

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

****Newsletter will be a brief weekly update from Week 9 onwards.**

**Last day of term
Thursday 9th April**

**First day of Term 2
Monday 27th April**

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St Joey's News

'Truth in Christ'

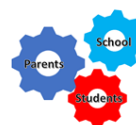
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27th March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,



Well what a week it has been! Firstly, thank you to you all, our wonderful community, for the support and understanding that you have shown all of us during this tumultuous time. We hope you are all staying well and are coping with this everchanging situation. Schools remain open and we are here to provide continued learning for those students who attend school. This week we have provided home learning plans with a variety of activities both digital and hard copy in literacy and numeracy for those who chose to stay at home.

Thank you to our committed and hardworking staff, who amongst their own stresses and concerns for the health and wellbeing of their own selves and families, have continued to be here for our students to provide routines, care and continued learning each day. I am truly grateful!

Things are evolving each day and following advice from the government and health authorities to undertake measures to further protect teachers, staff and students, next week, we will be moving to a reduced workforce with teachers being offered the opportunity to work from home for part of their working week. We also have staff who have higher risk factors and will be required to work from home for their entire timetable. Teachers will be planning and preparing work for our students transitioning into a remote learning environment. They will continue to keep connected with our students and parents during this time.

There will be a roster of staff at school each day for the next 2 weeks until the end of term. Classes will be collapsed with small numbers of students in each, maintaining strict hygiene protocols. **I wish to assure you that St. Joseph's remains open to support parents who need to send their children to school.** Staff will continue to provide home learning plans for students to follow from home or at school with both digital and hard copy activities across all Key Learning Areas being provided. These will be sent via the Compass app each Monday. If you need work printed, please let your child's teacher know and packs can be picked up at the front office.

Staff are trialling a few different online platforms for online learning opportunities moving into Term 2. *Zoom* has become the new norm for staff meetings and staff collaboration as of this week. We are learning everyday as well!

There are, however, many protocols and practices to think about before offering these types of video conferencing tools to students. Our CSO Teaching and Learning Team is instructing us about best practice whilst maintaining privacy during online connections. We will keep you informed as we are trained in new technologies and how best to serve our students should remote learning become the full-time directive moving forward. Again, thank you for your continued support as we work through these changes together.

We wish the Adamson family deepest sympathy for the loss of Taj's grandmother. Renae's mother had been unwell and yesterday, passed away peacefully. We keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.
Grant unto her eternal rest, O Lord.

Kinder 2021 Timeline

We have taken many 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 will resume next term.

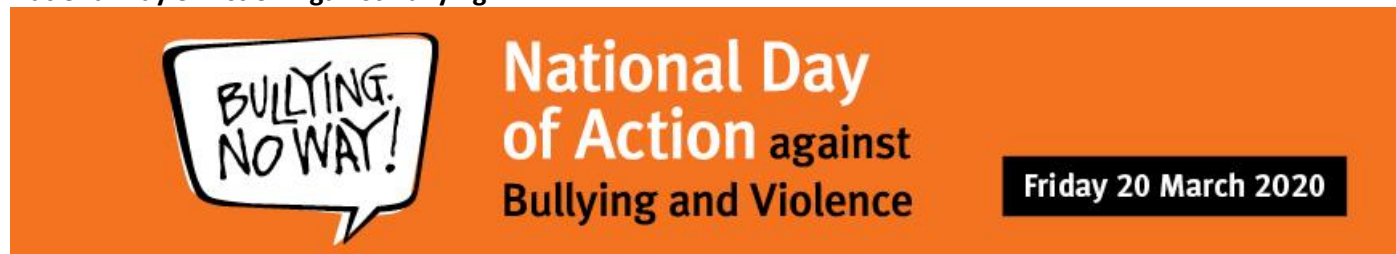
Completed Enrolment Forms Due – 1st June
Letters of Offer sent out - 5th June
Kinder Orientation – 11th September
Kinder Play & Learn Session 1 – 16th October
Kinder Play & Learn Session 2 – 26th October
Kinder Play & Learn Session 3 – 6th November

Thank you and God bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

Assistant Principal's News

National Day of Action Against Bullying



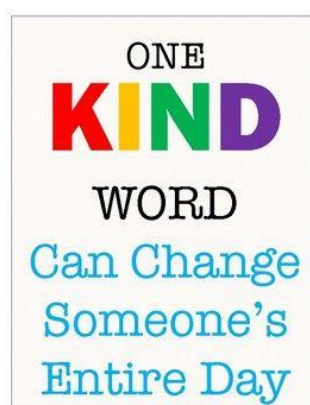
Last Friday we had a great day participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our students engaged with the topic through activities, discussions and role plays. It was encouraging to hear children realise the importance of standing up for others and relating this to living like Jesus. Well done St Joey's!





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

At this time of uncertainty and fear we are encouraged to turn to our hearts to the divine, even if we never have before, and seek refuge in a *peace that is beyond understanding* (Philippians:4:7).

Below are a few ways which we are encouraged to practice our faith.

The Diocese has collated some resources which will be maintained:

See:

1. [Diocesan Website page](#)
2. [Liturgy Help Resources](#)
3. [COVID 19 Supplementary Resources Page](#)
4. ['Keeping Sunday Holy – What can we do?'](#)

It is hoped that Mass from the Cathedral will be able to be live streamed from this Sunday the 29th March 9:30am. Stay in touch with the Diocesan website link above for more updates.

Beyond this, it is a good time to start a ritual of prayer. Lighting an online candle with your family's intentions is a beautiful way of acting out of faith and not fear. See: <https://www.sosj.org.au/our-foundress-mary-mackillop/mary-mackillop-prayer/prayer/>



THANK YOU to our amazing Mini Vinnies students, families and staff for organising the St. Patrick's themed fundraiser for Project Compassion last week. We raised an **outstanding \$750** for Caritas Australia and we are so proud of your generosity and support. The cakes, lolly bags, treats and games were a huge success. We know our students can only do this because of the wonderful support of our parents.

**St Joseph's Day Art Winners
2020**

Kindergarten
Aria Lee

**St Joseph's Day Art Winners
2020**

Year 1
Elise Cuskelly

**St Joseph's Day Art Winners
2020**

Year 2
Luca Masters

**St Joseph's Day Art Winners
2020**

Year 3
Miliana Dragosavljevic

**St Joseph's Day Art Winners
2020**

Year 4
Ivy Mitchell

**St Joseph's Day Art Winners
2020**

Year 5
Nathalie Mislos

**St Joseph's Day Art Winners
2020**

Year 6
Lachlan Judd

Congratulations to the winners of our St. Joseph's feast day art competition. The artworks were extremely impressive across the grades and it was difficult to select the winners from such great work.

Our winners received a \$20 book voucher and their artwork is framed and hangs in the school foyer for the next 122 months.

Congratulations children!



Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator



SPORTS NEWS

All Diocesan, Polding and PSSA sporting events have been cancelled. Please see the CSNSW sports website for the full list of events. We know many of our athletes will be disappointed with these decisions but they have been made in the interests of health and safety for all.

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 week:

Hope K.	Lauren S.	Charlotte D.
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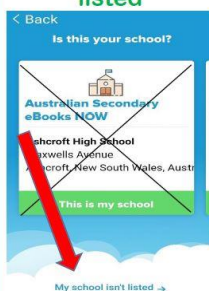
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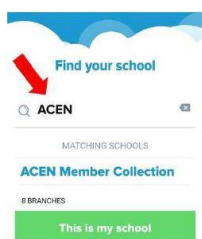
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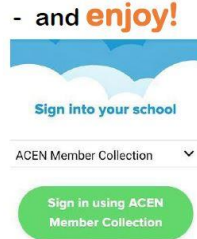
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Sign in using
ACEN Member Collection
- and **enjoy!**



The Premier's Reading Challenge opened on Monday 2 March, 2020.

Orange bookmarks with User names and Passwords will be sent home this week with all Kinder students. Any students who are new to the school this year, will receive theirs at their next Hub lesson. 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



Please find below our final **Meet the Teacher** Instalments!
Stage 3 and Mrs Drake!

Meet the Teacher



Mr. Faith

Hi! My name is Mr. Mark Faith. I am excited to be part of the SJC community again in 2020. I have two fur-babies; Dachshunds named Bellatrix and Bentley. I love to travel and just got back from a snowy Canada trip.

Education

I studied at the University Of Newcastle, completing my Bachelor of Primary Education in 2011.

Favourites

I am a Newcastle Knights fan. You may even see me wearing their jersey. Football (soccer) is my game of choice though. I play 5-a-side each week. Photography is a passion of mine. I enjoy playing with gadgets and getting involved in all things technological.

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Meet the Mrs Ridgewell Teach



I have been teaching at St Joseph's Charlestown for 20 years and have seen many great changes over the years. I love seeing new faces every year and enjoy the rewards and challenges that go with teaching.

Education

Degree in Primary Education
and currently studying a
Diploma in Counselling

Contact

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Favourites

My most enjoyable moments outside of school is spending time with my family and taking my dog Zeena for walks along the beach. My friends and family also have a special place in my heart and I make time to see them regularly.

Meet the >Mrs McGlynn< Teach



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.

meet the teacher

Dear families,

Hello! My name is Mrs. Kathryn Hill and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year! I am very excited about all that our Stage 3 team has to offer and can't wait to watch your child learn and grow each day!

I believe the key to a successful year is open communication between home and school. Please feel free to email me or call me regarding any concerns, queries or needs. I am happy to help support your child and family as best as I can.

In my free time, I enjoy playing basketball, reading, board games, running my kids to sport and planning trips away.

About me...

I have 3 children (Ella- Year 6, Sophie- Year 5 and Daniel- Year3) and an amazing husband Shannon.

I completed a bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Teaching Degree with Honors at Newcastle University. I have been teaching since 2003.

I have been teaching at St Joseph's since 2014. Last year I completed a teaching exchange in Canada. It was life changing for my family and myself.

I believe in setting and achieving goals and I look forward to helping your child do the same.

Mrs. Hill



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Having grown up in a Catholic family with a Catholic education, my faith is an important part of who I am. The teachings of Jesus are central to my life.

I believe parents are the first educators of their children and it is our actions and words that are modelled for them.

Contact Me!



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Meet Mrs Drake

Hi! My Name is Kate Drake! I have been teaching for 24 years in a variety of primary schools both in Newcastle and on the Central Coast where I live. I believe teaching is a vocation and is one of the most rewarding of occupations. I have been in leadership roles for the past 11 years and am really pleased to have another opportunity as acting principal at St. Joseph's this term.

Our children are our future!

My Education!

Along with my teaching degree I have completed a Master of Educational Leadership. I have studied some theology along the way and have participated in Diocesan leadership training courses. I believe in lifelong learning and enjoy reading and keeping up to date with educational research.

I believe in building positive relationships with all I meet.
Parents and teachers working together to support our students really is the path to improved learning outcomes for our students.



My Family!

I have a beautiful family with my husband Paul. We have 5 children, 4 sons and 1 daughter, ranging in ages from 17 – 25.

Jack, Kayla, Lachlan, Max and Tom!

The high school years seem to have gone very fast with our youngest now in year 12.

Parenting Tip!
"It's ok to say 'No!'"