

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

****Newsletter
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—odd weeks Fridays**

**Tuesday 2nd April
Infants Water Fun
Day**

**Wednesday 3rd April
Year 6 visit St. Mary's
Gateshead 12-2:45pm**

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation 7pm**

**Sunday 7th April
Way of the Cross
Kilaben Bay 3pm**

**Monday 8th April
School Photos**

**Tuesday 9th April
Stage 3 Excursion**

**Wednesday 10th April
Stage 2 & 3
Planetarium Incursion**

**Thursday 11th April
Holy Week
Reflections**

**Friday 12th April
Last Day of School**

**ALL UNIFORM
ENQUIRIES:**

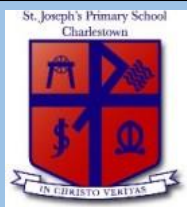


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St Joey's News

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29th March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff attended a very worthwhile professional development day last week to assist with our school improvement plan to improve student outcomes in writing. We are very keen to try out some new strategies in the classroom and have a renewed focus on self-editing and peer editing to improve writing samples. We also continue to embed the *Seven Steps for Writing* program across the school which works on 7 building blocks to encourage confident writers.

As part of our Friday assembly we will showcase some of our students writing samples. This week students from Year1/2 Blue shared some examples of interesting simple sentences using descriptive language. Please see below in our new section 'Writer's Corner' for the wonderful work of these clever students.

We enjoyed our St. Joseph's Feast Day celebrations and were so pleased to welcome all our visitors as well as our Assistant Parish Priest, Father John Kedari. It was lovely to see parents and grandparents enjoying a picnic lunch together. We thank our P & F Canteen Committee for organising the yummy Subway lunch orders.

Yesterday's Cross Country event was a wonderful success with beautiful autumn weather and great participation from our students. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Seysener and our teaching team who organised such a smoothly run event. I was also very proud of all the children and their sportspersonship and the way in which they encouraged each other to have a go and to do their best to complete the course. I also take this opportunity to thank all our parent volunteers and our Learning Support Assistants (who came in early) to assist with the event. We can't do it without you. So thank you!

You may be noticing your children using beautiful manners at home, as we are certainly seeing an improvement across the school with our focus on the 'Magic Words'; please, thank you, may I?, excuse me and sorry. It has been really heart-warming to hear the children trying hard to include these in their interactions with adults and peers. We are now having a focus on greeting each other especially in the mornings. We are encouraging our students to say 'hi' to each other as they arrive at school and put their bags on the racks. We don't expect everyone to be 'best friends' but we do hope that we can be friendly to everyone.

Please see our contribution to the Diocesan celebrations of Catholic School Week on this video:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHpiknMY7t0>

We asked students and staff from around the Diocese what it means to learn, serve and belong. Here's what they had to say... Music -

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Health Care Card/Pension Card

Any families who hold a health care/pension card need to produce it to the office ASAP to claim the full year 50% tuition fee reduction. **Health Care Cards produced later in the year will only allow discounts to apply to that term's fees.**

God Bless,
Kate Drake
Acting Principal

News from the Acting Assistant Principal

School Cross Country

Our school cross country race was held yesterday. We had a wonderful day and were blessed by lovely weather. It was great to see the children all participate and enter into the spirit of the event.

A big thank you to Mrs Seysener and her team for their excellent organisation, and to the parent helpers who supported the event on the day.



Good luck to the children going to the next level!

PBL

Students from all classes are very excited about receiving their Joeys for **STRIVING HIGH, LIVING LIKE JESUS and CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**. Congratulations to the following students who have received their BRONZE award for receiving 30 Joeys:

Copper Rodwell and Isla Hatfield.



As part of our Pastoral Care procedures we survey the children each term about their social relationships, especially their experiences with bullying. Most of our primary children have just completed our **online anti-bullying survey** to give them an opportunity to give their experiences of this issue. We start the survey by defining bullying as ... **an ongoing, repeated misuse of power in relationships. Single incidents and conflict are not defined as bullying.**

Our students have been thoughtful and perceptive in their responses, and as a teaching community we feel it provides them with another avenue to report bullying behaviour they might see or experience. As always, telling teachers and the school executive about bullying incidents is the best way to help us stop this type of behaviour.

Sample questions and responses

Do you feel safe at St Joseph's?

Yes I do feel safe at St Joseph's because I know I can talk to someone If I feel bad

yes because the school does these surveys regularly and they try to keep the school free from bullying

yes but this school should make sure if all friendships are healthy friendships

yes because there are teachers that can help you when something happens

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.

Kiss and Drop and Parking

Thank you for your support of the Kiss and Drop routine, especially in the afternoon. It seems to be working well and the children are learning the right place to wait.

Please also remember that the staff car park should not be used in the morning after 8:00am for OSHC drop-offs.

Infants Water Fun Activities-NEXT WEEK!



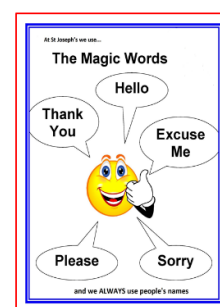
On Tuesday the **2nd of April** the children in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in some fun water activities on the oval. Parents are welcome to come and watch the activities between 12:15 and 1:15



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. We are excited!

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

Every place, every time AND with everybody we remember to use our magic words at St Joseph's





Compass

Have you logged in to your Compass parent portal yet?

Skoolbag will be turned off this Friday for absences. We will require parents to alert us **via Compass** instead and **BEFORE 9AM**. Please become familiar with the Compass set up. We are sure you will find it helpful and convenient.

Karen Nolan

Acting Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

Fundraiser for Project Compassion



In the last week of school, **WEDNESDAY 10th April**, our Mini Vinnies team will be holding a cake stall for Project Compassion.



The theme for our day is **everything wacky** so that means wild hair and crazy clothes. If the students are reluctant to look wacky then mufti is fine. Please bring a gold coin donation and some money to purchase a treat for this great cause.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY: Thank you to all of our families who joined with us last week to celebrate St Joseph's Day. Year 3 did a wonderful job leading the school in prayer. It was lovely to have so many visitors sharing lunch with the students. A big thank you to our P&F Canteen Committee for organising our Subway lunches!

Congratulations to the winners of our annual **St Joseph Art Competition**

Kinder: Isabella Cashman

Year One: Alice Dunkley

Year Two: Imogen Hartcher

Year Three: Lily Merrell

Year Four: Macy Evans

Year Five: Gibson McGrath

Year Six: Ella Smith



Their amazing art works will be on display in the foyer for the next 12 months.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please pray for our Year 4 students who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Wednesday 3rd of April at St Mary's Catholic Church Charlestown.

ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS KILABEN BAY:

A reminder that all students and families are invited to participate in the annual Stations of the Cross held at St Joseph's Kilaben Bay on **Sunday 7th April at 3pm**. Thank you those Year 6 leaders who have volunteered their time to read and act out one station, and all families are invited to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SCHOOL:

This year in the lead up to Holy Week and Easter, students will pray the Stations of The Cross in their stage groups on Thursday 11th April. Parents are invited to join us in the Multipurpose Room for this reflection. Please keep an eye out closer to the date for times.

Angela Foxon Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Sport News



St Joseph's Cross Country - Thursday 28th March 2019

A huge congratulations to all the children who participated in today's cross country event. It's a tough course and you all gave it your best effort, well done!

The children who have made it through to the Diocesan Cross Country level were notified yesterday. Children who received 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive ribbons at next week's school assembly, Friday 5th April.

A massive thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who volunteered to run the cross country event, we really couldn't have done it without you. If any parents have photos from the event please send them to

alanna.seysener@mn.catholic.edu.au

GIRLS RESULTS	BOYS RESULTS
12/13yr Girls 1. Phoebe Doran 2. Chelsea Feeney 3. Emma Salihbasic	12/13yr Boys 1. Peter Van der Weyde 2. Toby Molony 3. Tobias Elkin
11yr Girls 1. Ella Smith 2. Joan Foxcroft 3. Kiara Barr	11yr Boys 1. Cayden Lobach 2. Oliver Evans 3. Billy Foran
10yr Girls 1. Charlee Fahey 2. Hope Kuliesa-Keen 3. Moeana Reynolds	10yr BOYS 1. Sam Van der Weyde 2. Landon Knight 3. Mace Jefferson
8/9yr Girls 1. Sophie Abbott 2. Sophie Feeney 3. Tia Ryman	8/9yr Boys 1. Isaac Abbott 2. Liam Barr 3. Taj Adamson

2019 NSW PSSA STATE SWIMMING – 11th April

Congratulations to Billy F. who has advanced to the NSW PSSA State Swimming on the 11th April. An amazing effort!

2019 POLDING WINTER SPORTS TRIALS – 3rd May

Congratulations to Emma S. who has been selected to attend the Polding Winter Sports Trials in Tamworth on the 3rd May. Such wonderful news!

We are very proud of you both!

PHOTO DAY

All photo envelopes need to be back at school by Thursday 4th April, 2019.



say cheese

School Photo Day is

8 April 2019

Have your child's school memories captured forever

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD'S ENVELOPE IN TO
SCHOOL **BEFORE** PHOTO DAY

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
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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).

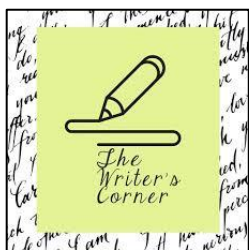
Thank you to those parents who have provided the WWCC to the school. If you wish to volunteer at the school, you must provide the school with your WWCC and show photo ID. Once the Child Protection Unit has cleared you (generally 5 days) you will be able to volunteer at school. WWCC can be applied for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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



Hope K	Lauren S
Charlotte D	Isla H
Kate W	



Ms. Byrnes says:

Students in **1/2 Blue** having been looking at ways to make their writing interesting and engaging. We have been banning the boring and using our senses to describe what the reader might see, hear, smell, feel or taste. Students were given 2 simple sentences to make more engaging.

Simple sentence 1: I walked down the path.

As I wandered down the path I could see a beautiful butterfly with spots on it's wings fluttering by, and the gazing ocean in the distance. By Mia Fenton

As I skipped down the curvy path I saw flowers blooming and animals hunting food under Spring's hot, yellow sun.

By Miliana Dragosavljevic

As I tip-toed down the dark, spooky path I could see scary ghosts flying past me. By Evie Hale

As I skipped down the path, going up the mountain, I could see the sunset shining through the leaves and the river gently splashing on the pebbles. By Imogen Hartcher

Simple sentence 2: I walked along the beach.

As I ran excitedly down the long beach I could see waves banging against the rocks, forcing the crabs down into the water. By Urban Bell

As I slowly ran along the wavy beach I could see people on their surfboards in the water. I could hear the waves crashing on the sand. By Charlotte Ahern

As I ran happily down the hot, sandy beach I could see seagulls flapping their wings and the waves crashing on the shore. I could hear the sound of crab claws clicking together. I hurried down the wet sand and could smell hot chips and salty water. I could feel the hot, shelly sand under my feet and I could taste the salt from the ocean in the air.

By Isla Hatfield



DRAMA CLASSES **2019**

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LUNCHTIME -WEDNESDAYS

PRIMARY: Years 2 – 6

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SCHOOL BAND

School band has resumed for 2019. It is not too late to join.



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YOUR EMPTY DRINK CONTAINERS

Plastic bottle, cans, juice & milk boxes.



**PLEASE PLACE IN THE
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Recycle Monster

This fortnight 69 containers ended up in Recycle Monster. So for the term we have raised \$28-30.

This is money for nothing, as all we need to do is recycle them in the correct bin, and we cash in!

Thanks to all you recycle warriors out there, who are helping win the war on waste!

Keep on recycling!

Fundraising News

Subway Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who supported our Subway Day for the St Joseph's Picnic.

As it was available to students, staff and parents, we had our biggest day so far with 202 orders.

This means we raised \$202, as Subway Marketown not only supply our yummy Subways, but also donate \$1 for every order to our school.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS WILL BE COMING HOME SOON

The Entertainment book is turning 25 this year and they have been working hard to make this the best edition yet.

Order now so you can take advantage of bonus Early Bird Offers

EASTER RAFFLE

Please return all sold raffle tickets and any Easter egg donations by Thursday 11th April. Raffles will be drawn in classrooms on Friday 12th April.

Mother's Day Stall – Friday 10th May

All gifts can be purchased via QKR for \$7.

Return the flyer being sent home on Monday.

KAHIBAH FC – Collecting Donations

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Monday, 22 April	Tuesday, 23 April	Wednesday, 24 April	Thursday, 25 April	Friday, 26 April
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WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019

The Factory Theatre, St Pius X Adamstown / 6pm

TICKETS - \$10

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The song writing competition is an initiative of Catholic Schools Office ASPIRE (Maitland - Newcastle Diocese). The Aspire Song writing Showcase aims to foster and promote the talents of the Diocese's young songwriters.

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