

DATES TO REMEMBER

****Newsletter will be published fortnightly in odd weeks****

Mondays – Ice blocks for sale

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Week 6

Thursday 27th August and

Week 10

Friday 25th September



Infants and Primary: Monday and Friday

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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.*

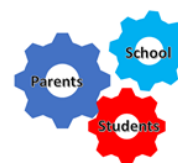


7th August 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross. Our Catholic schools in Australia owe a lot to the legacy of this founding Sister of the Josephites Order of Nuns. Our own parish here has Mary MacKillop as the Patron and our school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph in 1927. We thank our Sisters, especially Sister Bridgid and Sister Catherine, who reside in the convent next to our church and are still very active in our parish today. May we all continue to learn from the legacy of our first Australian Saint and live lives with purpose, kindness and respect for all.



You will be aware of the positive cases of COVID-19 in two of our high schools and in our wider community this week. You will have read about the processes of closure, contact tracing, enacting isolation and testing for those considered at risk, and deep cleaning of the school environments. These events can make us nervous and we can feel vulnerable. Please be assured we are continuing our extra daily cleaning, encouraging strict hygiene practices and social distancing of adults on site as well as restricting non-essential adults onsite. Please read the PROCEDURES document in the event of a positive case at St Joseph's that was posted on COMPASS this week. We keep both school communities in our prayers and pray that those individuals affected by the virus, heal and recover fully and as quickly as possible.

We thank you for your continued support of keeping unwell children at home, and of the Kiss, Drop and Collect system still in place. We ask you to refrain from coming onsite unless it is absolutely necessary and something that cannot be conveyed over the phone. If your child is late or being picked up early you must come into the office, use the hand sanitiser and enter details through the kiosk.

Semester One Reports have been published on COMPASS this week. They are a very condensed version of the normal report and are an agreed Diocesan format due to the extensive Home Learning phase. We look forward to speaking with you during the Parent Teacher phone interviews beginning next week. Please ensure you have booked in a time with your child's teacher to connect, set goals and communicate any concerns.

Our amenities upgrade is going well with all the works still on track, despite the rain. The children are very curious as to the progress and are looking forward to having these new facilities.

Huge thanks to Mrs Jenny Whitby for organising the Subway lunch day last week and thanks to those for ordering. With limited opportunities to do any fundraising this year these days give us a little boost to our P & F funds. We will have our first P & F meeting via an online forum next Monday 10th August. Thank you to those who have indicated their interest in attending.



We welcome the Vasers-Bailey family this week, with Alex joining 5/6 Blue. He loves our expansive play spaces and the great teachers he has met so far! We will also welcome the D'Angelo-Eather family with Sofia joining 2 Red on Monday. It is so lovely to welcome these new students to our school and community.

School fee statements for Term 3 have been sent out. Please contact the school if you are having difficulties due to COVID-19 and financial strain. You can also apply for a fee concession through the CSO site:

<https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/news-events/covid-19/>

PUPIL FREE DAYS

We now have 2 confirmed rescheduled PUPIL FREE DAYS this term. We apologise for any confusion or inconvenience as these have changed again due to recent events so please note these 2 dates:

WEEK 6 – Thursday 27th August -WRITING PD

WEEK 10 – Friday 25th September – CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Interrelate Reproduction and Puberty Family Programs – Thank you to those parents who indicated their interest in these programs. They will go ahead on Thursday 27th August via an ONLINE link so you can participate with your children from home. The sessions will be: *Where Did I Come From?* - 6pm and *Preparing for Puberty* 7:15pm. More information about the costs and payment will be sent next week.

Please continue to stay safe and well.

God Bless,

Kate Drake
Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Uniform

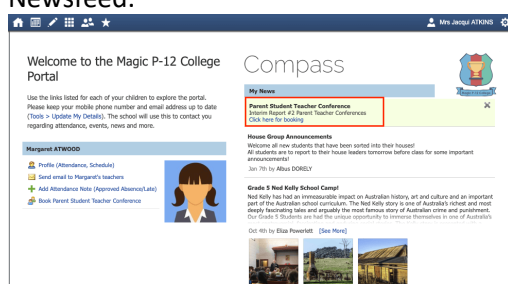
It is great to see our students wearing our beautiful uniform with pride. Correct colour hair ties and the correct shoes all contribute to a school full of students who demonstrate our PBL value of "CARE FOR YOUR APPEARANCE". Thank you to our Year 5 students who do the check each day. We look forward to hearing the name of the leading class at our weekly assembly.

Parent Teacher Meetings Booking Information

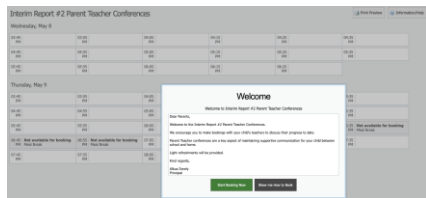
Don't forget to make your booking through Compass for our Parent Teacher phone interviews.

Instructions are below.

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.



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



Key Dates

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.

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. Please also add details to the "Details/Comments" section when you indicate an absence.



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.

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). **WE DID NOT HAVE AN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**. Awards will be presented in Week 4.

PBL Awards Term 3 Week 3

BRONZE 30	BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Ava L	Isabella Ca	Ana T	Emily S		
Gus F	Lochlan O'B	James C	Ava L		
Isabella C	Kalea H	Lincoln T			
Audrey H	Hope K	Sibylla D			
Aaliyah S	Nicola S	Fergus Mc			
Arlia V	Isaac A	Lucy C			
Sonny M	Jack F	Hugo Mc			
Heath B	Fraser G	Ciara H			
Ben G	Owen P	Kate W			
Bede H	Thomas P	Eleah P			
Elise C	Samuel vdW	Joel D			
	Georgie M	Abbey P			
	Lachlan J	Maddi G			

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

Tomorrow, the 8th of August, is St Mary of the Cross Mackillop's Feast Day. It has been almost 10 years since she was canonised a saint on the 17th October 2010. As a Josephite school, which was established by the religious order which Mary founded, we have much to celebrate in the character and values of Mary.

Historical Context – Mary MacKillop Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

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Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
And constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence,
And through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop, we ask that you grant our requests.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit,
So that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Upcoming Dates

15th August- The Feast of the Assumption

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff
Religious Education Coordinator



NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

VCOP- in action

Encourage your child to improve a simple sentence that they write, using VCOP. For example: *The cat went along the wall.* We can improve this sentence using:

Vocabulary: The fluffy, ginger cat quietly prowled along the unstable wall.

Connectives: The fluffy, ginger cat quietly prowled along the unstable wall while the unsuspecting bird pecked for worms in the garden below.

Openers: Licking his lips, the fluffy, ginger cat quietly prowled along the unstable wall while the unsuspecting bird pecked for worms in the garden below.

Openers: Licking his lips, the fluffy, ginger cat (who had missed his breakfast) quietly prowled along the unstable wall while the unsuspecting bird pecked for worms in the garden below.

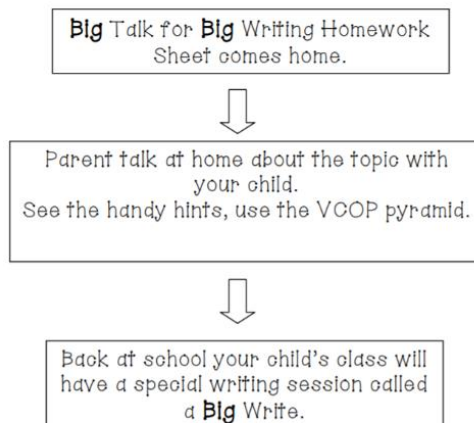
However, in order to add interest and variety to their writing, children must also learn to balance longer, detailed sentences with shorter, simpler ones. For example: *One glorious summer's day, on the edge of a forest far away, the sound of laughter and excitement could be heard rippling through the fragrant, pine-scented air. Three young pigs were finally moving out!*

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:



In Term 3, St Joseph's Charlestown will take part in 'The World's Biggest Paper Plane Competition', as part of Science Week 2020.

- Paper planes can ONLY be made using one piece of A4 paper.
- FOLDING ONLY (NO cutting, gluing, taping or pinning).
- You are encouraged to practise making paper planes at home.
- TRIALS will be held with Miss Jones in Week 4 and FINALS in Week 5.

YEAR K-2: Airtime: 5s | Distance: 12m
YEARS 3-4: Airtime: 5s | Distance: 15m
YEARS 5-6: Airtime: 6s | Distance: 18m

Solar Car Kit



Congratulations to Kate W from Year 5, who has been busy building a solar car and doing experiments with it. Kate will be entering this into the *Science Week* competition. Kate and her family have generously donated a solar kit for Stage 3 to build. We are very excited to be exploring how to create a solar powered car and of course to race it!!

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.



Nude Food Day

The children of St Joseph's are participating in a *Nude Food Day* to encourage healthy food choices that are less processed and packaged. Our *Nude Food Day* will be held on **Monday the 14th of September (Week 9)**. On this day we encourage you to send in healthy food for your children with as little processing and packaging as you can. **The children are also invited to dress as their favourite fruit or vegetable (or even just in the colour of their favourite fruit/ vegetable)**. We will also be having a raffle on this day with prizes that have generously been donated by Brooke Sievert. The raffle tickets will be awarded to children who display **St Joseph's School Values** related to caring for the environment in the weeks leading up to *Nude Food Day*:

Keep our school clean

Care for our surroundings

The prizes support a nude food lifestyle:

2 x Munchboxes (one for boys, one for girls)

2 x 470mL Thermos food jars (both red)



Highly processed and packaged foods can have a significant negative impact on our health and the health of the environment. Food processing can result in removing nutrients from and adding kilojoules to the foods we eat. These processes may use large amounts of energy and water, thereby contributing to global warming and air pollution. In addition, packaging if not recycled is contributing to landfill and polluting our planet. Choosing whole fresh food with little processing and packaging is good for the environment and is also the best choice for our health.

Food with no packaging:

banana
Kiwi fruit
orange
boiled egg
apple
carrot
beans
snow Peas

Food in small reusable containers:

yoghurt
fruit salad
cheese cubes
vegetable sticks with dip
sandwiches or salads
wholegrain crackers with cheese slices
plain/fruit/savoury scones or pikelets
homemade savoury or fruit muffins
pasta or rice dishes
soup in a thermos

St Joseph's is committed to ensuring good health for our children and for our planet. We hope our *Nude Food Day* encourages a sustained healthy and environmentally friendly change to our children's lunches and for their future.

We appreciate your support and involvement on this day. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Mrs Kathryn Hill or Mrs Kyla Flanagan.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Kathryn Hill
Acting Co-ordinator

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.

Samual G- 27 th July	Imogen H- 27 th July	Milly M- 27 th July
James C- 29 th July	Thomas P- 30 th July	Owen P- 30 th July
Urban B -31 st July	Fraser G- 31 st July	Hugo G- 31 st July
Daly L- 1 st August	Rocco Z- 2 nd August	Lincoln T- 3 rd August
Macy E- 4 th August	Will F- 9 th August	Rose G- 9 th August
Nicola S- 10 th August	Williow M- 12 th August	Oscar E- 14 th August



LEARNING HUB NEWS



HUB BAGS

A huge thank you to families for supporting the children in bringing their Hub bags and books each week. There has been a big improvement in most classes. Congratulations to 3 Red for being the most improved class, with most, and often all, children bringing their bags every week!



MINECRAFT CLUB

Minecraft Club has once again commenced this term. We have new leaders and members and had a terrific first week in Week 2. Our leaders held peer teaching sessions, while the members set both individual and collaborative goals to build their skills.

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BOOK WEEK 2020

This year Book Week, which is usually held in Term 3, has been postponed to Week 2, Term 4 (19-23 October). The theme this year is 'Curious Creature, Wild Minds'. We will be continuing with our dress up day, Book Fair and other activities in this week.





The Premier's Reading Challenge will close on Friday 28 August, 2020.

So time is running out to complete the challenge. If your child is desperately trying to finish the challenge, and needs to borrow a few extra books a week to achieve that. Please ask them to speak to Mrs Hoffmann and I will help them as much as I can.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020. Well done!

Adelina Dragosavljevic	Kinder
Aria Lee	Kinder
Isabella Cashman	Year 1
Jacob Evans	Year 2
Harper Lee	Year 2
Lauren Sievert	Year 2
Miliana Dragosavljevic	Year 3
Isla Hatfield	Year 3
Jack Bennis	Year 4
Isla Evans	Year 4
Emily Sievert	Year 5
Ciara Hatfield	Year 6

Mrs Hoffmann—PRC Coordinator



😊 OOSH Newsletter 😊

Week 3 Term 3

Our team at St Nick's Charlestown hope everyone is safe and well. This week, we are excited to share what we have been doing here at OOSH.

On Tuesday, August 4th, we celebrated and acknowledged a very important day in our history and culture – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **Children's Day**. We celebrated by creating Aboriginal flag coloured hand prints and learning about traditional Aboriginal track symbols, by drawing them in sand trays. The children had some wonderful and respectful discussions sharing information we have learnt.



Some of our other favourite activities this week have been:

Olivia B – Three marker challenge with friends.

Anneliese W – Playing with the pretend food.

We have 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 friendly team in the OOSH Building!

Drawings by Olivia B + Lillia