

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**\*\*SEE TERM PLANNER  
ON COMPASS FOR  
FURTHER DATES\*\***

**\*\*Newsletter  
published fortnightly  
–Fridays on odd  
weeks**

**School Band  
Every Monday  
8:15am**

**French Club - lunch  
time Mondays**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.  
Kinders start**

**P & F Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Staffroom  
6:30pm All welcome!**

**Sports Uniform Days  
for K- 6 will be  
Monday and Friday.**

**ALL UNIFORM  
ENQUIRIES:**

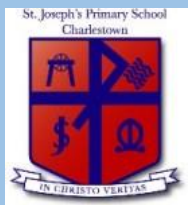


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FRIDAY MORNINGS  
FROM 8:45AM –  
9:15AM**



# St Joey's News

## 'Truth in Christ'

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**29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. It was lovely to see our students in Years 1-6 return today, looking refreshed and excited. We are also looking forward to welcoming our Kindergarten students next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Please make yourself familiar with our COVID safe plans and procedures for the start of term which were posted on COMPASS yesterday. Keep in mind that we are still advised by NSW Health and our Catholic Schools Office regarding maintaining safety, strict hygiene practices and social distancing for adults. This mainly effects our pickup and drop off procedures which are outlined in the letter. Thank you for adhering to these as requested.

The start of a new year is always filled with excitement and sometimes trepidation about what lies ahead. For us as educators we are filled with anticipation as to the possibilities that await in meeting our new students and classes, planning and experiencing new teaching and learning opportunities and forming and developing our partnerships with parents and community members. This year we continue to have a strong focus on building positive home-school partnerships. This is a specific goal in our 2021 School Improvement Plan, under the domain of *Wellbeing and Partnerships*. As a school we are committed to ensuring the best outcomes for our students and in acknowledging that parents are the first educators of their children we strive to work with you in partnership to help our students achieve their best. We will hold parent teacher meetings in week 6. More information about booking these will follow in the coming week. Teachers will be sending specific class information through SeeSaw K-4 and Compass 5-6. Please check these regularly and make contact with your child's teacher via phone, emails or appointment throughout the year.



We are very pleased to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Nikki Norley, also class teacher for 4 Red with Mrs Bourke. Nikki was the successful applicant in a rigorous selection process and comes to us from St. Kevin's Cardiff where she has been Assistant Principal for 2 years. Nikki brings a wealth of experience in leadership, curriculum development and teaching experience. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Nikki on her appointment to St Joseph's.

We also welcome Miss Molly Kalchbauer to 2 Red and Miss Ellie Ryan as Learning Support Teacher. We are very happy to welcome back Mrs Emma McGlynn in 2 R and Mrs Kate Linklater 5/6 B returning from maternity leave in a part time capacity. We have a wealth of teaching experience amongst our staff and we value the variety of teaching expertise this brings to our students and school community.

### CLASSES & STAFFING 2021

Please see below the list of classes and staffing for 2021.

CLASS	Teacher/s
Kinder Red	Angela Foxon
Kinder Blue	Karen Nolan
Year 1	Sue Woodward
Year 2 Red	Molly Kalchbauer & Emma McGlynn
Year 2 Blue	Clare Paff & Kyla Flanagan
Year 3 Red	Heather Wozniak
Year 3/4 Blue	Natalie Davis & Kyla Flanagan
Year 4 Red	Nikki Norley & Jessica Bourke
Year 5/6 Red	Kate Papworth & Ashlee Macourt
Year 5/6 Blue	Kathryn Hill & Kate Linklater
Year 5/6 White	Mark Faith

Principal: Kate Drake

Assistant Principal – Nikki Norley

Religious Education Coordinator – Clare Paff

Primary Coordinator – Kathryn Hill

Teacher Librarian – Stephanie Tranter

Library Assistant – Donna Hoffman

Gifted Education Mentor – Stephanie Tranter

Pedagogical Mentors – Kathryn Hill & Kyla Flanagan

Administration Officer – Carolyn Trimble

Clerical Assistant – Amale Yi

Learning Support Teacher – Ellie Ryan

Learning Support Assistants –Cheree Chapman, Lynne Dawson, Teresa Hanrahan, Patricia Hines, Kim McAlister

Specialist Music Teacher – Karyn Savage

Specialist Band Teacher – Bryn Wilson-Kellaway

EAL/D Teacher – Sue Coull

School Psychologist – Gayna Turner

Pastoral Care Worker – Maree Holmgreen

Grounds person – Craig Davies



A very warm welcome to our new families and students to St Joseph's this year. We trust that you will find SJC a warm and caring school for your children to learn and grow in faith and love.

**New Kinder Families:** Ailwood, Badman, Eeles, Gibbons, Grosvenor, Innes, Mansley, Mayzen, McCarthy, O'Brien, Sciberras, Shanahan, Umeh-Nicholas, Zeegers

**New Enrolments:** Jenkins family 1R & 3R, Kendros family 2R, Druery Family 4R & 5/6 B.

## BABY NEWS

During the holidays Mrs Angela Shaw and husband, Matt welcomed their first baby, Vivienne Geri on the 4<sup>th</sup> January.



The Higginbottom family, Benji 3/4B, welcomed the safe arrival of their twin girls, Audrey May and Elsie Therese on 5th January at 11.30 and 11.31pm.



Mrs Amber Christie and husband Richard also welcomed their first baby, Madison Harper on the 7<sup>th</sup> January.



Congratulations to all of these families, we wish you much love and happiness always.

More happy news with the announcements that Ms Papworth is expecting her 3<sup>rd</sup> baby and Mrs Flanagan is expecting her 2<sup>nd</sup> baby later in the year. We wish these expectant mothers good health and happiness.

Sadly, during the holidays Mrs Clare Paff lost her dear father, Ken, to a prolonged illness. We keep Clare, Dominic (5/6 R) and their family in our prayers.

Many of you may remember Mrs Sue Baita who worked at St Joseph's for many years as a Learning Support Assistant. Tragically she recently lost her 24-year-old daughter, Jackie, to brain cancer. Jackie's life was celebrated today with many family and friends.

We ask the Lord to keep Ken and Jackie in his care and we pray for the comfort of their families.



#### **Parent Term Planner**

Our term planner will be sent home digitally on Compass as well as a paper copy for those who like it on the fridge. Please refer to it for events but also keep an eye on Compass for the most up to date information.

Huge thanks to our Canteen Committee and our Uniform Shop Committee for all their work setting up and getting ready for 2021. These wonderful people are all working parents who volunteer their spare time to provide these services for our community. If you can assist in any way, please make contact with them.



#### **OOSH 2021**

The before and after school care at St Joseph's is provided by St Nicholas OOSH, Diocese of Maitland Newcastle. Please contact Taylor for further information.

#### **TAYLOR CEFAL**

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Wishing us all a wonderful 2021, filled with many opportunities to learn, pray and grow together.

God bless,

**Kate Drake**  
**Principal**



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS




Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in January.

Sibylla D –1 <sup>st</sup> January	Leni E- 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Mia F- 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Marcus H- 1 <sup>st</sup> January
Emily B- 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Kai R- 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Frankie M- 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Ivy M-6 <sup>th</sup> January
Lukas D- 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Connor S- 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Mia C- 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Matilda G- 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Frankie G- 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Isaac A- 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Keanu C- 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Sofia G- 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Kobe W- 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Evelyn M- 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Luke G- 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Sadie I -30 <sup>th</sup> January
Emily J- 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Sophie F- 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Miliana D- 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Vivienne R- 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Jake S- 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Alex- VB- 4 <sup>th</sup> February		

## FRENCH LANGUAGE LESSONS

Lessons will begin on Monday at lunchtime in the HUB. Please contact Audrey if your child is interested in learning French!




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