St Joseph's Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5

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Term 4 Core Value: Compassion

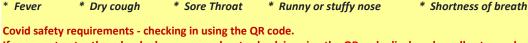
School Rule: Do your best

Respectful Relationships Focus: Look for the good things that other people do, and say them aloud

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 * Shortness of breath



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

Some staffing news for 2022

At the completion of this year we will be farewelling Mrs Pauline Carlyle from our community. Mrs Carlyle will be retiring after a long and varied career as an educator with experience across a variety of school sectors. She was first employed here at St Joseph's Narrabeen in 2004, that's 17 years of dedication to her craft, educating what would number hundreds of Joeys over those years. Pauline was an early proponent of educating with new computer technologies and has continued to keep up with all the changes and innovations in that area over the years.

As a community we thank Pauline for her commitment and dedication to teaching and educating our students. We will formally farewell Mrs Carlyle at our end of year liturgy on Wednesday 15 December 15.

For 2022 our school has been allocated an extra full time staff member. We are very happy to announce that Mrs Cara Appleton will be joining our staff for 2022. Many of you will remember Cara as our music teacher and Assistant Principal release teacher, working with Brenda Paul on her classes up until the end of 2018.

Kinder set up for 2022

Due to our large numbers in kinder next year we are having 1 class with 2 teachers. Mrs Alison Jarman and Miss Olivia Preston (soon to be Mrs Windon) will be the kinder teachers. As per my usual practice, I will announce which teachers are on which classes later in the year.

TTFM survey

The 'Tell Them From Me' survey is a company produced survey specifically for schools that our Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) administers to all the Diocesan schools annually at this time. The questions are set by the producer and also by CSBB to seek your opinion about our school and our system. Parents, staff and Years 4-6 students are invited to complete the survey. It is now open.

Please use this link to access the survey: http://tellthemfromme.com/joeys2021

The survey closes on 19 November. Data collected from this survey helps to inform future planning for our school and our system of schools. I know some of you completed the CSBB 'Culture Survey' earlier this year. The TTFM is a different survey that seeks other information about school satisfaction in many areas.





NAPLAN results

NAPLAN is the National Assessment of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Reading, Writing, Grammar & Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy. Reports for parents of Years 3 and 5 students were posted last term. As a school we receive online reports and graphs to help us analyse our overall school result and give us one form of data which we add to other assessment data to evaluate and make planning decisions for learning for the whole school, classes and individuals.

This year there were some very positive results. Most of our students in Year 5 had above average growth in all areas of the assessment. This means that their score for their Year 5 assessment was higher than the expected growth from their year 3 assessment for students who achieved the same score in year 3. Particularly pleasing was that 84% of the Year 5 cohort were in this category of above average growth for writing and 80% in reading.

Our trend data indicates that our school is on the 'up trend' of achieving higher scores in the areas of Spelling and Writing for year 3 and writing and Reading for year 5. This was gratifying as teachers have been working on improving writing. If you have questions or need some explanation about your child's results please contact the class teacher.

Uniform - exciting changes are coming!

After many years, we are changing the St Joseph's uniform to a more modern, inclusive, cost-effective and climate friendly option.

This was done after much consideration and consultation with the uniform committee and our uniform supplier, Cowan and Lewis.

Lu Wilkinson has loaded a dedicated page on our website with all the details, questions answered and some great photos for you to view.

https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/the-newstudent-uniform-for-st-josephs/

Please note Cowan & Lewis will have their website updated with the new/replacement items of clothing in the coming days.

Changes to the NSW Return to school Roadmap

From 8 November the NSW government has introduced some more changes to restrictions re: the operation of schools. Parents are still not allowed to enter the school for drop off or pick up. However, vaccinated parents of Kinder 2022 students are now able to attend kinder transition sessions in our library in a Covid safe way.

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Most of the changes affect what we can and can't do with the students in terms of activities. The good news is that we can have some school sport run by outside organisations (as we do most terms). The years 2-6 students will participate in 4 basketball clinics from next Thursday.

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 2 weeks as well as the email via Compass sent last 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.

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.

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.

Dates to note

Kinder transitions for kinder 2022	Wednesday 10 Nov, Wednesday 17 Nov
Basketball clinics for Years 2-6	. Thursdays, 11/11, 18/11, 25/11, 2/12
Mufti day (yr 6 fundraiser)	. Friday 12 Nov
P&F AGM (via zoom)	. Monday 15 Nov 7pm
Mission fundraiser 'Socktober' (details to come)	. Friday 19 Nov
Semester 2 reports available on Compass	Friday 10 Dec
End of Year Liturgy and students last day	Wednesday 15 Dec

Warm regards

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Religious Education News

Farewell Fr Eliseus

We thank Father Eliseus for all he has done to support the children of St Joseph's in the development of their faith. We wish him all the very best at his new parish of Manly Freshwater. Father Eliseus' last day will be 19 November.

Welcome Fr Aldrin Valdehueza

We look forward to meeting our new assistant priest, Fr Aldrin, from Our Lady of Dolours Parish in Chatswood. We know that he will feel very welcomed by the St Joseph's community.

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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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

All students attend a compulsory assessment. Bookings will be via Compass. We will advise you once bookings open.

Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser



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.

From 1 November 2021, the bus service provider in the Northern Beaches area will change from State Transit Authority (Sydney Buses) to **Keolis Downer Northern Beaches**. Students, parents or carers applying for a School Opal card will need to nominate **Keolis Downer Northern Beaches** as their bus operator.

Students with an existing School Opal card will automatically have Keolis Downer Northern Beaches added to their travel entitlement. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out via <u>transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/fares-concessions-tickets-feedback</u>

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: <u>http://roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com/newstudentform</u> Or <u>info@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com</u>

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 <u>Volunteer Declaration Form</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

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 - <u>Request for Leave</u> 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



VISITORS

WELCOME! PLEASE SIGN IN

AT 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	Qkr & canteen orders	Second Hand Uniform Shop
The Fee Liaison Unit (FLU) at the CatholicSchools Office looks after all enquiriesregarding overdue school fees and financialhardship.2021 School Fees ScheduleThe contact for St Joseph's Narrabeen atFLU is:Name:Brendan SmithTel:9847 0738Email:schoolfees@dbb.org.au	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 <u>here</u> .	Couvan and Lewis New uniform items can be purchased from <u>Cowan & Lewis</u> via their online store. Full details for both Cowan & Lewis and our Second Hand Uniform Shop can be found on our website <u>here</u> . Second Hand Uniform Shop currently closed due to Covid restrictions
School Band	OOSH Northern Beaches	No Nuts
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	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 <u>manager@ooshnb.com.au</u> . Before school care is from 7am-9am, and after school care finishes at 6pm. Website: <u>www.ooshnb.com.au</u> Head Office: 9984 8089 St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693	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).

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