

Term 1 Core Value: Community

School Rule: Be a good listener

Respectful Relationships Focus: Listen when someone is talking, don't interrupt

Covid safety requirements - checking in using the QR code.

If you are invited to 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.

Please do not send children to school if they are unwell

Dear parents

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. Once again, we had an 'interesting' Christmas holiday break and now a very different way to begin the school year. At our staff prayer last Friday we shared stories of our holiday experiences and prayed for blessings on our new school year. Part of our prayer reflected on our holiday time. I share this with you:

For each of us, 2021- and the holidays, too- will hold different stories, different memories and experiences, different joys and difficulties. Let's recognise this and honour it as we begin our journey together in 2022.

Listening to some of your stories as I distributed RAT's this week, the virus has affected some and not others in a very random way, so I hope you all had some relaxing holiday time in there somewhere and that you and your loved ones are now safe and well.

Despite this, we have begun school in a very positive way. Most children seemed eager to return and be at school with their classmates again. Thank you for having your children ready and prepared both materially and more importantly mentally, to begin the school year in a positive manner.

A special welcome to our 12 new children across grades 1-6 this week and their families; the Bowring, Elder, Krecul, Langley, 2 x Lawson, Lefevre, Ryan, Swann and Tokic families.

We also had a very exciting Wednesday morning when we welcomed 28 new kinders with 16 new families to our community. The kinders have settled in very quickly and are impressing us all with their positive attitudes and adopting school routines. We hope you all feel very welcome at our school, and we look forward to a long-term relationship with you.

Staff news

We welcome back staff member Mrs Cara Appleton as our Year 5 teacher. Cara was our music teacher and exec release teacher on Year 6 for several years until 2018 and we are over the moon to welcome her back.

We congratulate Miss Tiffany Britton (year 4) on her recent engagement and wish her and her fiancé all the best in their year of planning.

Congratulations also to Miss Olivia Preston (kinder) who became Mrs Olivia Windon in the holidays. Olivia had a beautiful celebration after postponements last year due to Covid.

We also warmly welcome Mrs Taryn McCready and Mrs Justine Spiteri to our Learning Support Assistance team for 2022.

Classes and Teachers for 2022

Our classes and teachers for this year.

Office administrator- Mrs Kerrie Andrews

Kinder- Mrs Alison Jarman & Mrs Olivia Windon

Year 1- Mrs Carmel Sekulich

Year 2- Mrs Kath Fogwell (4 days) Mrs Kathryn McCamey (1 day)

Year 3- Mrs Lisette Calleja

Year 4- Miss Tiffany Britton

Year 5- Mrs Cara Appleton

Year 6- Mrs Brenda Paul (3 days) Mrs Emily Hobson (2 days)

Library- Mrs Kath McCamey (2 days)

Creative Arts- Mr Michael Warby (1 day)

PE- Mrs Nicola Frost (1day)

Learning Support Teacher- Mrs Jade Browett (4 days)

Micro Teaching program- Mrs Anita Brooks (4 days)

Learning Support Assistants- Mrs Kim Marlin, Mrs Andrea Fitzpatrick, Mrs Sam Carolan, Mrs Sam Greig, Mrs Taryn McCready, Mrs Justine Spiteri

Return to school, RAT tests and visitors on site

I have been communicating with you via Compass email messages about the return to school. All this information, including links to the NSW govt site with information for schools is on our website. Use this link below: <https://www.sjnldb.catholic.edu.au/rat-testing-and-back-to-school/>

In brief:

- all students need to be tested on Monday and Wednesday before attending school (this could be the night before at bedtime if easier for your family). Use the RAT provided by school. See insert below from govt site:
 - *For the first 4 weeks of Term 1, we recommend students take a RAT twice a week on mornings before attending school.*
 - *If your child has even mild COVID-19 symptoms, get them tested with a RAT or PCR (nose and throat swab) test.*
 - *They must isolate until they receive a negative test result, in line with health protocols.*
 - *If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test. If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative, or another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever, they can return to school.*
- please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell. Children who are unwell will be brought to the school sick bay and parents contacted to collect them.
- If your child has had Covid there is some particular advice on the govt site:
 - *It is recommended that staff and students that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen test surveillance for 28 days (four weeks after recovery) following release from self-isolation. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 28 days. After 28 days (from week five after recovery) staff and students may resume participation in RAT surveillance.*
- no visitors to the school site until further notice from the govt. There are some exceptions to this which we will inform you if needed.
- Thank you for adhering to the drop off and afternoon pick up procedures from last year. Please remember if your child is in Year3-6 they will not be dismissed until 3.05pm. Please do not wait in the drive by pick up zone before this time if you have older children.
- some school events can be conducted in a covid safe way (swimming carnival, beginning of year Mass, parent/teacher information evening).

Building work in holidays

In the last week of school last year I received notification from CSBB that some refurbishment work I had applied for had been approved for the school holidays.

During the holidays the school library was refurbed with new plasterboard and painting. The wall between Kinder and Year 1 was removed to create a very large space for kinder. The Year 2 class has been moved to the old creative arts room upstairs next to year 6 which was refurbed with plasterboard, painting and carpeting. There are some finishing touches for some of the spaces but I am very grateful that the building company was able to complete most of the work before the children returned, especially with the affects of Covid on workers.

Swimming Carnival. Monday 7 Feb

By now, you will have received [the permission link](#) and time, date and location details for the upcoming school swimming carnival via Compass. The carnival is for Years 2-6 and will be held at Manly Andrew Boy Charlton Aquatic Centre on MONDAY 7 February, 2022. The carnival will be held from 12.15pm – 2.30pm.

Lu Wilkinson has created a FAQ's page on our website for commonly asked questions. Please note the change from the original Google permission form for the finishing time. Buses will depart the pool at 2.30pm and students will be back at school by 3.15pm at the latest. If you are collecting your child from the pool you will need to be there by 2.20pm.

<https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-2022-swimming-carnival/>

Communication

The newsletter is one of the main forms of communication between school and parent. It is loaded onto our school website every Thursday. Please take the time to read it as the primary source for parent information. Other forms of communication include:

- The school website for general information and forms and policies <https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/>
- **Compass** for notifying the school of your child's absence, school reports in semester 1 and 2 and emails and push notifications (short reminder messages) from the school
- The school FB page for fun news, tips, great photos of events
- Class FB pages administered by your class parents and P&F class parent co-ordinator - Sam Mancell.

Combined P&F and class parents meeting - Monday 7 Feb 7pm (via zoom)

The class parents will meet on Monday night 7 February next week to discuss and allocate the P&F events for the year. Fingers crossed we will be able to conduct all our planned events this year, even with some restrictions. All parents are invited to join this meeting.

Meanwhile here are some dates for events coming up:

- **School swimming carnival on Monday 7 February for Years 2-6 only** at Manly Boy Charlton outdoor pool. 12.15pm-2.30pm. Please refer to the information in this newsletter and on our website. No parent spectators allowed, just parents who have volunteered to help
- **Parent Teacher Information evening** in classes on **Tuesday 15 February**. There will be 2 repeated sessions, 6.30pm and 7pm, more details to follow.
- **Beginning of school year Mass on Thursday 17 February, 9.30am.** Please see **Kath Fogwell's REC news** later in this newsletter for details. Parents of kinder and Year 6 children only are invited to join us in the church
- **Northern Beaches Cluster swimming carnival** (for those who progress to next level). Monday 7 March at Warringah Aquatic Centre (**WAC**)
- Parent engagement /open classroom session - **Monday 14 March. 2.10-2.50pm** (read more details below)
- more event dates to come!

Parent engagement in 2022 - Open classrooms each term

Last year as part of our strategy for our School Improvement Plan (**SIP**), we continued an open classroom session in Terms 1 (English) and Term 2 (Maths) Covid restrictions and lock downs in Terms 3 &4 meant we could not continue. This year we are trying again! Each term will be a different subject, day and time to try and cater for many parents over the year.

Our parent engagement session for Term 1 is on **Monday 14 March at 2.10-2.50pm** and the subject focus is **Enquiry units** (this could be Science &Tech, History or Geography depending on the class focus unit for this term). You will be welcome to visit your child's class and join in the learning (subject to covid restrictions at the time).

BYODD

[Link to website information](#). Students in years 4-6 who take up the option of bringing their own iPad to school this year are to inform the class teacher and fill in the user agreement with parents signing off as well.

Canteen

A big thanks to mums, Debbie Carter who has volunteered to manage the ordering and co-ordination of canteen this year and Nicole Gleadow who has kindly volunteered to take on the co-ordination of the roster. We will let the community know when we are ready to open canteen again.

School Band

Our band director, Monique from Roar Music will begin band rehearsals and tuition from next week. Emails have been sent directly to parents with details. The training band for new students to band is available for students from year 3 who would like to learn an instrument. Contact Monique at monique@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com

I look forward to catching up with you through this term.

Warm regards



Virginia Outred
Principal

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



Religious Education News

Each term St Joseph's Primary School nurtures a safe and inclusive environment by instilling core values. This term our core value focus is 'Community'. To all the new families joining our school community this year - welcome! If you have any questions, please reach out to your class parents, teachers and school office. We are all here to help.

Beginning of Year Mass

On Thursday 17 February at 9:30am we will be having our Beginning of School Year Mass held in the Church. All **Kindergarten** parents are invited to come to their child's first Mass and all **Year 6** parents are invited to come and watch their child receive a special blessing for their leadership role this year.

All adults must wear a mask.

Due to current restrictions, unfortunately parents of other students cannot attend. Thank you for your understanding.

Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God,
We hold before you in our hearts
The people of Tonga in this time of need.
We know that the communities of the Pacific often
experience fragility.
Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami
And degradation of land and water through ash,
We ask that your people find strength
and feel closer to you than ever.
They are communities of great faith.
May they turn to you for peace and
reassurance.
May they turn to each other for comfort and community.
And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.
We all share this mysterious world
Which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.
May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage
And fill us with the gift of Hope.
Amen.



Kath Fogwell - Religious Education Coordinator

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

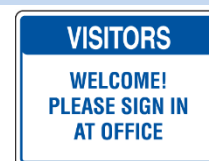
Contact information from the office

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.

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

Cowan and Lewis

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).

