

DATES TO REMEMBER

****Newsletter will now return to odd weeks****

Mondays – Ice blocks for sale

**Friday 3rd July
Last day of Term 2**

**School Holidays
4/7 – 18/7**

**First Day of Term 3
Monday 20th July**

**WINTER UNIFORM
IS NOW COMPULSORY**



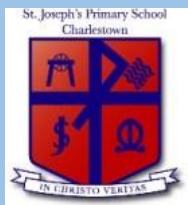
**Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday**

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St Joey's News

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal people.
We pay our respect to their elders past and present.*



26th June 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been wonderful to be able to meet our Kinder enrolments for 2021 with many siblings coming next year. Letters of offer will be sent out next week with acceptance of enrolment due Friday 31st July. Please return any enrolment forms ASAP.



We enjoyed the wonderful PJ fundraiser last week. Huge thanks to our Mini Vinnies team for organising this and to Mrs Whitby for managing the delicious Subway lunches. We are also very appreciative for all the toiletries donated by our families for our Winter Appeal. As parents and teachers it is so important to nurture in our children that natural willingness to help others so that they grow up with a greater appreciation of what they have and so that they see that their actions can make positive changes in the world. The generosity of this school community is heart-warming! I thank you in advance for your support of our upcoming brain cancer fundraiser next week.

This week we welcomed the return of Isabella S. in Year 3R. She has already said how happy she is to be back at St Joseph's. Her mum said, "It felt like coming home!" Next term we will also be welcoming some new students to SJC. Thank you to the positive feedback shared amongst neighbours and friends which brings new families to our school.

Our Parent Satisfaction survey had a great response with 83 people engaging with this data collection. It was wonderful to read the positive and supportive comments of our parents with overwhelmingly 90-95% answering positively with regards to Home Learning, communication, and management of the school during the COVID closures. We also take on board the comments regarding the overwhelming amount of information and streamlining the online platforms used for delivery of learning. It has been a huge learning experience for us as a staff and we know that if we had to do it again (let's pray not!) that we would obviously be better prepared and experienced to deal with the enormous challenges we faced at the time. Thank you to all parents who contributed to the survey.

This will be our last newsletter for the term, so I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Emma McGlynn for her wonderful efforts with 5/6W and 3/4B as well as across the school. We wish Emma, Dan, Ruby and Ella all the very best as they await the arrival of baby number 3. This is a very special time and we hope that Emma gets a bit of a rest before baby's arrival.

Semester One reports are in progress now with teachers using the revised format provided by the Catholic Schools Office. We look forward to publishing these to parents next term and will follow up with planned three-way parent / teacher/ student interviews. We hope to have these in week 5 next term however this will depend on the restrictions continuing to be lifted. More information will follow.

Congratulations to the Crane family who welcomed their new baby girl, Ava to their family. We wish you all the love and joy that a new baby brings.



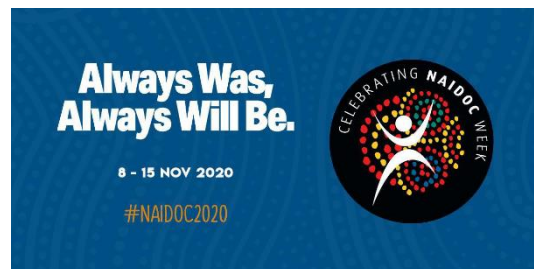
WANTED – We need a mini trampoline in good condition for indoor physical break exercises. Please let us know if you have one to donate.



We keep the Drelincourt family in our thoughts and prayers with the sad loss of their Grandfather. Claire's father had been unwell for some time. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

Next term we will host 4 university students completing internships and shorter practicum experiences as part of their teaching degrees. This is a fantastic way to develop and support new teachers into this wonderful vocation. I thank Mrs Paff, Mrs Jones, Mrs Ridgewell, Mrs Davis, Mrs Papworth and Mrs Flanagan for their willingness to share their classrooms, knowledge and experience with these students. We will be welcoming Miss Muddiman, Mr Standing, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Peacock to SJC. I know that our staff, students and community will make them feel welcome.

Usually NAIDOC week is celebrated in July but this year due to restrictions the date has been changed to 8-15th November. As a school we will organise celebrations and activities to acknowledge and learn about the histories and cultures of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to coincide with these new dates.



Our last day of term is next Friday 3rd July and we return to school after the holidays on Monday 20th July. Many of our usual Term 3 events will be impacted by various restrictions still in place. We will however try to find different and creative ways to do some of these things next term. More information will be published about these changes in the coming weeks.

Thank you again to our parents for the support and encouragement you have shown the school during this first and challenging semester. We pray that things will continue to improve and that during Semester 2 we will eventually be able to gather again. Wishing all our staff and students a wonderful holiday, stay well and safe.

God Bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Morning supervision

Just a reminder that supervision for students begins at **8:30am**. If children are coming to school significantly before this time, please use our OOSH services.

Lost Property

As I shared with Kinder parents, winter is a time when there are more clothing items to tuck in, hitch up and take on and off. Please remind your children to take care of their clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles, as well as ensure names are written clearly on all items. At the end of the term we are often forced to throw out lunch boxes and drink bottles which are not collected by students and then can't be returned because they have no names.



Weekly Overviews

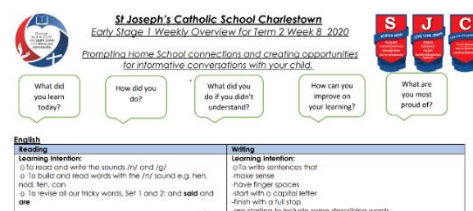
Over the next three years the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle is focusing on the area of contemporary learning and the effective use of data in all schools. The Diocese has engaged Lyn Sharratt, an educationalist from Canada, to work with schools over this period of time. Her most recent research informed her book *Clarity* which will be the basis of school professional learning during this time. In her book *Clarity* Lyn Sharratt emphasises fourteen parameters that are needed to improve teaching and learning in a school. One of these is the appointment of Pedagogical Mentors who will become mentors for other staff. We are fortunate to have the expertise of Kathryn Hill and Kyla Flanagan who have been appointed as Pedagogical Mentors for our school. For the rest of the year they will receive professional development on this role as well as how to support our staff to improve outcomes for our students. In alignment with our **2020 School Improvement Plan** they will focus on improving teaching and learning in writing.

As well as having Pedagogical Mentors, Lyn Sharratt's research has identified the important role that parents play in their child's education as another key parameter. To support our families involvement in their child's learning and promote meaningful conversations we are sharing weekly overviews of our learning focus areas for each class. This is done through identifying our **LEARNING INTENTIONS** in the Key Learning Areas i.e. what is the focus in that area for that week. At the top of the overview you will also see the 5 questions that parents can ask their children when engaging with them about their learning:

1. What did you learn today?
2. How did you do?
3. What did you do if you didn't understand?
4. How can you improve on your learning?
5. What are you most proud of?



We hope that you find these overviews helpful. Please feel free to provide any feedback to your child's teacher, Kate or myself on how you feel these overviews support you to keep in touch with your child's learning.

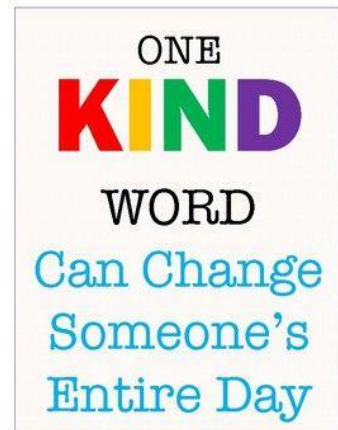


PBL

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 email (Year 5-6).

BRONZE 30	BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Oliver E Liam P Maddi G Abbey P William S Mikaela McG Willow MacN Maisie D Isla H Alex B Luke G Ruby I Jett C Lukas T Sofia C Adelaide H Emily B Cayden L	Jeremy H Benjamin G Charlotte D Gibson MCG Charlee F Mia S Moeana R Sam G Leo McC Kane L Jack N Felix C Olivia B Ayrton G Julian K Mefi T Ava T Sinead W Koda W Oscar W Sam W	Huon C Maxwell L Finn D Adelina D Harry S Harper L	<div> </div>		

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

Last Friday St Joseph's raised money for the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal. Students and teachers enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas as well as a delicious Subway lunch. Money raised amounted to \$304.55. The generous donation of toiletries kindly donated for the Winter appeal are also currently being packed and will be distributed to those in need in our area. Thank you for all of your contributions to the SVDP appeal this winter. It will make a difference to those experiencing hardship in our community.





Rug Up for RUNDIPG Next Friday

Next Friday we are coming together as a community to raise money for cancer research, specifically RUNDIPG a cause which has special significance for the SJC community. Students can come out of uniform in their winter woollies and bring a donation. There will also be sweets, chips and popcorn on sale, as well as lunchtime activities such as snowball throwing, a disco and hair and nail painting. We look forward to your continued support for this great cause.



Mini Vinnies say it is





Time to Rug Up

Friday 3rd July

for a great cause!

**Wear winter
woollies mufli
and bring a
donation!**



**Buy some
sweets, chips
and
popcorn**



Let's Raise some money for Brain Cancer research.



**Bring extra money
for fun games and
activities at
lunchtime!**









Many Blessings,

Clare Paff
Religious Education Coordinator

Our classes at St Joey's are loving the implementation of VCOP. In the past two newsletters we have looked at **V**ocabulary and **C**onnectives and how parents can help their children at home. This week we are focusing on **O**peners.



Older students are introduced to ISPACED openers. Here we use an acronym to remind the students to use a variety of ways to start sentences:

Like a bottle- nose dolphin, she swam up and down, in and out of the waves.

Silently, she then tiptoed over to a rock pool to see if she could see a crab.

Meanwhile, Megan's parents fell asleep in the warmth of sun

Exhausted from all her activities, Megan lay down on her brightly coloured towel and drifted off to sleep as well! "Wake up!" cried mum "The tide is coming in." Grab your things- before we get wet!

How can you help?

Look out for different types of ISPACED (Ing Simile Preposition Adverb Connective Ed Dialogue) openers when with your child. Why has the author chosen to start the sentence in that way? Ask your child to use the openers you have found and to use them to start their own sentences.

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

Learning Intentions are descriptions of what **learners** should know, understand and be able to do by the end of a **learning** unit. **Success criteria** are linked to **learning intentions**. They are developed by the teacher and the students and describe what **success** looks like. Here are some samples from across the school:

LEARNING INTENTION

We are learning to read and spell or/ore words

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- blend the sounds to read the words
- break words into sounds

2D Shapes

The flat shapes are 2D shapes. They have 2 sides and 2 corners.

2D Shapes

Circle only have one side and no corners.

2D flat

Our learning intention:

- describe features of 2D shapes using the terms *side* and *vertex*.
- sort 2D shapes by a given attribute, eg by the number of sides or vertices.
- identify and name 2D shapes presented in different orientations according to their number of sides.
- recognise that rectangles and squares are quadrilaterals.

Success Criteria:

- use the term *two-dimensional* to describe plane (flat) shapes.
- identify *vertical*, *horizontal* and *parallel* lines in pictures and the environment and use these terms to describe such lines.

Two dimensional shapes

Learning intentions:

We are learning to name, identify and describe 2D shapes including quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, and octagons.

scrumptious pale
devoured dashed

Three dimensional objects

Learning intentions:

We are learning to name, identify and describe 3D objects including cones, cubes, cylinders, spheres and prisms.

Success Criteria:

- identify and name familiar 3D objects including cones, cubes, cylinders, spheres and prisms, from a collection of everyday objects.
- be able to select an object from a description of its features, eg find an object with 6 square faces.
- use the terms *surface*, *flat surface* and *curved surface* in describing familiar 3D objects.
- use the term *face* to describe the flat surfaces of 3D objects with straight edges, including squares, rectangles, and triangles.
- sort familiar 3D objects according to obvious features.

Learning Intention

Write an interesting sentence about a story.

Success Criteria

- A capital letter
- ✓ Makes sense
- c-a-t sound out words
- full stop
- 👉 finger spaces

colour
WOW words
size
joining

Ice Blocks for Sale!!

We are selling ice blocks for our Year 6 fundraiser every Monday for \$1. Thank-you for your support. It's surprising to see so many children still love to enjoy an ice block, despite the winter weather.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Kathryn Hill
Acting Co-ordinator



LEARNING HUB NEWS

HUB BAGS

We have a large 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 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.

CLASS SWAP

2 Red & 5/6 Blue

Please note that 2 Red Hub days are now Wednesday and 5/6 Blue Hub days are now Thursday. Remember your bags!

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T-shirt Bag



NO SEW tote bags



TOP BORROWERS

Congratulations to the following children for being the top borrowers in their class! They will be given special borrowing privileges all term.

Sienna - 5/6 Blue	Jesse - Kinder Blue
Adelina - Kinder Red	Evie - 1 Red
Isabella - 1 Blue	Alice - 2 Blue
Rocco - 2 Red	Mya - 3 Red
Liam - 3/4 Blue	Marcus & Ivy - 4 Red
Fraser - 5/6 Red	Ruby - 5/6 White

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.

Billy F- 25 th June	Adelina D- 26 th June	Max W- 28 th June
Sophie M- 29 th June	Harper L- 1 st July	Emilie D- 3 rd July



RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

· Having completed a COVID-19 Safety Plan, the Parish is in a position to start the celebration of Sunday Masses for a maximum of 50 people at a time from Sunday, 21 June. However, due to the highly contagious and serious nature of COVID-19, if you are elderly, unwell or have compromised health, please do not attend.

· Because of the limit in the number of people who may be able to attend any particular Mass, all members of the Church of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, except priests, continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Those who are unable to attend Sunday Mass are encouraged to keep Sunday holy through the use of the resources previously made available (and which are still available on the Diocesan website - www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update).

· Mass will be celebrated at St Mary Immaculate Church Charlestown at 8:00AM on Sunday and at St Paul's Church Gateshead at 9:30AM on Sunday. There will be no Vigil Mass because the 2 Masses on the Sunday are usually better attended and will, therefore, meet more needs. Further, the churches can only be used once a week because they must be cleaned to reduce contamination after they have been used each time.

· From Monday of each week, and by midday Thursday, you are asked to communicate with the Parish Office, by phone (4943 4153) during business hours, if you would like to attend Mass on the following Sunday. The first 50 people who nominate for each church will be those able to attend. There cannot be an ongoing reservation because people may not be able to attend Mass every Sunday and each week others need to be given a chance of attending.

· When you attend Mass, you will gain access to the church via the side entrance. This has the advantage of a ramp and 1 entrance will enable easier monitoring of who is attending. Upon entry, you will still need to write your name and contact phone number and then sanitise your hands. There will be no Holy Water at the entrance to reduce the danger of contamination. Near the entrance there will be baskets for the 1st and 2nd Collections. This will reduce the risk of contamination by many people handling the collection plates. Members of 1 household may gather together, but generally people will be placed allowing 4 square metres of space for each person in the building. This means that 3 people will be able to occupy a pew, separated by 1.5 metres. Every second pew will be cordoned off. You are asked to observe the 1.5 metre physical distancing before and after Mass and in the Communion line. The Precious Blood will not be distributed and the Lord's Body will only be given on the hand, not the tongue. The Sign of Peace will only be given by an acknowledging smile, nod and/or wave. There will be no Presentation of the Gifts in order to reduce the handling of items and singing will be kept to a minimum in order to reduce the volume of expelled air.

· There are possibly other things that could be mentioned, but this will suffice. It is provided for you to be as prepared as possible for what will be a very different experience. The main thing, though, is that we can gather again for Mass and this will transcend any difficulties. Fr John and I look forward to celebrating with you.

With love, Fr Tony.