

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

WINTER UNIFORM
All children will need to be in Winter uniform by Monday 25th May.



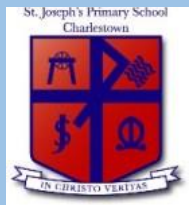
Infants: Tuesday
Primary: Thursday

ALL UNIFORM ENQUIRIES:



ORDER VIA QKR APP

All enquiries to email:
chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au



St Joey's News

'Truth in Christ'

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22nd May 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware our system is continuing a staggered approach to the return to fulltime face to face teaching with a gradual increase of students on site next week and full return for all in Week 6. Our plans for St Joseph's are as follows:



WEEK 5 Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

K-2 attend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
3-6 attend Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

WEEK 6 Monday 1st – Friday 5th June

All students return to full time attendance

Children of essential workers or no other care options attend as needed

Please be assured that we will continue to have extra daily cleaning services in place, maintain our strict hygiene practices, no extra adults on site, and no whole school gatherings or assemblies until further notice.

Teachers will send reduced Home Learning activities for next week via Compass and Zoom meetings will no longer be scheduled. At school, the teaching of English, Maths and Religion will be a priority in the classroom. Teachers will be working with their students to assess their needs and program accordingly. Semester 1 reports will look very different to the usual report and will be delivered early Term 3. More reporting information will follow in the coming weeks.

Please care for your children at home if they are unwell and if they show any signs of illness such as: persistent cough, sneezing, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhoea, conjunctivitis. Children should be free of fevers, vomiting and diarrhoea for 24 hours before returning to school. Colds and flus will increase as the cooler weather sets in, so we ask all parents to work with the school to ensure we limit the spread of all illness. **We appreciate your support!**

PICK UP AND DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS MUST REMAIN THE SAME

3:00pm Students with surnames **A-F Camrose St** (3 cars at a time) GREEN

3:00pm Students with surnames **L-Q Shelton St** (1 car at a time) RED

3:15pm Students with surnames **G-K Camrose St** (3 cars at a time) YELLOW

3:15pm Students with surnames **R-Z Shelton St** (1 car at a time) BLUE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND PATIENCE WITH THIS NEW ROUTINE!

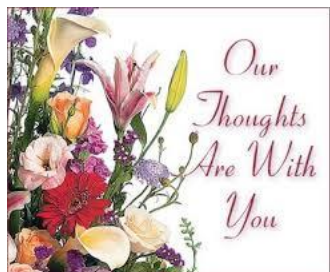
OOSH – Please contact Taylor Cefai, Supervisor of our St Nicholas OOSH service to rebook your children into before and after school care where needed.

charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au or phone 0429 435 571

Kinder Enrolments - Enrolment forms can be requested from the office or printed from our new website:

<https://www.charlestown.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-information/>

Please return your completed enrolment forms asap so we can start processing them.



Our prayers and thoughts are with the Suters family as they grieve the loss of Molly's paternal grandmother.

May she rest peacefully in heaven.

Thank you once again for the wonderful support you have given the staff and school over this period. We look forward to moving forward with you to full return of all students during this next phase.

God Bless,

Kate Drake

Acting Principal

ICAS Tests

Each year we offer our students the opportunity to participate in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies. They are **challenging tests** that test skills and content beyond the standard curriculum, and are suitable for students wishing to **extend themselves academically** and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment

ICAS Assessments are now online, and this year students can participate in the following subjects:

ICAS Science Yr 3 to 6

ICAS Digital Technologies Yr 3 to 6

ICAS English Yr 2 to 6

ICAS Maths Yr 2 to 6

ICAS Spelling Yr 2 to 6



The cost per test: \$15.95 including GST and the tests will be held at school during August.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a **direct payment** to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

Our school access code is: **CGX849**

Our parent page link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Online payment closes Friday, 17 July 2020.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Karen Nolan

Acting Assistant Principal

This week marks 5 years since Pope Francis released “Laudato Si” which is a call to care for all of creation. Considering the interconnectedness of all living things is ever apparent right now.

Common prayer for the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si’

Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home. You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it. May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind. Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic, Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good, Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



Final Amount for Project Compassion 2020

The final tally raised for Project Compassion from the cake stall and the Project Compassion boxes from term 1 was \$793.75. Thank you SJC community for your support and generosity towards those in need.

Important upcoming dates

24th May- Feast of the Ascension

25th May- Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia

26th May - Sorry Day

27th May - 3rd June National Reconciliation Week

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator



Congratulations to our Round 1 Lego Masters Winners:

Stage 3: Laura, Kiara, Billy, Jarvis, Jett, Emily S, Kate and Mustafa.

Stage 2: Liam B, Arlie, Thomas, Harrison and Milly.

Stage 1: Alex, Kobe, Kai, Oscar, Sam, Heath and Lauren.

Round 2 Building competition closes 7pm tonight.

Here are a few samples from Round 1:





Our stage 3 children have loved the creative play the loose parts playground offers! It is amazing to see the forts and hear the discussions over stability. We are so blessed to have this school environment at St Joseph's!

Please enjoy our writing samples from across the school. We are so proud of our little authors!

In response to: W4 Friday: Persuading Parents Challenge

Monopoly Junior

1. You should play this game with me because it makes everybody laugh and laughing is so fun.
2. you should play this game with me because it is a handy dandy game to play on a Friday or the weekend.
3. You should play this game with me because you can choose witch Character and name it.

Guess what?! Mum said yes! I will put a photo on here later.

Ashtyn- Year 3

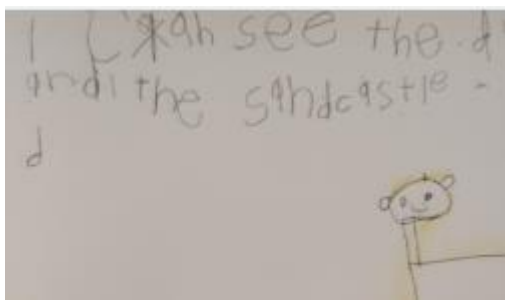
Danny G

In response to: W4 Friday: Persuading Parents Challenge

Just Dance

You should play just dance with me because...

- Just Dance is an active game, so it makes you fit and healthy.
- Just Dance also teaches you how to dance if you're not a very good dancer, like you Dad.
- Just Dance helps improve your coordination, you again Dad.
- Just Dance is a social game so all of our family can play at the same time.
- In Just Dance, the music makes you motivated so that you can keep going.
- Finally, it's just fun.



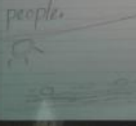
James C- Kinder

21.5.21

Hammy's appearance.

1. Harry is white with black spots.
2. He's Short legs and a Short tail.
3. He has Shaggy white fur and pointy ears.

My Super Power is invisibility.
I will use my super power when
you need I will be there.
I can help people to save the
cat.
I can sneak upon the badys.
I love having a super power
because it is good to help
people.

A simple line drawing of a person with a cape flying over a city skyline. The person is in a flying pose, and the city below has several buildings of varying heights. The drawing is done in a sketchy, hand-drawn style.

At the end of the story he ^{was} his big music because he did go for walks and did dance classes and ^{nothing}. He was still kind ^{and} nice to everybody and he still said sorry if he ^{jumped} into anything or anybody. In the end he was ^{heard} he saved ^{himself} from the suburban Georgia.

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DATE: _____

Character: Willy

Willy - Character Profile

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ever since the coronavirus walked in it felt like you and
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Alice D- Year 5: Persuasive Text-

Hey, you do you like having a nice swim in the ocean? I bet you do! But would you like a clump of rubbish coming over you and tangling you up? Nope! That's why we should take care of our ocean, because if we don't our ocean will just be no more and just clumps of rubbish!

Firstly, I know we like to eat food, but have you realised how much plastic our food is wrapped in? ALOT! Our fruit, meat and heaps of other things! If we don't stop using this much plastic, there will be more plastic then fish in 2050!

Secondly, our skies are getting more foggy because of all the factories making all your waste! We have to be up high if we want to see the stars because all you see from down below is fog and darkness!

Thirdly, lots of our animals are dying from plastic because they think its food, do you want all the animals to go extinct? Didn't think so! Turtle were dying from plastic straws and fish are being caught with plastic all over them! Is that the life you want to live? I know I don't!

Conclusion, I think we should cut down on our plastic and together we can save this earth! That's why we shouldn't use plastic!

Will D: Persuasive Text-

As I sit and listen to the flow of the clear water rushing by, I can see the oak trees waving in the distance but all of a sudden I hear my family cheering upstream because my mum has just caught the biggest, shiniest bass I have ever seen. My whole family have the happiest smile on their faces. I take a moment to realize how lucky I am to live in such a beautiful part of the world.

How can there be people in this world who do not care about our environment? I love fishing because when you get a bite a big smile brightens up your face but what you don't realize is that some people don't care for the animals in our environment. They will catch more fish but instead of throwing the smaller fish back in the water they keep them, and this causes no fish when you come back next time. Also, if you don't eat the fish it is almost like killing something for fun and that poor fish is now shark bait. These people are selfish.

I also love camping with my family because it is a fun way to sleep outdoors in our beautiful environment. However, when I go camping some people just only think of themselves and leave their rubbish behind. These selfish people are ruining my favourite riding track as it was blocked by a pile of rubbish that was dumped. Not only did the pile block the track but it also meant that people did it intentionally and that is disappointing.

Did you know that nearly 42,000,000 trees are getting cut down daily? Now that's a lot of oxygen yep that right trees produce oxygen every day so we can breathe it in and stay alive. Oxygen is the best thing that comes from nature and is a gift for everyone. People that cut down trees are practically cutting down one of life's biggest elements. Nature gives us life so we should care for it too!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Kathryn Hill
Acting Co-ordinator

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.

Aria L- 18th	Jacob E 18th	Jeremy H- 19th
Marlo E- 20th	Danny G- 20th	Nyah C- 21st



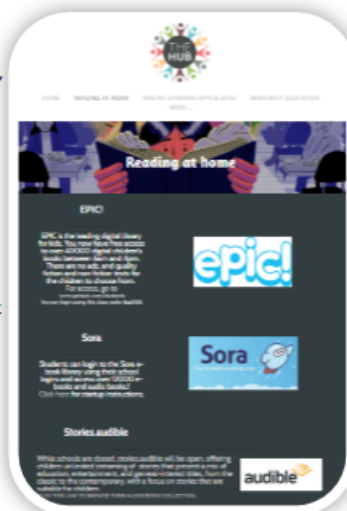
BORROWING AT SCHOOL—READING AT HOME

Borrowing at the Learning Hub will continue when Hub lessons recommence. At this stage, this is anticipated for Week 6.

In the meantime, children are encouraged to borrow and read through the online options presented on the Learning Hub Home Learning site:

<https://stjosephshub.weebly.com/reading-at-home.html>

The most popular digital library your children have access to is **SORA**. You will find directions on how to use this reading app on the Hub site.



EPIC is another free digital library you may want to refer to if you can't find a book you're looking for through **SORA**.

Lake Macquarie and Newcastle libraries have also created excellent home reading options.

All of these home reading options and more are on the Hub page. If you have any issues gaining access to these resources, please contact me at stephanie.tranter@mn.catholic.edu.au

Happy Reading! Mrs Tranter



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Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

FREE WEBINAR RETURNING TO SCHOOL – COPING WITH CHANGE



Be part of an interactive hour where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents/carers, teachers and others who support individuals on the autism spectrum.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, schools across the country are managing the return of students. For students on the autism spectrum, returning to a school environment that may look, feel and operate very differently, may present challenges and opportunities.

We invite you to join us as we will explore strategies to support young people on the spectrum who have returned or are returning to school.

There are three different session times to choose from.

Tuesday 26 May, 2020 –

7:30pm - 8.30pm AEST

Thursday 28 May, 2020 –

10:00am - 11.00am AEST

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7:30pm - 8.30pm AEST

All of our webinars are free and participants that attend receive a certificate following the completion of the webinar.



To register for this webinar and find upcoming ones, visit
positivepartnerships.com.au