

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Mondays – Ice blocks for sale

**PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 10
Friday 25th September**



**Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday**



**School Photos
Term 4 Wednesday
21st October.**

**ALL UNIFORM
ENQUIRIES:**



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St Joey's News

'Truth in Christ'

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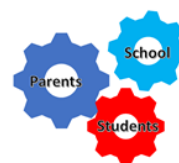
*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal people.
We pay our respect to their elders past and present.*



4th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to our wonderful Mini Vinnies group their teachers and parents for supporting our first fundraiser for the Catholic Care Winter Appeal. Catholic Care are a branch of our Diocesan Services which offer vital supports and programs for people from all backgrounds. The movie character dress up day was a great success due to the outstanding generosity of our community. An amazing \$966.10 was raised through the games, activities and treats organised and donated by our Mini Vinnie's families. Thank you!

Our pupil free day last week allowed our staff to participate in professional learning in the writing and VCOP focus area. The day was an excellent learning opportunity for all involved and staff are embedding many of the learnings into their daily writing lessons. Read below for information on our 'Word of the Week' activities and ways parents can support learning at home. Thank you to Mrs Hill and Mrs Flanagan for organising the day and for leading us all in this area of the curriculum.

Final School Fee statements for the year have been sent home. Thank you to the many families who have paid their fees at this difficult time, we really appreciate it. Thank you also to those families who make regular payments, this is also appreciated. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please phone the school for assistance.

Our first stage of the amenities upgrade is going well with vanities and doors installed this week. We are hoping for the 'grand opening' to take place before the holidays. The students are very excited about these new facilities!

Thank you to our P & F for organising our **Yumborama** fundraiser. We will receive 15% of sales from all SJC orders during the month of September. The meals are home delivered, the food is delicious, beautifully packaged and ready to heat up. Don't forget to use the affiliate code **SJC2020** when ordering.

Next week we celebrate **National Child Protection week** with a focus in class lessons on keeping safe, recognising body reactions to unsafe situations, online safety and the importance of telling a trusted adult when feeling worried or unsafe. More information will be sent home next week to support family conversations.

Please remember our upcoming rescheduled pupil free day:

WEEK 10 – Friday 25th September – COMPULSORY CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING



Wishing all our Dads, Stepdads, Grandfathers and Father figures a wonderful and very **Happy Father's Day!** Never underestimate the important role you all play in the lives of your children and those you love.

Please continue to stay safe and well.

God Bless,
Kate Drake
Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Fun Athletics Day

We love our sport here at St Joseph's and we were sad not to have had our Athletics Carnival this year. So, we have decided to have some sporting fun on the last Thursday of the term (Thursday the 24th September) with some fun athletics activities here at school. Students will wear their sports uniform, but they can also wear a t-shirt with their house colour.

We are looking forward to a fun day and will be sure to post lots of great photos to share with our families.



National Child Protection Week

This year, National Child Protection Week occurs across Australia from 6–12 September.

This is the 30th year celebration with the theme “Putting Children First”. In order to thrive, children need to be loved, feel safe, have access to the essentials such as food, shelter, medical and mental health. Putting children first means prioritising their safety, welfare and wellbeing.

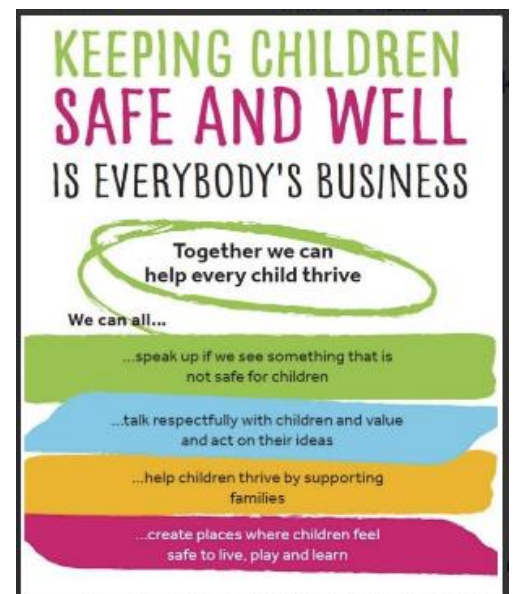
The COVID-19 pandemic means there is added pressure on families and communities so more than ever, we all need to play our part in protecting children.

We can all play a part by creating stronger, happier communities. This can be achieved by checking in and helping your neighbours and friends, being a good role model, supporting and being kind to parents rather than judging or being competitive and speaking up if you see something that is unsafe.

It is important that we listen to, and value, what children have to say. Where possible, include their voices in decision making and be advocates for their best interest.

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children. The Office of Safeguarding (OoSG) is the structural expression of the Diocese's commitment to demonstrate the highest standards of recognising and upholding the dignity and rights of all children.

To further explore this important issue please click on the links below which will take you a page of relevant resources.



[K-2](#)

[3-6](#)

[High School](#)

[Parents](#)

Uniform

As the weather becomes more variable at this time of year students may opt to wear either the summer or winter uniform. Please ensure students are wearing one or the other and not a combination of the two. Hats are part of the school uniform all year so encourage students to be responsible for their belongings and bring their hat every day. Even our youngest students can ensure their school shoes are clean and polished. Our uniform is really so lovely - let's keep up the great standard.

Here is a reminder of the summer uniform for both boys and girls.

GIRLS SUMMER	BOYS SUMMER
check dress with red tie OR	dark grey shorts
check skort and blue shirt	blue shirt
white socks (socks should be visible)	black leather shoes
black leather shoes	grey socks with red and blue band
school hat	school hat

No costume jewellery to be worn except for a watch, small studs or sleeper earrings. Hair should be neat and tied back if below collar length.

Thank everyone for your support!

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).



PBL Awards Term 3 Week 7

BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Evelyn D Evie H Emily J Abby M Ashtyn M Isabella S	Perri G Rocco Z Kobe W Jamieson Mc Sadie I James C Will D Mace J Mustafa A Jydon C Mefi T Jack N	Ana T Jackson S Molly J Kate W Eleah P Abbey P Flynn L		

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

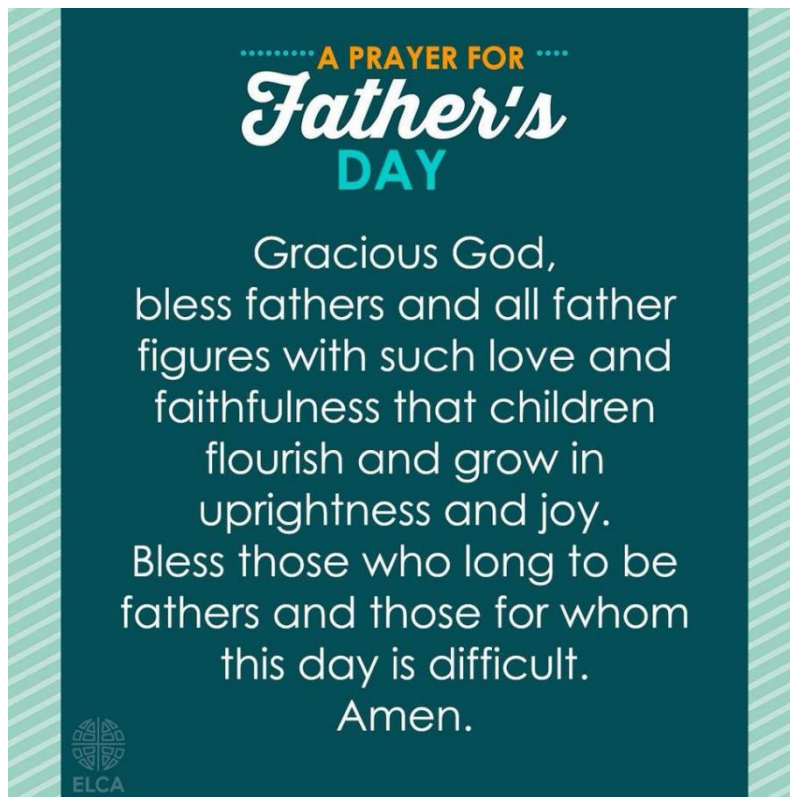


*Karen Nolan
Acting Assistant Principal*



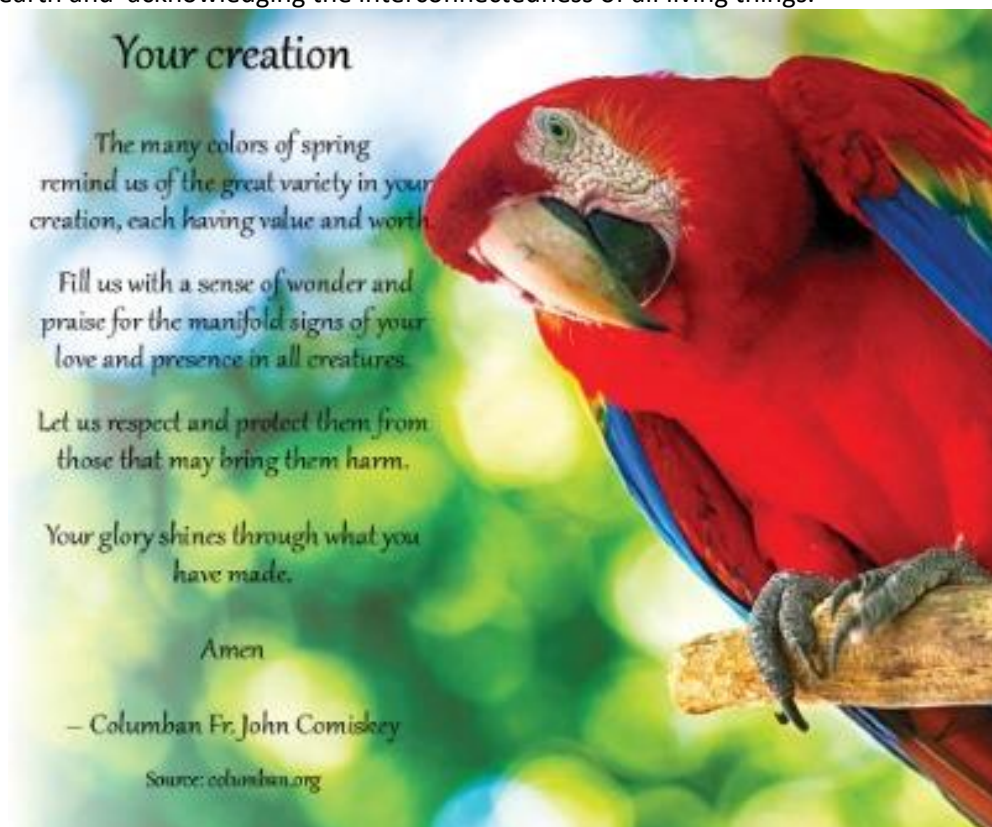
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday we celebrate the influence and special place that our fathers, grandfathers and father figures have in our lives. We hope you enjoy your day and feel appreciated for all you do. Mr Kmetyk has made a beautiful videoed tribute to our dads which we will release on Sunday. Enjoy this special day.



Season of Creation

September 1, marked the beginning of the Season of Creation. A time of prayer, reflection and action to address our role as stewards of the earth and acknowledging the interconnectedness of all living things.



At St. Josephs, we are acting upon our values to care for our environment through our nude food initiative and working towards *Keeping St. Joseph's Beautiful*. We held a poster competition to promote this message. The following students were winners, producing important messages and great artworks. Elise C yr 1, Lauren S yr 2, Emily J yr 3 and Emily D yr 6.



Thank you

Recently, we received a thank you note from the local members of St Vincent De Paul Charlestown in response to the generous donation of self-care items. They were particularly touched by the kindness of the student's personal notes which accompanied the items. Your generosity is appreciated.

To the Staff, students
and parents of St
Joseph's Primary School.
Thank you for your very
generous "personal care"
packs that you provided
to St Vincent de Paul,
Charlestown.
The recipients (usually
homeless) are very grateful
for them and are
touched when we tell
them that they are
donated by the students
and parents of St Joseph's
Primary School.
They particularly love the
messages of caring & kindness
you write on the gift tags.
Thank you once again.
From: Members of St
Vincent de Paul, Charlestown.

BOLT FOR GOLD!

*A local cause close to SJC's heart is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, September 26, which is **DIPG awareness day**.*

While not a school event, you may be interested in getting your running shoes on for a good cause, or sponsoring those who do.

RUNDIPG has partnered with Bolt For Gold to provide a virtual running series for our supporters, while running festivals and marathons are on hold.

The app enables everyone to have fun running while raising funds for RUNDIPG and our research. We encourage all our supporters to get involved by downloading Bolt For Gold from the app store or at this link <https://boltforgoldapp.page.link/2PC6Cy8WASR1eeGF9>.

Bolt For Gold and RUNDIPG are helping people stay active and support a great charitable cause.



Many Blessings,

Clare Paff
Religious Education Coordinator



Our Staff participated in a fantastic Professional Development Day last week on VCOP. We would like to introduce the VCOP Gang to our St Joey's Community.

Vinny Vocabulary - Yellow

Vinny is the leader of the VCOP Gang, because 'WOW words' are really empowering to a piece of writing. He is a Knight in shining armour that will rescue your writing. That's why he holds the 'Big Write' pencil. When you and the gang use the special 'Big Write' pencil, you can write an adventure that will truly come alive for the reader. Vinny also wears a purple shirt, because generalising words (usually, sometimes, etc.) are purple. Generalising words are really difficult to remember but can create a lot of impact for your writing just like the 'WOW words', so his shirt is a reminder to use them.

Connie Connective - Pink

Connie is an Aviator Mechanic and enjoys travelling between places. She has pockets full of tools, like wrenches, spanners and screwdrivers. This is because she likes joining and connecting things together using things like screws, nuts and bolts, just like how a connective can join sentences together. But we need to be careful, like a Mechanic, and choose the right connective in order for the sentence to make sense and work. Also, we can't use too many nuts and bolts (connectives) in the one sentence or it could become weak and break.

Ollie Opener - Blue

Ollie is one very cool Viking that doesn't let anyone stand in his way. He protects the start of sentences, but his openers can become predictable and boring if he repeats himself too often. So Ollie has to make sure that he starts his sentences in many different ways. The more powerful his opener is, the more he can set the scene. Ollie knows that he is not alone either. He knows that if he uses a 'Power Opener', (one of Connie's connectives, a 'ly' word or an 'ing' word) at the beginning, then his sentence will become even more powerful.

Penny Punctuation - Green

Penny is a Princess standing at the top of the pyramid letting her hair flow down. She finds it very easy at the top of the pyramid, but often needs help from the rest of the gang to get down. The others realise just how important Penny is to their story, so they read aloud to her. They know that the more they include her, the further down the pyramid she can come. But Penny has to listen very carefully to hear exactly how the gang wants their story to sound, and gives them the right punctuation to make this happen. Penny and Ollie often work closely together. Like Ollie, Penny knows she can add extra excitement to the story by using her 'Power Punctuation' of question marks and exclamation marks.



2 Blue Big Write about snails

WORD OF THE WEEK

So what's all the hype about Word of the Week? It comes down to the simplicity of the idea and more importantly the huge impact it can make in expanding vocabulary, as well as improving reading and writing.

Week 8: Word of the Week for K-2

Shriek

Definition: a sharp and shrill sound

Example: My brother will **shriek** if you give him a fright.

Activity: What situations might cause someone to **shriek**?

Week 9: Word of the Week for K-2

hoarse

Definition: rough in sound

Example: My sister screamed so loudly her voice became **hoarse**.

Activity: What sounds can you think of that would be considered **hoarse**?

Week 8: Word of the Week for 3-6

bewildered

Definition: perplexed and confused; very puzzled

Similar words: baffled, confused, mystified

Example: I was **bewildered** by the strange noises coming from outside my window.

Activity: What is something that **bewilders** you? Write a short riddle that is designed to **bewilder** someone.

Week 9: Word of the Week for 3-6

tentative

Definition: done without confidence; uncertain

Similar words: unsure, unsettled, hesitant

Example: Mia was **tentative** as she approached the stage to perform her solo.

Activity: What might a **tentative** person look like? How might they be feeling? Discuss a time you were feeling **tentative**.



Ice Blocks for Sale!!

We are selling ice blocks for our Year 6 fundraiser every Monday for \$1. Thank-you for your support. The warmer weather is the perfect excuse to cool down with an ice-block.

Nude Food Day Out of Uniform Day- 14th September

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 our school P&F Committee. 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.

Science Week Winners:

Congratulations to Eli S from 1 Red on being one of the three 9yrs and under division winners in the 2020 Science Week - Solar Car Competition. Eli had to build his own mini Electric Vehicle using a kit. He then had to make modifications to his vehicle that would potentially improve its performance. Eli then had to retest the car and record results. He then had to explain the modifications and how they affected the results. Eli had to submit a video/ photo of his mini Electric Vehicle along with records of measurements and modification discussion.



Congratulations to Sam V from Year 5 who won our School paper plane challenge! Sam's plane flew an impressive 30 metres across the playground. Well done to all our finalists in the competition.



Robotics:

Robotics at St Joseph's- We are passionate about building robots that develop coding skills and computational thinking. It was fantastic to see the collaboration and persistence between the students. Our Stage 3 students have also been working on creating their own App!



Mini Vinnies Mission Day Fundraiser Pictures

Congratulations to our St Joey's community and especially our Mini Vinnies Team on raising \$1000 towards our Catholic Care Winter Appeal.





Primary Gymnastics Photos



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 celebrate their birthday this fortnight .

Jack N- 6 th September	Harry S- 6 th September	Hamish K- 8 th September
Agamroop S- 9 th September	Thomas C- 11 th September	Lily F- 11 th September
Olivia B- 12 th September	Lochlan O- 12 th September	Ashtyn M- 13 th September
Lillian E- 14 th September	Alexander R- 14 th September	Sophie A- 15 th September
Liam B- 16 th September		

REBEL CHARLESTOWN

Thanks to those families who link their Rebel member ship to our school. We receive 5% of sales which is converted back into purchase of sport resources for our students.

This month we received a voucher for **\$231.11** to spend!

St Josephs Primary School

proud partners of



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Thanks to our partnership with
rebel Community Givebacks

5% of what you spend at rebel comes back to us
to spend on sports equipment and teamwear.



rebel

Simply link your **rebel active membership**
to our club next time you shop at rebel

Not a member? Joining is free & easy. Ask instore for details.



The Premier's Reading Challenge closed on Friday 3rd September 2020.

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

Heath Barr	Year 1
Frankie Gruschka	Year 1
Isla McKiernan	Year 2
Sophie Whale	Year 2
Liam Barr	Year 4
Thomas Collison	Year 4
Milly McKiernan	Year 4
Lily Freeman	Year 6

Mrs Hoffmann —PRC Coordinator



"PRUPPA" TIME

2020 has created some uncertainty and surprising challenges for our children and young people. How can we support them in their journey?

This session will:

- Model prayerful ways that are easy to incorporate into your everyday life and be shared with your family.
- Develop skills to help calm the mind and body through reflective prayerful practices which include, artwork, simple meditation and exploring scriptural and contemporary verses and quotes.

WHEN: THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

TIME: 10.30 AM

EMAIL: CATH.GARRETT-JONES@MN.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

FOR YOUR ZOOM INVITATION.



SUBWAY DAY IS BACK NEXT THURSDAY 10th September

To supplement the days our canteen is closed we will hold another Subway day.
We also receive \$1 for each sub ordered so it's a great fundraiser!

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!



Or

Cookie only \$1:30

**QKR ORDERS CLOSE 2PM WEDNESDAY 9th
September.**

NO LATE ORDERS.

To order look under P&F Fundraising on QKR

It`s fundraising time with

YumboRama!

During September the gang at Yumbo will donate 15% of the value of all SJC deliveries back to our school. Their heat and eat meals are wonderful and they are local

Use this affiliate code on the checkout page when ordering.

SJC2020

They deliver to all of Newcastle and have plenty of great family options so tell your friends! The more the merrier and the more we raise for our school.

Don`t forget to include the affiliate code at the checkout but please refrain from using any coupon codes as these cannot be used in conjunction with the school fundraising programme

www.yumborama.com

