

**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

### **RAT tests for weeks 4 and 5 distributed yesterday.**

You would have received a message on Compass yesterday that your child brought home a box of RATs. There are 5 tests in the box. 2 for next week (week 4), 2 for week 5 and 1 spare. Please check your child's bag. All Covid information, including links to the NSW govt site with information for schools is on our website. Use the link below:

<https://www.sjnddb.catholic.edu.au/rat-testing-and-back-to-school/>

If your child has to stay at home as a close contact you can access the NESA digital learning modules appropriate to their grade for "self-paced learning" at home. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you via email if this is the case - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home>

### **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 Year 3-6 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).

### Swimming Carnival - Monday 7 February

It was so exciting to hold a whole school event again! Although we couldn't allow parent spectators the children really enjoyed the afternoon, even with a few rain squalls. My thanks to those parents who volunteered as helpers, you are very much appreciated, especially those who jumped in the pool as lifeguards for the 25m races.

Tomorrow morning, we will announce the winning colour house and the Spirit Cup award. Special mention of the Year 6 class who participated in very high numbers and set the tone for a very positive carnival. Children who have advanced to the Northern Beaches Catholic schools carnival on Monday 7 March will be informed by our PE teacher Nikki Frost and will bring home a note with details of this event. A video of the highlights and announcement of winners will be loaded up on FB and on our school webpage tomorrow by Lu.

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

On Monday night this week we had a very well attended P&F and class parents meeting via Zoom. The P&F exec put forward the events we hope to hold for the year. Each class parent is nominating the event they'd like to organise, and the P&F exec will allocate. Due to restrictions with Covid these first weeks and the uncertainty of what restrictions will look like for the rest of the term the decision has been made that we will not hold the usual Term 1 'welcome to school' function. This is in line with advice from CSNSW regarding in school events. Instead, classes can organise their own social event out of school at a suitable outdoor venue if you wish. The only P&F event for Term 1 will be the Easter raffle at the end of term.

The big fundraisers for this year will be a colour fun run for the students on 21 October and the hugely popular trivia night for parents. (date TBA).

Fingers crossed we will be able to conduct all our planned events this year, even with some restrictions.

Attendees at the meeting were able to give some feedback on the new uniform and the uniform committee will be meeting to discuss this. Julia Lamb, a new kinder mum, volunteered to co-ordinate the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop. More on that when Julia is up to speed on it all.

### Canteen

Debbie Carter who has volunteered to manage the ordering and co-ordination of canteen this year has met with me this week and is hoping to have the canteen ready to open on Monday 21 February. Nicole Gleadow is managing the roster side of things. Please see the entry about canteen later in the newsletter to see how you can volunteer.

Meanwhile here are some dates for events coming up:

- **Parent Teacher Information evening** in classes on **Tuesday 15 Feb**. There will be 2 repeated sessions, 6.30pm and 7pm, see details below
- **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)
- **Easter raffle draw - Wednesday 6 April.**

### Parent Teacher Information evening in classes on Tuesday 15 February

There will be 2 repeated sessions, 6.30pm and 7pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about class expectations and learning for the year. There is also a separate session at 6pm for parents of children participating in the MTP program with Mrs Brooks and Mrs Browett.

**We are running this as a covid safe event.**

- only 1 parent can attend each class
- please wear a mask
- check into the school using the QR codes displayed around the school
- sanitise hands on your way in the room and when leaving
- nominate for 6.30pm or 7pm using this [GOOGLE FORM](#)

**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).

**Safety issue at kiss n drop before school**

A reminder that the kiss n drop zone outside the school is not a place to park and then walk your child to the gate. This causes congestion for other cars waiting to drop off children. If your child needs escorting, please park elsewhere and walk them to the gate. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**BYODD**

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. Full details on BYODD can be found on our website [here](#).

Warm regards



**Virginia Outred**  
Principal

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



## Religious Education News

### 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.

This Mass will be conducted with Covid safe processes.

**All adults must wear a mask, check in at the church and sanitise hands. Parents will be allocated a particular area to sit.**

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

**Kath Fogwell - Religious Education Coordinator**

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## Canteen Roster & News

The canteen will be open for **LUNCH ORDERS ONLY** this term. There will not be any over-the-counter service at recess/lunchtime. See roster below, if you are able to volunteer, please email Nichole Gleadow at: [nicolegleadow@gmail.com](mailto:nicolegleadow@gmail.com)

**All canteen volunteers must be fully vaccinated.**

Days shaded red will open once we have the required number of volunteers. We require two volunteers to open canteen, with one being an experienced volunteer.

### Clarification of canteen operation and Qkr ordering

- The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays **provided we have volunteers.**
- Any student who wishes to buy **lunch** 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 1	MONDAY		FRIDAY
21 Feb	2 volunteers needed	25 Feb	2 volunteers needed
28 Feb	2 volunteers needed	4 Mar	Debbie Carter, Claire Clowes
7 Mar	2 volunteers needed	11 Mar	2 volunteers needed
14 Mar	2 volunteers needed	18 Mar	2 volunteers needed
21 Mar	2 volunteers needed	25 Mar	2 volunteers needed
28 Mar	2 volunteers needed	1 Apr	2 volunteers needed
4 Apr	2 volunteers needed	8 Apr	2 volunteers needed

## 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](mailto: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  
WE WILL BE RE-OPENING SOON – WATCH THIS SPACE**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:manager@ooshnb.com.au).

Before school care is from 7am-9am, and after school care finishes at 6pm.

Website: [www.ooshnb.com.au](http://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).





## St Paul's Catholic College Manly

EDUCATING YOUNG MEN IN YEARS 7 TO 12



### OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 23 March 2022 | 4pm - 7pm**

A safe and supportive community, focused on the learning needs of every student.

#### *Come and visit our College*

- Connect with our Student Ambassadors and Teaching Staff
- Actively engage with each KLA's learning displays
- Meet our College Principal and Student Leaders
- Discover how St Paul's will meet your son's learning needs

#### Enrolment enquiries:

enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au



**PRIMA PRIMUM:** *First things first*

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### Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our Open Day on Saturday February 19 or 26 to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit our website to register to attend our free Open Day: <https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/febopenday/>