

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Mondays – Ice blocks for sale

PUPIL FREE DAY
Last day of Term 3
Friday 25th September

First Day of Term 3
Monday 20th July

WINTER UNIFORM
IS NOW COMPULSORY



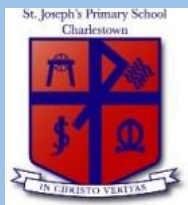
Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday

ALL UNIFORM
ENQUIRIES:



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St Joey's News

'Truth in Christ'

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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.*



24th July 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that the holidays offered some time for family, friends and relaxation. I am very pleased to inform you that work has begun on our amenities upgrade with *Collaborative Construction Solutions* starting the first phase of works during the holidays. The playground toilet block and Year 4R and 5/6W block are being renovated in this first stage of works. Once complete the second stage will see the 5/6BR, 3/4 block and 1/2 block renovated. This is a major works project and is being funded by the Catholic Schools Office. We have strict practices and protocols in place for supervision and use of our amenities while the works are in progress.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation we remain in uncertain times. Term 3 will continue to have many safety and wellbeing structures in place with extra cleaning continuing, strict hygiene practices encouraged, social distancing of adults and restrictions to adults on site, as well as maintaining our current Kiss and Drop/Pick Up routines. We thank you for your continued support of these as we progress through the term.

Many of our usual Term 3 events will be affected by the restrictions in place, however we will continue to focus on quality teaching and learning and look at some creative ways to celebrate, connect and enjoy school events as the term progresses. Following advice from NSW Health and our Catholic Schools Office, the following events will be cancelled: Grandparents Day, Father's Day, athletics carnival, netball and soccer gala days, excursions, overnight camps and our school concert.

Weekly assemblies can be kept to a 15-minute school gathering with no external visitors. Stage 3 camp can no longer be over night, but we are trying to book another date in Term 4 for a day trip if these are permitted by then. We will keep you posted. School photos were moved from Term 1 and are booked for Term 4, Wednesday 21st October.

Good News – our Canteen is open for online lunch orders only, via QKR. No over the counter sales at this stage. To maintain the safety of our volunteers and reduced numbers of adults in the canteen, Friday orders are restricted to House Colours. Please read the Canteen Notice on Compass. We appreciate the support of all our wonderful volunteers and our Canteen committee, and we also thank you in advance for your support of the new processes in place.



The committee will organise a couple of **Subway lunch days** this term to supplement the days the canteen is closed. The first one will be next Thursday, 30th July. Please see the flyer below to order your child's lunch.



This term we will see many new faces in our school! We welcome Mr Rowan Kmetyk to Year 3/4 Blue and 5/6 White, replacing Mrs McGlynn as she begins her maternity leave. We also welcome the Staddon family with Jake joining Year 3 Blue and Izzy in Year 2 Blue, and the Sutherland family with Cooper joining Kinder Red. We are also hosting 4 university student teacher placements with Mrs Peacock in Year 2 Blue, Miss Griffiths in Year 3/4 Blue, Mr Standing in Year 4 Red and Miss Muddiman in 5/6 White. We hope you all find SJC a welcoming and faith filled community to learn and grow!

Semester 1 reports will be published on Compass to parents on Monday 3rd August. These are a very condensed version of the normal report due to the many weeks of Home Learning and COVID-19 restrictions. They were constructed following advice from NESa and formatted by our CSO Education Services team. There will be no A-E grading given and a focus on Religion, English and Mathematics only. We will not be able to have 1:1 parent interviews as planned so we will be making booked phone calls to every parent to discuss the Semester 1 reports. You will be able to book your phone call time through our Compass app from Tuesday 4th August. You are encouraged to find a suitable time and engage in discussion with your child's teacher to check in, set goals and connect about your child's learning.

We have had lots of happy news in our community to start the term!

Congratulations to the Milne family who welcomed their baby boy into the world just before the holidays. Frankie, in Kinder Red, is very excited to tell us all about her new baby brother, *Banks*.



Congratulations to the McCosker family who welcomed a new baby girl to their family this week. Hugo, in Kinder Blue, is already loving his role as a big brother to *Florence*.

We congratulate our Learning Support Teacher, Mrs Amber Christie and her husband Richard, and Mrs Angela Shaw Yr 2 Red, and her husband Matt, on the wonderful news that they are expecting their first babies. We wish both couples much love and happiness as they grow their families.



More happy news with the arrival of Mrs Sue Coull's 3rd grandchild, baby Sebastian. Just in time as we celebrate Grandparents Day this week.



We are very sad that we can't celebrate Grandparent's day in our usual SJC fashion this year. We love having our grandparents visit our school from near and far for the annual liturgy and picnic, usually celebrated on or near the feast of St Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. To celebrate this year the students have been preparing some special items for their grandparents to show their love and appreciation. A special liturgy has also been prepared and filmed by Mrs Paff and will be available to view on Compass on Sunday. We thank our grandparents for the love and support they show and wish them all much love and good health, always!

We wish you all much love and joy during this special time in your lives!

Kinder 2021 Letters of Offer have been sent out with acceptances due now. Please return any enrolment forms to the office ASAP. If you know of any interested families, please let them know to contact the school office with enrolment enquiries. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Kinder students to their Orientation Day later in the term.

We are excited to start another great term of learning together with your children. Thank you for your continued support of the processes in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. We can't wait for the time when we can gather as a whole school community again! In the meantime, keep connected with us by booking in your parent interviews, reading our updates, watching our liturgies online and making contact with us if you have any concerns.

God Bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Meetings Booking Information

As Kate has already mentioned, parents will have the opportunity for a phone interview with class teachers after the reports are published on Monday the 3rd of August.

Bookings for interviews will be available from **Tuesday the 4th August after 8:30 am.**

You can make a booking by clicking the 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews' button available next to your child's photo on their Compass homepage, or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of the Newsfeed. This will be there on the 4th of August.

The screenshot shows the Compass portal for Margaret ATWOOD. The header includes navigation icons and the user's name. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the Magic P-12 College Portal' and provides instructions on how to use the portal. A sidebar on the left lists user options: Profile (Attendance, Schedule), Send email to Margaret's teachers, Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late), and Book Parent Student Teacher Conference. The main content area features a 'My News' section with a highlighted 'Parent Student Teacher Conference' link, a 'House Group Announcements' section, and a 'Grade 5 Ned Kelly School Camp!' announcement with a 'See More' link and three small images.

You will then see this page where you can make bookings. Because these are phone interviews teachers will have different times.

The screenshot shows the 'Interim Report #2 Parent Teacher Conferences' booking page. The page is titled 'Wednesday, May 8' and 'Thursday, May 9'. It displays a grid of time slots for booking. A 'Welcome' pop-up window is overlaid on the grid, providing a message from Albus Dorely, the Principal, and buttons for 'Start Booking Now' and 'Show me How to Book'. The grid shows various time slots, some of which are marked as 'Not available for booking'.

Key Dates

Week 3 Monday 3rd August: reports published to parents

Week 3 Tuesday 4th August: Compass bookings open for parents

Weeks 4 and 5 Parent Teacher meetings by phone (days and times to be decided upon by individual teachers)

Important information

Each interview will be approx. 10 mins in duration.

We appreciate your help in adhering to interview times to ensure we keep to the schedule.

Teachers may use their own phones so the call you receive may be from an unknown number.

If you are not available at your booked time, please contact the teacher by email to arrange an alternative time at a later date.

We encourage everyone to book a time via Compass after the 4th August. Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions about the meeting or times

Absences

The Compass roll is a legal document that must be accurately maintained by schools.

To help teachers ensure it is accurate and up to date please ensure you have entered an absence note on Compass **before 9:25am on each day your child is absent**. Entries after this time generate an automatic "Absent-unaccounted" notification and require the school to follow up.

It is very important that children are at school and ready to enter the classroom on the first bell. Repeated late arrivals and early departures without justified reasons quickly add up to full days of being absent from learning. We are encouraging all our families to make arrival at school on time a priority.



Assembly

We are now able to gather for school assemblies with some restrictions with CHILDREN ONLY. Parents are still unable to come on site. This term, because of gymnastics, we will have our school assembly on Thursday. Due to not all children having photo permissions we are not able to film the assembly to view children receiving the awards. Teachers will continue to take photos of award recipients and post on Seesaw or send home via OneNote/email.

Uniform

Please ensure all clothing has names clearly marked (in 2 places on the item if possible). Below is a photo of some items that were left in the school's lost property box last term. Please email me if these items belong to you so I can send them home.

All children should be in the correct uniform and wear it with pride each day. We will be on the lookout for children demonstrating our PBL value of "CARE FOR YOUR APPEARANCE".



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 |
|--|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Billie E Sam R Cruze C Isabella C Lachlan C Tajveer S Egan B Chelsea R Olive W Miliana D Matthew M | Harry S Nikki C Will D Alice D Xanthia W Archie W Jydon C Mace J Landon K Joshua A Mustafa A | Summer R Oscar M Alexander B Daly L Eden J Olive H Perri G Maya G Jesse w Emily D Emily S Oliver E Liam P Anneliese W Leo M | Lila W Aria L | | |



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



A great Master Chef creation from our mud kitchen. Fine work!

*Karen Nolan
Acting Assistant Principal*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Sunday the 26th of July we celebrate the feast of Sts. Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

We recognise the valuable role that grandparents have in the lives of their grandchildren and we honour the memory of our grandparents who have died.

Blessing of Grandparents

Dear God,

Please bless our grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me. For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see, with their own eyes, the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator

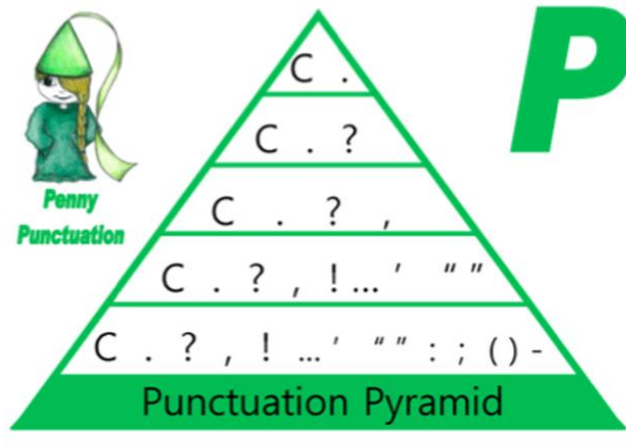
NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Helping your child with V.C.O.P at home

Throughout the school, the children are involved in activities that help them to gain more knowledge about how to improve their writing. As well as focusing 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. In the previous newsletters we have covered the concepts of Vocabulary, Connectives and Openers.

Punctuation Tips:

Using a wide variety of punctuation is important to add variety and interest to your child's writing. We provide the children with lots of examples of where punctuation is used effectively and model how to use them. The pyramid below shows differentiation in punctuation. It starts at the top with basic punctuation and progresses down to using complex skills such as speech marks and brackets.



How can you help?

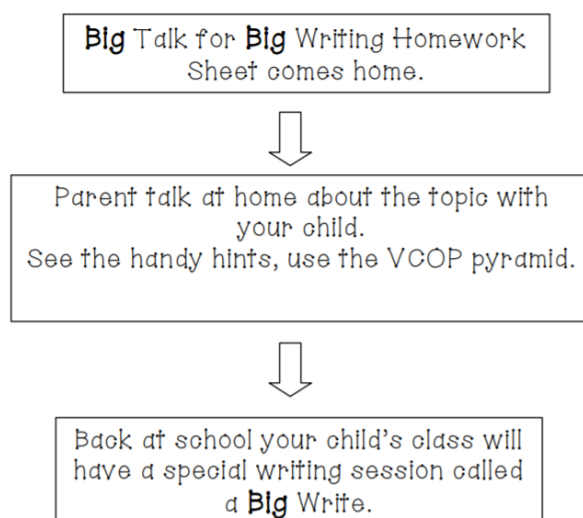
- Look at different types of punctuation with your child in their reading book. Discuss why the author has chosen to use it.
- Use a highlighter pen to highlight different forms of punctuation in old newspapers/magazines.
- Give your child a piece of punctuation and ask them to give you a sentence using it.
- For older children, ask them to write a short story/article and try to use all the punctuation on the bottom row of the pyramid!

Big Write and Home Talk Slip:

This term we are aiming to implement the Big Write, and this will involve a slip coming home for students to talk about their ideas with their family and assist them to plan for their Big Writing task. Big Writing is an approach to teaching writing and raising writing standards that focuses on:

- The importance of TALK and oral rehearsal
- Accurate basic skills – spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting.
- Regular and meaningful assessment and target setting.
- High expectations for all pupils.
- Giving writing a purpose and making it fun!

How this will work:



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



SUBWAY DAY IS BACK THURSDAY 30th JULY

To supplement one of the days next week that our canteen is closed we are having another Subway Day.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS ON QKR (Ordering available on Monday)

Get a Six Inch Subway or wrap with choice of bread, then choose any of the following
Topping: Ham, turkey, roast beef , or Vege option.
Salad toppings: (choose from any of the following),
Cheese, cucumber, tomato, lettuce, spinach, carrot
Sauce: BBQ Tomato, Mayo Honey Mustard, or none
Gluten Free available- wrap only.

Only \$7 for a six inch sub, PLUS get Subway choc chip cookie!



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= \$7

OR JUST PURCHASE A SINGLE COOKIE (without the sub) for \$1.30
Subway cookies may contain traces of nuts.



DEADLINE

QKR ORDERS CLOSE
2PM WEDNESDAY 29th
July
NO LATE ORDERS.
To order look under
P&F Fundraising on QKR

ORDERS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

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 who celebrated their birthday in the school holidays or this week.

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| Emilie- D 3 rd | Daniel B- 4 th | Charlee F- 4 th |
| Nash W- 7 th | Sofia C- 8th | Mustafa A- 9th |
| Arlia- 9th | Jackson S- 10th | Fergus- 11th |
| Cooper R- 12th | James C- 16th | Ava L- 17th |
| Jett C- 18th | Isabella C- 19th | Indianna F- 23rd |
| Emily B- 24th | Kiara B- 25th | Tia R- 25th |



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.



☺ St Nicholas OOSH Newsletter ☺

Term 3 Week 1

Our team at St Nick's Charlestown hope everyone is safe and well and is excited for another fun term ahead!

This week, we welcomed back our OOSH children with some fun and engaging activities. These activities explored settling back into routine and transitioning back into OOSH/school life.

Some of our other favourite activities this week included:

Isla M - "Playing games with my friends."

Zoe F - "Making face masks with Isla"

Juniper - "Seeing all the new movies."

Milly - "Playing soccer"

Lukas - "Playing touch footy"

We have many positions available over the morning and afternoon sessions, so now is the time to enquire within! If you would like more information on how your family can join OOSH please email us at

charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au or

call us on 0429 435 571 or come visit our team in the OOSH Building!



Drawings
by Juniper