

Term 1 Core Value: Community

School Rule: Learn and let others learn

Respectful Relationships Focus: Respect other people's points of view/opinions

Please do not send children to school if they are unwell

Dear parents

This week's newsletter is in our usual format. Next week it will look different and be more of a memo style document with links to appropriate information on the website.

Compass will continue to be the go to for email messages and notifications from the school and of course photos of events and other interesting news will stay on FB.

Rain event this week

Thank you again to all of you for your co-operation and problem solving when the rain event on Tuesday meant calling for an early dismissal and accessing the school by the quickly flooding surrounding roads was so problematic. It really showed how our community can come together and support each other.

I hope that your homes are ok or at least you have accessed help to stay dry and safe. Again, please reach out if you need assistance.

All Covid information, including links to the NSW govt site with information for schools is on our website. Use the link below:

<https://www.sjnbbb.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>

RAT surveillance

Schools will now align with community settings of 'symptomatic testing'. More RAT Kits will be delivered to families when available (they have not been delivered here yet). Students and staff can use their allocation of RATs at their discretion, such as if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

- If a student has even mild COVID-19 symptoms, they must get 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 confirmed diagnosis, such as hay fever, they can return to school.

Please note the NSW Health advice below if you have had Covid:

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.

Northern Beaches Cluster Swimming Carnival Results

On Monday this week our team of Joeys swimmers competed against the other Catholic schools on the Northern Beaches for selection to the next carnival. The team represented us enthusiastically, giving it their all in the big arena.

Our two super fish from Year 6, Jacinta and Sadie achieved amazing results! They will now go to Mingara swim centre on the Central Coast next Tuesday night to represent the Northern Beaches against the other 2 clusters in our Diocese, competing to qualify for the Broken Bay team. Here are their results:

Jacinta P-

Runner up - 'Athlete of the Meet'

1st - 100m Freestyle; 12 Yrs 50m Freestyle; 12 Yrs 50m Backstroke; 12 Yrs 50m Butterfly;

2nd - 12 Yrs 50m Breaststroke; Senior 200m IM

Sadie J-

1st - 12 Yrs 50m Breaststroke

2nd - 12 Yrs 50m Freestyle

Update on our Uniform changes

Thank you to everyone for the overwhelmingly positive feedback and uptake on our fresh uniform! We appreciate this was launched during COVID and uniforms were not top of mind, so it's been wonderful seeing how you have all taken it on and felt open to ask questions too. Details on our website can be found [here](#).

Now we have had the chance to see the uniform in action and have some follow up talks at the recent P&F meeting, we have finalised the uniform and made a few tweaks. We've done this in collaboration with our uniform suppliers (at challenging supply times for them) and we are confident this is going to tick a lot of boxes for our students, families and future generations.

- **BOYS UNIFORM:** The new options will remain as is (navy shorts or OPTIONAL navy long pants, no tie, blue shirt) - with the addition of an OPTIONAL long sleeve shirt in winter (non-crested).
- **GIRLS UNIFORM:** The new options will remain as is, with the NEW blue shirts coming soon. They can of course, continue to wear the current blue shirts too if they wish.
- **ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:** Long sleeve light blue shirt in winter (non-crested).
- **The current SUMMER DRESS will now be available as an ongoing option** (that can be worn year round) for our students, should they prefer this as a choice.
- **As the weather cools**, students wearing the dress or shirt and culotte/shorts can layer up using long socks, tights and jumpers. There are also long pants available.

What this means: We have a very flexible, comfortable, climate-relevant student uniform that we believe will allow our students to play, learn and grow as happily as possible.

What does this mean for the current girl's winter dress? This dress has now been discontinued, and will no longer be sold or available in the 2nd shop. If a student wishes to keep wearing an existing winter dress, you are welcome to during our extended transition period. You can also keep the long sleeve blue shirt and use this with our fresh options of culottes, long pants or shorts.

Parent engagement in 2022 - Open classroom

Our parent engagement session for Term 1 is on **Monday 14 March 14** 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. There are staggered times to allow for parents to get to classes.

K-2 classes: 2-2.30pm

3-6 classes: 2.15-2.45pm

The purpose of these open classroom sessions comes from a strategy in our School Improvement Plan (SIP) to increase the engagement levels of learning for students and parents. By visiting your child's room, you can have some insight into the learning of that subject and this can lead to open discussions with your child about their learning, therefore increasing your engagement levels.

Remember it is a privilege to be invited into a classroom in action, please respect the teacher by not talking when they are giving whole class instructions and please respect the privacy of other students by not looking through their books. What you will be seeing is not a complete lesson, it is part of a sequence of lessons and tasks to lead to achievement of outcomes. Teachers will try to adapt the learning so that you can participate with your child. We look forward to welcoming you in.

Fortnightly School Assembly - Wednesday 16 March - back in the hall at 2.40pm

We are so excited because our fortnightly assembly next Wednesday will be back in the parish hall for the first time since Covid. You are very welcome to join us.

Safety issue at kiss n drop before and after 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. In the afternoon there are only 3 allocated places for cars to line up. If it is full please do not block off the corner, go around the block and try again. This may take time but it is about the safety of ALL of the children. Be aware the ranger does visit us on occasion to check we are keeping to the rules of the road. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

NAPLAN 2022 for years 3&5 - Date claimer

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between 10 and 13 May 2022. Please ensure you do not plan any family holidays for this time.

Upcoming dates for events

- **Parent engagement /open classroom session** - Monday 14 March 2.00-2.45pm
- **Year 3 boys visit to St Pauls Manly immersion day** - Tuesday 15 March
- **Open Morning for Kinder 2023** – Wednesday 16 March, 9.15am – 11am
- **Easter raffle draw** - Wednesday 6 April

Warm regards



Virginia Outred
Principal

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



School Fee Invoices

School Fees invoices have now been emailed to all families by Catholic Schools Broken Bay. If you have not received your invoice, please phone Kerrie in the office who will re-send to you. Payment instalments are due on the 21st of each month, for the months of February through to November. Instalment amounts are shown on the bottom of your statement. At the beginning of each new month we send out statements showing payments received during the previous month.

Our preferred method of payment for school fees is BPAY (not QKR)
Each fee statement has an individual BPAY biller code on the top right corner.

School
FEES

Open Morning for Kinder 2023

Our school open morning for new enrolments for kinder (and other grades) for 2023 is **Wednesday 16 March**.

2023 Sibling Enrolments

Enrolment packs have been sent home to families who have advised they have a child due to commence school in 2023. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible.

If you have a child due to start next year and did not receive an enrolment pack, please phone Kerrie.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Narrabeen



OPEN DAY

***A supportive village,
personalised academic focus
and passionate teaching team.***

We are an inclusive, nurturing school offering innovative learning for K-6 with strong Year 5 and 6 leadership programs. Your child will gain a well-rounded education at St Joseph's, based on the Catholic values underpinning our curriculum and guiding all our actions. We welcome students of all backgrounds, cultures and religions to join our school.

**Wednesday 16 March
Join us at 9.15am**

- Meet with our Principal
- Take a first hand look at our learning environment
- Discover how each and every child has a unique learning experience

For More Information
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
108 Ocean St, Narrabeen 2101
02 9913 3766 | www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au

Scan to enrol



Religious Education News

Project Compassion

All families received a Project Compassion box last week. These boxes are a real and tangible way that children can help others in need. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Please return Project Compassion Boxes at the end of the school term. Alternatively, you can make donations online via the Caritas Australia website at:

lent.caritas.org.au



Kath Fogwell - Religious Education Coordinator

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

Canteen News

All volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

Any parents new to volunteering must complete a [Volunteer Declaration Form](#) BEFORE your first day of volunteering. Please download the linked form, fill in and either send in to the school office with your child or email through to sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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

The [canteen roster is now available on our school website](#) for easy reference.

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.

TERM 1	MONDAY		FRIDAY
28 Feb	Rina Bowring, Leanne Baggott	4 Mar	Debbie Carter, Claire Clowes
7 Mar	Leanne Baggott, Brooklyn Nicholas	11 Mar	Louise Booth, Lara Cox, Gen Farquhar
14 Mar	2 volunteers needed	18 Mar	Kristie Howes, Fitz Spliet, Gen Farquhar
21 Mar	Rina Bowring, Brooklyn Nicholas	25 Mar	Amy Fitter, Sarah Reid
28 Mar	Ash Polito, Linda Saucedo	1 Apr	Debbie Carter, Sam Mancell
4 Apr	Brooklyn Nicholas, Andrea Kawamoto	8 Apr	Kristie Howes, Fitz Spliet

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.**



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

- We have limited stock available to purchase.
- Please contact Julia via text on 0421 505 047 advising the item you require.
- Julia will check stock and, if available, your order will be sent home via your child.
- If you are happy with your order you can then make payment through Qkr.
- DO NOT make payment until you have received an item you wish to keep.
- If you do not wish to keep the item/s, please return item/s to the school office via your child.

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).



NEW DATE – THURSDAY 31 MARCH

*Faith-centred learning
with community at its heart*



*You're invited to meet the staff and students, and
experience an evening at Mater Maria Catholic College*

*At Mater Maria Catholic College, we focus on supporting the academic growth of all students and
recognising the gifts of the individual in order for all to thrive in our Catholic faith community.*
Marc Reicher, Principal

OPEN DAY 2022

Wednesday 9 March
4pm – 7pm

Waiting list for Year 7, 2023

Applications for Year 7, 2024 will close at the end of Term 1, 2022

Applications for Year 7, 2025 will open in Term 2, 2022



For more information please scan our QR code



WALK IN NEW LIFE

MATER MARIA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

www.matermaria.edu.au

Applications for Yr 7 2024 will close at the end of this term



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

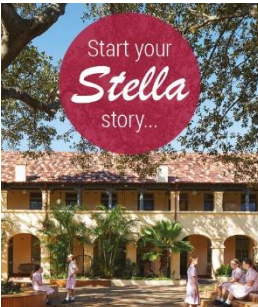
- Connect with our Student Ambassadors and Teaching Staff
- Actively engage with each KLA's learning displays
- Meet our College Principal and Student Leaders
- Discover how St Paul's will meet your son's learning needs

Enrolment enquiries:
enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au



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Tour the campus



Listen to the Principal's address



Stella Maris
COLLEGE MANLY

OPEN EVENING 2022

Wednesday 16 March
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Registrations essential to ensure a Covid safe event. Scan here to register now.



Meet the students



Talk with the teachers



Watch a performance

