ST JOSEPH'S NEWS TERM 3, WEEK 3



This Week at Joeys

Wonderful news: On Tuesday this week Mrs Olivia Windon announced to her Kinder class that she is having a baby! We congratulate Olivia and Liam on this exciting news. Their baby is due late in the year.

Term 3 curriculum newsletters: Each term, the teachers share with you a brief summary of the topics and learning being covered for the term. The purpose is to inform you so that you can have some meaningful learning conversations with your child (ren). The Term 3 curriculum newsletter will be emailed to you on Friday.

Public Speaking: All classes have a focus on speeches and public speaking as part of the oral language skills in the English curriculum this term. Students will present a speech in class and 2 finalists from each class will present their speech at a school public speaking event. The 2 year 6 finalists will go on to represent the school against our other cluster schools.

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Virginia Outred, Principal

Communication

At St Joseph's, we value working in respectful partnership with parents, and see communication as an integral part of this.

Last term the teachers discussed and worked on the policies and procedures for communication with parents. This arose because communication changed drastically during the COVID lockdown and when parents were not permitted on school grounds. Now that we have more access, we have realigned those practices that became common place during Home Learning.

Please take the time to read the section on Communication from the <u>Parent Handbook</u> on our website. Also an updated version of our existing policy around <u>Sustainable Relationships</u>, with an added appendix about communication.



What's Happening



Upcoming Key Dates

August 18 – NB Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival August 22–26 – Book Week August 22 – School Public Speaking Finalists to present their speeches Sept 2 – Father's Day Breakfast (Orders now open!) Sept 6 – Parent Engagement Session 2pm (Religious Ed) October 21 – Colour Fun Run for students October 22 – Trivia Night for parents and carers

The Magnificent Mary McKillop

On Monday 8th August it is the Feast of Saint Mary Mackillop, Australia's first saint. One of her sayings was, 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. To acknowledge the day we are in Mufti (wearing play clothes) on Monday and donating a gold coin (via QKR) to the Mary Mac institute, a Diocesan run refuge for the homeless. We will also celebrate with a whole school Liturgy in the hall at 11.30am.





Have Your Say: Road Safety/Kiss n Ride

If you've ever felt frustrated in the Kiss n Ride line, if you've ever worried about road safety around our school – THIS is your chance to be heard! The council have opened a survey and would like parent feedback specific in order to potentially make important changes. It takes a few minutes and it's essential they get thoughts from as many parents as possible. <u>Click here</u> and thanks!

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As always, we'd love your help if you have a window to volunteer at Canteen. That extends to Grandparents too! To sign up: nicolegleadow@gmail.com and find out more <u>at our website here.</u>

COVID-Smart Measures at School

<u>Please note the change to close contact</u> <u>rules and mask wearing:</u> Staff and students identified as close contact must advise the school. They can continue to attend school if they test negative every day for five days, have no symptoms and must wear a mask when indoors.

Please note that mask wearing at school cannot be enforced for children under 12. However, we highly encourage children who are close contacts to wear one.





Thank You Father Robert

Today is the Feast Day of St John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. We are so grateful for the support of our own Parish Priest, Father Robert. He attends to the sick, Baptises our babies, inspires our students and teachers at Liturgies and Masses and is a calm support for our whole community. Thank you Father Robert!



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