

St Joseph's Newsletter

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Term 4 Core Value: Compassion

School Rule: Be inclusive and take turns

Respectful Relationships Focus: Try to settle an argument by talking calmly

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

Hooray! we are all back together again!

It's been wonderful to hear the laughter, noise on the playground and seeing friends reunited, especially the kinders with their buddies this week. Most children have knuckled down to learning and teachers are spending time assessing where students are at in their reading, writing and maths so they can plan learning for the rest of the term. There have been some small issues on the playground as children remember how to play fairly in large groups and share the space again, but we know this will settle too as we work with the students on how to resolve situations in a kind and respectful way.

Don't forget our website has a return to school hub with lots of information and resources you can tap into. Under the 'heart' section are links to articles and sites to support children to return to school. https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/how-to-support-your-student-return-to-st-josephs/

This information is sorted under 3 headings:

HEAD: Logistics – the what, when and how

HEART: Feelings – how we can best support our children **HEALTH**: Safety – how we are planning to best protect us all

Please take the time to click on the link and read the information as there are changes due to meeting the government regulations for return to school.

Afternoon pick up

Thank you to those parents who have read this information in the newsletter over the past two weeks as well as the email via Compass sent this week about the changes.

If you have children in JUST kinder to year 2 you can pick up at 2.50pm at either kiss n ride or in person at the Lagoon St pedestrian gate.

It is very important that you do not wait in the kiss n ride zone if you have children in Years 3-6 to pick up as well, as this prevents the K-2 parents on early pick up being able to access this area.

This new system is in place so that we can meet our obligation to the school covid safety regulations to prevent parent congestion outside schools.

Again I thank you for your patience here.

Masks

Teachers and staff are now only required to wear masks inside and when up close with students. Children from 12 years old are required to wear masks on public transport. If this affects your child please ensure they have a mask. Some bus drivers have pointed this out to students.

Rikes

It's great to see so many students riding their bikes to school. What a healthy way to commute to and from school. Please ensure your bike riding children know the rules about road and pavement use and **wear their helmet every time.** If you haven't already done so this year could you please fill out this form (second page of linked document) that indicates you are aware of the rules for bike riding. <u>Kinder – Yr 2</u> <u>Yrs 3-6</u>

It has come to our attention that a number of our bike riders are stopping at Woolies on the way home and possibly not securing their bikes safely. Please check in with your child that they have permission to be visiting and buying from Woolies.

I am working on a solution to the lack of bike racks. Too many bikes, not enough storage!

School Photos - Tuesday 2 November

Our original school photos date was set for Term 3 and this was cancelled due to lockdown. The company we use, MSP photography, set a tentative date for Tuesday 2 November pending Covid regulations for schools and confirmation from our systems OH&S officer. Today we have been given permission to go ahead in a Covid safe way. This means:

- single portrait photos only, no class or other group photos
- each class comes to the library individually to have photos one by one
- the photographer is fully vaxed, always has a mask on and is at a distance from the students



Photos are to be pre ordered on Compass. This is the only way to order. No envelopes, no cash. This is the way photo ordering occurred last year. There will be a link on Compass when you open it.

Later in the year, Lu Wilkinson our promotions and marketing officer will take some candid whole class photos for you to download at no cost. We will let you know the date.

P&F AGM

Our **P&F AGM** is on **Monday 15 November, 7pm via Zoom** (link to come). Our current exec team are all still standing for next year so no need to worry about being roped into a big job. So please tune in and catch up on what's happening and plans for next year.

Uniform - changes

In Term 2 we formed a P&F uniform committee to look at changing and simplifying the uniform. We have finalised the process of changing the school uniform and will update you shortly as to what that involves. We will communicate this to you via a designated page on the website complete with photos. Apologies for the delay in communicating these changes to you. We need to finalise the photos.

We recommend you hold off purchasing new items for now if you can. This affects the girls summer dress and the boys shorts. The boys summer shirt is not changing, in fact it will be the only shirt for all year, the sports uniform is also the same, so if you need to update those items you can go ahead and order from Cowan and Lewis.

The second-hand uniform shop is not operating now, due to Covid restrictions. Please do not contact Naomi. We have been able to assist Year 6 students who have grown out of their summer uniform for this term.

Needed: a parent volunteer for the second hand uniform shop for 2022

We still need a parent to coordinate the 2nd hand uniform shop. Naomi is happy to explain the processes to someone new. This role could be shared if you want to volunteer with a partner and share the load. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Warm regards

Virginia Outred Principal

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



2022 Start Dates, Best Start & MAI Assessments – All students

To assist parents who are planning holidays in January, please note assessment dates below. All children are required to attend a compulsory assessment in January.

Assessment bookings will be via the Compass Parent Portal. Students attend only for their booked time slot. Parents will be advised once bookings open in December.



Friday 28 January Monday 31 January Tuesday 1 February Tuesday 1 February Wednesday 2 February Afternoon - Assessment Day for Kinder - Yr 6 Assessment Day for Kinder - Yr 6 Assessment Day for Kinder Yrs 1-6 commence Kinder commence



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Religious Education News

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Monday 1 November is All Saints Day. This is a day when we remember all the people who have lived their lives really well and who have died and gone to heaven. It is a time where we express our thankfulness to God for the many faithful people who show us how to live as Jesus wants us to.

Tuesday 2 November is All Souls Day. It marks the beginning of a month where we remember all of the people we have loved who have died and give thanks for the special place they have in our hearts. We also pray that they are with God and at peace.

All students will be reflecting on these special days in their classroom.

Resumption of public masses in the Diocese of Broken Bay

In consideration of the NSW Road Map, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has directed the resumption of public Masses in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Please note that Places of Public Worship are exempt from the requirement of vaccination. All COVID safety requirements around density of gatherings, QR registration, the wearing of masks and refraining from congregational singing will be followed.

Please note that classes will not be attending masses with members of the public.

Kath Fogwell - Religious Education Coordinator

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Class Awards – Term 4, Week 4

Kinder	Finlay C	 For being an enthusiastic and respectful learner 		
	Rose L	For great reading and writing!		
Year 1	Oli G	 For his positive attitude to joining in all the Year 1 activities 		
	Ronan K	 For being an inclusive class member in all his games 		
Year 2	Ella M	For being thoroughly engaged in class discussions!		
	Manaia E	For being an inclusive friend on the playground		
Year 3	Ryan K	For always putting in 100% effort and for sharing his knowledge with		
	Jackson H	others		
	Abby F	For always doing your best		
		 For her conscientious and positive attitude to all areas of school 		
Year 4	Mitchell R	The incredible improvement in his handwriting		
	Lerryn T	For being welcoming and inclusive to the newest member of our		
		class		
Year 5	Jacinda R	 For always having such a positive attitude towards learning and 		
		doing her best in every task		
	Jessica C	 For learning and letting others learn 		
	Mary S	• For returning to school with a positive attitude and working so hard,		
		putting a lot of effort into her learning		
Year 6	Stella P	• For showing kindness and compassion to a younger student in need		
	Kaden S	• For returning to school with a positive attitude and a growth mindset		
	Charlie S	• For returning to school with a positive attitude and a growth mindset		
Ruby	Dylan D	For using his emotional toolkit		
Sapphire	Finn T	For the great effort he is putting into his reading		
	Dylan F	 For being a super star at classifying "old" and "new" toys 		

Term 3 Build in Love Awards

Each term the class teacher chooses 1 child from each class as the recipient of the *Build in Love* award aligned to our school value for that term. At assembly yesterday nine students were presented to the community for the way they epitomised the value of **Respect** for term 3.

Kinder – Isobel B	Year 3 – Sam E	Year 6 – Imogen F
Year 1 – Sia D	Year 4 – Cooper S	Ruby – Andy H
Year 2 – Lara O	Year 5 – Abby R	Sapphire – Rocco K

Class Captains for Term 4

Kinder – Isobel B	Year 3 – Sam E	Year 6 – Jarrah W
Year 1 – Benji C	Year 4 – Maia P	Star – Jai C
Year 2 – Manaia E	Year 5 – Simiah C	Moon – Sophie E

Commonwealth Banking "School Banking" Update

Notice from the Commonwealth Bank - Closure of School Banking Program

The CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools beyond 2021.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. Share your story at commbank.com.au/sbstories.

While our in-school program will close, we are committed to supporting financial wellbeing, and will always provide financial education to young Australians. We have launched a new <u>CommBank Youth Hub</u>, which brings together all our youth financial education resources for parents and teachers. This includes a range of free resources including lesson plans, videos and worksheets from our curriculum-aligned financial education program, Start Smart.

To find out more about these changes and to access resources, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

School Buses – Student Opal Card

Message from Transport NSW - School Bus Opal Cards

Applications for student travel in 2022 opened on **Tuesday 12 October 2021**. Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (eg joint custody).



Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>renew or update</u> their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria</u>, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

School Band

Band 2022

This is the time of year when our Band director Monique, seeks expressions of interest for children who would like to take up an instrument in 2022. There are opportunities for students in Year1-6. with training band (for beginners) open to students in Year 3 2022.



Enquiries and enrolments for Band and instrumental/vocal lessons in 2022 are now open! Email or sign-up here for more information: http://roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com/newstudentform Or info@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com

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

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:

Brendan Smith Name: Tel: 9847 0738

schoolfees@dbb.org.au Email:

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 Uniform Shop currently closed due to Covid restrictions



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).

