DATES TO REMEMBER

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FURTHER DATES**

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School Band MPR Every Monday 8:15am

Every Monday K-2 Gymnastics (QKR payments due)

16th March Mini Vinnies Fundraiser – Wear Green

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

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13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Catholic Schools Week celebrations were well attended and certainly not too dampened by the downpour of rain we experienced. The rain actually tied in beautifully with the theme of the Gospel, of Jesus as our life-giving water. In these worrying times we are reminded to put our trust in God, take time to pray, offer up our concerns and let God give us rest.









Our school is undertaking a self-review as part of our Continuum of School Improvement (COSI). Please take the time to complete the Community Survey published via our Compass App.

So far, we have 40 parents who have completed the survey.

Thank You, your voice is important!

The survey will close on the 18th of March.



This week our executive staff have attended 2 days of Diocesan professional learning with Dr. Lyn Sharratt. Lyn is a renowned educationalist and researcher in the area of student data and evidenced based practices used to identify student needs to improve whole school practice and pedagogy. This is part of a 3-year commitment by our Diocese to improve student outcomes in literacy and all Key Learning Areas and in the area of student well-being. We are excited to be starting on this journey and look forward to rolling out the knowledge and components with our staff and community to improve outcomes for each and every student at St. Joseph's.

This week we held our **Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting**, thanking outgoing members and electing a new committee for 2020. We are blessed at St. Joseph's to have a positive and operational P & F group. Many schools struggle to have this type of positive parent engagement. Within our committee there are many subcommittees such as the Uniform Shop, Canteen Committee and Fundraising Committee. All the people involved volunteer their time and energies to serve our community, to provide services for our students and parents and to fundraise for resources to support the students and staff at St. Joseph's. We are truly grateful!

Thank you to our outgoing members, your commitment and tireless service to the community will not be forgotten. Congratulations to our newly elected committee for 2020, we look forward to working with you as the year progresses. Meeting are held at 6:30pm, the 2^{nd} Monday of the month in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Position	2019 P & F Executive	2020 P & F Executive
President	Steve Bernasconi	Joshua Hartcher
Vice President	Joshua Hartcher	Lisa Evans
Secretary	Kim Smith	Kim Smith
Treasurer	Anna Pearson	Anna Pearson
P & F Federation Delegate	Susie Doran	Vacant

Kinder 2021 Timeline

We have taken 24 enquiries and bookings for tours/interviews for our 2021 cohort. Please register your interest and pick up an enrolment pack if you have a child starting Kinder next year. Also let your families, neighbours and friends know how great it is at St. Joseph's. Please see the timeline for Kinder 2021 below:

Kinder Tours & Interviews – Up until 29th May

Completed Enrolment Forms Due – 1st June Letters of Offer sent out - 5th June Kinder Orientation – 11th September Kinder Play & Learn Session 1 – 16th October Kinder Play & Learn Session 2 – 26th October Kinder Play & Learn Session 3 – 6th November



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 Year 2, 3 and Year 4 teachers. Check out our foyer for all staff introductions.

Thank you and God bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

Assistant Principal's News

School Cross Country Friday 20th March

Our school cross country race will be held next Friday 20th March (students 8 years and older).

Thank you to those who have already offered to help. We still need some more helpers so please send your details to karen.nolan@mn.catholic.edu.au if you can assist and you have completed all your volunteer paperwork.

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

Please ensure you have ordered your SUBWAY meal before Thursday 19th at 2:00pm. You will find it on QKR under P and F. See the flyer below.

We are looking forward to a great day!

Celebrating St Joseph's Day and School Cross Country

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

Race Order:

12/13years

11 years

10 years

8/9 years





12:00 approx. (or when cross country is over) bring some food and a picnic rug and join your children at school for a picnic lunch on the oval or enjoy your pre-ordered Subway.

(Order on QKR no later than 2:00pm Thursday 19th- NO LATE ORDERS PLEASE)

National Day of Action Against Bullying



National Day of Action against **Bullying and Violence**

Friday 20 March 2020

Our school will again be participating in this important day of action against bullying.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is held annually on the third Friday of March. It is an opportunity for the whole school community to 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence. Our students will engage with the topic through activities and discussions in their mixed peer groups. Fantastic resources and information for students and families can be found here



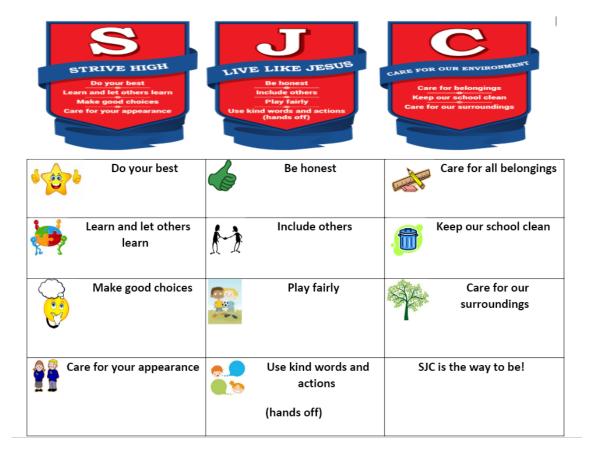
Every place, every time AND with everybody we remember to use our magic words at St Joseph's.



Karen Nolan Acting Assistant Principal

Primary Coordinator's News

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

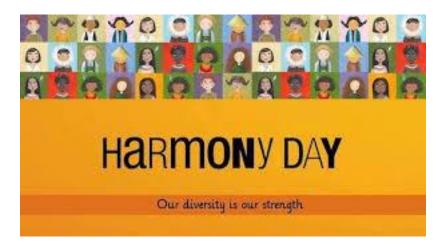


The PBL focus for this week was <u>Keep Our School Clean!</u> PBL Awards Term 1 Week 7

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Lucy C				

Harmony Day

We had a wonderful day celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 9th March. Students showed their support by dressing in orange or traditional cultural dress. Students spent time in peer groups learning about what Harmony Day is all about - inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We enjoyed listening to students share where their families originated.









Angela Foxon
Acting Primary Coordinator

Learning Support News



This term at SJC we will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Day by 'Going Blue for Autism' on Tuesday, 31st March. Each class will undertake a session throughout the day aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of what Autism is, while developing skills including acceptance, tolerance and kindness. All students will also be encouraged to wear BLUE, as this is the official Autism Awareness colour.

On this day, we will also be running a parent info/networking workshop to provide an opportunity to meet other parents of students with additional needs within our school community. More info about our World Autism

Awareness Day celebrations will be provided over the next week via the school App.

Amber Christie (Learning Support Teacher)

Religious Education News

In this time of Lent, amidst growing global concern and looking out for individual interests, it is important to remember the message of Jesus and to remain engaged in the service of others. Caritas reminds us that: In 2020:

- 1 in 7 people still go hungry every day.
- 1.2 billion people don't have access to clean drinking water.
- There are 11 million women and girls in forced labour.

On Monday 16th March, St Joseph's Mini Vinnies will hold a Green Mufti day, where green cakes and treats will be sold and children can dress in green. All proceeds will go to Project Compassion, Caritas' Lenten Campaign to address world poverty by empowering communities.



On **Friday March 20**th (9am) Please join us for the St Joseph's Day Liturgy (including the announcement of St Joseph Day Art winners)- followed by cross country and St Joseph's Day picnic **Holy Week Liturgy**- Holy Thursday, 9th April (time tba)

Sacramental Program

The first of the sacramental program sessions for reconciliation commenced this week focusing on God's love. Children will be preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation on the evenings of the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} of April.



Many Blessings,

Clare Paff Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers who have advanced to POLDING level to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush on Wednesday 25th March 2020. We are very proud of you all!

Sophie A., Billy F., Levi G., Isaac A., Danny G., Lachlan C.

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., Lachlan J. – **Football (Soccer)** Ella T., Emily D., - **Netball** Will D., Molly J. – **AFL**

Sam G., Lukas T., Fraser G., Charlee F. - Touch Football

Important dates:

13th March Dio Cricket Trials
19th March Dio AFL Trials
24th March Dio Winter Sport Trials
25th March NSW CPS (Polding) Swimming
29th April Dio Touch Football trials
1st May Polding Winter Trials

Entertainment Digital Membership

The Entertainment Digital Memberships have started. *There are no more hard copy books only digital*. Digital memberships are the way of the future and you can have your membership on many devices and see the savings as you go. With school holidays fast approaching what better way to entertain the children using the vouchers. Did you know that 20% of your membership sale goes directly back to P & F? Spread the word - memberships can be purchased by anyone – family, friends, neighbours, just give them the link to the online payment process to start saving now. When you buy an Entertainment Membership between 1st - 31st March, you will receive a \$10 JB Hi-Fi eGift Card!

For orders, please follow the link: https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/3407f9

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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

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Gus F	Кірр Н	Jack B	Summer R
Alexander B	Flynn L	Maxwell L	Ella T
Sam & Oscar W	Zoe S	Matthew M	Julian W
Eden J	Lily MN	Maya G	

Curriculum News



Step 3: Tightening Tension

Every great story needs a gripping tension scene! You must believe the hero (male or female) will fail. The tornado is too strong, the villain is too evil, the black forces of depression are too overwhelming. Yet, through strength, talent and determination, somehow our hero wins.



Many students make their tension scenes too short and never build much tension at all. Step 3 focuses on building tension scenes slowly and using sensory details to put the reader in the heart of the story – as if they were really there.

This term, **3** Red have been learning how to use their 5 senses (sight, smell, touch, taste and sound) along with their feelings, to create tightening tension and description in a story. They were shown the image below, brainstormed using all their senses, then turned it into a tension scene for a story. Here are just a few of our amazing ideas...

Evie Hale

Once at a train station a train pulled up and a bear called Paddington got off. He said to the train guard "I need a home, can you help me?" He replied "Yes, I will help you!" He could feel a smile creeping across his face. The war, sun shone into his eyes making him walk into the shade. It was dawn, but the sun was already burning his fur through his coat. He could hear birds chirping above him. Then a magpie came and took off his hat...

Isla Hatfield

I looked around, I'm glad I got the job as a ticket seller! I heard a loud screech as the train came to a stop at the station. I watched as everyone got off the train, followed by... a bear!?! It was no normal bear, it had a ruby red hat, a blue shiny coat and a suitcase. I looked at the suitcase and saw a sign, I shouted "WANTED BEAR!". I try to get someone's attention but it was hard to see through the sizzling sun in my eyes. "Well hello," said the bear. "You can speak!" I reply. I was starting to shake with confusion. "Of course I can," said the bear. I was silent, I was frozen stiff as the bear continued to speak. "I have a little bit of food to share if you'd like it?". I could smell the marmalade as he pulled it out of his suitcase. I could feel the soft, squishy bread and taste the marmalade and butter on the plain bread...

Oscar Evans

As I stepped out of the train door, I saw a man in a black suit. "Where is The Chocolate Hotel?" I asked. "Straight ahead and on your right" replied the man. I followed his instructed and began walking to The Chocolate Hotel, but on my way I saw a shadowy figure and boom!! It went so quiet. I stopped and looked around. I had butterflies in my tummy and I started to shiver with fear. I could smell garbage cans on the street and touch the dusty walls around me. I could taste something was wrong in the air. Then I heard a strange voice...

Imogen Hartcher

Paddington walked up to the train conductor and asked, "Hello, can you please show me the train that goes to the city?" "Oh my, you're standing right in front of it!" the conductor replied, "but be warned, the railway isn't very safe!" But Paddington was already jumping onto the train. The train was packed with people, women, men, babies and two little kids with their grandparents. All of a sudden, all Paddington could hear was people chatting, babies crying and those two little kids laughing. Paddington found a seat at the front and before he knew it, he was off on another adventure. Paddington thought he should have a rest but as soon as Paddington closes his eyes the train suddenly stopped with a loud screeeeeech! Paddington hit his head on the back of the seat. It felt like a huge rock got shot into his forehead and he fell to the floor. Paddington saw that most of the windows were broken and all of the children were crying. Paddington could hear a crackling sound coming from somewhere near the train. Crackle, crackle,... "Fire!!"

Maisie Duane (and Mrs Chapman)

There is a strong smell around me. I wonder where it's coming from, I thought to myself. I couldn't see out the window because the station as surrounded by a thick haze. As I stepped off the train, everyone close by me was talking. Suddenly, it went dark and a gush of wind went through me. I lost my balance and fell into a hole. Infront of me was the train conductor, asking me if I was okay as he gave me back my train ticket that I had dropped. I was feeling a little frightened, my tummy full of butterflies. He helped me up...

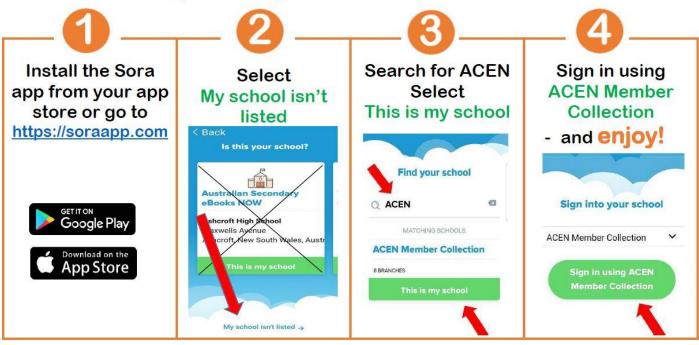
Miliana Dragosavljevic

... As I ran the trees whooshed past me, the birds singing above my was beautiful. Suddenly we came to a stop, "collect some firewood" the bear said, "we are staying here for the night". "Okay", I replied. As I walked around the forest looking for firewood, I heard the trees rustle...





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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!

Mrs Hoffmann-PRC Coordinator



SUBWAY DAY IS BACK FRIDAY 20th MARCH

It's going to be a busy day with the Cross Country, National Day of Action against Bullying and the St Joseph's Liturgy & picnic so to make things easy, we are having another Subway Day.

Everyone attending is welcome to order, not just the students!

Get a Six Inch Subway or wrap with choice of bread, then choose any of the following

Topping: Ham, turkey, roast beef, or Vege option. Salad toppings: (choose from any of the following), Cheese, cucumber, tomato, lettuce, spinach, carrot Sauce: BBQ Tomato, Mayo Honey Mustard, or none Gluten Free available- wrap only.

Only \$7 for a six inch sub, PLUS get Subway choc chip cookie!







To order for others attending (parents, grandparents etc) just do a separate order on OKR for each different sub. All only \$7

Canteen will only be open for drinks/iceblocks on this day, no other lunch orders available. Subway cookies may contain traces of nuts.

QKR ORDERS CLOSE 2PM THURSDAY 19TH NO LATE ORDERS.

To order look under P&F Fundraising on OKR



LEARNING HUB NEWS

HUB BAGS

T-shirt Bag

We have a number of children from each class forget their Hub bags each week. We are inviting children to bring an old T Shirt (at least size 8) to the Hub at recess and we will show them how to make their own Hub bags. We how to make their own Hub bags. We are hoping this will encourage them to develop a sense of ownership over their bag and perhaps remember it each week.

If you would like your child to participate in this project, please find an old T Shirt and ask them to take it to the Hub at recess on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.





NO SEW tote bags





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Just a reminder that St Joseph's students now have access to a digital borrowing platform called SORA by OverDrive. This collection is the second largest eBook library in the world! It can be used on tablets, laptops, desktops, chromebooks and smartphones. We encourage the children to explore this app at home and access the collection at their leisure. Hub borrowing will not be impacted by the availability of this app, and we ask that children continue to bring their bags and books to the Hub each week.

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MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs Shaw

Welcome to **2 Red** for 2020! I'm very excited to be your teacher and am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun!



Food: potato bake

Drink: pineapple juice

Colour: aqua

Music: 90's hits, Michael Jackson, Cold Chisel, ACDC, Johnny Diesel

and Daryl Braithwaite

Sports Team: Newcastle Knights

Animal: chimps and sloths



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Years Teaching: 10 years Home Town: Newcastle

Family: Newlywed! (Married in

September 2019)

Pets: Staffy dog named Leroy

Other interests: movies,

vineyards, swimming, hockey

and travelling



12th Feb - Beginning year school mass 9:30am

> parent teacher meetings

21st Feb – Welcome BBQ

More dates to follow in

Term Planner



MEET THE TEACHER



Miss Jones

Welcome to **2 Blue** for 2020! I'm very excited to be your teacher each Wednesday. I am looking forward to a fantastic term of learning and fun!



Food: Chocolate and Thai food

Drink: Water and Pepsi Max

Colour: Purple

Music: 70's and 80's

Sports Team: Cronulla Sharks

Animals: I have 1 cat named

Paddles, 3 rabbits, 1 rosella and 2

Samoyed dogs



Contact Information

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Years Teaching: 4.5 years

Qualifications: Bachelor of Education-

Early Childhood and Primary.

Currently Studying: Masters of

Educational Leadership.

Home Town: Newcastle

Family: I have 2 children: Oliver 10

years old and Evie 4 years old



MET WO TEACHER

from Mrs Paff

welcome!

Welcome to **2 Blue** for 2020! I'm very excited to be your teacher and I am looking forward to an amazing year learning together and having fun! I have been teaching for around 12 years (accounting for childrearing). This year I am also Religious Education Coordinator and I will be having a release day on Wednesdays and Ms Jones will be teaching.



education

Master of Theology (with Distinction)

Graduate Certificate in Educational

Studies (Special Education)

Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)

Postgraduate Diploma Health Promotion

Bachelor of Social Science

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my favorites

Family: 2 children:

Lucinda (12) and Dominic

(9)

Food: Sushi

Drink: Kombucha

Sport: Running (trail,

road)

Pets: Three guinea pigs **Music:** Various – including

George Michael, Ed

Sheeran, Lauren Daigle,

King and Country

Beach: Merewether

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MEET THE TEACHER!

MISS HEATHER WOZNIAK

The Basics!



Hi! My Name is Miss Heather Wozniak. I am 27 years young, 28 on the 5th of February. I currently live in Canberra and teach a Year 4 class, but I'm moving to Lake Macquarie just before Christmas time. I have a 2 year old Westie pup called Alfalfa.

I am very excited for the sunshine, beach and being closer to my family (especially my 2 year old niece)!. Most of all, I am excited to meet all of you! I will be your Year 3 teacher for 2020 & I am excited to make this my best year yet!

MY CHILDHOOD!



I was born in Sydney, and moved to Port Macquarie when I was 2 years old. My family moved us to Canberra when I was eight years old and I have lived in Canberra ever since... Except for 2016 when I lived and taught in the UK (don't quite have the accent anymore, sorry!)

I have one older sister and two beautiful parents. Both my sister and I played Basketball and competed in Little Athletics whilst growing up! I absolutely loved travelling for competitions and games.

MY EDUCATION!

I have been to 3 different primary schools and went to an all girls high school and college in Canberra. I feel very blessed to have made amazing friends at school, and luckily we are still all best friends to this day! I attended the Australian Catholic University here in Canberra and graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the end of 2014. This will be my sixth year as a teacher, and I wouldn't want to do anything else!

MY FAVOURITES!

Food: Chicken Parma
Movie: Lion King
Book: Anything funny or
historical fiction
Color: Pink & Rainbows!
Drink: Coffee or Coke Zero
Season: Summer
Sports: NRL & Basketball
Team: South Sydney
Rabbitohs
Activity: Travelling Camping

Activity: Travelling, Camping, Fishing & hanging with friends!

Fast Food: Maccas Music: Country Hobby: Singing

Subject: Art & History Store: Kmart

Dessert: Ice cream

Sweet: Chocolate
Restaurant: Thai or Italian

Flower: Sunflowers!

Meet-the-Mirs, Davis Peach



My name is Mrs Natalie Davis and I have been teaching for 22 years, 19 of which have been at St. Joseph's. I will be teaching 3/4 Blue this year, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I look forward to making strong connections with my students based on mutual respect, kindness and gratitude.

Education

Bachelor of Education – Newcastle University NSW Certificate of Religious Education

Contact

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Favourites

My favourite thing about teaching is that I get to show students that learning can be fun and exciting.

My favourite things to do are water skiing, snow skiing, meditating and walking along the beach with my family including, my dog Eddie.

Meet-the-Missime ach



My name is Mrs Emma McGlynn and I have been teaching for over 10 years, including the last 6 at St Joseph's. I will be teaching 5/6 White on Mondays and Tuesdays and 3/4 Blue on Thursdays. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

Education

Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts – Newcastle University Graduate Certificate of Religious Education – ACU Graduate Certificate of Primary Mathematics - UWS

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Favourites

I enjoy camping with my family and going to the beach. I love playing netball and walking with my dogs. My favourite subject at school was maths and I enjoy teaching maths to my students now.

TEACHERS



Hi Year 4. I'm Mrs. Flanagan and this is my seventh year of teaching at St. Joseph's. I was born in Newcastle and have lived here my whole life. When I'm not teaching, I'm hanging out with my family (Mr Flanagan and Abel). We love to go to the beach, walk our dogs (Winnie and Wilfred) and camp with friends. My favorite food is pizza and I love mint gelato.

Welcome to year four. We are so excited to be your teacher's. It's going to be a fantastic year full of learning and exploring. You will not believe how much you will learn and grow. We have so much planned and we can't wait to get to know you and your family.

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I'm Mrs Papworth and I
have been teaching since
2010. This is my third
year at St Joseph's. I
grew up on a farm in
Aberdeen. In my family
there is Antonio and my
two beautiful children
Liliana and Brooklyn. I
love to travel, read and
listen to podcasts.
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