

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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FURTHER DATES\*\***

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**St. Joseph's Feast Day**  
**Liturgy and Picnic Day**  
**10:30am**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Pupil Free Day –**  
**School closed**

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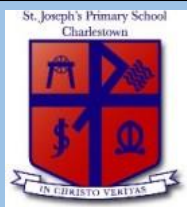


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# St Joey's News

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**14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**



We are well over halfway through the term now and the school has had many wonderful events already. Today our school celebrated Harmony Day and combined our learning activities to also focus on the National Day of Action against Bullying. It was great to see so many children dressed in orange, the colour of harmony and also some in traditional dress of their culture and heritage.

The students worked in peer groups to learn about diversity, tolerance and inclusion as well as identifying bullying behaviours and strategies to use if they feel unsafe or worried about other people's words and actions. Our staff work very hard to ensure all students feel safe and supported and that our school values of striving high, living like Jesus and care for the environment are embedded daily in lessons and interactions with each other.

No school is perfect and no student is perfect and we acknowledge that we are working with young people who are learning their place in the world and how to negotiate relationships and conflicts that are part of growing and developing. Together with our parent partnerships we can encourage kind and resilient children who are empowered to act justly and can stand up for what is right.



We congratulate Mrs Abbie Coner (1 Red) and her husband Matt on the exciting news of their first baby, due in July. We wish them much good health, love and happiness as they await their baby's arrival.

Next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will celebrate our patron Saint's feast day. St. Joseph the earthly father of Jesus and husband to Mary is an important role model to us of love, loyalty and dedication. We look forward to seeing many of you for our liturgy at 10:30am and picnic lunch. We will give thanks to the Sisters of Saint Joseph who founded our school in 1927 and honour their charism of trusting in God, service to the poor, reverence for nature and a heart for community.



Please remember that next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March is a pupil free day. The school will be closed to enable all staff to attend professional development on writing with Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey, both experienced teachers and presenters in literacy improvement. To improve student outcomes in the area of writing is a major school Improvement goal for St. Joseph's. The content of the course will be developed further during the year via staff involvement in online learning modules.

#### **P & F AGM**

Congratulations and sincere thanks to the following people who have taken on the P & F committee roles for 2019:

President: Steve Bernasconi

Vice President: Joshua Hartcher

Treasurer: Anna Janssen

Secretary: Kim Smith

Federation Representative: Susie Doran

Canteen Coordinators: Brooke Sievert & Jenny Whitby

Uniform Shop: Michelle Clout & Jodie Healey

Fundraising Team: Jenny Whitby, Katie Turnbull & Jacque Sneddon



We acknowledge and thank outgoing members: Bridene Doherty (Vice President), Anna Wadwell (secretary) Sara Evans & Lyndell Wright (Fundraising). We appreciate all you have done to assist with the many events and fundraisers throughout your time in these roles.

We have a great team of people working for our school community. Many hours are spent volunteering their time to organise and support the many areas the P & F manage. All profits made by the P & F are given straight back to the school for the benefit of the students and school in general. If you would like to join this valuable team, please make contact or attend the next P & F meeting. They are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month during school terms.

#### **Naplan Online**

This year our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests in the online format. We will participate in practice sessions leading up to the testing weeks in week 3 and week 4 next term. A note was sent home with these students last week to familiarise parents with the new format.

#### **Enrolments now being taken for Kindergarten 2020**

We have started taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. If you have a child starting Kinder next year or if you know someone interested in enrolling their child please collect an enrolment package from the school's office.



Sincere sympathy to Kai R. (1R) and family on the death of his grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.

Jennifer is still needed at Holy Cross Glendale and so I remain acting Principal for the time being. I thank you for your continued support and especially thank Mrs Bourke and Mrs Jones who are filling my face to face teaching position on 2Red.

**God Bless,  
Kate Drake  
Acting Principal**

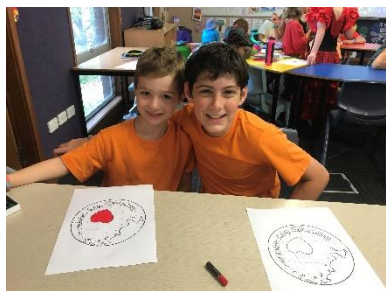


## News from the Acting Assistant Principal

### **Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying**

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful participation in our Harmony and National Day against Bullying Day. It was great to see so many children joining in the spirit of the day with cultural costumes and orange clothes. Many thanks to the teachers who ran peer group sessions focused on the themes of the day, and for the children who contributed to our assembly. The choir sang beautifully, the groups shared thoughtful work and some Year 5 students presented a skit on bullying.

Let's keep celebrating Australia's cultural diversity every day by remembering to be inclusive, respectful and create a sense of belonging for everyone- living like Jesus today and always.



## School Cross Country

Our school cross country race will be held on **Thursday 28th March (students 8 years and older)**. A note has been sent home this week with further information. We need lots of helpers so please send your details if you can assist.

## Uniform

Thank you to everyone who is caring for their appearance by wearing the correct uniform. Please remember that ankle socks are not part of the school uniform for boys or girls. Boys need to wear school socks with the red and blue stripe. If a hat has seen better days it needs to be replaced, and school shoes should be black leather. Thank you for your support.

## Infants Water Fun Activities... Advance Notice!

On Tuesday the **2<sup>nd</sup> of April** the children in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in some fun water activities on the oval. Parents are welcome to come and watch the activities between 12:30 and 1:30.



Children will need to wear some swimmers, rashie etc under their **sports uniform** on this day, as well as bring a towel and some dry underwear to change back into after the activities. They will also need to bring some shoes that can get wet. No thongs please.

More reminders to come!



## 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





## Compass

Have you logged in to your Compass parent portal yet?

**Before the end of the Term we will not be using Skoolbag** for absences but will require our parents to alert us via Compass. Please take the time over the next few weeks to get familiar with the Compass set up. We are sure you will find it helpful and convenient.



## Parking

Please find parking and afternoon pick up information attached. We know it can be busy out there but it is only for a short time and by knowing what to do we keep everyone safe.

Thank you again for your cooperation.



Photo 1

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.



Photo 2

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.



Photo 3

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.

Photo 4

Cars need to also leave a space for buses by not waiting/parking between the 2 Bus Zone signs.



### Other Reminders

A-K surnames line up (as per rules above) for a pick up in the Camrose St. Kiss and Drop.

L-Z surnames line up (as per rules above) for a pick up in the Shelton St. Kiss and Drop.

**Karen Nolan**  
**Acting Assistant Principal**

## Religious Education News

### ASH WEDNESDAY AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thank you to those parents and grandparents that joined the primary classes at Ash Wednesday Mass last week. It was also great to see so many visitors at our Open Classrooms for Catholic Schools Week. There are some lovely photos of the day available at <http://mnnews.today/catholic-schools/2019/38349-gallery-catholic-schools-week-day-4/>

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This week our Year 4 students begin the Sacramental Program in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We keep them in our prayers as they begin this important journey.

### IMPORTANT DATE:

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will celebrate St Joseph's Day with a liturgy under the COLA followed by a picnic lunch.

### St Joseph's Day Invitation

On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** we will celebrate St Joseph's Day with a liturgy at **10:30am** lead by Year 3, followed by a picnic lunch.

Students and guests are able to order a Subway lunch via the QKR app. **Please order Subway lunches by 12pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Unfortunately, due to safety issues, we will not be able to open the bottom oval for parking.

Please come along and join in our school celebration!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We have been invited to participate in the annual Stations of the Cross held at Kilaben Bay. This year the Stations of the Cross will be held on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.**

The Way of the Cross gives us the opportunity to express our faith while

remembering the last moments of Jesus' earthly life. Our Year 6 leaders have been asked

to read and act out one station, and all families are invited to attend. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.



**THANK YOU** to those in our wonderful meals committee who have very kindly donated many meals in the last couple of weeks. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

## Thank You!

Angela Foxon

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



## Sport News

### **2019 POLDING SWIMMING CARNIVAL – 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Congratulations to Levi G. and Billy F. who have advanced to the NSW CPS / Polding Swimming Carnival on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS – 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to attend the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials:

Soccer – Lily B., Peter V.

Netball – Emma S.

Rugby League – Mason C.

AFL – William D.

We wish you all the best as you represent our Lakes region!

**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.**

### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCES**

There has been a change of procedure for WWCC. We do not need to have 100pts of ID- instead we need to sight photo id. Our Child Protection Unit will email back within 5 days to notify the school that the volunteer has a clearance.

**Volunteers or contractors are not able to work within the school until the school receives a clearance.**

Volunteers are to still read the volunteer handbook as well (available from the office).

Thank you to those parents who have provided the WWCC to the school. If you wish to volunteer at the school, you must provide the school with your WWCC and show photo ID. Once the Child Protection Unit has cleared you (generally 5 days) you will be able to volunteer at school. WWCC can be applied for at the [childrensguardian.com.au](http://childrensguardian.com.au).



### SCHOOL BAND

School band has resumed 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>Gus F</i>	<i>Kipp H</i>
<i>Jack B</i>	<i>Alexander B</i>
<i>Flynn L</i>	<i>Ella T</i>
<i>Samuel W</i>	<i>Oscar W</i>
<i>Zoe S</i>	<i>Matthew M</i>
<i>Julian W</i>	<i>Lily M</i>



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Hub lessons and borrowing are rolling along beautifully. Thank you to the parents who are assisting their children in remembering their Hub bags. We ask that children borrow each week so they are exposed to literature in their daily lives.

We will notify you through the Skoolbag app when we have class swaps to cater for school events so you can send the Hub bags on different days as well.

You are very welcome to come to The Hub with your child/ren before or after school and select books with them.



LEARNING HUB

## TIMETABLE

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:30 Learning Hub Open	8:30 Learning Hub Open	8:30 Learning Hub Open
		9:20 to 10:10 50 min Lesson 5/6 Red
10:10 to 11:00 50 min Lesson 3 Red	10:10 to 10:50 50 min Lessons 2 Red	10:10 to 11:00 50 min Lesson 5/6 Blue
11:00 LUNCH	11:00 LUNCH	11:00 LUNCH
11:50 to 12:40 50 min Lesson 4 Red	11:50 50 min Lesson 1 Red	11:50 to 12:40 50 min Lesson K Red
12:40 to 1:30 50 min Lesson 4 Blue	12:40 50 min Lesson 1/2 Blue	12:40 to 1:30 50 min Lesson K Blue
1.30 RECESS Learning Hub Open	1.30 RECESS Learning Hub Open	1.30 RECESS Learning Hub Open
2:00-2:50 50 min Lesson 3 Blue	2:00-2:50 50 min Lesson 5/6 White	

Please support your child's reading development by ensuring they bring their bags on their Hub days.





The Premier's Reading Challenge opened on Monday 4 March, 2019.

Orange bookmarks with User names and Passwords will be sent home next week with all Kinder students and any students who are new to the school this year. For any other students who wish to do the PRC and no longer have a record of their password, they need to contact me and I will retrieve it for them.

Happy reading everyone!



# WANTED

## YOUR EMPTY DRINK CONTAINERS

Plastic bottle, cans, juice & milk boxes.



**PLEASE PLACE IN THE  
RECYCLE MONSTER BIN**

Our Return & Earn "Recycle Monster" had another good fortnight, surpassing the previous best recycling effort this year. (W3 \$9-20 which included the welcome BBQ drinks)

We returned 94 containers this fortnight, great work.

Our efforts this term have earned a total of \$21-40 for the school.

Unfortunately, we lost a whole weeks recycling in the previous fortnight, as a grounds maintenance person used Recycle Monster for our garden waste and grass clippings. Oops.

So for the benefit of everyone, a few new posters have been up around the school to remind everyone of our important attempt to win the war on waste and care for our environment.

Remember the more we return , the more we earn!

Thanks everyone!



# **DRAMA CLASSES**

## **2019**

*talents.*

*"Increase your child's communication skills, self-confidence and creative*

*(Improvisation, Movement and Performance)*

## **LUNCHTIME -WEDNESDAYS**

**PRIMARY :    Years 2 – 6**

Enrolments now being taken.

*Our course helps with auditions for Aspire, public speaking and  
the confidence to present, in front of people.*

*(established at the school for 15 years)*

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