

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**\*\*SEE TERM PLANNER ON COMPASS FOR FURTHER DATES\*\***

**\*\*Newsletter published fortnightly –Fridays on odd weeks**

**School Band  
MPR  
Every Monday  
8:15am**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
Kinders to start**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
K-2 Gymnastics begins  
(QKR payment option will be available next week)  
P & F Meeting 6:30pm  
All welcome!**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
Beginning of the Year  
Mass 9:30am  
All welcome!  
Parent Teacher meetings 3:30-7:20pm**

**Sports Uniform Days for K- 6 will be Monday AND Friday Term 1.**

**ALL UNIFORM ENQUIRIES:**

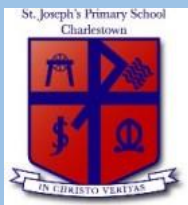


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**chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au**

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



# St Joey's News

## 'Truth in Christ'

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**31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have begun Term 1 2020 with enthusiasm! Our staff have returned from holidays refreshed and re energised for the year ahead. We hope that our students and families have also returned with similar energy. There is always something wonderful about the start of a new year. It's a time of renewal, energy and opportunity to be better than what we were. This year is also the beginning of a new decade! In the education landscape some things stay the same, but many things are rapidly changing and we as teachers are trying to keep up. We want the best for our students! We want to equip them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to cope and continue to develop as they grow, and in our Catholic setting we also want to fill them with faith and hope for a future that they can navigate with resilience, compassion and confidence.

### GEARING UP for 2020



As part of our 2020 School Improvement Plan, in the Domain of **Wellbeing & Partnerships** we will be building on our parent engagement strategies to continue to build a strong school community with positive relationships and home-school partnerships. The research is very clear, that positive home-school partnerships result in improved learning outcomes for our students.

We have started the term with a theme, **"Gearing Up for a Great Year Together"**. The image of the gears represents the links between parents, teachers and students working together to achieve great results. Throughout the first few weeks the teachers are focussing on getting to know their students with games, surveys and individual activities. To help parents get to know their child's teacher, "Meet the Teacher" introduction letters have been sent home. I have included our specialist teacher's profiles in this newsletter for you to meet as they work across the school with all grades. Individual teachers will send theirs home with their class.

These intro letters are an opportunity for you to have a glimpse of the wonderful teachers your child will have this year. You will see they are a group of highly qualified, experienced and caring individuals! Together in their grade and stage teams they are an amazingly dedicated and committed staff!

This term you will have an opportunity to book a time to meet with your child's teacher on **Wednesday the 12th February between 3:30 and 7:20pm**. At this meeting you will have an opportunity to have a conversation with your child's teacher about how they have settled in, as well as provide a forum to share information and construct some goals for 2020.

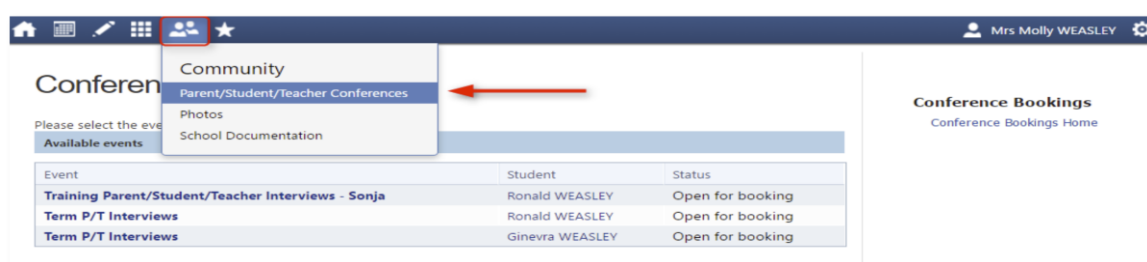
At this stage the conversation will be focused on learning behaviours and work habits. During this meeting you can also arrange another opportunity with the teacher for a more detailed discussion around academic data later.

Bookings for these meeting will be done through Compass. On **Monday morning** you will see that bookings are **"open"** and you can choose a time that suits you (see below) This is the first time we have used this function in Compass so please be patient with us! We hope it will be a fairly easy process.

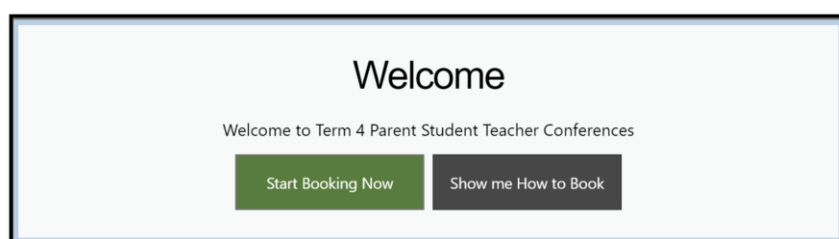
We really encourage everyone to take this opportunity to enhance home school communication. Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions about the meeting.

#### Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Allows you to book any meetings which are available for booking. By selecting "my bookings", you are able to book conferences with your children's teachers.



You can either start booking right away or follow the tutorial which shows you how to book.



This year we welcome 2 new staff members, Ms Heather Wozniak in 3 Red and a new Music specialist teacher, Mrs Karyn Savage. We warmly welcome back Mrs Kathryn Hill from her year in Canada and Mrs Kyla Flanagan and Mrs Papworth both returning from maternity leave. Please see the staff list below for complete staffing.



**We also welcome our new 2020 families to St. Joseph's:**  
**Black, Boswell, Donohue, Duane, Glenn, Grogan, Jones, McCosker, Milne, Rowe.**  
**We hope that you all find us to be a welcoming and hope filled community of faith.**



We will also come together to celebrate the new year with our whole school mass on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. This is our special time to pray together as a community asking God to be with us throughout the year. Please join us if you can.



Our P & F Committee are also on board with "Gearing Up" and are organising a **WELCOME BBQ** for all to attend. This is a lovely opportunity for our community to get together after school hours. Keep Friday evening, 21<sup>st</sup> February free and more details will follow in the next week.

## Parent Term Planner

Our term planner has been sent home digitally on Compass as well as a paper copy for those who like it on the fridge. Please refer to it for events but also keep an eye on Compass for the most up to date information. Please note the canteen closures on the planner.

Huge thanks to our Canteen Committee and our Uniform Shop Committee for all their work setting up and getting ready for 2020. These wonderful people are all working parents who volunteer their spare time to provide these services for our community. If you can assist in any way, please make contact with them.



## CLASSES & STAFFING 2020

Please see below the list of classes and staffing for 2020.

Class	Teachers
KR	Angela Foxon & Cath Schumacher
KB	Karen Nolan & Cath Schumacher
1R	Sue Woodward
1B	Jessica Bourke & Ashlee Macourt
2R	Angela Shaw
2B	Clare Paff & Megan Jones
3R	Heather Wozniak
3/4B	Natalie Davis & Emma McGlynn
4R	Kate Papworth & Kyla Flanagan
5/6R	Mark Faith
5/6B	Kathryn Hill
5/6W	Lisa Ridgewell & Emma McGlynn

**Principal** Term 1 – Kate Drake

**Assistant Principal** Term 1 – Karen Nolan

**Religious Education Coordinator** – Clare Paff

**Primary Coordinator** Term 1 – Angela Foxon

**Administration Officer** – Carolyn Trimble

**Clerical Assistant** – Amale Yi

**Learning Support Teacher** – Amber Christie

**Learning Support Assistants** – Kim McAlister, Cheree Chapman, Lynne Dawson, Teresa Hanrahan, Patricia Hines, Cooper Goodacre

**Teacher Librarian** – Stephanie Tranter

**Library Assistant** – Donna Hoffmann

**Specialist Music Teacher** – Karyn Savage

**Specialist Band Teacher** – Bryn Wilson-Kellaway

**Specialist Drama Teacher** – Shane Skerly

**EAL/D Teacher** – Sue Coull

**School Psychologist** – Gayna Turner

**Maintenance** – Rod Allen

It has been difficult to watch the devastation and impact of the recent fires and ongoing drought across our nation. We continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers the individuals and communities who have suffered such terrible losses this season. Yet we can also be extremely grateful to the amazing RFS and State Fire services that have tirelessly served their communities and nation at this time. The media coverage has been quite confronting at times and can impact on the anxiety levels of our children. Beyond Blue has some excellent resources to support educators and parents at this time. If you are interested the link is included here: [https://beyou.edu.au/bushfires-response?utm\\_source=sfmc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=BY\\_2020\\_BF&utm\\_term=link\\_resource\\_pack](https://beyou.edu.au/bushfires-response?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BY_2020_BF&utm_term=link_resource_pack)

Wishing us all a wonderful 2020, filled with many opportunities to learn, pray and grow together.

God bless,

**Kate Drake**  
**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.

### NUT PRODUCTS



We have a number of students across our school with life threatening nut and food allergies. As a safe and supportive community for all students, we request your support by ensuring that nuts and items containing nut products ***are not brought to school***. Thank you for your understanding.

### MORNING AND AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

At St Joseph's supervision of students begins at 8:25am and is finished at 3:15pm (or after the last bus). If your child will be arriving or waiting for pick up outside of these times, please contact our OOSH service to arrange supervision. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### PARKING REMINDERS

Thank you to everyone for following the parking/pickup guidelines. Please be patient and respectful of each other and our neighbours during these busy times and remember that our children's safety is our priority.



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.

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



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

### Religious Education News

Welcome to the 2020 school year to new and returning families. I hope that the start of the year has been both productive and peaceful. The beginning of the School year Mass is scheduled for Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am at St Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Charlestown. All students will be attending, and new school leaders will be inducted and receive their badges. Family members and friends are welcome to attend this special celebration within our faith community.

Soon I will be seeking volunteers to participate in our caring group meal roster. This would involve offering a meal to families in our school community who may be experiencing some kind of hardship at the time.

This is a beautiful way of helping each other and sharing God's love in a really tangible way. Please email me if you feel you would like to be placed on a roster.



Finally, the sacramental program will be commencing soon and letters will soon go out to all families of year 4 children who have registered. For children who are in year 4 and have not registered, please contact the Mackillop Parish office on 49434153. For those families who have registered the first meeting for parents will occur on Wednesday 26 February 7pm at St Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 11 Milson Street Charlestown.

Many Blessings,

**Clare Paff**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**

### OOSH 2020

The before and after school care at St Joseph's is now provided by St Nicholas OOSH, Diocese of Maitland Newcastle.

Enrolment forms are available at the school office or through the *St Nicholas OOSH email address: [charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au](mailto:charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au)*

### **TRACEY SWEETMAN**

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## SPORTS NEWS

### **Swimming Carnival**

We enjoyed our swimming carnival in the last week of school last year. It was great to have it locally again and be able to have our results ready for 2020 to start the year. At today's assembly the fastest times in each event were awarded their place ribbons. Well done to all those children and to all who participated in the events. Congratulations to our Age Champions:  
Alice D., Billy F., Macy E, Sam V.d.W, Levi G., and Sybella W.



Congratulations to the House Colour Winner – IRWIN



Lakes Regional Swimming Carnival is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. at the Lambton Pool. Notes have been sent home today with our representative swimmers. **Payment of the \$15 will be available on QKR on Monday afternoon.**

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following children will celebrate their birthdays in January.

Sibylla D	Mia F	Keanu C	Kane L
Marcus H	William D	Sofia G	Luke G
Kai R	Georgie M	Kobe W	Sadie I
Frankie M	Ivy M	Harry B	
Lukas D	Frankie G	Evelyn M	
Gibson Mc	Isaac A	Charlotte A	







# LEARNING HUB NEWS

## BORROWING FOR 2020

Borrowing in the Hub will commence in Week 3.

We ask that children bring their hub bags every week on the relevant day below:

Tuesday: 3 Red, 5/6 Red, 1 Red & 3/4 Blue

Wednesday: 5/6 White, 5/6 Blue & 2 Red

Thursday: 4 Red, 2 Blue, 1 Blue & Kinders

## HUB BAGS

Thank you to the families who assist their children in remembering their Hub bags each week.

Last year a large number of children struggled to remember their Hub bags on Hub days. Can you please assist your child in remembering this weekly routine?

Thank you!!

## NEW E-BOOK SUBSCRIPTION!

### Sora

The student reading app



We now have access to the Sora e-book collection! This collection has over 12000 titles, including e-books, audio books and read along books.

The following page provides instructions on how to access and login to this app. A letter will be going home providing further details of Sora features and access.





# MEET THE TEACHER

## MRS TRANTER - TEACHER LIBARIAN



MRS TRANTER

### ABOUT ME

Hello. I'm Stephanie Tranter and live on the Central Coast with my husband, 7 year old girl, 11 year old son and our cat, Lynx. I've been teaching for over 20 years and I still love it!



### EDUCATION

I received a Bachelor of Education (Primary - Honours) degree from The University of Newcastle and a Master of Education (TL) from Charles Sturt University.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I taught as a full time classroom teacher for many years in both Sydney and England. I have also taught teachers while working for Newcastle University. I then took the role of Teacher Librarian at St Joseph's East Maitland for over 10 years and made the wonderful move to Charlestown 2 years ago.

### CHILDHOOD

I grew up with my dad and my older sister. We lived on the Central Coast and Blue Mountains. My parents, uncles and aunts are all teachers - it's in the blood.

### FUN

Hobbies: beach, swimming and reading

Food: pizza & pasta

Colour: yellow

Fower: Iris

Books: Harry Potter for my kids & historical fiction for me

# MEET

## Mrs Christie



### **About Me:**

Hi, my name is Mrs Christie & I am the Learning Support Teacher at SJC. This will be my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching and my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as part of the SJC school community.

I grew up in Tamworth but now live in Newcastle with my husband and our toy cavoodle Ralphie (the most spoilt dog in the WORLD)!



### **My Favorite Things:**

**Hobbies:** Swimming, Yoga & taking Ralphie to the dog beach.

**Flower:** Frangipani

**Fast Food:** Thai

**Colour:** Pink

**Dessert:** Ice Cream

**Other Interests:**

I love sport, especially NRL and Tennis. My favourite team is the Bulldogs!

### **My Education:**

I graduated from the University of Newcastle, originally as a PD/H/PE teacher before finding my passion for Special Education and doing further specialised study in this area.

I have taught at many schools in the areas of Autism, Behaviour & Trauma.

My role at SJC is to assist staff in catering for differing needs within the classroom and to support students with additional needs.

### **Contact Me:**

via email

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I am at SJC Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and every second Thursday.

You can find me in the Lunch Club Room.