

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Mondays – Ice blocks for sale

PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 6
Monday 16th November

Last day of Term 4
Wednesday 16th December

First day Term 1 2021
Yr 1-6
Thursday 28th Jan
Kinder starts
Monday 1st Feb



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.*



13th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a wonderful week at SJC celebrating NAIDOC Week, Remembrance Day and participating in Australia

Reads Hour. It has been great to see our students engaged in all these activities across the school. I was particularly proud of the students and of their reverence and respect during our Remembrance Day liturgy.

This week we congratulate our principal, Mrs Jennifer Edstein-Boyes on her appointment to St James Kotara as of next year. Jennifer has been principal at SJC for 10 years and has made many wonderful contributions to the life of the school, it's teaching and learning programs and to the positive development of our staff and students. We will express our deep gratitude to Mrs Edstein for her leadership at a school assembly before the end of the year. A community consultation process is now taking place (please see the letter posted on COMPASS yesterday). Please click the following link to a survey offering parents and staff an opportunity to share their thoughts on what SJC needs in a new principal. **Please contribute by Monday 10am.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ctownprincipal>

Some staffing arrangements have been finalised for 2021 with the continuing of full-time contracts for another 12 months of Miss Heather Wozniak, Mr Mark Faith and part time contracts for Mrs Jessica Bourke and our Music Specialist teacher, Mrs Karyn Savage. We have employed a new temporary teacher to fill Mrs Angela Shaw's maternity leave- Molly Kalchbauer will be joining us in 2021. We are currently advertising for a Learning Support Teacher to fill Mrs Amber Christie's upcoming maternity leave for next year. Mrs Stephanie Tranter has been appointed the Gifted Education Mentor for 2021 and Mrs Kathryn Hill and Mrs Kyla Flanagan will continue in their roles as Pedagogical Mentors. I congratulate all these staff on their appointments.

We have 40 enrolments confirmed for Kinder 2021 and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them to SJC for visits over the next 2 Fridays. With some easing of restrictions, we can have the children onsite but still need to maintain social distancing of adults. Our planned end of year activities and celebrations are being revised with the new regulations in mind. We will send out further information next week.

Our drop off and pick up arrangements on Shelton St and Camrose St will also need to be maintained until the end of the year. Over the last few months I have been in consultation with the Lake Macquarie Council Traffic Management team to



improve our procedures. This involves consultation with LM council, NSW Transport, NSW Police, neighbouring property owners and our school bus company. As you can appreciate this is a lengthy process. The consultant was here last week observing the road and pedestrian traffic and is devising a more suitable plan for 2021. We thank you for your cooperation and continue to encourage you to keep to the road, parking and signage rules in our school zones.

Please remember our upcoming **PUPIL FREE DAY** this **MONDAY 16th November**. This is a staff Faith Formation day and was postponed from Term 1 due to COVID-19. This day helps teachers and staff 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.

Pupil Free Day

School Fee reminders were sent out last 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. **Those families moving on to high school need to have their accounts finalised before the end of the year.** Thank you!

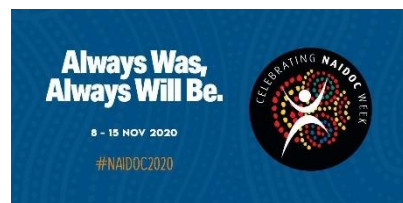
God Bless,
Kate Drake
Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

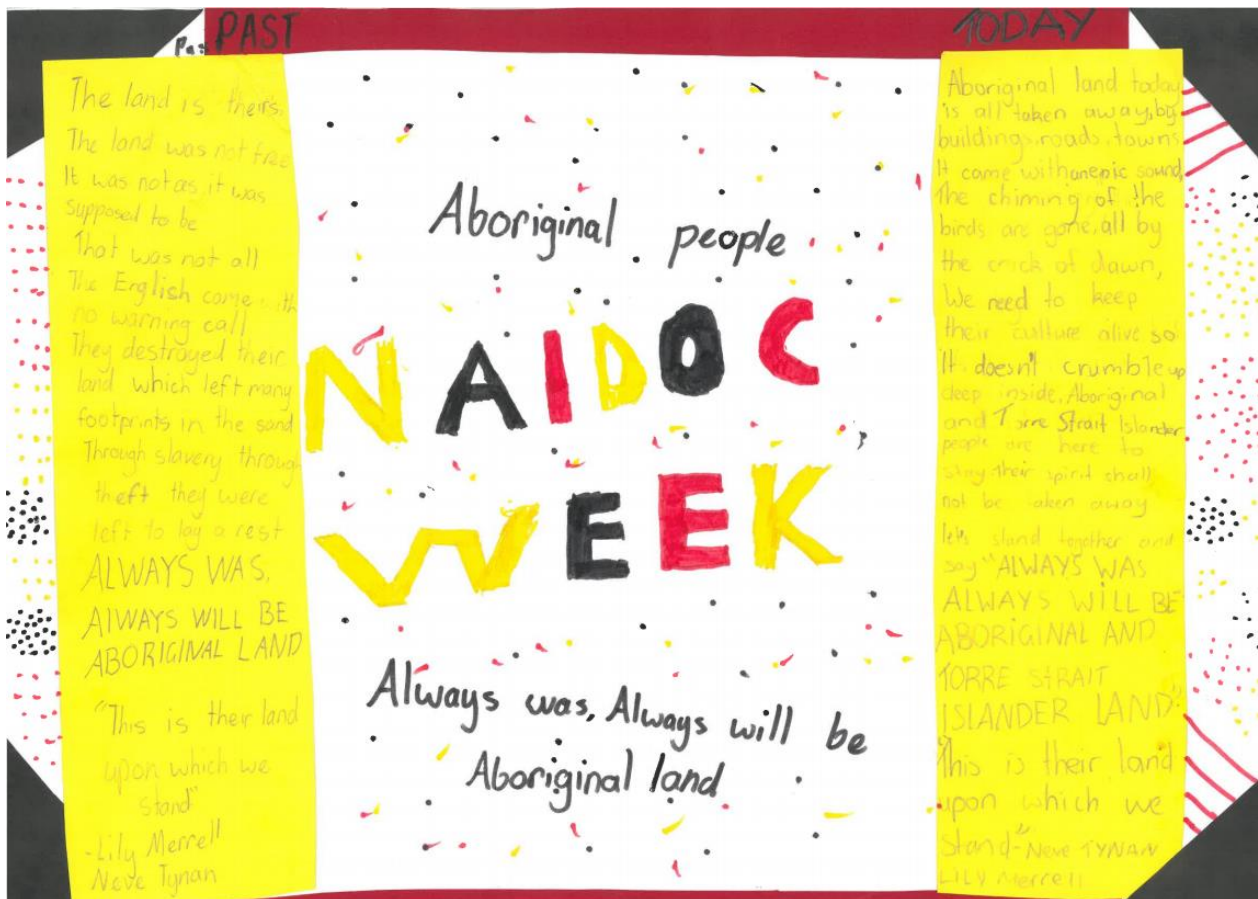
NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to come together to celebrate not only Indigenous achievement but the history, rich culture, and survival of the oldest continuing living culture on the planet.

This week at St Joseph's we celebrated NAIDOC Week with a range of class activities and a celebration of our learning at this morning's assembly. We were very proud of the work the children presented and the wonderful connections they made between their own lives and our Indigenous peoples. Well done everyone!



Below is a beautiful poem written by Year 4 students Lily M and Neve T.



Dreamtime Stories from 5/6

How the Turtle got its shell – Georgie Matthews 5/6 Red

There was once a turtle named Tiddles. It lived in the beautiful reefs of Queensland. But there was no shell on its back, so it had no protection. One day Tiddles was confronted by an evil spirit. This gave Tiddles a shock as it had no protection. The spirit asked "Help me, Tiddles. I need you to go down, deep into the ocean and find me a piece of coral that is hidden inside a dark cave."



"Why of course!" Tiddles replied. So Tiddles swam down into the deep and terrifying ocean, past sharks with big, sharp teeth and jellyfish with harsh stingers. When he got to the cave, he found the coral and swam back up to the spirit.

"Thank you, you are the only one in this whole ocean who would get the coral for me. I will now grant you a wish!" The next day Tiddles woke to find a shell on his back to protect him. And that is how the turtle got its shell.

How the Tasmanian Devil got its name – Emily Dunkley 5/6 blue

In the dreamtime, long ago, in central Tasmania there was a black and white Wombat. His name was Yindi and he was the talk of the town. He would tell them stories that were never true. But the other animals didn't know that they were lies and thought Yindi was brave and a hero that could do anything.

One day Yindi was telling stories again. "Once long ago, when I was only three," he told him, "I took on ten hunters that were all armed and I fought them all off and they ran away screaming." Everyone oohed and ahed, they were so impressed. Little did Yindi know that there was one of spirit Gods among the crowd and he was listening to all the lies he told. The fact that Yindi was telling all these lies made the God mad, so mad that he made the story he told come to life.

The next minute there were ten hunters running toward Yindi with spears ready to attack. Yindi turned to run but he was stopped by a giant flood rushing towards him. Yindi started to realise what was happening. He begged the spirit to free him from his terror. Reluctantly, the spirit appeared and made everything stop. But, it wasn't just going to stop there. Yindi was made to have a life of shame and embarrassment as the spirit God had now called him a devil and till this day Tasmanian Devils have never told a lie again. So that is how the Tasmanian Devil got its name!



Kinder 2021

Next Friday we welcome our new Kinders for 2021. We can't wait to see them. Reminders for the morning will be sent to families on SEESAW and by email early next week.

PLAY AND LEARN SESSIONS

Friday Week 6

20th November 9:30 to 11:15

Friday Week 7

27th November 9:30 to 11:15



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 5

SILVER 60	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Ben G Bede H Tajveer S Ruby McG Nash W Ivy T Julian W Matthew M Mya C Ashtyn M	Sibylla D Perri G Willow M Arlia V Levi S Egan B Charlotte D Aaliyah S Lachlan C Gus F	Jesse W Daly L Mikaela Mc Charlee F Elise C Abigail C Lillian E Isabella B	Ana Tauveli Olive H Eden J Maxwell L Anneliese W	

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 week has been one of celebration and commemoration. This NAIDOC Week, we celebrated the strength, richness and enduring culture of Australia's first peoples; the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as reflected in our classroom learning and assembly.

Lord, will you increase our capacity this NAIDOC Week to humble ourselves and listen afresh to truly hear the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. So we pray that this NAIDOC Week, love will increase and the call for Voice, Treaty, and Truth will be heard. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.



On Remembrance Day, we commemorated all who have been lost in war. We came together in a liturgy which incorporated the symbols and traditions which invite us to reflect upon the horror of war and an ongoing commitment to peace. Lest we forget.



Staff Spirituality Day

On Monday, 16th November, the pupil free day, staff will be participating in a spirituality day involving prayer, reflection and engagement with the charism (or values) of the St Josephite order, founded by St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. This charism underpins every encounter within our school and incorporates trust in God, reverence for nature, a heart for community and a commitment to those in need. We look forward to an enriching day.

*There where you are, you will find God
Mary Mackillop, 1871*

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff
Religious Education Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

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.



Ollie Opener: Using Strong Sentence Openers

There are different ways you can start a sentence to keep your reader engaged. You always want to vary your wording, so your writing doesn't seem repetitive and dull. Here are some examples:

Action word ending in -ed or -ing: Laughing, we went from one ride to another. (In this sentence, the opener is 'laughing.')

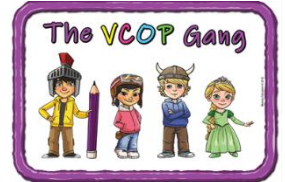
Prepositional phrase: Instead of a swimming party, we rode rides and played games all day. (Here, the opener is 'instead.')

Transitional word: Without a doubt, this was the best party ever! (In this example, the opener is 'without a doubt.')

Very short sentence (only has two to five words): What a blast!

'What happened' preposition: Before we left the amusement park, everyone had to ride the roller coaster one more time. (Here, the opener is 'before.')

Word ending in -ly: Cheerfully, my friends and I devoured our cake and ice cream. (In this example, the opener is 'Cheerfully.')



WORD OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 6:

Word of the Week for K-2: **Spectacular**

Definition: amazing in a striking way

Example: The scientists made a **spectacular** new medical discovery.

Activity: What things did you do over the weekend that were **spectacular**?

Term 4 Week 7:

Word of the Week for K-2: **Absorb**

Definition: to take in or soak up something

Example: A sponge can be used to **absorb** water.

Activity: What other things can **absorb** water?

Term 4 Week 6:

Word of the Week for 3-6: inevitable

Definition: sure to happen; cannot be avoided

Similar words: certain, inescapable, unavoidable, assured

Example: The dark clouds indicated that a late thunderstorm was inevitable.

Activity: Which of these events could be described as inevitable?

falling asleep when you are tired

fighting with your brother or sister

getting wrinkles as you get older

night turning to day

Term 4 Week 7:

Word of the Week for 3-6 : anonymous

Definition: not named or identified

Similar words: nameless, unidentified, undisclosed, unknown

Example: An anonymous donor gave clothes and blankets to the homeless shelter.

Activity: List some situations where a person might wish to remain anonymous. Which would you prefer: to be anonymous (when no one knows who you are) or to be famous (when everyone knows who you are)?

St Joseph's Public Speaking Finalists for 2020:

Congratulations to our fabulous St Joseph's Public Speaking finalists: Emily B, Bailie C, Emily D, Ava L, Emily S, Laura S, Georgie M, Isla E, Luke H, Will F, Ruby L, Olive W, Bella S, Alice D, Benji H, Lauren S, Evelyn M, Bede H, Huon C and Leo M.

Your creativity and confidence had the whole school captivated. Well done! 🌟👏





Warm regards,
Mrs. Kathryn Hill
Acting Co-ordinator

Australia Reads

On Thursday, 12th November St. Joseph's participated in the Australia Reads Hour, where continuous reading was encouraged in every classroom for an hour. The reading hour was enhanced with the addition of fluffy pillows and other creature comforts from home, and even some delicious snacks. The day was voted a unanimous success by staff and students alike, and importantly the development of a lifelong love of reading was promoted.



St Joseph's Primary School, Charlestown

SPORTS NEWS



Our **swimming carnival** is booked for Monday 14th December at Charlestown pool. Unfortunately, this year due to restricted numbers allowed on the site and Lake Macquarie Council COVID protocols, our carnival will be for competitive swimmers only. Swimmers from 8 years to 12 years who are competent to compete in the regional level and beyond will participate. Non competitors will remain at school. More information will follow as the term progresses.

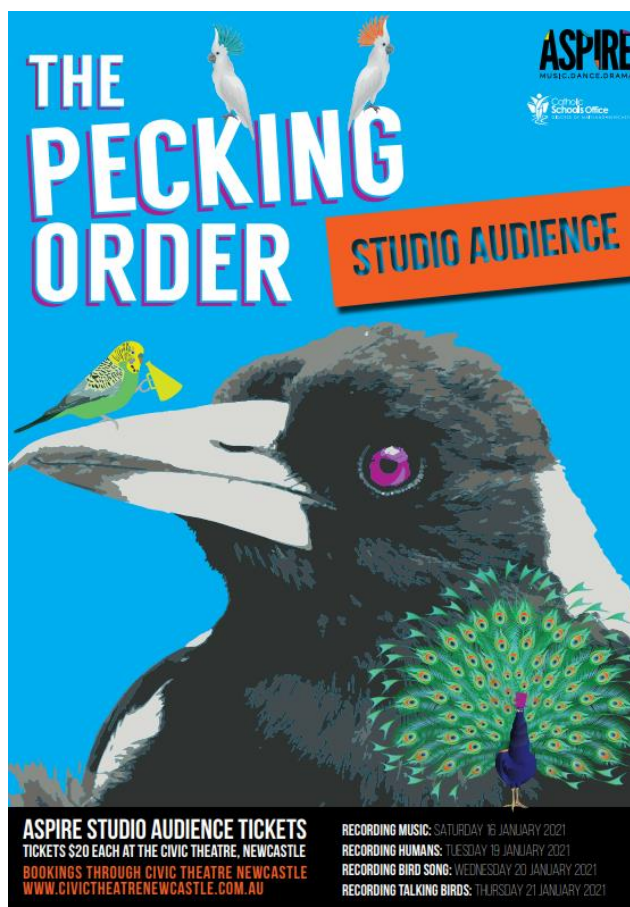
Regards, Natalie Davis
Sports Coordinator

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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

Adelaide 9 th November	Sam V 9 th November	Kobe H 10 th November
Audrey H 12 th November	Sonny M- 13 th November	Nathalie M 15 th November
Beau D 17 th November	Mikaela M 17 th November	Bede H 18 th November
Mackenzie F 21 st November	Isla M 21 st November	Abbey P 22 nd November
Luke H 23 rd November	Molly J 24 th November	Sonny I 25 th November
Heath B 29 th November		



*The **St Joseph's School Canteen** is run **entirely** by
volunteers and we **NEED YOUR HELP!***



Can you volunteer to help in the canteen for 1 or 2 mornings per term?

*Volunteer hours are Tuesday – Friday
9am-12noon (12:30 on Fridays).
Preschool age children can accompany
canteen volunteers once COVID
restrictions are relaxed.*

*Please fill in the volunteer form below
and drop it into the office or email to Brooke Sievert: sievert@iinet.net.au*

Yes! I can help out in the canteen!

Hi! My name is:

I am a ☐ Parent ☐ Grandparent

My child / children:

Are in class/classes:

My contact details are:

☐ Phone:

☐ Email:

I am available:

☐ Once Per Term ☐ Twice Per Term

My preferred day/s are:

☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

Thank you! We will be in touch!

Brooke Sievert and Jenny Whitby (St Joseph's Canteen Coordinators)



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



- 1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account



- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab

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- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)

- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab



3 November 2020

Dear Principals,

The Federation of P & F Associations will be holding its **2020 Annual General Meeting** on **2 December 2020 via Zoom**.

We look forward to this meeting as an opportunity to affirm our commitment to Catholic education and the important role of parents and carers in the partnership that exists between schools, parishes and the broader community.

This meeting will provide all P & F Associations, through their Delegates, an opportunity to vote to recommend the adoption of a new Constitution and an alternate Parent Engagement Group model. Copies of these documents will follow.

The details for this meeting are as follows:

FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS
2020 Annual General Meeting

Date: 2 December 2020

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: via Zoom

Zoom link will be sent on 2 December to all those who RSVP to this invitation.

We hope you can join us and seek your **RSVP by 20 November** to the email address below to receive your Zoom link.

Cath Garrett-Jones
Family Engagement Officer
E: cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au

Yours faithfully,



CHERYL MURPHY
PRESIDENT - FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS



CATH GARRETT-JONES
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



St Nicholas OOSH

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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Week 5 Term 4

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.

This week we celebrated and focused on NAIDOC Week. This was a wonderful opportunity for educators and children to share their knowledge and also learn some new information regarding the week and its special meaning to traditional Indigenous culture. We respectfully made a wonderful NAIDOC Week display in our room with some arts and crafts we made including Indigenous sand art, hand prints and a letter bunting reading "Always was, always will be" which is this year's theme. This beautiful bunting sign was made for us by a local Aboriginal artist, Maaya-Li Dhawun. This was a wonderful opportunity for children to develop a sense of belonging to the community and show respect for those around them.

My time our place: Outcomes 1a, 1c, 1d, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a

NQS Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and the community

A friendly reminder for our families that re-enrolment forms for 2021 are now due. You can email charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au or

call us on 0429 435 571 or come visit our friendly team in the OOSH Building to receive a copy of a form.

Drawings by Isla & Olivia B