St Joseph's Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

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Term 3 Core Value: Respect School Rule: Care for your appearance 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.

* Runny or stuffy nose

Please read the list of symptoms that the Dee Why Respiratory Clinic suggests indicating when testing should occur.

* Fever * Dry cough * Sore Throat

* Shortness of breath

Covid safety requirements - checking in using the QR code.

If you must 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.

Dear parents

How are you all? These are tough times and as we have been stating all week in our communications. we're with you in spirit and ask you to call or email if you need to connect, talk or ask questions.

Communication

The best way to keep up with the messages and changes is to make sure you read all of the emails being sent home via Compass. These are also loaded onto the St Joseph's school website in the <u>Covid Online Info Hub</u>. You can check back anytime in the hub for information.

Also take a look on FB for videos and tips. We will be communicating regularly on FB.

All teachers will communicate every day with students either by a zoom or an instructional video to help direct students with their learning from home. The teachers will inform you of this.

Students can ask questions of their teacher via Google classroom (years 3-6) or See saw (K-2). Teachers are also available to take enquiries from parents via email from 8.30-3pm daily.

School Attendance

I refer to a paragraph from the email sent yesterday:

I understand that some parents need their child/ren to come to school, as they simply have no other option – we respect and support that. I also sympathise with the notion that children need some socialisation, however this is not a forever situation and we do need to get through this uncomfortable period in order to lift the lockdown. The NSW government has made it very clear school is open for supervision of those children whose families cannot do home learning – that means it is not for a place of socialisation. I am also trying to protect the health of the staff at school by minimising contact as much as possible. For those who have been able to tackle home learning, we know you're doing your best. And even if that 'best' looks and feels a bit lumpy and imperfect at times, that's OK. Some days will be easy. Some will be exhausting. This will all eventually pass if we can do the hard yards now.

As the lockdown and home based learning is continuing for the next 2 weeks I would like to give our teaching staff the option to work from home on some days to reduce their person to person contact and to supervise their own families learning from home. To do this I need to know how many students will be at school each day. Students who attend will be supervised by a teacher at school to complete online learning in larger groups, not always in their own classroom.

To this end, I ask families who are sending their child/ren to complete this google doc as accurately as possible.







Events and cancellations

Of course, the lockdown has impacted heavily on our planned events for Term 3. At this stage we are either cancelling, trying to postpone or celebrating in a different way depending on the event. I list some events below:

Athletics carnival

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the scheduled date for the Athletics carnival (Friday 23rd July). I am waiting for our CSBB head of sport to inform us of the decision from CSNSW about either postponing or cancelling the representative carnivals for 2021. This will impact on our decision about setting a new date for a carnival. I will keep you informed on this.

Grandparents Day Liturgy and Morning tea

Unfortunately this event is also cancelled in the format we had planned. Kath Fogwell is working on recording a liturgy and some extra video to share with the students in class and with all our grandparents all over the world when the students return to school full time.

Parent engagement Open classrooms- Enquiry Learning

This was scheduled for Tuesday 10th August. We are cancelling because even if the students are back at school we envisage that schools will be on Level 3 restrictions meaning no visitors to school or parent events on site.

Canteen

Obviously there is no canteen during lockdown. At this stage when students return to school, we envisage that it will be closed due to the level 3 restrictions of no parents/visitors onsite at school. We shall keep you informed of this.

Adjusted Term 3 dates for your diary

- Friday 23 July School Athletics Carnival @ Narrabeen Academy of Sport
- Monday 26 July Grandparents Liturgy and morning tea
- NEW DATE TBC Years 1&2 excursion to historic schoolhouse
- NEW DATE 4 August Years 3&4 excursion to Botanic Gardens; Stage 3 band members to Mater
- Tuesday 10 August Parent Engagement Open Classrooms for enquiry Learning, 2.15-2.55pm
- TBC Thursday 12 August Northern Beaches Cluster Athletics Carnival
- Monday 16 August P&F General meeting @ 7pm via zoom
- Saturday 21 August Lakes Parish Confirmation ceremonies. (11am, 1pm, 3pm)
- TBC Friday 3 Sept P&F Father's Day breakfast
- Tuesday 14 September Stage 2 Gala Day
- Thursday 16 September Stage 3 Gala Day

Other important dates for your forward planning in Term 4 2021

- Thursday 28 Friday 29 October Year 5&6 overnight camp to Canberra
- Thursday 18 November School Musical @ Sacred Heart Mona Vale hall

Warm regards

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Religious Education News

Churches are currently closed in Broken Bay Visit The Lakes Parish Catholic Website to see Father Robert's latest updates. <u>https://www.lakesparish.org.au/</u>

If you subscribe to the Lakes Parish YouTube Channel you should receive a notification of when Masses are available: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKYfhl5GrCWIfhWtPFxCgw/featured?view as=subscriber

Plastic Free July

This month is Plastic Free July, an international month in which people from across the globe are encouraged to move away from plastic use, and especially away from single use plastics which are causing immense damage to our ecosystems, including our oceans.

Pope Francis has called for people to work together to stop the world's oceans filling up with plastic waste. "We cannot allow our seas and oceans to be littered by endless fields of floating plastic," the Pope said, "we need to pray as if everything depended on God's providence, and to work as if everything depended on us." SBS News

Kath Fogwell - Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click here

ICAS ASSESSMENTS

ICAS Assessments – Optional Competition

This year we will once again give students from Years 2 to 6 the option of participating in the ICAS Assessments. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in various subjects. These assessments are a competition level of assessment, available to students of high ability in Years 2-6.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expertdeveloped questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision. The assessments can be challenging, going beyond the expected year level, unlike NAPLAN assessments.

We will be emailing all families in Year 2 to 6 to give you the option of the ICAS English and Mathematics assessments for your child. You will need to sign up your child and pay for the assessment on the online links that will be provided for you. This will need to be done by 25 July 2021.



Brenda Paul - Assistant Principal





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 <u>Volunteer Declaration Form</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

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 - <u>Request for Leave</u> 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	Qkr & canteen orders	Second Hand Uniform Shop
The Fee Liaison Unit (FLU) at the Catholic Schools Office looks after all enquiries regarding overdue school fees and financial hardship. 2021 School Fees Schedule The contact for St Joseph's Narrabeen at FLU is: Name: Brendan Smith Tel: 9847 0738 Email: <u>schoolfees@dbb.org.au</u>	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 <u>here</u> .	Couvan 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 <u>here</u> . Second Hand Uniforms We have limited stock in the second hand uniform shop. BEFORE placing orders on Qkr please contact Naomi Ljubic who will let you know if size/stock is available. Naomi can be contacted on 0421 667 989. As the second hand shop is run by a parent volunteer, please allow up to one week for delivery.
School Band	OOSH Northern Beaches	No Nuts
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	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 <u>manager@ooshnb.com.au</u> . Before school care is from 7am-9am, and after school care finishes at 6pm. Website: <u>www.ooshnb.com.au</u> Head Office: 9984 8089 St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693	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).