

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

WINTER UNIFORM IS NOW COMPULSORY



**Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday**

**ALL UNIFORM
ENQUIRIES:**



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St Joey's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday we celebrated the birth of our Church with the feast of **Pentecost**. This is a special day in our Church calendar to remind us that as the Apostles were called and gifted with the Holy Spirit, so too are we called to share our faith and live the good news. It is also good news that soon we will be able to return to the celebration of Mass in our parishes with restrictions being lifted. Let us renew ourselves in our faith and in the traditions and practices of our Church.



COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**

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It has been a wonderful week with a full return K-6 of our students and staff. We are now focussing on settling our students into class routines, learning and behaviour expectations. It has been delightful to see the happy faces of our students learning, playing and interacting with each other again.

Thank you for supporting us with maintaining restrictions to adults on site and for continuing to follow our Kiss and Drop / Pick Up arrangements.

Thankfully, the incident of COVID-19 in the community is very low. As a nation we have much to be thankful for. Please be assured that if a COVID 19 case was confirmed in our school community we have established protocols that we would follow to ensure the safety of our students and staff. In the unlikely event of a

confirmed COVID-19 case we would be following the advice of NSW Health and our CSO. Our procedure includes communicating this information to our parent community as well as the instructions for the safe and orderly pick up of students from school. Hopefully, we will never need to follow these protocols but having a plan in place means we can all respond in a calm and patient manner that is in the best interest of our students.

SURVEY -We would appreciate some feedback as to how we are managing our school at present. Please complete the survey that will be sent on Compass today and share your thoughts with us.

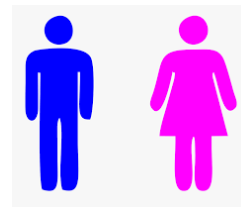
SEMESTER 1 REPORTS – Advice from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and our Catholic Schools Office was sent to parents on Wednesday regarding the format of Semester 1 reports. These will look very different to the normal reports and will be a more condensed version due to the many weeks of Home Learning. Reports will not be published until Week 2 next Term and interviews will be organised with parents and students in a 3 Way format to allow for more vigorous conversation about your child's learning progress. We look forward to having this contact with our parents and students early next term.



Congratulations to Elise Cuskelly in Year 1 Red who has been named as a Finalist in the Interrelate Antibullying Art competition. Over 5000 students entered the competition this year to express their ideas against bullying. Elise will participate in an online Awards Ceremony and we will publish her artwork in an upcoming newsletter.

Well done Elise we are very proud of you!

AMENITIES UPGRADE - we have been successful in obtaining some much-needed financial support from the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) to renovate the bathrooms in the school. Contractors had a site visit today and are hoping to start the upgrade and renovations in the school holidays. This is very pleasing news and I am sure will be appreciated by our students.



SPORTS UNIFORM – Now that we have fully returned to school, we will revert back to 2 days of wearing sport uniform.

ALL STUDENTS WEAR SPORT UNIFORM ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

Last week we welcomed Dominic P to Year 4 Red. We hope that Dominic finds St Joseph's to be a kind and caring place to learn and grow.

Have a wonderful long weekend everyone!

God Bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

COVID 19 Time Capsule

Students in each class have been recording their memories and feelings about their COVID-19 experiences both at home and school. As a school we are going to collate these for a time capsule for future students.

It has been very interesting to read their thoughts and listen to them discuss their impressions of this time. One theme that has emerged is that children enjoyed and appreciated the support of their parents during home learning. Of course, I am sure it was not sunshine and lollipops every day, but I think as parents you should know that your children deep down are thankful.

Here are 4 responses from Kinder.

Dad and I went to the shop to get toilet paper because lots of people were buying it so we had to go fast.



There wasn't much food at the shops and they put glass at the checkouts.



James Cherry
Age: 5

We had zoom meetings on the computer with our class.



Some people wore masks to the shops.



Ana Tauvel
Age: 6

ICAS Tests

It is not too late register for these assessments.

Students at St Joseph's can register for the following tests:

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.

Don't forget!
Mini Vinnies WINTER APPEAL
- Can you help?



Last year we collected an amazing number of toiletries from our St Joseph's community to make up a great many care packages that our local St Vincent De Paul group distributed to people in need. They expressed to us on several occasions how useful these packages were and how warmly they were received.

This year we would like to do this again and are asking for donations of the following items.

- toiletry items from your hotel stays
- shampoo/conditioner
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- roll on deodorant
- shaving cream
- hand cream
- disposable razors
- sanitizer
- small pack of tissues
- face wipes/body wipes
- body wash
- lip balm
- comb/brushes

Please send in any donations over the next few weeks. We thank you for your generosity.



PBL

Well done to the following students who have received Joey awards this week for **STRIVING HIGH, LIVING LIKE JESUS and CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**. Also, until normal assemblies resume, teachers will now alert parents when children have received a PBL Joey award through SEESAW (K-4) or OneNote (Year 5-6)

PBL Awards Term 2 Week 6

BRONZE 30		SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150	
Isla M Perri G Lillian E Sibylla D Lauren S Fergus M Kobe W Abigail C Sophie W Rocco Z Joel D Eleah P Sienna D Alice D	Molly J Bailie C Chloe G Kiara B Macy E Laura S Harry B Lily F Oscar M Daly L Adelina D Ana T Cora P Harper L Isabella B	<div><div><p><i>SJC Awards</i></p><div><div><p>Bronze Award</p><p>30</p></div><div><p>Silver Award</p><p>60</p></div><div><p>Gold Award</p><p>90</p></div><div><p>Platinum Award</p><p>120</p></div><p><i>SJC is the way to be!</i></p></div></div></div>				Vivienne R

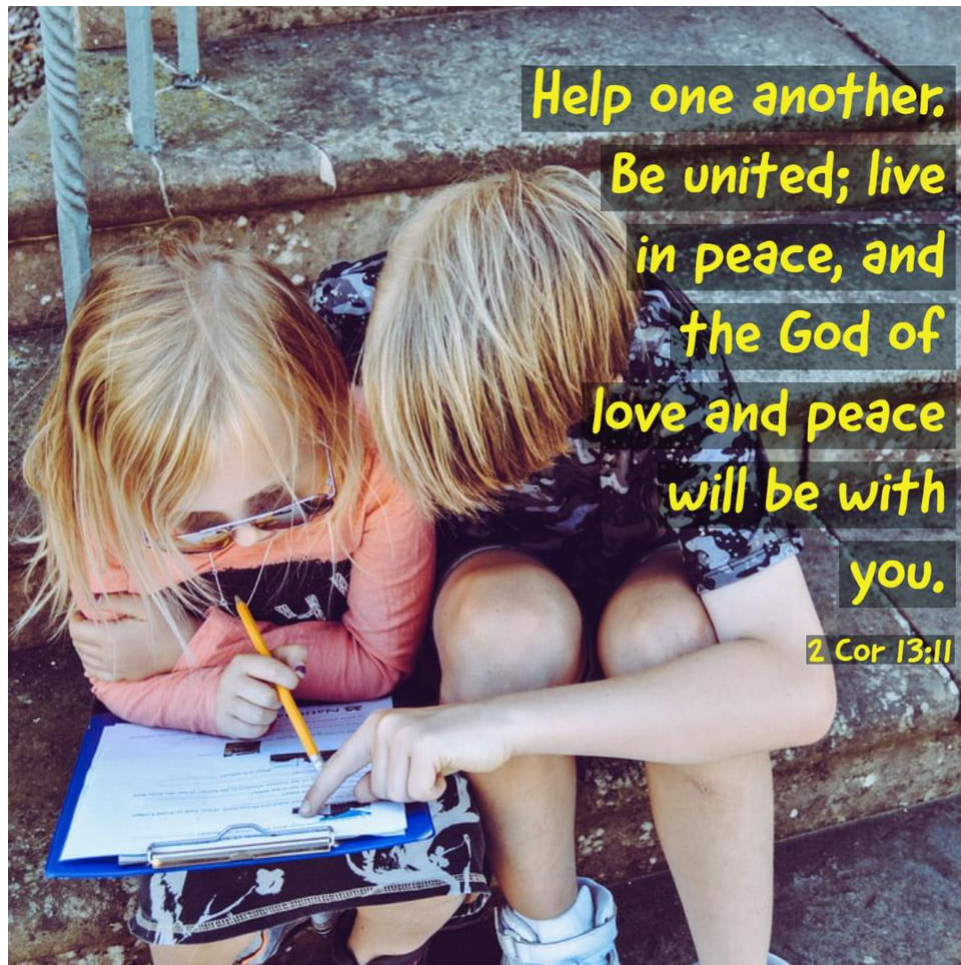
Every place, every time AND with everybody we remember to use our magic words at St Joseph’s.



*Karen Nolan
Acting Assistant Principal*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Today is World Environment Day, an important day to focus on care for all of creation in order to live harmoniously with all people and our world. A timely reminder in our world today.



Mass in our Diocese

A message from Fr Tony Potts – Parish Priest St Mary Immaculate Charlestown

As you are probably aware, the NSW Government has announced a further easing in COVID-19 restrictions related to the re-opening of church buildings. Put simply, a maximum of 50 people may be present, but there must be a COVID-19 Safety Plan devised and observed. This includes things like how we limit attendance to 50 people or less (depending on the size of the church), the observance of social distancing of 4 square metres, the provision of hand sanitiser, the recording of names and contact details, the cleaning of churches after each service and so on. We ask for your patience as we work on a plan to proceed with this next step.

Important Upcoming Dates

7th June Feast of the Holy Trinity

14th June Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff
Religious Education Coordinator

VCOP – Writing
Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation
Helping your child with V.C.O.P at home

Throughout the school students are involved in activities that help them to gain more knowledge about how to improve their own writing. As well as focussing on the genre-specific writing features, they are encouraged to always focus on four core targets; Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (V.C.O.P) – as a way of improving all of the writing they do. This guide will provide you with details about this approach, and includes suggestions as to how you could support their V.C.O.P development at home.

What is V.C.O.P.?

V.C.O.P. are the four core targets we use to teach writing. The letters stand for:

Vocabulary
Connectives
Openers
Punctuation

Vocabulary (Wow words!)

It is important that students begin to think carefully about the vocabulary they choose and the effect that it has on the reader. We promote the use of ‘WOW’ words in writing. These are words that are ambitious for the students to use; they can uplevel their nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs:

Noun - A word that names a person, place or thing: The exhausted, frightened **youngster** trudged slowly through the thick **mud**.

Adjective – A word used to describe a person, place or thing: The **exhausted, frightened** youngster trudged slowly through the **thick** mud.

Verb - A word to describe action; what is happening in the sentence: The exhausted, frightened youngster **trudged** slowly through the thick mud.

Adverb - A word to describe how the action is taking place: The exhausted, frightened youngster trudged **slowly** through the thick mud.

How can you help?

- Read to and with your child.
- Talk about and write down interesting ‘WOW’ words in the stories you are reading at home.
- Ask your child to try using the words you have found in a sentence.
- When you use a word your child is unfamiliar with, discuss what it means with them (encourage them to use the word in a sentence).
- Discuss with them words that you would use in different situations (eg formal, informal).
- Have a mini-quiz: ‘How many words can you think of instead of ‘said’?’ or ‘went’, ‘nice’, ‘good’. Put each one in a sentence.
- Give your child two different words and ask them to make different a sentence from them, eg: ‘magical’ and ‘boy’
- Encourage your child to look up vocabulary to find possible synonyms (a word or phrase that means the same).



Round 3 Lego Masters Winners- Final Round

Stage 3

Emily D, Sienna, Charlee, Joshua, Eliza, Leo, Will, Billy, Maddi, Mustafa, Kiara, Nicola, Kate W, Laura, Emily S

Stage 2

Liam B, Isla H, Milly M, Max W, Jack B, Arlie, Matt, Marcus

Stage 1

Ava T, Alice, Billie, Rocco, Rose, Julian, Cora, Charlotte D, Harry, Lauren, Flynn L, Jack W, Heath, Kobe, Sibylla, Frankie, Eli, Sonny

Kinder

Hugo, Jesse, Annelise, Jamieson, Daly

**Congratulations
to our overall winner for**

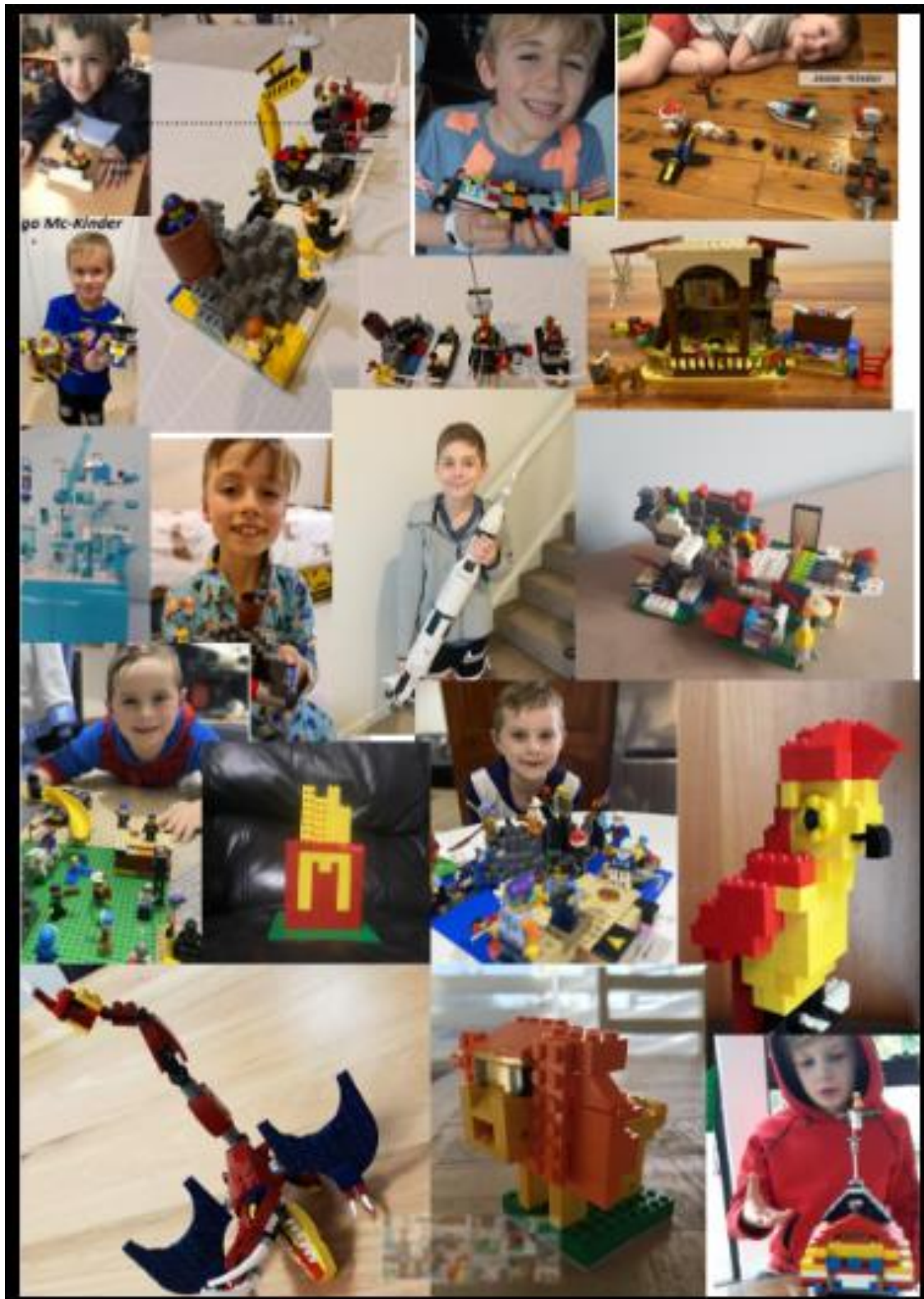
Lego Masters 2020:

**Liam B
Year 4**





What amazing talent we have at St Joey's.
We can't wait for Lego Masters 2021!!



Ice Blocks for Sale!!

We are excited that we will resume selling ice blocks for our Year 6 fundraiser. They will be sold every Monday for \$1. Due to the long weekend they will be for sale on Tuesday next week. Thank-you for your support.



WRITING COMPETITION



Congratulations to Emily D and Chloe G who are our new published authors. Emily's poem and Chloe's story will feature in a book called "The Inside Story!" We will certainly be purchasing a copy for our school library!! Well done girls, a huge achievement!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Kathryn Hill
Acting Co-ordinator

NOW THAT RESTRICTED ARE BEING LIFTED YOU MAY WANT TO PURCHASE YOUR 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.

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.

Lachlan J- 5th	Liam P- 6th	Ana T- 7th
Lachlan C- 10th	Saxon M- 12th	

😊 St Nicholas OOSH Update Week 6 😊

Our team at St Nicholas OOSH Charlestown are very excited to be welcoming more families back to care as school fully resumes!

Over the past weeks, we have been very busy with some exciting and engaging activities. Some of our favourites have been:

Nash - "Making Hama beads"

Emily B - "Playing handball"

Jeremy H - "Making Harry Potter wands and Pokémon cards"

Olivia - "Making a dreamcatcher with wool"

With the school holidays approaching, we are also beginning to arrange a Vacation Care program. If you would like additional information on this, please don't hesitate in asking us!

We continue to provide our services during this period and we look forward to welcoming back more families. 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 or visit us in our OOSH Building!

Drawings by
Juniper and Airlie

