

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

School Band
MPR
Every Monday
8:15am

**Every Monday
K-2 Gymnastics
(QKR payments due)**

**5th March Catholic
Schools Week Liturgy
10am, followed by
open classrooms.**

**9th March Harmony
Day Celebrations**

**13th March Stage 1
Excursion - TOCAL**

**20th March St Joseph's
Day Liturgy followed
by cross country and
St Joseph's Day picnic
&**

**National Day of
Action Against
Bullying**

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

**ALL UNIFORM
ENQUIRIES:**



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St Joey's News

'Truth in Christ'

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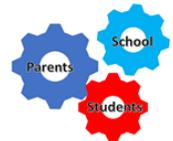


28th February 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Welcome BBQ last Friday night was very well attended. It was lovely to chat to parents in a more social setting and the children certainly enjoyed playing with each other after school hours. Thank you to our P&F committee and parent volunteers for organising the BBQ and for providing the delicious sausage rolls.



Congratulations to our successful representative swimmers who competed at the Diocesan carnival this week. We have six swimmers through to the Polding level. A wonderful achievement! Congratulations also to those children who trialed at the Regional Winter Sports Trials and are through to the Diocesan level for their chosen sport. We are very proud of you all! See the Sports section below for the individual names.

This week marks the beginning of the church season of Lent, celebrated here with liturgies for the infant classes and the primary classes. It was wonderful to see parents and grandparents in attendance. Your presence at our prayerful celebrations shows that your faith is important to you and is an example to your children. The receiving of the ashes reminds us to turn back to God. Lent is a time for us to be better than what we are today.

This week I also attended the Project Compassion Launch with our Yr 6 Counsellors. This was a very meaningful liturgy celebrated by our Bishop, Bill Wright and attended by representatives from all schools in the diocese. Congratulations to Chelsea, in Yr 6 for her wonderful contributions to the ASPIRE choir performance. We were commissioned during the liturgy to take up the Caritas Compassion Project, to pray, listen, act justly, be generous and fast. As a school community we will be focussing on the theme "Go Further Together" to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.





Next week we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. You are invited to join us for our liturgy and open morning next Thursday at 10am. The theme this year is “Drawing from the Well”, a focus on our relationship with Jesus at the heart of all we do. We look forward to celebrating with you and inviting you into our classrooms.

You may have seen our enrolment promotion on our facebook page. This has been really positive with many new enrolment inquiries for Kinder 2021. We are offering school tours and distributing enrolment packs. If you have a child starting **Kinder in 2021** please register your interest with the office and collect an enrolment pack to start the process. Please also share your positive experiences of St. Joseph’s with neighbours and friends. We’d love to see our community grow!

School Fee statements have been sent out to all families. This is a good time to set up regular payment plans through Direct Debit or Bpay to assist with management of this financial commitment. Please see Carolyn in the office to request direct debit forms or set up your own Bpay through your banking service. Thank you for your endeavours with this obligation.

I have included some more staff Introduction letters at the end of the newsletter. This week meet our Kinder and Year 1 teachers. Check out our foyer for all staff introductions. Thank you to those parents who completed the survey regarding the format of Parent Teacher interviews. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive so I’m sure we will offer this format again in the future.

As part of our Continuum of School Improvement cycle (COSI), we are in a review year. Next week you will receive a letter with a link to a community survey. This is an important opportunity for you to contribute to the future development of our school. Please keep an eye on COMPASS next week.

Thank you and God bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

Assistant Principal’s News

Play Opportunities

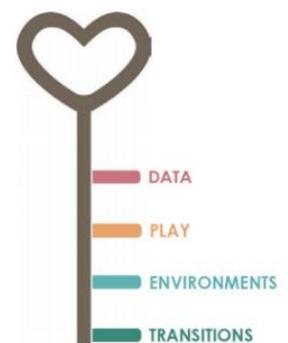
Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for our mud kitchen. The children are loving this space and making a creative mess! We have enough items for now, but we will let you know if we require more in the future.

Our Loose Parts play space continues this year. If anyone has any old milk crates they can donate to this space that would be fantastic.



Our Diocesan Early Learning policy has PLAY as one of its key elements. The importance of play as a pedagogy (that is using it as a teaching strategy) and the importance of self-determined play are emphasised in this policy.

Self-determined play is a right of children and an important part of their learning and experiences at school. Self-determined play is accessible to our children during recess and lunch breaks on the school playground. It provides an opportunity for physical play, imaginative play, construction, and as a gathering space. The use of loose parts and natural objects encourages and enhances play experiences and provides for multiple and varied ways to develop concepts, skills and knowledge.



Here are some images of our children in both self-determined play and play as a pedagogy in the Kinder classrooms.



Compass- Absent Notes

It would help the correct marking of the roll if all absent notes are entered on Compass **before 9am** on the day your child is absent. If we don't receive a notification from parents by 9:30 an automatic SMS is sent to parents advising that their child is absent and unaccounted for. This is part of Diocesan safeguarding procedures to ensure students are safe and where they are supposed to be. If you do receive this SMS please go in and submit an attendance note on Compass so that our rolls for each day are accurate. Thank you for your assistance with this procedure.

Signing Students In

If your child is arriving after 8:55 please accompany them to the office and sign them in using the kiosk. There is no need to also submit an absent note for this partial absence.

Signing Students Out

If you are picking your child up before the end of the day at 3pm, please present at the office and use the kiosk to sign them out. There is no need to also submit an absent note. The office staff will ring through to the classroom and your child will meet you in the foyer.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE - School Cross Country Friday 20th March

Our school cross country race will be held on Friday 20th March (students 8 years and older). A note will be sent home next week with further information. We need lots of helpers so please send your details if you can assist and you have completed all your Volunteer paperwork.

On this Friday we will also have our St Joseph's liturgy, then our Cross Country (starting at approx. 9:30, and after this a St Joseph's day picnic (families are welcome). More information will follow.

Celebrating St Joseph's Day and School Cross Country

SAVE THE DATE

On Friday the 20th March join us at school for the following:

9:00 am St Joseph's Day Liturgy



9:30 (approx.) School Cross Country



11:30 (when cross country is over) bring some food and join your children at school for a picnic lunch on the oval.



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

This week our focus has been "DO YOUR BEST". This means in our learning choices, and in our relationships with others. Using the common language of our PBL Matrix ensures that we are giving the same message to our students about what we expect and know they can do to strive high, live like Jesus and care for the environment. We encourage you to use the PBL matrix below as a way to open up discussions with your child. e.g. How did you do your best today? What is one way you used kind words and actions today? How did you care for you belongings today?

On another 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.

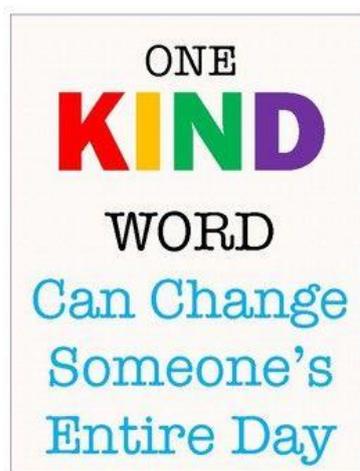
Students will also be acknowledged at our assembly when SJC milestones are reached.

Keep up the good work children!



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

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](#)

This week marks the beginning of Lent, an important time within the church and our school community to take action to live a more authentically Christian life. At St Joseph's we marked the beginning of Lent with two liturgies, where as well as the children receiving the ashes as a sign of this commitment to turn back to God, each class brought forward a class book which depicts each child's Lenten promise in their own way. Thank you to parents and grandparents who shared in these liturgies. Following, please find Bishop William Wright's Lenten Commission for 2020 which was launched as part of Caritas's Project Compassion campaign. It entrusts Christians with the responsibility of considering how we can live more simply, prayerfully and ethically.



Lenten Commission for 2020

The Project Compassion theme for 2020 is *Go Further Together*.

I commission you to take up the Caritas Compassion Project with the love and compassion of the first disciples Jesus sent to proclaim the kingdom of heaven by their words and actions.

This Lent I commission you to ...

- Contemplate: be aware of God's presence with you and God's love for you and the world.
- Pray: it is the responsibility of everyone who is baptised to pray for others.
- Listen: to the Word of God and the stories that Project Compassion offers each week of Lent. What is God saying to us through these stories?
- Act justly: in all your relationships and in your care for our earth.
- Be generous: give as much as you can to the poor via the Project Compassion boxes I will give you, and give of yourself wherever you are.
- And fast: go without – don't consume so much; live more simply; and fast from the things in your life that are unjust.


Most Reverend William Wright
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA
End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity

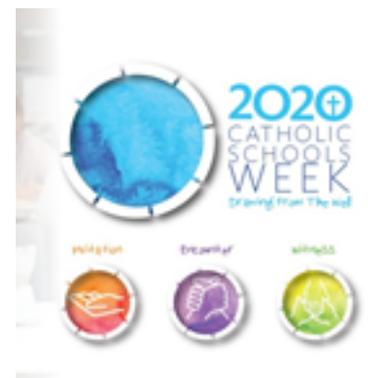
LENT.CARITAS.ORG.AU

Dates to remember

Catholic School's Week liturgy, 10am, 5th March followed by open classrooms.

St Joseph's Day Liturgy- 9am, 20th March followed by cross country and St Joseph's Day picnic

Holy Week Liturgy- Holy Thursday, 9th April (time tba)



Sacramental Program

This week also marks the beginning of year 4 students' sacramental journey. The commitment Mass will occur on Saturday the 7th of March, 6pm at St Mary Immaculate Church Charlestown. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

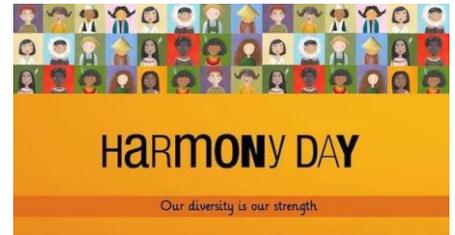
Many Blessings,

Clare Paff
Religious Education Coordinator

Primary Coordinator's News

ADVANCE NOTICE: HARMONY DAY Monday the 9th of March

We had a wonderful celebration for Harmony Day in 2019 and we will be doing the same again this year on Monday the 9th of March. Again, as part of our celebration 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**.

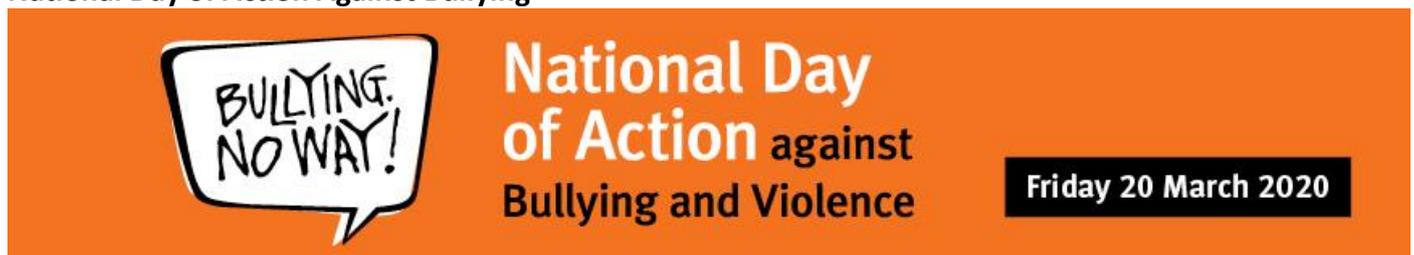


Parents and grandparents, we would love to have some of you come and speak to the children (not a big group we promise!) about your cultural background (e.g. the meaning behind the cultural dress, foods, greetings or sayings in other languages). If you think this would be something you would like to do, please email me at angela.foxon@mn.catholic.edu.au

Students will participate in a range of activities on this day that promote inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. On this day we will also host an in school incursion. Please see note that went out earlier this week for details and pay vis the QKR app.

Angela Foxon
Acting Primary Coordinator

National Day of Action Against Bullying



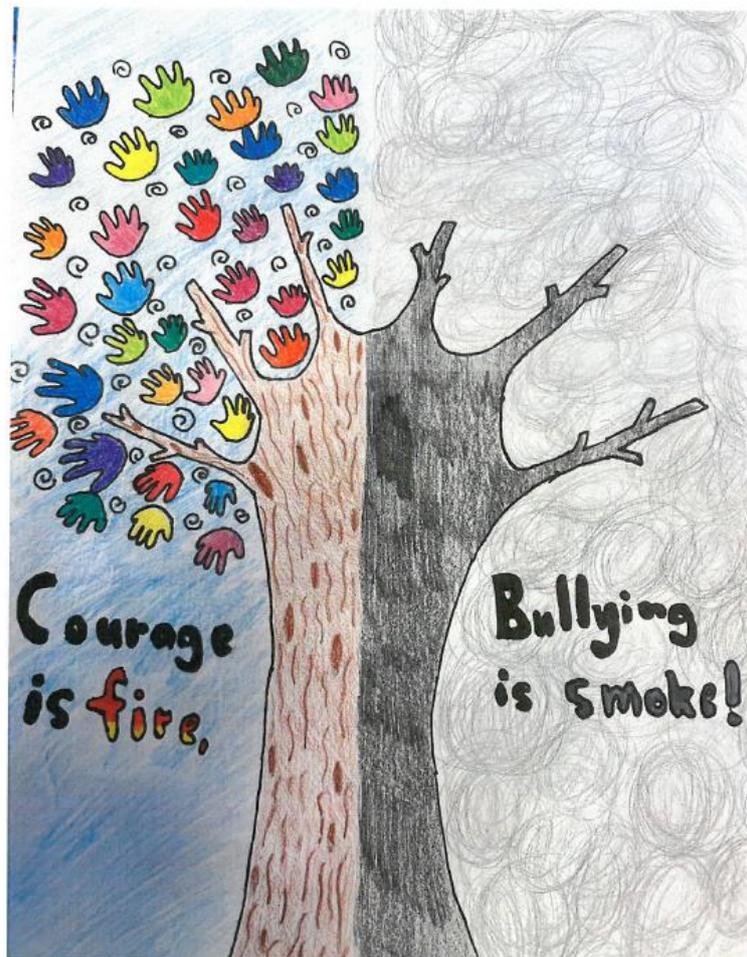
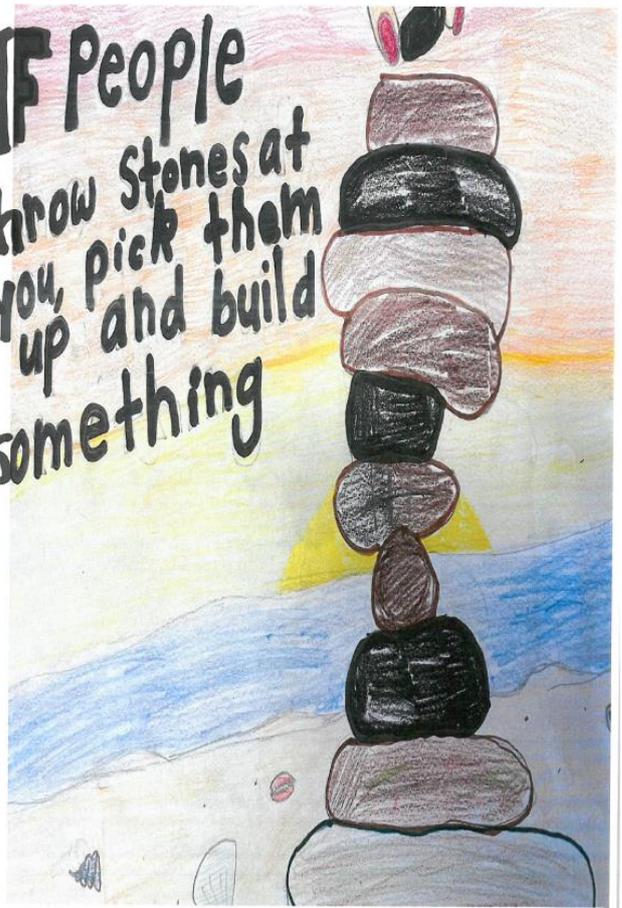
Our school will again be participating in this important day of action against bullying. More information about the events will be in next fortnight's newsletter.

We have again entered the annual Interrelate Poster competition with students depicting positive messages about how to treat others with respect and kindness.

Please see some examples below from Stage 3.



IF people
throw stones at
you, pick them
up and build
something





SPORTS NEWS

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Diocesan carnival yesterday: Sophie A., Nyah C., Sybella W., Macy E., Chloe G., Isla E., Billy F., Levi G., Flynn L., Lachlan C., Isaac A., Danny G., Harry B., Liam P., Sam v.d.W.

Excellent news and congratulations to the following students who made it to the next level - Polding to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush on Wednesday 25th March 2020. We are very proud of you all!

Diocesan Winter Sports Trials - 24th March

Congratulations to the following students who were successful at the regional trials and now compete at the Diocesan trials:

Ava L. - Cricket

Macy E., Hope K., Charlee F. – Soccer

Ella T., Emily D., Netball

Lachlan J. – Soccer

Important dates:

12th March Dio Cricket Trials

19th March Dio AFL Trials - There are new procedures for AFL - please contact Mrs Drake if your child is a talented AFL player and would like to trial for this sport.

24th March Dio Winter Sport Trials

25th March NSW CPS (Polding) Swimming

29th April Dio Touch Football trials

1st May Polding Winter Trials

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following children will celebrate their birthdays in the next two weeks:



Lachlan C	Oliver E	Maddison G	Jack F
Oscar M	Olive H	Huon C	Jamieson McL
Taj A			

Curriculum News



If I tell you I am generous, do you believe me??? No way. But if I buy all 20 raffle tickets to help cancer research, are you more convinced? Actions really do speak louder than words.

If you were told children were dying from lack of clean water, would you send money? Most likely not. However, if you were shown one small skinny child, squatting by a polluted river, exhausted, hungry, and desperately needing water... would you help?

5/6 Blue have been working on Step 5. Here are a few examples of **Show, Don't Tell** in action.

Step 5: Show, Don't Tell

By Oliver E.

Fire of Fire

Hear- Sizzle, Cracking, screams, Breaking sticks

See- Fire roaring up tree, debris, Sirens, Animals Running

Smell- Smoke, Burnt Leaves

Taste- Fear, Ash, Smoke

Touch, Ashes, Smoke, Wounded animals

Feeling- Heart racing, scared, helpless



Writing

As the fire roared passed our charred care to scared to get out when we see a firetruck flying past us lights and sirens. It went over the top of the fire. The truck saw us and one of the firefighters got out. He chucked us a fireproof blanket he said " Stay under this until we get back" screamed the firefighter over the loud sound of sticks breaking in the distance. 'I yelled thx'. But the firetruck was already speeding down the long road chocked by thick black smoke.

Bullying

Hear- People swearing, talking behind my back

See- People getting pushed, I see the ground right in front as I tumble over

Smell, Fear, the breath of bully

Taste-Gravel in my face

Touch- the ground

Feeling- scared, depressed, annoyed

Writing:

I walk into school waiting for the bullies to make fun of me. I walk up to the classroom put my bag down when all of a sudden, four of the meanest kids surround me. I can hear their footsteps as they walk closer and closer.

By Ciara H.

Nervous - stomach knotting, shaking, breathing heavily, feel like throwing up, apprehensive

Nervous Phrase:

My stomach was knotting. I was shaking as I waited on the seat. *WHEN WILL IT START?* My mind screamed. "Come on in." A woman said confidently. I stood up and followed her into the room, feeling like throwing up.

Upset - looking down, slouching, avoiding eye contact, tears in eyes, covering face

Upset Phrase: I looked down, slouching, unable to look up, tears were on the brink of falling and I covered my face, not wanting to make any eye contact.

Confident - shoulders back, stand up straight, eyes are aware, smile, strutting, striding

Confident Phrase: I stood up straight, my shoulders back. I smiled and strode across the street, towards the building. My eyes were aware of everyone watching.

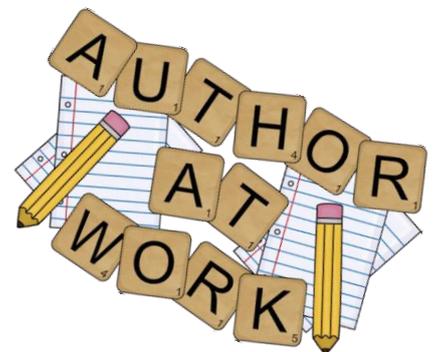
Excited - bouncy, energy, smile, fist pump

Excited Phrase:

I smiled and bounced up and down. Energy filled my body and I punched the air with my fist.

Messy - clothes and stuff strewn, atomic mess, debris, stuff all over wardrobe

Concert - screaming, food, singing, people, smells, floor vibrating like an earthquake, crammed in.



By Joel D.

Fear of fire:

Planning

Hearing: crackling leaves, sizzle,

Smell: burnt bushes/ smoke

See: glowing red, embers raining down, sparks

Taste: smoke

Touch: heat,

Feel: fear, sadness, pain

Writing

As I scramble through the burnt kitchen as hot as the sun. I finally get outside to see an Omnis red glow. Fear struck me straight through the heart. I ran down to the pool as embers flew over me setting my hair alight. I could smell my burnt hair. I jumped in the pool as I hear the sizzle of my hair getting put out. Can this day get any worse?

Bullying:

Planning

Hearing: gossip, yelling, mean words

Smell:

See: mean glares in their eyes

Taste:

Touch:

Feel: sad, left out, scared

Writing

As I turned the corner to see Johnny and Fredrick staring at me. I was scared for my life as my heart missed a beat, I said to myself just keep walking. Johnny turned to me and glared I just kept walking then all of a sudden Johnny chucked an apple at me I started running as Fredrick pulled out a banana. "Help!" I yelled.

By Emily D.

Bullying-

I tower over her as I see her sliding down in her chair, I know I have started to make her crumble. She was quivering her face was sweating and that brought me joy or did it, I don't know but I keep going "give me your lunch money or else come on empty your pockets" I say my voice booming my hands were in fists and I was standing tall I had her now "come on hand it over I don't have all day and I am peckish " she gradually reached into her pocket as her hand starts to shudder and brings her hand out, I am perplexed I had never seen anything quite like it, it was sickening.

Fear of fire-

I was staggering through the bush as fast as I can hear the crackling of the sticks under my feet and the smell of the smoke put a hole in my stomach. The embers rained down like the heavens were opening they singed my legs as I sprinted, but I don't care I just keep going will I make it out alive? I don't know. And then I trip I roll down the hill I can see the orange flames towering above me what am I going to do?

By Ava L.

Fear of Fire

Planning

Hear: Fire fighters yelling, sirens, people screaming/crying, flames cracking, timber fallen on to the ground hard.

See: Waves of flames like tsunami's, Fire fighters, animals running for their lives, house on fire, memories.

Smell: Smoke, dead animals, timber/wood, fear, fuel

Taste: dryness in my mouth, smoke.

Touch: embers, sticks/leaves, the hot wind, humidity.

Feel: sad/depressed, shocked, speechless, hurt, pain.

I looked in shock. I didn't know what to do, I was speechless. I just stood there in tears like I was the only person in the world. Fire surrounded the house like a huge tsunami. Every minute seemed to get worse, this has got to be the most terrible day in my life I thought to myself. I flickered back at the wonderful memories I had when I was just a little girl, happy and joyful in my home before it got destroyed. I wanted to walk away but my muscles were to tense. Pain started sinking into my heart like a cat getting closer ready to strike. I could see fire fighters yelling to each

other like it was war, they knew what to do, they just didn't know if it could be done. I hoped that it was just a terrible nightmare, but it wasn't, it was real.

Hear: The crackling of the fire
 See: blinding smoke, A cyclone of embers
 Smell: The dry ash
 Touch the embers on the tip of my fingers

By Joshua Agosti-Kuzmiak

Writing:

"Mum, what's that smell?" Boomerang asked, sniffing the air.

The other animals, squished in Wand's pouch with the joey, began sniffing too. "I smell it! There must be a fire. It's smoke!" Banjori said.

Wanda stopped hopping. "It is a fire. Look over there," she said, pointing to Sizzling fire and smoke.

"The bush is on fire. Oh no! We'd better get out of here. Bushfires spread quickly," Daku said.

"Mum, hop to the nearest river don't want to get burned," Boomerang cried.

The sounds of the grass burning frightened the animals. "When the fire hits those eucalyptus trees, we're going to hear some explosions. I know the leaves are filled with eucalyptus oil. It burns hot and it burns fast," Jiba warned. "You'd better listen to Boomerang and get to the river as fast as you can."

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE GATESHEAD – Enrolments for Year 7 2021

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, GATESHEAD YEAR 7 (2021) ENROLMENT AND ORIENTATION TIMELINE

Term 1 – 2020	
Tuesday 3 March 2020	Information Evening for prospective parents of Year 7 (2021) students – 7.00pm – Please gather at the Roger Kennedy Centre (hall)
Thursday 5 March 2020	Open Day – Two Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.00am to 11.00am (morning tea 11.00-11.30am) • 5.00pm to 6.00pm Please gather at Roger Kennedy Centre
Monday 30 March 2020 to Thursday 2 April 2020	Enrichment Days for Year 6 students from Catholic Primary Schools – 9.00am to 12.00 midday – Please gather at the Roger Kennedy Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students to wear their formal school uniform (not sport)
Wednesday 8 April 2020	Enrichment Day for year 6 students from Government Schools – 9.00am to 12.00 midday – Please gather at the Roger Kennedy Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students to wear their formal school uniform (not sport)
Thursday 9 April 2020	Completed Enrolment Application forms due at St Mary's General Office
Term 2 – 2020	
Friday 5 June 2020	The outcome of Applications for Enrolment notified to parents, by mail. The notification will outline the steps in the Induction process for Year 7 (2021)
Term 3 – 2020	
Monday 3 August to Friday 14 August 2020	Individual interviews at St Mary's for students and parent/carers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details to follow
Term 4 – 2020	
Wednesday 28 October 2020	Year 7 (2021) Orientation Day for all students at 9.00am, gather at Roger Kennedy Centre (hall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are requested to wear their Primary school SPORT uniform • Students to be collected at 12.30pm Parent Information Session – 7.00pm – Roger Kennedy Centre

Meet the Mrs Foxon Teach



My name is Angela Foxon, this year will be my 15th year of teaching and my 5th year at St Joseph's. I look forward to getting to know all of you this year as we work together to give your child the best start to their schooling.

Education

- *Bachelor Teaching/B Arts
- *Master of Educational Leadership

Contact

angela.foxon@mn.catholic.edu.au

Favourite

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I love to spend time with the people who make me happy - my children, family and friends. I also enjoy a good book, traveling and the occasional Netflix binge



Meet the Teacher 2020



Karen Nolan-Kinder Blue

I am excited once again to teach Kinder at St Joseph's in 2020. This is my 7th year here and I love the wonderful community feel of our school. In my 27 year career I have taught all grades in schools in both Newcastle and on the Central Coast. I do, however, especially enjoy teaching Kinder. It is a privilege to be there when children start their school journey and to nurture and share their sense of wonder about the world.

My education includes a Bach. Of Education, Masters in Education and Masters in Educational Leadership. I firmly believe that education is a partnership between school and families, and that we both share a common goal of creating an environment where children feel valued, cared for and given opportunities to grow in all areas.



A child's life is like
a piece of paper
on which every person
leaves a mark.

As I get to know your child they will probably come home and tell you things about me (don't believe everything you hear!). But, if they tell you I like a good joke, reading, travelling and cake for breakfast you can have confidence they are not making it up.

Kinder really is the best year and I look forward to working with you in 2020.



My contact details: karen.nolan@mn.catholic.edu

Meet the

Teacher

Mrs Schumacher



My name is Catherine Schumacher and I am always happy starting a new year and welcoming a new cohort of Kinders to St Joseph's. There is nothing more rewarding than watching them grow and achieve so much in their first year of school.

Education

- ❖ Bachelor of Teaching.
- ❖ Bachelor of Teaching/ Special Education

Favourites

Outside of school I love:

- ❖ spending time with my grandchildren
- ❖ music and dancing
 - ❖ travelling
 - ❖ sewing
 - ❖ reading
- ❖ and of course bingeing on Netflix!

Contact

cath.schumacher@mn.catholic.edu.au

I support Karen and Angela on their executive release days
Wednesday/Friday.

MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs Sue Woodward

Welcome to **1 Red** for 2020! I'm very excited to be your child's teacher and am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun!



A Few of my Favourite Things...

Food: Mexican
Drink: cappuccino
Colour: bright colours
Music: Ed Sheeran, Keith Urban
Sports Team: Newcastle Knights
Book: *The Resilience Project*
by Hugh van Cuylenburg



About Me...

I am an experienced teacher who has taught in several schools throughout the Maitland Newcastle Diocese. I particularly enjoy teaching reading and writing.
I am married and have three children and a 2-year-old granddaughter. I enjoy going to the gym and walking.



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Charlestown. 2290
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Important Dates

12th Feb - Beginning year
school mass 9:30am
- Parent Teacher
Meetings
21st Feb – Welcome BBQ
More dates to follow in Term
Planner



Dear Parents,

I'm your child's teacher - and I think I'm pretty lucky to be.

I've got some big plans for this year and any time you'd like to know more about what they are, I'm just an email away at Jessica.bourke@mn.catholic.edu.au.

*I studied at **Charles Sturt University** and graduated in **2000** meaning I've taught now for **approximately 15 years** in places like **St Finbar's Catholic Primary School in the Blue Mountains** and **Aspect Hunter School** as well as a range of State Primary Schools.*

*My favourite things to teach are **English, Visual Arts and Science** but the thing I get the most joy from is watching my students grow through learning. You'll find me to quite relentless about trying to get your child in the window between too hard and too easy as often as I can so that s/he can share that joy with me.*

*Personally, I'm into studying **Special Education**, **travelling and spending time with my family**.*

Finally, I saw a statistic recently highlighting that a child's learning outcomes can be improved by up to 34% by a healthy relationship between both the teacher-student and teacher-parent. I'd like your child to see us in healthy collaboration.

*Perhaps that's why respected educator **Robert Pulham** said "Don't worry that your children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you."*

If you have any questions as we set about our quest of an awesome 2020 for your child, ask away. Let's do this ... together!

*Warm regards,
Mrs Jessica Bourke*

MEET THE TEACHER!

Mrs Ashlee Macourt

The Basics!



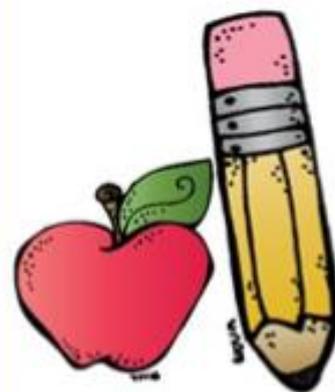
Hi Year 1!

My name is Mrs Macourt and I am very excited to be teaching you each Thursday and Friday this year! Mrs Bourke will be teaching you on the other days (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) and we are a great team!

I have been a teacher at St Joseph's for eight years now, and I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Along with being a teacher, I'm also a Mummy to my 18 month old baby boy Finlay, and wife to my husband Dane. Some of the things we enjoy doing together include going for walks, playing at the park and going for swims at the beach!

I look forward to getting to know you and your families as we gear up for a great 2020!



MY EDUCATION!

Bachelor Teaching (Primary) / Bachelor Arts, 2012 *University of Newcastle*
Master of Theology, 2017 *University of Newcastle*

MY FAVOURITES!

Food: Ice-cream
Drink: Coffee
Book: The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
Color: Pink
Season: Autumn
Hobby: Reading
Subject: English and Art

FAITH STATEMENT!

LIKE ARROWS IN
THE HAND OF A WARRIOR,
So are the children of one's youth.
PSALM 127:4



CONTACT ME!

School Phone Number: 49 435 414

Email: ashlee.macourt@mn.catholic.edu.au

You can also send a handwritten note in your child's note bag.

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ST JOSEPH'S CHARLESTOWN

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

**LUNCHTIME DRAMA LESSONS
@ ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARLESTOWN
LUNCHTIME on WEDNESDAYS
In the DOUBLE ROOMS**

**Students study improvisation, scriptwork and performance;
helping them gain greater self-confidence and
building on their communication skills.**

**NB. O'Grady Drama is registered as a 'Creative Kids' provider.
You can use your annual \$100 Creative Kids voucher in 2020.**

**Contact Principal: Shane Skerly
T: 02 4969 2338 / 0490 126 430
E: dramacorp@bigpond.com
FB: o'grady drama - newcastle**

Good for Kids good for life

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Walk, bike ride, skate or scooter to school on March 13th, to celebrate active travel.



Children under 16 years of age (and adults supervising them) are allowed to ride on a footpath in NSW.

Encourage your kids to follow these tips for safer riding:

- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, properly fitted and fastened.
- Always obey road rules, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs.
- Turn your head when passing driveways
- Keep left when riding on the footpath and give way to pedestrians
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and others
- Wear bright clothing to make yourself visible

Sources: The Bicycle Network & Transport for Road Safety NSW



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HNEIHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

WANT TO TRY FOOTY?



COME AND TRY DAY

FREE BBQ FOR PARTICIPANTS.

REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.

**TUESDAY 18TH FEB, 4:30PM @ ST JOHN OVAL,
CHARLESTOWN**



OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS



ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER ACCEPTED



2020 REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!



Does your child want to play football (soccer) this year?
Kahibah Football Club is still accepting registrations in
all age groups from U6 to U11 until Friday 21 February.
Please register online at www.playfootball.com.au

CODECAMP

What will you code
and create these
school holidays?

SAVE \$20
CODE: LOCAL20

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Registered Provider
Visit: codecamp.com.au/ckrebate
CLAIM \$108 OFF ENROLMENTS

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codecamp.com.au

Give us a call on:
1300 263 322



FREE information night

Supercharged Food for Kids

7pm, Tuesday 10th March 2020

Lee Holmes is a mum, a nutritionist, wholefoods chef and yoga teacher. Lee will be offering tips on how to Supercharge Your Kids diet and give you a helping hand when it comes to being able to create fresh, wholesome and nutrient rich meals that your children will eat again and again. She will also be sharing her top tips on how to cut down on sugar & processed food, giving you some insight into what nutrients are helpful & will show you some easy ways to sneak super foods into meals.

You'll learn what foods are good for mood and concentration, energy and performance, plus you'll discover some helpful ways to create a healthy lunchbox.

WHEN:
Tuesday 10th March

WHERE:
Charlestown Multi-purpose Centre, 17 James St, Charlestown

COST:
Free, seats limited

BOOKINGS:
mullenhealth.com.au/events
or call 4961 4075

www.superchargedfood.com • www.mullenhealth.com.au



MULLEN NATURAL HEALTH CENTRE

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9 January 2020

Dear Principals,

The Federation of P & F Associations will be holding the **2020 Annual General Meeting** followed by a **General Meeting on 1 April 2020.**

We invite you to attend this meeting and look forward to the opportunity to affirm our commitment to Catholic education and the important role of parents and carers in the partnership that exists between schools, parishes and the broader community.

The details for this meeting are:

FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS

2019 AGM and General Meeting

Date:	1 April, 2020
Venue:	Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West
Time:	AGM: 6.30pm – 7.15pm
	General Meeting: 7.25pm – 8.30pm

We hope you are able to join us and seek your RSVP to the email below for catering purposes.

Cath Garrett-Jones
Parent Liaison & Resource Officer
Email: cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au

Yours faithfully,

CHERYL MURPHY
PRESIDENT - FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS

CATH GARRETT-JONES
PARENT LIAISON AND RESOURCE OFFICER



Please Join Us for Breakfast To Celebrate International Women's Day 2020

Where: St Mary's Catholic College RKC

When: Tuesday 10th March - 7:30am

Cost: \$15.00

with our wonderful guest speaker:

DEBORAH WALLACE, APM

**DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT , NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE
– RETIRED DECEMBER 2019**



Our campaign theme is #EachforEqual

An equal world is an enabled world.

Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions – all day, every day. We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, each one of us can help create a gender equal world.

Let's all be **#EachforEqual**.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women – while also marking a call to action for accelerating gender equality.

Strike the #EachforEqual pose



So put your arms out front and **STRIKE THE #EachforEqual POSE** to motivate others and to make International Women's Day YOUR day.

Do what you can to truly make a positive difference for women everywhere.

We look forward to seeing you at our International Women's Day breakfast.

Please pay \$15.00 to our Finance Office (4944 4804) by Friday 6 March, 2020.

All funds raised will be donated to Mission Outreach.