

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Thursday 28th Feb.

DIO Swimming
Carnival

Friday 1st March

Intensive Swim
Program Yrs 3-6
Begins

Lakes Region Winter
Sports Trials

**Week 6 –Catholic
Schools Week**

Tuesday 5th March

Year 7 2020 Parent
Information Night St.
Mary's Gateshead
7pm

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday
Mass at 9:30am
Open Classrooms
10:45-11:30am

Thursday 7th March

Open Sessions for
2020 Yr 7 St. Mary's
Gateshead 10am-
11:30am or 5pm -
6pm

Monday 10th March

P & F Meeting & AGM
6:30pm
All welcome

Thursday 14th March

Harmony Day & Say
No to Bullying Day!

**ALL UNIFORM
ENQUIRIES:**

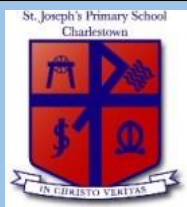


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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM
8:45AM – 9:15AM**



St Joey's News

'Truth in Christ'

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28th February 2019



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The term is moving along smoothly with children settled into school and class routines. It has been lovely to visit classrooms at different times of the day and witness the wonderful learning that is taking place across the school.

We were so pleased to see many of our parents and grandparents visit our Open Night last week. We trialled a new format and have received mostly positive feedback via parent comment and through our parent survey. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for the work in preparing specific class information and for giving up their evening to meet those who could make it.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated across NSW & the ACT next week. The theme this year is *'Learn, Serve, Belong'*, which shares the same message as our SJC vision statement *'Through truth in Christ we learn, love and serve our community'*. Catholic Schools Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate the inclusive, collaborative and faith-based education that is provided by Catholic education.

As you may know I have 5 children who have been and are still being educated in Catholic schools. My youngest and last at school has started Yr 11 and so we are nearing the end of this journey. On reflection, it is a journey that I am very grateful for because in partnership with their Catholic school communities and many dedicated teachers over the years, we have raised some pretty good humans.

It takes a big commitment to send your children to a Catholic school, both financial and personal. I believe Catholic schools strive to provide quality faith-based education in partnership with parents and the parish community. It is a partnership of trust, faith and learning. Not every day is easy and not every day is challenge free, but when we work together to help our students learn, love and grow we can help them be confident, justice minded, faith filled people who contribute positively to their homes, communities and society in general.

Please join us on Wednesday for our Mass and or our open classrooms. See below for further details.

Thank you to all those who are returning promptly all permission notes and other required documents to school. We realise it is a bombardment of notes at the start of the year and we appreciate your support in assisting us with these requirements.

School Fee statements were sent home last week. Please review your statements and please make contact with me if you need to discuss these. We have a number of payment options and would highly recommend paying a regular fixed amount each fortnight via BPay or Direct Debit so that the fees are manageable. If you are having financial difficulty, there are also payment options to consider. Please make contact so we can assist.

Absent Notes

All absent notes are to be sent to school **before 9am** on the day your child is sick. Please advise the nature of the illness, not just "sick". We can then see if there is an illness going through your child's classroom that parents need to be aware of. Thank you.

Signing Students out early

If you are picking your child up before the end of the day at 3pm, please present at the office requesting your child and our office staff will sign them out and phone their classroom. To avoid disruptions to the classroom as much as possible please wait at the office for your child to meet you.

Year 7, 2020 – Enrolment Process St. Mary's Gateshead

Letters were sent home this week to all Year 6 students regarding the enrolment process for St. Mary's Gateshead, Year 7 2020. Please read this information and mark the important dates on your calendar. The first parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday 5th March 7pm in the Roger Kennedy Hall. "Open Day" Sessions will be, Thursday 7th March 10:00-11:30am and 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Completed "Enrolment Applications" due to St. Mary's by the 12th April 2019. For further information and any further correspondence please contact St. Mary's office directly.

St. Dominic's Centre Open Day – A Catholic school for students with learning disabilities. See below for an invitation letter to their "Open Day".

Facebook Live Event for Catholic school parents.



ASPIRE 2019

Congratulations to Jasmine C. (5/6W) who has been invited to participate in the **Young Scriptwriters** program which will be led by ASPIRE's Artistic Director Anna Kerrigan. Throughout the program Jasmine will work with guest speakers to discuss their approach to writing together with the Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP) who commission new work for young people and champion the growth of young scriptwriters. What a great opportunity! Well done, Jasmine!

WIZARD OF OZ Arena Spectacular



Congratulations to Chloe G. (Yr 5/6 W) who has been accepted to perform in the upcoming **Wizard of Oz** production to be performed at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre in April. We wish Chloe all the best for her rehearsals. Some of you may wish to take your children to see this wonderful production in the school holidays. For further details check out:

www.wizardofozarena.com



Congratulations to the Tauveli Family – Mefi in Year 1 Red welcomes a new baby brother, Joseph.

We wish all the family much love and happiness with their addition to their family.



Mobile Phones

Students who bring mobile phones to school are to give them to Mrs Trimble in the office at the start of each day and collect them at the end of the day. Students are not permitted to use a mobile phone while at school, even to call their parent. All communication is to occur via the school office.

School ZONES

Please be aware of the rules for our school zones. Lake Macquarie Council Rangers regularly patrol our area and issue infringements for people not abiding by the traffic rules. Please be mindful of our neighbours and not block driveways or park on their nature strips. Please see reminder below of road signage.

Stage 3 Camp 2019

Stage 3 will be attending a 3-day camp this year to the *Bathurst Goldfields* Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th August. A note was sent home last week to inform parents that they can start making payment instalments via the QKR App so as to lessen the impact of the costs involved.

Lost property – from the swimming carnival – 2 pairs of sport shorts, 1 black and grey sun shirt, 1 towel, 1 pair of goggles, 1 bag of dive toys. Please come to the office if they are yours.

We also have a large array of unmarked plastic containers and drink bottles already filling our lost property baskets in the foyer. Please encourage your child to have a look for lost items and please have names clearly marked on all belongings.

God Bless,
Kate Drake
Acting Principal

News from the Acting Assistant Principal

Launch of our Compass Parent Portal

Last year our school implemented a new student information system called Compass. As part of the roll out of this system, we are now launching the Compass Parent Portal.

What is Compass?

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress

What will Compass mean for our parents?

Each parent will have a Compass account with secure access. It will allow you to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Update your family contact information
- Receive communication from the school and class teachers
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Download and view your child's semester reports






Some of the features of Compass will replace Skoolbag applications, but there will be more information in the letter next week.

What do I need to do?

Nothing until you get your letter with your log in details next week. Setting up your Compass Parent Portal involves a few simple steps, which will be outlined in the letter.

Thank you for your patience with this new system. We know you are going to find it very useful.

Parking Reminders

 <p>Photo 1</p>	 <p>Photo 2</p>	 <p>Photo 3</p>
<p>This is the sign outside our school. Cars must wait/queue behind the white sign if they cannot drive immediately into the Kiss and Ride space (see photo 3). Please note times.</p>	<p>No cars should be waiting (parked) beyond the white section of this sign. No cars can overtake another car waiting. Cars must wait behind the white section of the sign.</p>	<p>There is only room for ONE vehicle in our Kiss and Ride space. Please do not queue behind cars. Wait behind the white sign (see photo 2) until it is safe to drive into the Kiss and Ride space. There is no parking in this area and you cannot be more than 3 metres from the vehicle and for no more than 2 minutes.</p>

Life Education

This week our students travelled to the Life Education centre at Edgeworth. They participated in various age appropriate lessons on making healthy and safe choices and this forms part of their learning in *Personal Development, Health and Physical Education*.

It is always special for our younger students to see Healthy Harold, and for our Kinders the bus ride was a highlight!

Thank you parents for supporting our participation in this program.



SJC- STRIVE HIGH, LIVE LIKE JESUS, CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Every place and every time we remember to use our magic words at St Joseph's



At St Joseph's we incorporate a Social and Emotional Learning program called **Bounce Back** into our curriculum. It aims to promote positive mental health, wellbeing and resilience for both students and teachers, and build safe and supportive class and school learning environments.

It provides practical strategies to help them cope with the complexity of their everyday lives and learn how to 'bounce back' when they experience sadness, difficulties, frustrations and challenging times.

More information about the program can be found [here](#)

In Term 1 we are focussing on our Emotions.



PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) AT ST JOSEPH'S

We have been reminding all our students this week of the need to use kind words and actions and play fairly, especially on the playground. Some recent incidents remind us all that we need to keep encouraging our children to follow these rules. We want all our children to have a fun and safe playtime but they need to do so in a respectful way. If you could also encourage your children to think about how their actions and words impact on others we can help develop the self-regulation and empathy so important to both social and academic growth. Using phrases like "It's only a game", "The playground belongs to everyone" and "If you can't say something, kind or helpful then don't say anything at all" might be ways to help our children think about their actions.

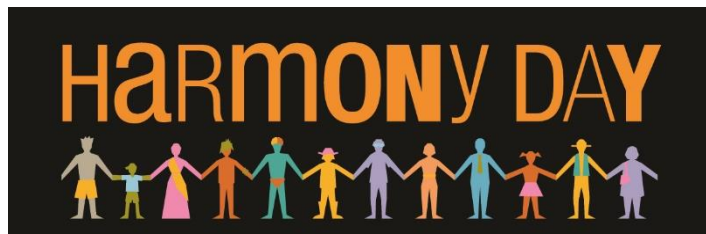
On a more positive note, students are also working hard in class and on the playground to demonstrate SJC values and earning Joeys along the way. Each class has decided on mini rewards as each set of 10 Joeys are earned. Students will also be acknowledged at our assembly when SJC milestones are reached.

Keep up the good work children!



<p>Do your best</p> 	<p>Be honest</p> 	<p>Care for all belongings</p> 
<p>Learn and let others learn</p> 	<p>Include others</p> 	<p>Keep our school clean</p> 
<p>Make good choices</p> 	<p>Play fairly</p> 	<p>Care for our surroundings</p> 
<p>Care for your appearance</p> 	<p>Use kind words and actions (hands off)</p> 	<p>SJC is the way to be!</p> 

ADVANCE NOTICE: HARMONY DAY and NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING- THURSDAY 14th MARCH



Please see the note sent home early this week about how we are going to recognise both Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying.



As part of this event, we are encouraging our students to **wear their traditional cultural dress** or the **traditional cultural dress of another culture**. Children who do not have a cultural dress or want another option can wear **ORANGE**. Parents and grandparents, we would love to have some of you come and speak to the children (not a big group we promise!) about your cultural background (e.g. the meaning behind the cultural dress, foods, greetings or sayings in other languages). If you think this would be something you would like to do, please email me at

karen.nolan@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Karen Nolan

Acting Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

ASH WEDNESDAY AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

This week an invitation will be sent out for Catholic Schools Weeks and Ash Wednesday. See details below:

*Ash Wednesday
and Catholic Schools Week Invitation*



You are invited to join years 3-6 for **Ash Wednesday Mass** on **Wednesday 6th March** at **9:30 am** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Charlestown.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent; 40 days of reflection dedicated to reflection, prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter.

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week we will have **open classrooms** after mass from **10:45-11:30**.

So that all parents can attend there will be no canteen.

All welcome!



This year's theme, '*Learn, Serve, Belong*' acknowledges the vision for Catholic schools in the diocese – 'At the heart of everything there is always Jesus Christ. '*Learn, Serve, Belong*' celebrates the connection to the community, the diversity of learning and the supportive and inclusive environment that students experience as part of their Catholic education.

Mrs Drake and our Year 6 Councillors will represent our school at the Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral next Tuesday.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives this year.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, Project Compassion are sharing stories from people in Africa, Asia, Indigenous Australia and the Pacific. Their stories humble and inspire us, and show how your contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

IMPORTANT DATES:

St Joseph's Day: On Tuesday 19th March we will celebrate St Joseph's Day with a liturgy under the COLA followed by a picnic lunch. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

THANKS

Thank you to those families who have volunteered to be a part of our Meals Committee. If you would like to join this group please send an email with your contact details to angela.foxon@mn.catholic.edu.au

Angela Foxon

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



Sport News

2019 SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following children who were announced as this year's SJC swimming champions:



Jnr Boy – Levi G.

Jnr Girl – Macy E.

11yr Boy – Billy F.

11yr Girl – Emily D. & Ella S.

Snr Boy – Harry E.

Snr Girl – Larni H.

Winning House Colour - IRWIN



2019 REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Lakes Regional Carnival held at Lambton pool on Monday 18th Feb. was a great event. We had a squad of 43 swimmers competing across all events. The children were very well behaved and showed great sportspersonship, cheering for each other throughout the day. From that squad we congratulate the following swimmers who advanced to the Diocesan carnival to represent our Region. This was held today at Lambton Pool. We can't wait to hear the results!

Nyah C., Emily S., Ella S., Chelsea R., Larni H., Joan F. & Emily D.

Billy F., Noah G., Levi G., James B. & Harry E.

Winter Sport Trials

Congratulations to the following students who will attend the Regional Winter Sports Trials:

Soccer – Lachlan J., Peter V., Cayden L. & Lily Bridger-Darling

Netball – Emma S., Ella S. & Chelsea F.

Rugby League – Mason C., Tobias E. & Toby M.

AFL – William D.

Touch Footy – Phoebe D., Oliver P., Tobias E. & Toby M.

We wish you all the best as you represent our school!

If students are away during the school year either, due to illness or family holidays or events they will unfortunately miss out on planned school events. We cannot be changing events for individual students as we are held to timelines and also rely on availability of outside selectors to assist with these programs.



SCHOOL BAND

School band has resumed today for 2019. It is not too late to join. Please phone Alan Ward on 4023 7674 for more details.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who have, or will, celebrate their birthdays:

<i>Mark-Gabriel C</i>	<i>Jasmine C</i>
<i>Molly W</i>	<i>Claire R</i>
<i>Leo M</i>	<i>Ella S</i>
<i>Lachlan C</i>	<i>Oliver E</i>
<i>Maddison G</i>	<i>Mason C</i>
<i>Jack F</i>	<i>Taj A</i>



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Want to find out more about St Dominic's Centre?

You are warmly invited to attend our Open Day on March 6th

We will welcome you in the flexible learning space where a short information session about the history of St Dominic's and the enrolment criteria will be discussed. Following this classrooms will come to life where parents can wander through each classroom to see what a daily lesson looks like. Meanwhile, secondary students will be showcasing their culinary skills in the TAS room, while primary students will be completing a sensory circuit in the movement room facilitated by our occupational therapist.

We are now able to offer positions for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students meeting the criteria of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

St Dominic's Centre is a Catholic special school that enrolls students from Kinder to Year 10. Our enrolment criteria is moderate cognitive disability, deaf or hard of hearing and Autism Spectrum Disorder (K-2 in 2020). Our class ratios are up to 7 students with one teacher and one learning support assistant.

We are a systemic Catholic School though we accept students of all denominations who meet our enrolment criteria.

Each student has a Personalised Plan that is student-centred and focuses on goal-setting across various domains. These goals are then embedded into our program and teaching, both in and out of the classroom. We have structured social skills programs for students that teach age-appropriate skills by a team of specialists.

Our team consists of specialist teaching staff, specialist learning support assistants, an occupational therapist, a speech therapist and a psychologist who adopt a multi-disciplinary approach to our student's education.

Our facilities are purpose built and include specialist teaching areas; specialist spaces that support students' emotional regulation; prac room for teaching living skills for beyond school and flexible learning areas. We have both inside and outside learning areas that are fully utilised for different purposes such as growing vegetables for our Vegetable Enterprise and a strong focus on learning through play.

Students enrolled at St Dominic's may be eligible for Assisted Travel, which is a government program that provides free travel by car to and from school within a 45km radius.

For more information please watch the following clip - [St Dominic's Centre - a snapshot](#)

You are warmly invited to attend our Open Day on **March 6th 2019 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm**. We encourage parents and their children to attend to see our setting, speak with the staff and ask any questions you may have. Please phone 4968 1295 if you would like to attend or email admin@mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au.

We look forward to sharing our very unique and vibrant setting with you.

With thanks

Veronica



Veronica McLoughlin

Principal

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