

St Joseph's Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 15 October 2020

sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au

www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au

Term 4 Core Value: Compassion School Rule: Wear a hat outside

Respectful Relationships Focus: Be a bucket filler

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.

There has been some confusion and enquiries about this. Just to be clear, if your child is displaying Covid symptoms then according to the Department of Health they should be tested. Please read the list of symptoms that the Dee Why Respiratory Clinic suggests indicating when testing should occur.

* Fever

* Dry cough

* Sore Throat

* Runny or stuffy nose

* Shortness of breath

Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating holiday break!

This term we especially welcome the Alden and Hogg families who have joined our St Joseph's community this week.

The children all looked refreshed and rested on Monday morning and the beautiful weather this week is really helping us all to settle back in.

Core Value for Term 4: Compassion

The core value of compassion calls us to be people of social justice, people who reach out to others and are aware of acting justly and kindly. Our school has always been generous when it comes to acts of compassion with commitment to various mission projects through the year. Our REC, Cathy Gualtieri informs us of Mission week in her newsletter piece today.

Uniform update

During the holidays the final changeover to our new uniform supplier was settled. Cowan and Lewis are ready to receive your orders online. Please see the link: https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/our-school/school-uniform-purchasing/
The website links to the Cowan and Lewis ordering site. They will deliver orders to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You will also find information about exchanges.

- Socks- The manager at Cowan and Lewis has spoken with me about the socks. Currently the girls wear plain grey ankle socks and the boys have the ankle sock with 2 blue stripes. Plain grey socks will retail for \$5 a pair or 4 for \$15. The boys striped sock will retail for \$8-9 per pair. Does anyone in the community know the history behind the difference in girls' and boys' socks at our school? I'd love to hear from you. Otherwise I think it makes sense to change to plain grey socks for both boys and girls. Please let me know if you have a big issue with this.
- Girls sport skort- the skort on the Cowan and Lewis site will be the
 official skort if you choose that option. Sport shorts are the option for
 both boys and girls.



Updates to school Covid regulations for Term 4

The NSW government has communicated updates to Covid regulations in schools for Term 4.

Unfortunately, 'non-essential' adults are still not permitted on grounds. This means we will keep in place our current drop off and pick up arrangements.

P&F type parent events are also still not permitted on school grounds.

The good news is that we are permitted to hold our kinder 2021 transition mornings and the Year 6 liturgy and celebrations can go ahead.

I am meeting with principals via Zoom next week to discuss some options for sport events/gala days and will keep you informed.

Of course, we know with Covid regulations there can easily be changes due to an increase in numbers. Let's pray that doesn't happen!

Book week

Next week is Book week and we look forward to a fun week of dress ups and reading all related to the theme of *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*.

Please read our librarian, Kath McCamey's information and details later in the newsletter

Student Disco in term 4 - now scheduled for Friday 30 October - 5.30-8.30pm

Good news- our disco will go ahead! The Year 5 class parents are organising the details, but this is what we have so far:

- The disco will be held outside under the shade cloth
- K-2 disco, 5.30-6.30pm and 3-6 disco, 7-8.30pm.
- Parents will need to drop off and sign in as well as pick up and sign out their child
- There will be parent supervisors for both the K-2 and 3-6 disco. Parents not in those roles will not be able to stay.
- The theme will be Halloween (note that children are not permitted to trick or treat this year under Covid rules)
- There will be no food provided. Children to bring their own water bottle

Cost, payment and bookings will be communicated next week.

BYODD meeting for current Year 3 parents and other interested parents from current year 4 and 5

From this year we have been a 'Bring Your Own Designated Device' school for students in years 4-6.

There is information about this program on our website here. The specifications for the Apple iPads have been updated by the CSO and our site is now updated. The program has been effective this year in allowing more children to have access to a device (whether it is their own or school owned) in the time they need it for effective and engaged learning.

We will hold an evening information session via Zoom in the next few weeks. I shall inform you of the date next week.

Congratulations

We love hearing positive stories about our ex-students. Late last term the principal at Mater Maria informed me that Riley Buxton (St Joseph's Year 6 - 2015) was selected as a 2021 prefect. Riley's youngest sister Abi, completed Year 6 here in 2019.

School Photos

School photos were sent home yesterday. If you have any queries regarding your photos, please contact MSP on 9499 6555.

School Banking

School banking will resume on Tuesday next week.

Fee Credits – Bathurst Camp (Yrs 5&6) & Term 4 Swim Program (K-Yr2)

We have now applied credits for our cancelled Bathurst Camp (Yrs 5 & 6) and our term 4 swim program (K-2). If you have automatic payments set up, please check your school fees statement (emailed yesterday) as your instalments may be less.

Families who are now in credit following Covid fee relief will be contacted by the Fee Liaison Team regarding any refund due.

Stay well and safe

Virginia Octob

Virginia Outred

Principal

Like and follow us at on Facebook St Joseph's website St Joseph's Google School Calendar



Book Week 2020 – *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week! The theme this year is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. The student Library/IT Leaders have planned the activities for the week. Here are some important dates for Book Week:

Poster Competition

Children can create a poster at home based on this year's theme Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. Posters are due by Monday 19 October.

Book Week Parade

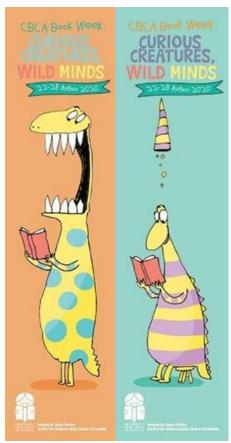
This year we will have our Book Week parade on Tuesday 20 October. The children will can come to school dressed up in the Book Week theme Curious Creatures. Wild Minds or as a character from their favourite book.

Unfortunately, due to school Covid regulations, we cannot have parent spectators at this event.

We can't wait to celebrate Book Week and see everyone dressed up next week!

Kath McCamey - Teacher/Librarian





Religious Education News

Mission Month

October is Mission Month and as a Catholic Community we are called to help those who are in need.

"The Church continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time."

Pope Francis

This Sunday is World Mission Day, our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Donations can be made through our Parish website https://www.lakesparish.org.au/ by clicking the DONATE button and nominating Catholic Mission.

Catherine Gualtieri - Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click here



Canteen Roster & News

The canteen will be open in Term 4 for <u>LUNCH ORDERS ONLY</u>. There will not be any over-the-counter service at recess/lunchtime.

See roster below, if you are able to volunteer, please email Georgia at: georgia brizell@hotmail.com

Clarification of canteen operation and Qkr ordering

- The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays <u>provided we have volunteers</u>.
- Any student who wishes to buy <u>lunch</u> 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.





School Opal Cards

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.





Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's 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 who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

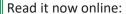
If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

CSO, High School, Wellbeing & Community Notices

October Broken Bay News

The October Broken Bay issue celebrates one year since Bishop Anthony Randazzo's appointment as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, as well as testimonies from our seminarians on their next steps in their journey to priesthood, CatholicCare's services for domestic violence and the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21 on Mental Health. There is also an update on Towards 2025 in our Catholic Schools, new building projects at St Brendan's and much more!



https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken bay news october 2020 issue 207



Selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2022

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 must be made online between 13 October 2020 and 16 November 2020.
- Parents must apply online at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

Linked is a copy of the booklet Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in 2022. It is also available at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

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.

VISITORS WELCOME! PLEASE SIGN IN AT OFFICE

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).

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

Instalment schedule payment dates for school fees can be found on our school website here.

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

Fmail: 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



New uniform items can be purchased from Cowan & Lewis via their online store. Full details can be found on our website here.

Second Hand Uniforms

As we have very limited stock in the second hand uniform shop, BEFORE placing any orders on Qkr please contact Amy Fittler who will let you know if size/stock is available. Amy can be contacted on 0421 981 485.

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.

after school care finishes at 6pm.

Website: www.ooshnb.com.au Head Office: 9984 8089 St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693

Before school care is from 7am-9am, and

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).

