

DATES TO REMEMBER

****SEE TERM PLANNER FOR FURTHER DATES****

Friday 1st Feb

Canteen opens tomorrow

Thursday 7th Feb

Swimming
Carnival
Mayfield

Friday 8th Feb

Welcome BBQ

Wed. 13th Feb.

Beginning of the
School Year
Mass 9:30am -
Church

Friday 22nd Feb

Gymnastics
Program begins
Yrs K-2

Friday 1st March

Intensive Swim
Program Yrs 3-6

ALL UNIFORM ENQUIRIES:

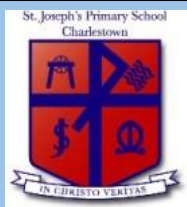


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St Joey's News

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31st January 2019

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

To our existing students, families and staff welcome back to St. Joseph's for 2019!

A very warm welcome to our new students, families and staff who join us this year. As our new vision states, we hope and pray that you will find St. Joseph's to be a place of quality learning, a place of genuine love for one another and a place where we serve each other and our wider community.



We particularly welcome all of our Kinder students who started today! What a delightful group of students! We can't wait to get to know you and to watch you grow and learn over the years ahead.

We welcome our new families:

Gillies, Crane, Gillott, Foxcroft, Gibbs, Cuskelly, Eder, Kealy, Manning, Phillips, Soli, Boulton, Collins, Hill, Watson, Cashman, Gruschka, MacNeil, Vincent, Francis, Moyle, O'Brien, Robinson, Sidhu, Smith and Wetzler

We also welcome our new staff:

Mrs Jessica Bourke (AP Executive Release Teacher) and Ms. Megan Jones (replacing Mrs Drake Temporarily) - 2 Red
Mrs Clare Paff - 3 Red
Mr Andrew Foxcroft - 4 Red
Ms. Julie Hunter - 4 Blue (Executive Release Teacher for Mrs Foxon)
Mr. Mark Faith - 5/6 Red
Mrs. James – Specialist Music Teacher
Mrs Amber Christie – Learning Support Teacher
Mrs Sue Mirceski – Office Administration Support

I know you will make our new students, staff and families feel welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kyla and Mick Flanagan on the safe arrival of their son, Abel. We wish them love and joy as they become a new family.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Healy family on the death of Jodie's father and Kalea and Larni's grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Also deepest sympathy to the Kirkaldy family.



SAVE THE DATE now for our **WELCOME BBQ** on **Friday 8th February**, hosted by our wonderful Parents & Friends Committee. More information will follow. Keep an eye on the **Skoolbag App** for further details.

2019 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival is next Thursday 7th February at the Mayfield Aquatic Centre and the Regional carnival on the 18th February at the New Lambton Pool.



Please return the permission notes and make payment of \$8 via QKR before the day of the carnival. Parent helpers are needed, please contact lisa.ridgewell@mn.catholic.edu.au if you can assist. Thank you!

The new year brings renewed energy and new hopes and dreams for us all. It also brings some unexpected changes with Mrs Edstein being seconded as caretaker Principal at Holy Cross Glendale. Please see all previous correspondence via the **skoolbag app** and hard copy notes sent home with the students.

I look forward to the weeks ahead as your acting Principal and thank you for your support during this time of change.

Other changes:

- In response to the parent survey sent last term, we will be condensing our fortnightly newsletter. We will concentrate on important dates and events and include some faith, wellbeing and community items.
- Our newsletter this year will be sent to parents via the **skoolbag app** and via email in odd weeks instead of even weeks. For example weeks 1,3,5,7,9,11 of the term.
- Whole school assemblies will be held each week on Fridays this term 8:55am – 9:20am Parents are welcome to attend.

Each class will have preferred methods of home-school communication. Please check for class notes and start of the year information with your children. We do value and appreciate the partnership we have with our parents and as the saying goes *'it takes a village to raise a child'*. Please keep the lines of communication open and make contact with us if you have any concerns. It is our privilege to work together with you to raise our students to reach their full potential.

A hard copy of our **Parent Term Planner** was sent home yesterday with the eldest child from each family. It is also available on the **skoolbag app**. Please refer to this for important dates and events. It is subject to change as the term progresses so please keep an eye on the **skoolbag app**.

May God bless us all each day and as the year progresses.

Kate Drake

Acting Principal



[News from the Acting Assistant Principal](#)

Beginning of Year Reminders

Welcome back everyone! It is great to see new and familiar faces and reconnect with our wonderful St Joseph's community after the summer break.

Medical Information

For both new and existing families please ensure that you have given updated asthma and medical action plans to Carolyn in the office. If medication is required please ensure it is in the original packaging with written instructions and clearly labelled with the name of the student and the name of the medication.



Working with Children Check

At St Joseph's we welcome our parents, carers and grandparents to help support our students in variety of ways. Our volunteers are invaluable to many aspects of school life and throughout the year this can encompass various roles from canteen helpers, listening to reading and assisting with excursions and sporting activities. To be a volunteer in our school you **MUST** complete the Working with children check process outlined below. It is free and valid for 5 years. We would encourage all our parents to complete this process if they have not already done so.

Steps 1- 3



The first step is to do your Working With Children Check application online by going to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check

Once your application form has been completed online, you will be given an application (APP) number.

The second step is to take your application number along with proof of identity to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS Agency, or Service NSW service centre. Find a location at www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre.

Finally, you will receive an email with a WWCC number.

Step 4

Bring you WWCC number into our office to Carolyn with 100 points of identification.

'100 Point Check' Validation Check List (MUST INCLUDE 1 PHOTO ID)		Points Scored
1. Primary Documents (Only one form of identification accepted from this category)	Available Points per Item	70
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birth Certificate• International Travel Document• Citizenship Certificate<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ A Current Passport➢ Expired Passport which has not been cancelled and was current within the preceding 2 years		
2. Secondary Documents	Available Points per Item	40
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Driver's Licence/Permit• Public Service ID Card• Tertiary Student ID Card• Social Security Benefits Card• Trade Certificates/ Licence		
3. Tertiary Documents	Available Points per Item	35
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference from current employer, or previous employer within the last 2 years• A Rating Authority (e.g. Land/Water/Service Rates)		
4. Supplementary Documents	Available Points per Item	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advice from Telecommunications, Provide (e.g. Account/Listing)• Credit Card /Medicare Card/Health Care Provider Card)• Records of a Primary/Secondary/Tertiary educational institution attended within the last 10 years• Records of professional or trade association membership		
5. Total Points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Points must equal or exceed a total of 100 points		
6. OR Recent Arrival in Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A current Passport• Immediately before the person most recently arrived in Australia, the person was not ordinarily resident in Australia and, the signatory has been in Australia for less than 6 weeks		

You must complete all **4 steps** to ensure you are able to work as a volunteer in our school.

Further information can be obtained from our office.

We look forward to seeing our parents, carers and grandparents around the school.

Karen Nolan

Acting Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to 2019, I am looking forward to the wonderful year ahead and working together to support your children in their faith development.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

Notes were sent home from our Mackillop Parish this week regarding preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

IMPORTANT DATE:

Beginning of the Year Mass:

On **Wednesday 13th February at 9:30 am** we will be holding our Beginning of the Year Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church Charlestown. Please join us as we gather together to pray for the year ahead, welcome our new students, and commission our 2019 school leaders.

MEALS COMMITTEE:

Thank you to all our gracious volunteers on the meals committee, who are always willing to share their generosity with others in our community. If you would like to be added to the roster, please email

angela.foxon@mn.catholic.edu.au

Angela Foxon

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



SCHOOL BAND

School band will resume for 2019 on February 14th, 8:30am in the Multipurpose room. It is not too late to join. Please phone Alan Ward on 4023 7674 for more details.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back! Our lessons for all classes commence next week. The Hub timetable will officially start in Week 3, as there are changes to Stages 1 & 3 in Week 2 due to the swimming carnival. We will send out Skoolbag notices next week (Week 2) to let those classes know. Please assist/remind your child/ren bring their bags and books EVERY WEEK. We look forward to seeing everyone in their new classes.

Mrs Tranter & Mrs Hoffmann

HUB DAYS

Years 3 & 4 TUESDAY

Years 1, 1/2, 2 & 5/6 White WEDNESDAY

Years 5/6 Blue, 5/6 Red and Kindy THURSDAY



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays so far this year:

Sibylla Daniher	Mia Fenton
Marcus Houston	William Davis
Kai Roach	Georgie Matthews
Ivy Mitchell	Lukas Duynhoven
Frankie Gruschka	Gibson McGrath
Isaac Abbott	Keanu Crook
Sofia Gillott	Kobe Williams
Evelyn Manning	Charlotte Ahern
Noah Gibbs	Alexandra Burns



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Best wishes to you all and enjoy your special day!

Recycle Monster Update

Just like the students, Recycle Monster is back for another year.



For the newcomers to the school, it is our "Return and Earn" fundraiser. At school, instead of throwing plastic drink bottles, flavoured milk and juice poppers in the garbage, we have a designated recycle bin to collect them in. Each container is worth 10c, and last year we raised \$150-20 out of our rubbish! Funds went to the Mini Vinnies chosen charities throughout the year, and also the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.



At St Joseph's we are doing our little bit towards caring for the environment and winning the War on Waste. Did you know that NSW has returned almost 1.3 billion containers since the program started on 1/12/2017.

You can find Recycle Monster on the tar area near the assembly stage, hungry for your recyclables!

Recycle Monster

I only like to eat these things



All drinks from canteen, plastic bottles, juice poppers, milk (moo boxes) that we recycle, means money for our school.



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