

DATES TO REMEMBER

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****Newsletter will be a brief weekly update during Term 2.**

ALL UNIFORM ENQUIRIES:



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St Joey's News

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8th May 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,



We are thankful that things continue to improve with the COVID-19 situation allowing us to transition the students back to school next week. We understand many parents are also transitioning back to their workplaces, and routines will be changing again for most families. I hope that we can all look back at this challenging time and see some wonderful positives such as increased quality family time, time for walks and rides, boardgames, reading, cooking and creative fun! I also hope and pray that things will now improve for those facing financial strain and pressure. Please keep in contact with us and let us know if we can assist in any way.

We very much look forward to returning to face to face teaching with 2 days per week in our regular classes. **K-2 attending Monday and Tuesday and 3-6 on Wednesday and Thursday.** School remains open every day for those children who need to be at school. Just keep in mind that if children attend on days other than their set days, they will have different teachers and will continue to work from their Home Learning Plans. Home Learning Plans will continue to be uploaded on the Compass Class News feed each Friday for the following week. All students will be using these plans throughout the week whether at school or at home. We respect parents' choice around their child's attendance and hope to support you in your decisions by providing these learning options.

Staffing is still being affected by the government guidelines to reduce adult ratios on site, so staff continue to be on a roster sharing the working from home and class teaching. We also have several staff in high risk categories who are working from home until they are cleared to return to full capacity.

We are mindful that some students will feel anxiety returning to school after such a long break. Please reassure your children that these feelings are ok, listen to their worries and reassure them that everything will get better. As the children transition back to school it is important to speak positively about returning to routines, friends and teachers. Try not to worry about any missed academic content, we will work together to get everybody back on track as we return to regular classes. Our Pastoral Care Worker and School Counsellor will be available for extra support where needed as the term progresses.

It will be important for us all to continue to practise good hygiene habits. Our school is well stocked with soap and sanitiser and is cleaned every day. Staff will encourage children to wash their hands regularly throughout the day and practise

social distancing. If your child is feeling unwell please care for them at home. If children become unwell at school we will require you to come and pick them up. We appreciate your support and understanding in these matters.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS WEEKS 3 TO 5

Morning

Students should use Kiss and Drop in the morning or be walked to the gate. Parents are requested not to come on site. We need to limit the number of adults entering the school premises as far as possible.

Parents are asked to stay outside the school gates unless they are dropping off or picking up students from OOSH.

A teacher will meet students at the gate to ensure a safe arrival.



We ask that parents avoid congregating around the entrance to the school. Observe social distancing wherever possible.

Afternoon

Students catching the bus will follow usual procedures.

Students who walk home from school will follow usual procedures.

All afternoon dismissal will be through a Kiss and Drop procedure at the top entrance to the school

Camrose St (3 cars at a time)	Shelton St (1 car at a time)
	
3:00pm Students with surnames A-F	3:00pm Students with surnames L-Q
3:15pm Students with surnames G-K	3:15pm Students with surnames R-Z

Try to stick to these times as far as possible to avoid traffic congestion.

Parents, please be patient as we manage these changes, to ensure safety for everyone in our community.

When using Shelton St only one car can be between the Kiss and Drop pick up signs.

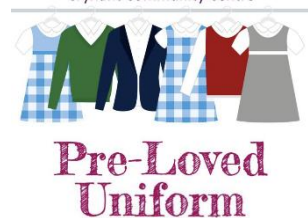
In Camrose St please follow teacher instructions and move down when there is a space to allow more cars to fit. Up to 3 cars can fit in the Kiss and Drop zone in this street. **PLEASE DO NOT PULL OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER CARS.**

Please be courteous of neighbours and refrain from parking in their driveways or blocking them in.

Observe parking signs, especially the Bus Zone, as we have buses that arrive at pick up time.

UNIFORM – This time of the year can see fluctuations in the weather as we have seen this week. The cold weather has certainly hit so from next week until Monday 25th May students may wear whichever uniform (winter or summer) that suits the day. All children will need to be in Winter uniform by Monday 25th May. Please order uniforms on QKR or contact the uniform shop volunteers chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au. Orders take a few days to process so please be patient.

The Clothing Pool has a good range of good quality second-hand uniforms for all ages. Why not bag a bargain before the weather starts to change? All you need to do is send an email to our fantastic volunteers with what you are looking for and sizes and they will sort it out!



If you have been having a de cluttering blitz with your children's school clothes while spending time at home, please send any clothing donations in with your child next week. We will pass them on to our Clothing Pool mums.



Sports days for this term will be:

Infants: Tuesday

Primary: Thursday

SCHOOL FEES – Due to the current economic climate, we will not be sending out school fee accounts till later in the term. If you wish to access your account, please let Carolyn or Amale in the office know.

CANTEEN remains closed until further notice.

OOSH remains open for our families. Please read the notice below and book your child's places for the coming weeks.

Kinder Enrolments

Our Kinder 2021 timeline has been put back with tours having to be rescheduled to later in the term. However, we have given out **38** enrolment packs so far. Please return your completed enrolment packs asap so we can start processing the forms. An interview and tour will be scheduled later in the term. Please let your friends, family and neighbours know too!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Wishing all our mothers, grandmothers and all who care for us like mothers, a wonderful day on Sunday.



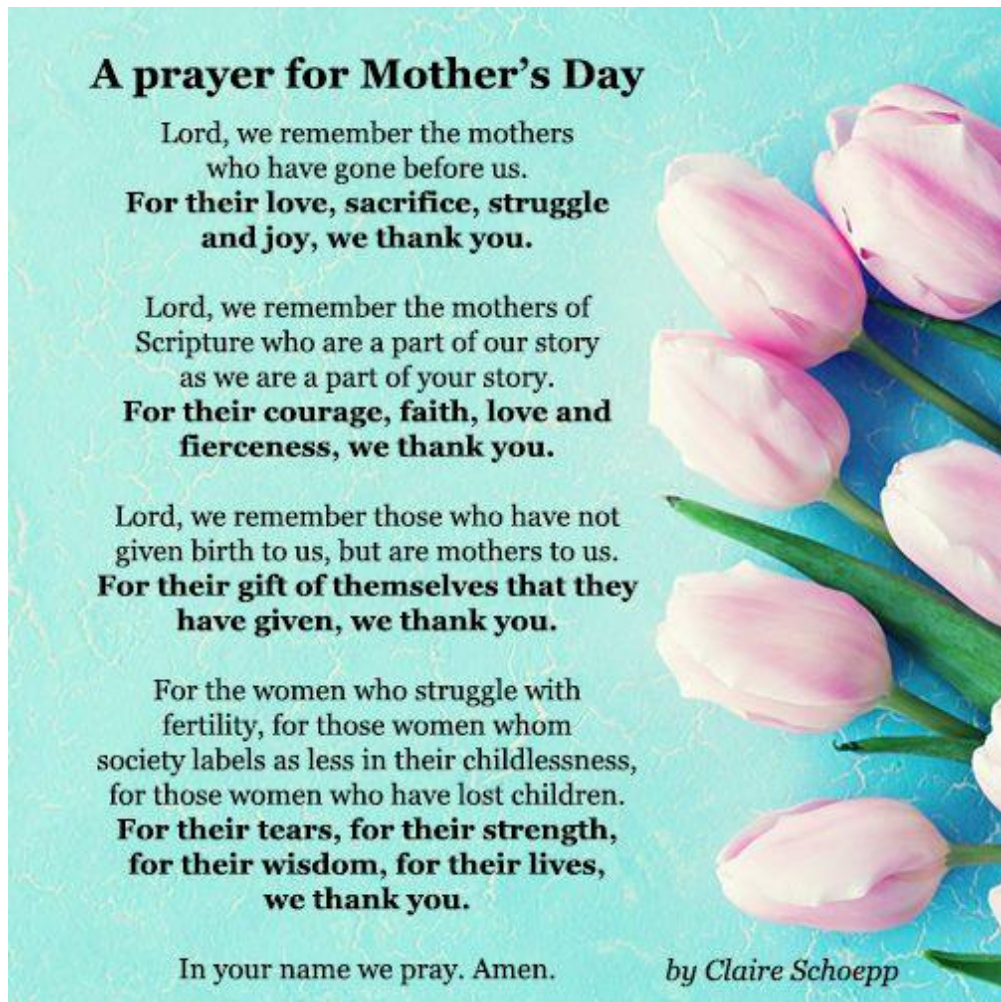
Thank you for your support, we will continue to keep you updated each week. Stay well and we look forward to seeing you as the term progresses.
God Bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

Religious Education News

On Sunday we will honour our mothers, grandmothers and those who “mother” us for the blessing that they have been or are in our lives. We pray that Sunday is a day of love, joy, memories and gratitude.

Happy Mother’s Day and remember to have a look at the school Facebook site Sunday morning for a beautiful Mother’s Day prayer and reflection.



Many Blessings,

Clare Paff
Religious Education Coordinator

News from the Primary Coordinator

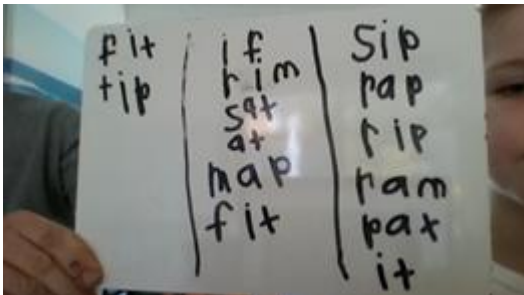
At St Joey's one of our on-going goals is writing. Writing gives voice to our inner thoughts and allows us to share them. It focuses students on the importance of phonics, comprehension, the mechanics of writing, developing their voice or perspective, and communicating this perspective to others. Please enjoy the writing excerpts from this week across the school.



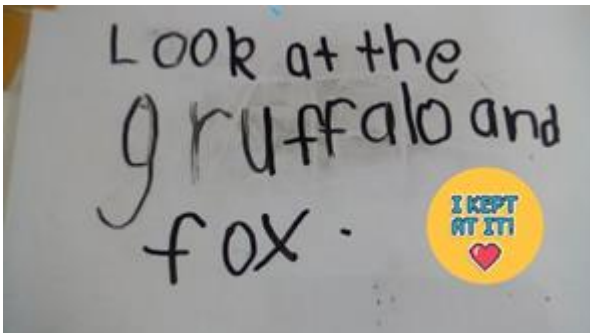
Ana T- Kinder



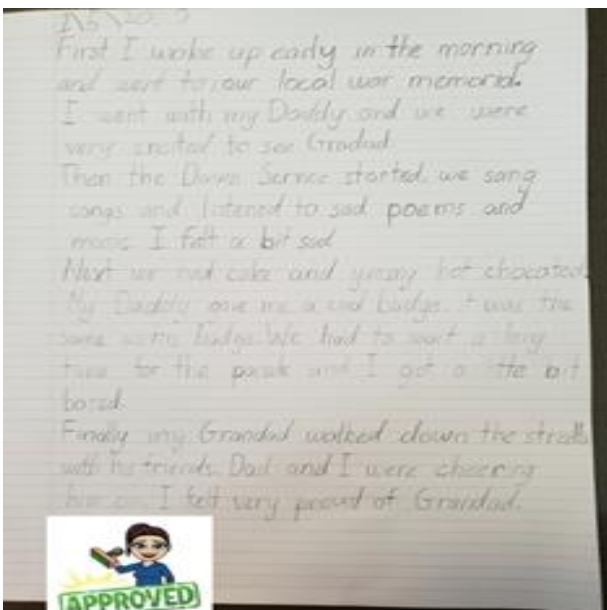
Jackson S- Kinder



Huon C- Kinder



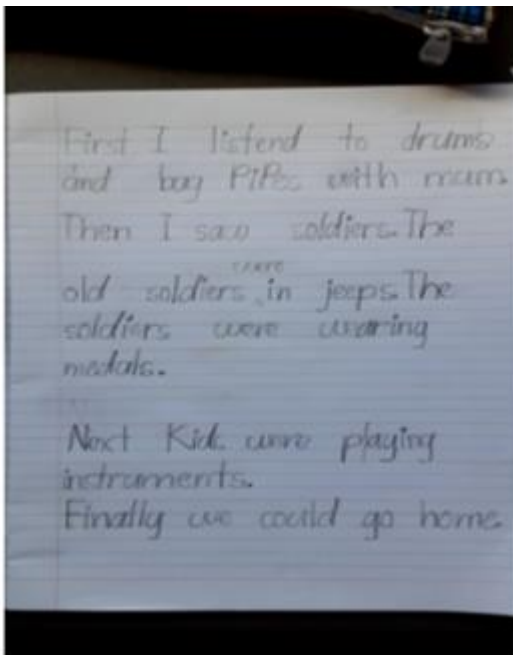
Lauren S- Year 2



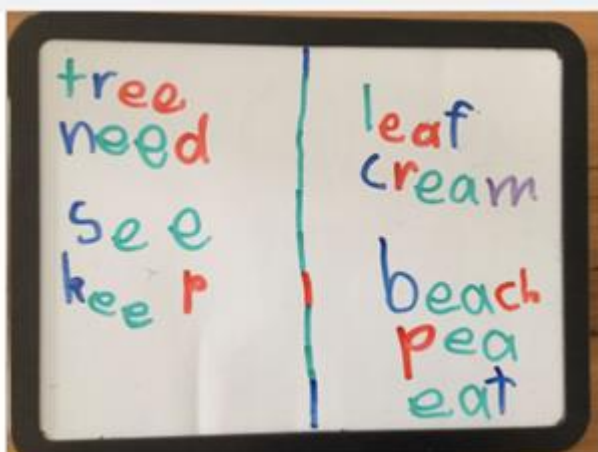
My dog is nice and fluffy.

Student Check	My Super Sentence...
	starts with a capital letter
	ends with a full stop
	tells us about someone or something
	makes sense
	Challenge: Can you add adjectives (describing words) to your super sentence? For example: I picked up the snail and it was very slimy .

Gus F:



Eli S- Year 1






Evelyn M:



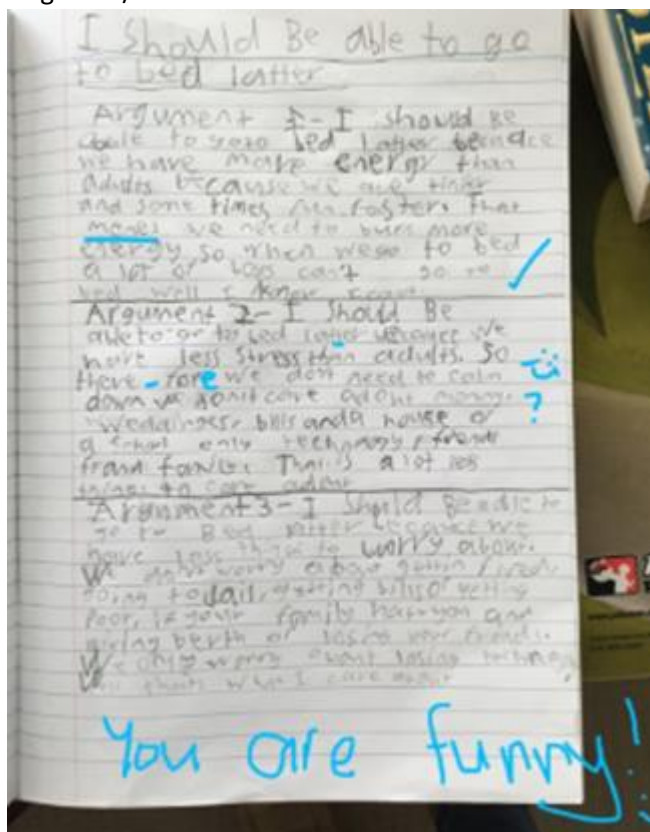
Miliana: Year 3

Use the 'T' button to create a text box to write one HIGH modality sentence for each image.

	HIGH: The girl was clearly scared of the spider.
	MED: It was likely she would be scared of the spider.
	LOW: Today was one occasion that the girl was scared of the spider.
	HIGH: The boy was absolutely enjoying his book.
	MED: He often likes his books.
	LOW: The boy might like his book.
	HIGH: She must wear her helmet to be safe.
	MED: She probably takes her drink bottle on bike rides.
	LOW: Perhaps she will go bike riding.

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Hugo C- 3/4



Billie H- Year 4

Hi my name is Billie and I will be telling
 you dogs are better than cats. Dogs play with
 you and go for walks but cats
 lie down and do nothing. I like an old person
 on a wheel chair. If you want to be happy it
 may not be good but you can try to be
 you but dogs will play and cats mean to hurt
 you like cats.

Dogs want attention so they can play with
 you. You didn't notice people were happy.
 They like a dog if they play a cat they don't
 like.

Cats are very quiet and hide so they can be hidden
 and drink but dogs can't. They drink and play
 they are not as useless as cats. You can't
 a dogs back but a cat won't let you stand
 there back. Yes some cats can be friendly
 but most are very long. I have a
 nice cat but it didn't go up at the
 door once but was a friend from the
 cat. It went to sleep wake up and did
 nothing.

Well that is all I have for you today thank
 you for listening.


Nice Work
 Billie! good
 use of
 paragraphs

Isabella C- Year 1

On Anzac day. The 25 April we went
 to a big parade.
 It was at the memorial.
 guns went into the sky. They made
 me jump and scared the seacows.
 Dad and I went to watch grand old
 march. grand old marches to
 remember the soldiers that fought in
 the war.

Jacob E- Year 2

① I like my my boy
 ② I like my boy my boy
 ③ I like my boy my boy
 ④ I like my boy my boy
 ⑤ I like my boy my boy
 ⑥ I like my boy my boy
 ⑦ I like my boy my boy
 ⑧ I like my boy my boy
 ⑨ I like my boy my boy
 ⑩ I like my boy my boy

What similes you found to describe your character?	What do you know about the character? she thinks she is chubby. she is beautiful she is rude to everyone
As smelly as a pig As rude as a cheetah monkey. As big as an elephant	Other ideas about your character: She is all ways angry lazy she makes people do 10% or more and beats him up
What is your character's appearance like (what they look like)? chubby short fat piggy eyes flabby face	What is their personality like (how they behave)? rude mean unkind wasty lazy unhappy 

English Year 4 - Chapter 10 Pages 1-20 and The Great Train Robbery Writing Challenge Worksheet Version 1.0 © 2014

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Australia



Nature & Wildlife

Australia's nature is amazing
They have awesome beaches
And Mountains that are a blue.
There is also a big rock called
Uluru it is home to Aboriginal
Communities. Australia's Wildlife
is stunning they have kangaroos,
koalas and wombats.





**Things to See
&
Do**

There are many different things
Activates you can do when you are in
Australia. You can swim with sharks,
climb the Sydney harbour bridge while
watching and so much more.

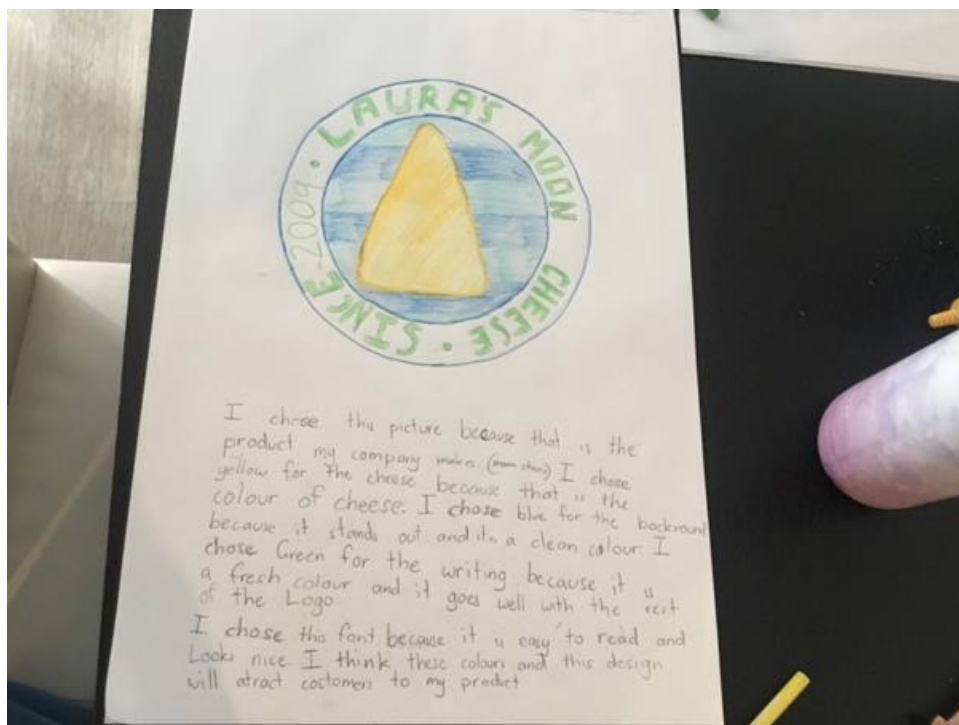
Fun Fact: Australia has the only reef that
can be seen from space. Cool Right, if
you are in Australia in late Autumn, you
may be able to see whales off the coast
of a beach. They would be migrating.



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Laura S- Year 5



Emily D- Year 6



This is my logo for a surf school called wave riders. I chose the colour because the merge of colours makes it look like a wave. I chose the font because it is bright and bold for the main name of the company and the slogan is smaller but has a glow around it so it still stands out. I made the circle around the logo thick so that it stands out and grabs your attention. I used blue colours because that is the colour of the ocean and blue also is considered beneficial to the mind and body.

Keep up the amazing writing!

Warm regards

Kathryn Hill

Acting Primary Coordinator

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 birthday next week.


Mya C	Sybella W	Elise C
Koda W	Jesse W	

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<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**


BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home



The latest issue of Book Club has been released online this time. The order process is the same through LOOP. There will be no cash orders for this issue. Orders will close on May 15.

Click the catalogue image or the link below to see this issue.

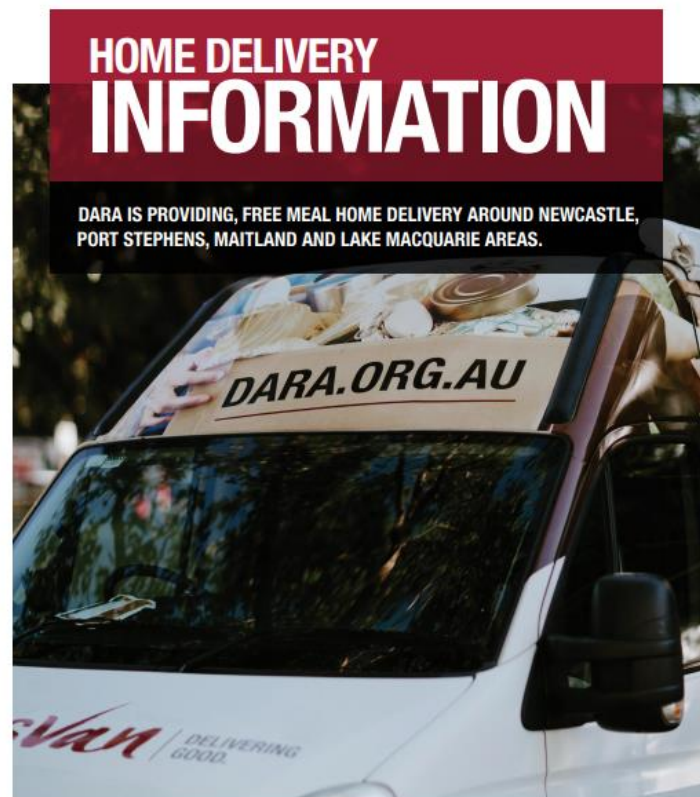
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FREE MEAL SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED

In response to COVID-19, DARA is providing free ready-made meals home delivered within the Newcastle, Maitland, Port Stephens and Lake Macquarie LGAs.

Many people are struggling at the moment and DARA is here to help. Anyone in need of food support is welcome to receive a weekly meal delivery.



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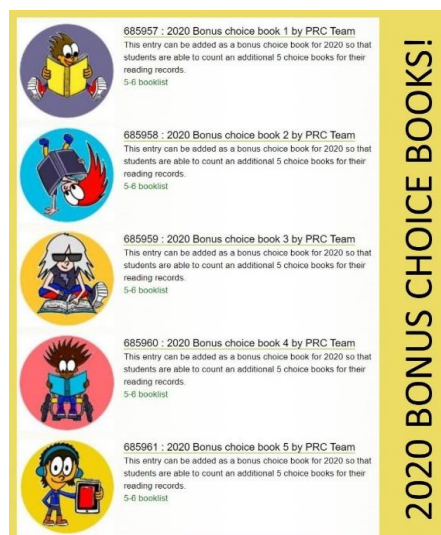
2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Rule Updates

What changes have been made to the PRC rules for 2020?

The main changes to the Challenge rules are as follows:

- Students on all Challenge levels are able to read 10 choice books - an increase from five. Please see the support article about adding these additional choice books to a student reading record.
- Students on all Challenge levels will be able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.
- Students who complete the Challenge in 2020 will be able to count this towards cumulative awards.
- Students who do not participate in the Challenge in 2020 will not be disadvantaged in the receipt of cumulative awards.
- The Challenge will include Year 10 students in 2021 to allow all students the opportunity to meet the gold and platinum certificate and Challenge medal requirements.

How do students add these bonus choice books to their reading records?



Students will need to add their first 5 choice books the same way they always have for the Challenge. Their bonus choice books will need to be entered using the following PRCID's:

[PRCID 68597 2020 Bonus Choice Book 1](#)

[PRCID 68598 2020 Bonus Choice Book 2](#)

[PRCID 68599 2020 Bonus Choice Book 3](#)

[PRCID 68560 2020 Bonus Choice Book 4](#)

[PRCID 68561 2020 Bonus Choice Book 5](#)

To add these choice books on the Student Site, students can simply enter "2020 bonus" either on the search screen or under "add choice books", and the Bonus Choice Book records will be the first ones to appear.

For further explanation of these rules see the links on the logon page of the PRC website or email me. Happy reading everyone.

Donna Hoffmann
PRC Co-Ordinator

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😊 St Nicholas OOSH Update Week 2 😊

Our team at St Nick's Charlestown hope you enjoyed a restful and safe Easter break.

We welcomed children back to OOSH with children's suggestions week. This included program activities that were based around children's ideas from the previous term. Some of our favourite crafts included sand art, an outdoor shop/café, origami and painting.

Next week, children have suggested we participate in arts and crafts to give to our wonderful mothers, care givers, grandparents and other mother figures. We have lots of exciting activities planned to enjoy throughout the week.

We have continued to provide our services during this period and we look forward to welcoming our families back over the following weeks. We kindly ask if you are returning to OOSH if you could advise us in advance of this. You can contact us via email at

charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au or

on 0429 435 571