

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Mondays – Ice blocks for sale

PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 6
Monday 16th November



Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday



School Photos
Term 4 Wednesday
21st October.

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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.*

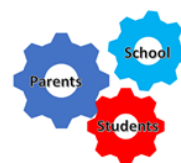


16th October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

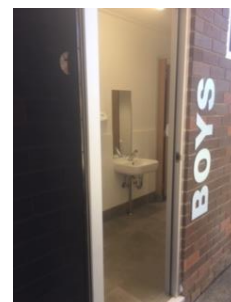
It has been a lovely start to Term 4 with the return of our wonderful students and staff. Our new bathrooms are complete and officially opened and we will now begin work on the refurbishment of the Multi-Purpose Room. This room had extensive treatment for mould and termite damage earlier in the year, with decontamination and deep clean, pest treatment, new carpet, new lighting and underfloor ventilation installed. We are now planning a complete refurbishment to upgrade this room into a beautiful new classroom for 2021. The Catholic Schools Office will be assisting us with the enormous cost of this project, and we look forward to the finished product.



Block 8 - install of Block 8 Full height partition fronts



Installation of awnings to all blocks



Last term we farewelled 2 Uni Interns, Mr Standing and Miss Griffiths who enjoyed their learning experiences in 4 Red and 3/4 Blue. I thank the staff who assisted these students during their time here, helping to form teachers of the future. This term we welcome Miss Shelley Back in 3 Red working with Miss Heather Wozniak, as she completes a bridging course from high school teaching to primary. It is always great to have others to work with and learn from in our classrooms.

We received exciting news at the end of last term that we have been successful in our application to become a **"Successful Foundations"** school in 2021. This project will support the positive transition of children to Kindergarten with professional learning for our staff in best practice in the area of early learning.

This week the Catholic Schools Office released revised COVID -19 guidelines from NSW Health and Catholic Schools NSW. Many things remain unchanged such as our need for restricting adults and visitors on site, so our pickup and drop off arrangements remain the same. Encouraging strict hygiene practices, extra daily cleaning and maintaining physical distancing for adults also remain unchanged.

Some good news is that we will be able to offer a revised Kinder orientation program, Yr 6 High school transitions and some excursions and incursions all with COVID Safety Plans. End of year functions will be able to go ahead at school but limited to staff and students only at this stage. This may change as the term progresses so we will keep you posted along the way.

PUPIL FREE DAY – Our final pupil free day for this year will be on MONDAY 16th November. This is a staff Faith Formation day and was postponed from Term 1 due to COVID-19. This day helps teachers attain important faith accreditation as part of their responsibilities of working in a Catholic school. Importantly, it also gives us an opportunity to pray and reflect on our own faith and spirituality.

School Fee reminders will be sent out next week. Thank you to those families who have finalised their accounts or who are making regular payments until the end of the year. If you are experiencing financial stress, please contact the office so we can sort out a suitable payment plan or alternative arrangement.

Representative sport trials are now able to go ahead this term with tennis and basketball trials back on the calendar. Please see below for further information regarding these events.

Please complete the ***Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey***. We value the role of parents and carers within our school community and would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Joseph's Charlestown.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/SJcharlestown>

Finally, thank you again to Mrs Whitby for organising and coordinating the delivery of the Subway lunches today. These are a great supplement to our canteen services and provide a little boost to our P & F funds. Thank you also to Mrs Sievert for organising the Yumborama fundraiser last term and to those families who could support it. \$203 was raised for our school.

Please keep in touch throughout the term.

God Bless,
Kate Drake
Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Photos

School photos will be next WEDNESDAY 21st of October.

Please ensure all children are in the correct summer uniform and ready with their best smiles (Kindergarten smiles may be missing a few teeth!). Envelopes need to be sent to the office no later than Monday. Please see Mrs Trimble's note on Compass for further details, including how to get family photo forms.



Kinder 2021

As Mrs Drake has already mentioned we are now able to have some of our Kinder 2021 Play and Learn sessions this year. Information about these days will be emailed to our Kinder 2021 families as well as on the Kinder 2021 Seesaw page. We are all so excited to be able to meet our new students, especially our Year 5 Buddies.

The new dates are:

Friday Week 6

20th November 9:30 to 11:15

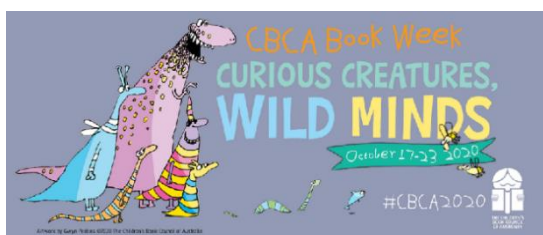
Friday Week 7

27th November 9:30 to 11:15



Book Week- next week!

Be sure to read Mrs Tranter's note at the end of this newsletter about Book Week celebrations at St Joseph's.



ICAS Tests

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the UNSW ICAS tests last term. Many students completed tests in English, Mathematics, Digital Technologies, Science and Spelling. We achieved pleasing results, including 4 Distinctions and 8 Credits. We are still waiting on some certificates.



Congratulations again to the following students who participated in these challenging tests:

Isla H, Joel D, Isabella B, Flynn L, Will F, Imogen H, Emily S, Xanthia W, Ciara H, Miliana D

Garden News

Our wonderful gardens are alive and well thanks to some keen students, the work of one of our LSAs Kim McAlister and some lovely parents who kept up the watering over the holidays. We look forward to the time when we can welcome back our parent garden helpers but, in the meantime, here are some of the latest photos from our garden.



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 4 Week 1

BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Jake S Isabella S Zoe S Cooper S	Harrison S Olive W Frankie M Sam G Leo Mc Adelaide Jett Luke G Benji H Kai R James C Jeremy H	Oscar M Lincoln T Eden J Maya G	Lila W Jackson S Aria 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

Celebrating 10 years since the canonisation of Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Tomorrow, the 17th October, is 10 years since Mary Mackillop became a saint. The prayer below reminds us to take fresh courage as Mary did so often throughout her life.

*May all that we love and appreciate about Mary's life
continue to find expression in us.
May we imagine and act on new possibilities wherever we are
that will heal, include, untether, set right and serve
Spirit of Wisdom accompany us through the unfolding of our lives
Amen* Lyndall Brown rsj



World Catholic Mission Month- Socktober

This October is World Mission Month. This year, students are encouraged to learn about Cambodia through prayer, fundraising and advocacy. The focus is on children with disabilities in Cambodia, who often do not have access to school. This is made possible through the work of Catholic Mission and the support of children and families in schools and communities such as ours. Funds have helped to establish *The Arrupe Centre* which provides support and an education to these children.

On Friday the **30th of October**, St Joseph's will be holding a Socktober- Mission Day to raise awareness and money to support children in Cambodia to access an education. Students will participate in a variety of activities such as hair braiding , colouring and also participating in a Socktober shootout. Here they will use a "sockball;" a ball made out of recycled materials such as old bags and kept together with string to try to score a goal. A sockball is often used in the game of soccer in countries such as Cambodia. Using soccer in his way, connects children to the plight of others through the universal nature of sport. Students will be able to attend in their sports uniform wearing bright and crazy socks or socks of their favourite sporting team.

We look forward to a great day where we are able to assist those in developing countries to "have life ... to the full"
John 10:10.



Upcoming Dates

Socktober -Catholic Mission Day- 30 October

All Saints Day 1 November

All Souls Day 2nd November

Remembrance Day 11th November

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR



Vinnie Vocabulary: One key aspect of a child's language development is the growth of their vocabulary – the words they can understand and the words they use to communicate. Here are a few more tips to help you at home:

1 | Display fascinating words

A great first step is helping children to be aware of any unfamiliar or interesting words they encounter.

2 | Create word webs

Building a word web helps children to think carefully about the meaning of a new word and how it is connected to the words they already know.

3 | Explore morphology

Morphemes are the smallest units of grammar that convey meaning. They include roots (happi), prefixes (un) and suffixes (ness). By adding them together, we can create words that carry a distinct meaning (unhappiness). Learning some of the most common morphemes can help to unlock the meaning of many different words.

4 | Collect words from reading

Learning the meaning of an individual word is trickier than you might think – so much depends on the context.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 2:

Word of the Week for K-2:

Gaze

Definition: looking intently on one thing

Similar words: stare, look, gape, goggle

Example: We love to gaze at the tropical sunset above the ocean horizon.

Term 4 Week 3:

Word of the Week for K-2:

zany

Definition: unusual but in an amusing way

Similar words: quirky, crazy, weird, bizarre

Example: The twin sisters were always known to be a zany pair.

Term 4 Week 2:

Word of the Week for 3-6

prominent

Definition: important and well-known; easily seen

Similar words: noticeable, conspicuous, pronounced, unmistakable

Example: The tall girl was prominent standing among her smaller classmates.

Term 4 Week 3:

Word of the Week for 3-6

extravagant

Definition: more than is necessary; very fancy

Similar words: excessive, showy, exorbitant, lavish

Example: I thought it was extravagant having ice sculptures at her birthday party.

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.



SPORTS NEWS

Students in Year 4 & Year 5 have the opportunity to trial for regional and diocesan representative places in the following summer sports: basketball and tennis. Cricket & softball trials will be held separately next year.

Due to COVID regulations, parents will not be allowed to attend trials & will be asked to drop children at the venue without entering. Each of these trials will be subject to following strict COVID safe plans. Students must be talented and experienced in the chosen sport as this is only for representative trials. Tennis players MUST be able to score their own games.

The regional trials will be held early this term to progress to diocesan trials in November and further in 2021 and are only open to children in years 4 & 5. Parents must also commit to travelling with their child to further trials, if they qualify, in 2021. The Polding trials for 2021 are in Tamworth. Students will be competing against others from both classes and, where selection is close, preference tends to be given to older children.

More specific information will be sent home, dependent on the chosen sport. Regional trials will all be held at a variety of venues in Newcastle early this Term and are subject to change according to COVID restrictions. If your child would be interested in participating please let me know in which sport ASAP so that we can organise a school trial if required. Students who are successful at the school level will be given paperwork and further information as soon as it is available.

Regards, Natalie Davis (natalie.davis@mn.catholic.edu.au)
Sports Coordinator

Athletics Fun Day

Our Athletics fun day on the last day of Term 3 was a huge success and the whole school had a wonderful day. It was great to see the sportsmanship and laughter amongst the children. A huge thank you to our sports captains for organising the activities: Oliver and Chloe (Mackillop), Bailie and Cayden (Irwin), Lachie and Ciara (Bradman) and Lily and Eliza (Beachley).



Warm regards,
Mrs. Kathryn Hill
Acting Co-ordinator

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday this fortnight.

Alannah M- 10 th October	Ebony G- 14 th October	Bruno Z- 15 th October
Eliza G- 16 th October	Ruby M- 17 th October	Alice D- 18 th October
Aaliyah F- 20 th October	Mia S- 24 th October	Emily D- 25 th October

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 another voucher for **\$288.00** to spend! New balls have been purchased for the playground.

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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.



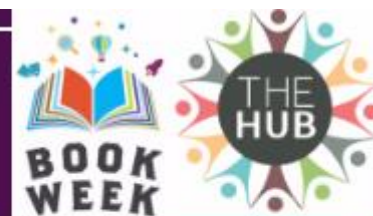
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Simply link your **rebel active membership**
to our club next time you shop at rebel

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

BOOK WEEK

Term 4, Week 2 - Curious Creatures Wild Minds



Book Week is in Week 2 (19-23 October), Term 4. The theme this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

We will be continuing with our dress up day, which will occur on the Thursday during Book Week. The children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character or within the theme of Book Week 2020. Book Fair will also run through Book Week. Due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to invite parents to the fair, but children will be able to purchase books as usual during their Hub sessions. Commission gratefully raised from the fair goes directly to the Hub book collection. There will be other activities throughout the week, which we will share with you in the newsletter after the events.



BOOK WEEK VIDEO & PHOTO BOOTH

Each year a team of Stage 3 children design, film and edit a Book Week video. This is a big project and the end result is premiered during Book Week. They are currently well under way with their work on this. Saxon and Dom in Year 4 are currently running our Book Week Photo Booth for a display. They are doing a fabulous job!



Book Week Competitions

The children are invited to participate in a number of fun Book Week competitions. They are completely voluntary. A list of choices follows this page. Four winners will be randomly selected to receive a free book from the Book Fair.

Competitions include:

- colouring in
- design your own book mark
- create your own comic strip
- create your own diorama

CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA



Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia publishes a short list of children's books they believe demonstrate quality literature. In the lead up to Book Week, the children will be exposed to the list and all the books in one specific category. The CBCA will announce the winning 'Books of the Year' from this list in Book Week. You will find the list at <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2020>.

BOOK WEEK
WEEK 2, TERM 4

BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS

CHOOSE AN ACITIVTY
BELOW TO WIN A BOOK
FROM OUR BOOK FAIR!

These competitions are completely voluntary,
just for fun and are to be completed at home.

Try 1, try them all! All entries must be
submitted by Wednesday 14th October!

COLOURING COMPETITION

Colouring in competition:- Pick up your copy from the Hub. The
winning entry will win a free book from the Book Fair.

DESIGN A BOOKMARK

Design a Bookmark!- Students may use any form of craft media or materials,
like drawing, decoupage, scrapbooking, painting, sewing etc - to create a
bookmark based on the theme Curious Creatures Wild Minds. Please write
your name and class somewhere on the back of your bookmark. the winning
entry will win a free book of their choice from the Book Fair.

MAKE A DIORAMA

Make a Diorama from your favourite creature book: Pick a book with a creature in
it and design a diorama. Think outside the box! Use a jar, a hat, a suitcase, a book
in a box or ?? The winning entry will win a free book of their choice from our
Book Fair!

CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC STRIP

Create your own Curious
Creature Wild Minds Comic
Strip: Students may use any
form of drawing or
technology. The Winning
entry will win a free book of
their choice from our Book
Fair!

RECYCLE MONSTER IS BACK!

Return and Earn is back again at St Josephs. Students remember to put your empty drink containers in the special marked bin down under the tar area, nearest the Kindergarten room. Every bottle, juice, milk, or popper container recycled means 10c for Mini Vinnies, and you are helping save the environment by reducing landfill. The last week of last term recycle monster was full and earned us \$18.40.



SUBWAY DAY- P& F Fundraiser/Canteen

Thankyou everyone for supporting our every popular Subway day today, we had 171 subs ordered which is a great effort. Lots of yummy, healthy lunches for our students and staff, whilst helping raise money for our school.

Here are some fun facts.

If we lined them all up end to end, todays Subways would extend the length of the covered tar area (COLA) so around 27 metres, visualise that!

The most popular bread type was white 77%.

53% of the subs chose no sauce/dressing.

77% of orders included cheese, 58% included carrot, and 49% included lettuce. Spinach was the least favourite salad topping.

Ham was the most popular choice of meat 74%.

One third of orders only had 1 or 2 toppings .ie Cheese only or ham and cheese.

The class with the highest number of Subways ordered was 2 Red with 24 orders.

Looking forward to our next Subway day in 4 weeks' time - FRIDAY 13th November.

Special thanks again to Subway Gateshead, Matt, Lynda, Jade and the team for the outstanding service they provide us not to mention the healthy lunch.

Drawings by milly m.



☺ St Nichs OOSH Newsletter ☺

Week 1 Term 4

Our team at St Nich's Charlestown hope everyone is safe and well and had a restful and fun school holidays.

This week, we are excited to share what we have been doing here at OOSH.

We welcomed our OOSH children back to school with some fun back to school arts, crafts and activities. These activities extended on our creative and imaginative skills as well as providing us with opportunities to build our confidence. This included making friendship bracelets, bookmarks and bag tags.

Some of our favourite activities included:

Jesse W - Making pokemon cards

Harper L - Making friendship bracelets and rings

Milly - playing handball

Sophie A - Playing with kinetic sand

What a fantastic and busy week we have had!



Our enrolments for kindergarten students for next year will be opening soon. If you have not advised us that you would like to have your children put on the waitlist, please let us know ☺

You can contact us by emailing charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au or by calling us on 0429 435 571 or come visit our friendly team in the OOSH Building!

Nutrition Snippet

WAR ON WASTE.

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Want to know how you can reduce your food waste?

Check out our [blog](https://healthylunchbox.com.au) at healthylunchbox.com.au for more tips that will save you money, time and our planet!

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

MEAT-FREE MONDAY.

Get your family having more veg by making Monday 'Meat-free'.



Try these meat-free meals:

- [Mushroom, spinach and lentil lasagne](#)
- [Green frittata](#)
- [Eggplant tagine](#)

Any leftovers can be used in the lunch box the next day!

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Nutrition Snippet

SAVVY SNACK SWAPS.



Swap cake for these healthy snacks:

- Banana Bread
- Pumpkin and sweet potato scones
- Fruit loaf

Check out our [interactive healthy swap guide](#) for more inspiration!

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