled in any
Primary Catholic School in Broken Bay (CSBB)
You are eligible for
**PRIORITY ENROLMENT AT
ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, MANLY**

Contact us now!
stpauls@dbb.org.au

St Paul's Catholic College *your local Catholic School*

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). 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

The Fee Liaison Unit (FLU) at the Catholic Schools Office looks after all enquiries regarding overdue school fees and financial hardship.

[2021 School Fees Schedule](#)

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



New uniform items can be purchased from [Cowan & Lewis](#) via their online store.

Full details for both Cowan & Lewis and our Second Hand Uniform Shop can be found on our website [here](#).

Second Hand Uniforms

We have limited stock in the second hand uniform shop. BEFORE placing orders on Qkr please contact Naomi Ljubic who will let you know if size/stock is available. Naomi can be contacted on 0421 667 989. **As the second hand shop is run by a parent volunteer, please allow up to one week for delivery.**

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).



Friday, 6 August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assisting families during COVID

Catholic schools across Australia will celebrate Family Week from 8-14 August. This annual event recognises the tremendous support that parents, carers, and families provide in choosing a Catholic education for their children. Now, more than ever, this COVID pandemic has highlighted the importance of working in partnership with families to ensure continuity of learning and formation for our students.

Recent weeks have been an unpredictable and anxious time for our staff, students and families and we would like to thank you for your patience and support as we navigate through the constantly changing landscape of COVID. We can only imagine the challenges you are facing and stress the critical role parents and carers play in supporting your children's learning.

Thank you to all the parents who have provided feedback, expressed their appreciation for the hard work of our teachers or shared their concerns. We are happy to have been able to support those that have needed to send children to school, entrusting us with the care of your children. Equally we have supported the families that have managed home-based learning and its unique challenges. We express our sincere thanks to you all.

Earlier today, CSNSW issued a statement *Safety, Certainty and Learning* for Term 3 and 4 in NSW Catholic Schools. With regard to Health and Government advice, the following guidelines detail the approach Catholic Schools Broken Bay will adopt for the balance of term 3 and term 4.

HSC Students

- Year 12 students will not return for onsite learning in Term 3 until it is safe for all students, however schools will remain open for students who need to be there.
- All year 12 students will participate in Home-Based Learning until the end of term 3. In place of the HSC Trial Examinations, schools use alternative assessment tasks. Your school Principal will provide details particular to your school.

Kindergarten to Year 11 Students

- We are anticipating, expecting and preparing for the very real possibility that all students will be required to continue in Home-Based Learning for the remainder of term 3.
- Consistent with health advice, families should keep children at home to reduce mobility around our communities. Schools will remain open for children that need to attend.

- It is our hope that students will return to onsite learning in term 4. This, of course, is dependent on advice from Government, with the safety of all students and staff being our key concern.
- Further updates will be provided by your school Principal.

Extra Support for Teaching and Learning: HBL+

We are conscious that HBL has continued for far longer than initially anticipated and no clear end date is yet in sight. We are well aware of the demands that places on our students and our staff. We are delivering a new initiative HBL+, to enhance teaching and learning and to support the wellbeing of families across our system. This program will respond to the issues raised by parents and staff in their local context. For example, schools will have access to resources created for use across our System and some that have been created especially for their local community.

The wellbeing of our students, families and staff remains our primary concern. As a community of faith, we encourage you to stay connected with other families within your school community and support each other through this difficult period. If you are feeling overwhelmed and require additional support, please reach out to your school principal, school counsellor or School/Parish Priest for assistance. [CatholicCare](#), the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay, is also available to assist during this challenging time.

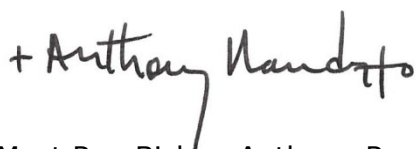
[Broken Bay Catholic Schools Parents](#) is a wonderful resource that represents our families as a group, who have been advocating on your behalf and keeping us connected during COVID. Representatives of this group are parents and families from your school, and they are available to hear your feedback and provide help.

Fee Relief

If you need financial help to get through this difficult time, please contact our Fee Liaison Team on 9847 0728 or email schoolfees@dbb.catholic.edu.au. It's easy to apply and all applications are treated with complete privacy.

We will keep you all in our prayers as we encourage you to remain positive during this difficult time, support your children to remain connected with their classmates while focusing on their learning and development, and above all take time as a family to reconnect as we move through these challenges together.

Stay well and stay safe.



Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay



Danny Casey
Director of Schools