

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**Rescheduled St Joseph's Feast Day**  
**Liturgy 10:30am**  
**Monday 29/3**

**SUBWAY LUNCH**  
**Wednesday 31/3**  
**Order on QKR**

**Last day of Term**  
**Thursday 1/4**

**P & F BUNNINGS BBQ**  
**Kotara 17/4**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**Monday 19/4**

**First day of Term 2**  
**Tuesday 20/4**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS 20/4**  
**SUMMER UNIFORM**

**Mondays – Ice blocks for sale**



**Infants and Primary:**  
**Monday and Friday**

**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.*



**26<sup>th</sup> March 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,

**This is our last newsletter for the term, please see dates to remember on the left.**

It has been a wonderful first term of focussed learning, faith celebrations and fun filled events. Huge thanks to our P & F committee for hosting our Welcome BBQ for our Kinder and Year 6 families, thanks to all the volunteers who helped cook, serve, set up and clean up. It was lovely to be able to socialise with our families with the easing of restrictions and the students certainly enjoyed playing together after hours.

Today we held our weekly assembly that has been postponed twice due to the extreme weather and our cross country. **Congratulations** to all students who received their place ribbons and to those who progress to the Diocesan Cross Country next term. We also congratulate Molly J who advances to Polding for AFL, and to Macy E, Charlee F, and Hope K advancing through to Polding level for Soccer. These are great achievements, and we wish you all the best at the next level.

We look forward to celebrating the **Feast day** of our Patron, Saint Joseph on Monday. Pope Francis has named this year to commemorate St Joseph. We can look to him as role model for qualities of loyalty, hard work, compassion and resilience. Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general. Our **liturgy will be at 10:30am** under the COLA. Father Tony Potts will be presiding and our Sisters of St Joseph, Sr. Brigid and Sr. Catherine will also be in attendance. Parents and grandparents are welcome, please sign in at the front gate or at the top of the stairs using the QR code.



In the last few weeks, we have welcomed Danielle Shaw in the role of Aboriginal Torres Straight Island Teacher. Danielle is passionate about 'bridging the gap' and helping Indigenous children and their families get the best from their experiences at school. Her role will involve deepening all student's knowledge of our amazing traditional Aboriginal history and continuing culture. Part of the role is to offer additional learning support and / or extension to our Indigenous students and to



also be an added support person at the school for our Indigenous families. Danielle will be available at St Joseph's each Monday fortnightly.



### Principal Awards

Indy F, Archie W, Airlie W, Taj A, Samuel G, Matthew M, Jodi J, Isabella C, Daniel B, Olive H, Ivy F, Otto G, Mia C

**Deepest sympathy** to the Hill family on the loss of Jeremy's Grandfather and to the Schumacher family who also lost Bella's great grandfather this week. We pray that you receive comfort in your memories and peace from our Lord.



### School Fees

Thank you to those families who have started their school fee payments and to those who have paid any outstanding amounts. This is greatly appreciated and is vital in maintaining our school and our resources. It is a commitment you make when enrolling your child in our school. If you haven't sent back your **Fee Payment Frequency Form**, please do so before the end of the term. **See the copy at the end of this newsletter.** If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please call me to discuss how we can best support you.

### School Photos

School photos are booked for the first day of school next term – **TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April**. All students need to wear their SUMMER uniform and correct footwear, black leather polishable shoes.

### Winter Uniform

We will remain in Summer uniform for the first six weeks of term 2 with a 2 week transition period as the weather cools. All students are to be in Winter uniform by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

As we come to the end of the term I take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their efforts throughout the term. Their commitment to our school improvement goals and to the wellbeing of our students is something of which we can be proud. We are also excited to see our school highlighted on the Catholic School's Office website. Please read our story featured on MN News: <https://mnnews.today/catholic-schools/2021/physical-upgrade-enhances-student-opportunities/?source=cso>

I particularly thank Mrs Ashlee Macourt who will be starting her maternity leave at the end of next week. We wish Ashlee and her family all the very best as she awaits the arrival of her second baby. Ms Papworth will begin her maternity leave in week 4 of next term and we will farewell her then. After a successful recruitment process, we welcome Ms Brydie Houlahan to teach 5/6 Red for the rest of the year.

We also farewell Millie and Isla Mc. moving to the Central Coast, and Frankie M. moving to Maitland. We will miss you and your families but wish you much happiness in your new schools and homes.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of **Holy Week**. We will reflect on this most special time throughout the week and welcome parents to join us for our reflections at **10:30am** on Holy Thursday. I hope the holidays offer you and your families some respite from the busyness we are all experiencing. Today I enjoyed seeing our Kinders and their Year 6 buddies making Easter hats together. What a delight! I wish you all a happy and holy Easter and safe holidays.

God Bless,  
**Kate Drake**  
**Principal**





### *A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes*

Dear Parents,

Our Term has flown by and it has been filled with learning experiences, celebrations and events. We have welcomed our new Kinders who have settled in beautifully and we have welcomed new students and families to our community.

I thank the students, parents and wider school community for the wonderful culture we have at St Joseph's. I have been witness to our school values '*Strive High, Live like Jesus, Care for our Environment*' in its most truest sense at our beautiful school.

Our students have been active participants in taking responsibility for their learning in the classroom. Goal setting and student-teacher conferences will continue into Term 2. The staff have a demonstrated commitment towards best supporting our students to thrive in our contemporary world and opportunities to embed our '*5 key questions for students*' to reflect on their learning will continue next term.

Our events and celebrations add to our students learning experiences. As a community we have participated in liturgies and on Ash Wednesday began our observance of Lent and will follow with a Holy week reflection next week. We recognised Harmony day and celebrated diversity which makes our school great! Our P and F continued their great support through our very successful Meet and Greet Kinder & Buddy BBQ night, their monthly meetings and our upcoming plans for fundraising.



Recognition of student achievement have occurred at our weekly award assemblies. Our School Leaders have embraced their new roles by leading our School assemblies and representing our community at Special events.



**LEARNING WALKS**

**What** are you learning? **Why?**

**How** are you doing?

**How** do you know?

**How** can you improve?

**Where** do you go for help?



A very successful term indeed!

Wishing you all the blessings of the Easter season and a restful break.

**Nikki Norley**  
**Assistant Principal**



## **NAPLAN**

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the trial of NAPLAN online. These students will participate in NAPLAN online from 11th -21st May next term. They will be required to complete a Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy component during these weeks. The aim of NAPLAN is to assess the Literacy and Numeracy skills of all students across Australian schools. The results will provide information to support future teaching and learning.

More information will follow in the next Newsletter.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

*"Holy Week is a time of Holy Waiting. We know we have something precious and beautiful, but we cannot yet see the completed picture. And so we must wait."*

### **Holy Week**

On Sunday we commence Holy Week . The most significant event within the Christian tradition. At school we will stop and reflect upon the events of Holy Week through a Liturgy at 10:30am on Holy Thursday. Parents and Grandparents are welcome, but please sign in with the QR code.

Over the Easter break, here are some ways families can focus on the story of Jesus.

**HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES** • Celebrate a 1st century Passover meal. • Bake bread and share with family • Write an acrostic poem for Jesus. • Make a crown of thorns from a paper plate and twigs. • Research various crosses from different cultures • Discuss the meaning of sacrifice. • Have a blessing ritual in the name of Jesus' endless love for us. • Draw all the symbols of the Easter story.

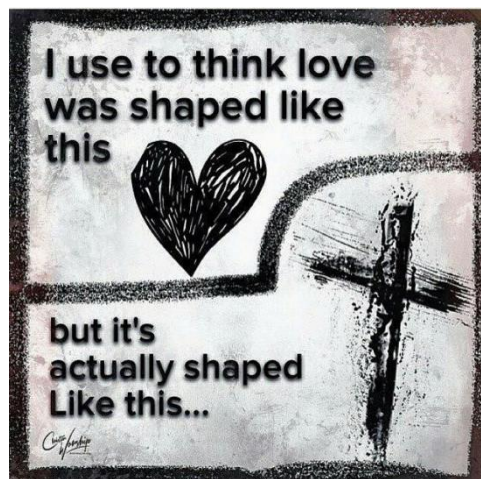
**EASTER ACTIVITIES** The Resurrection is the pinnacle of Easter but we continue to celebrate the Easter season 50 days after ending with Pentecost Sunday. • Write an Easter message on a card for their family. • Give out Easter eggs and discuss the symbol of new life • Name those who bring new life to others and pray a thanksgiving prayer for them. • List how they can continue to show God's love in their family or school life. As a family, discuss how you can be of service in your parish or neighbourhood.

### **PRAYER MANTRAS**

Choose a phrase from Scripture and repeat in time with your breath:

I love you with an everlasting love. I am your rock and refuge. I will never forget you

I am the way the truth and the life. I seek you with all my heart. I will carry you close to my heart.



## Mass Times Over Easter

|                      |         |         |                                                                                 |                                |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Holy Thursday</b> | 1 April | 7:00PM  | Mass of the Lord's Supper (Due to COVID-19, there will be no private Adoration) | St Paul's Gateshead            |
| <b>Good Friday</b>   | 2 April | 10:00AM | Way of the Cross                                                                | St Mary Immaculate Charlestown |
|                      |         | 10:00AM | Way of the Cross                                                                | St John Vianney Redhead        |
|                      |         | 3:00PM  | Solemn Ceremonies                                                               | St Mary Immaculate Charlestown |
| <b>Saturday</b>      | 3 April | 7:00PM  | Easter Vigil Mass                                                               | St Mary Immaculate Charlestown |
| <b>Sunday</b>        | 4 April | 8:00AM  | Mass of the Resurrection                                                        | St Mary Immaculate Charlestown |
|                      |         | 9:30AM  | Mass of the Resurrection                                                        | St Paul's Gateshead            |

## Sacramental News

Next Wednesday evening, students involved in the sacramental program will receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> rite of reconciliation.

Reconciliation restores our relationship with God and others. We continue to hold families involved in the sacramental program in our prayers.



Mini Vinnies are raising money for Project Compassion and have planned a fun day to celebrate St Joseph's Day on Monday 29th of March 2021.

There will also extra activities to help us celebrate St Joseph's Day.

Your donation will include tokens for the cake stall/ activities.



Please pay \$6 each or \$10 per family on QKR to join in the fun and support Project Compassion!

PROJECT COMPASSION  
**BE MORE**

Many Blessings,

*Clare Paff*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

## NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR



### Best practice for teaching:

Over the course of 2020 and 2021 our school, along with all the schools across the Diocese, have been implementing best practice for teaching, based on the work of Lyn Sharratt (Canadian educational researcher). The premise of her research is based around teachers ensuring the following in classrooms:

- establishing **learning intentions** that are drawn from the relevant syllabus and clearly describe what students should know, understand and be able to do at the conclusion of a unit of work.
- creating **success criteria** that describe what success looks like in relation to the learning intentions and are co-created by students and teachers.
- providing **explicit descriptive feedback** to students in a timely manner and ensuring that it is clearly understood by students.
- building the capacity of students to **peer assess and self-assess** using the success criteria as a reference.
- developing the capacity for individual **goal setting** by students, which includes students asking questions such as 'What do I need to improve?' and 'What is my next step?'

How can you help with this? Ask your child what their Learning Intention is and how they are using goal setting to improve work. You can also check out your child's weekly/fortnightly Overview of work to see the Learning Intentions set by teachers.

### PBL

Each week our school focuses on a particular area to support our school values. Our school PBL focus for week 10: Strive High. This reminds our students of the importance of effort, persistence, growth and attempting new/challenging tasks.

## PBL Awards Term 1 Week 7

| <b>BRONZE</b><br><b>30</b>                                                                                                                                                | <b>SILVER</b><br><b>60</b> | <b>GOLD</b><br><b>90</b> | <b>PLATINUM</b><br><b>120</b> | <b>MEDAL</b><br><b>150</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lauren S<br>Zaha A<br>Fergus M<br>Mefi T<br>Sophie W<br>Vivienne R<br>Jack N<br>Lillia<br>Maisie 4R<br>Lukas 4R<br>Alice D<br>Fraser G<br>Lachlan C<br>Molly J<br>Molly W |                            |                          |                               |                            |



## Police Safety Talk

On Thursday morning Senior Constable Lisa Thompson spoke with Stage 3 all about cyber safety, bullying, stranger danger, hands on assault and inappropriate behaviours. The children learnt about how to keep themselves safe and the consequences when the law is broken. Some of the children were shocked to learn that a child (aged 10+) can be charged with a crime, that most social media apps require you to be aged 13 years + and that swearing in public is illegal. We thank Senior Constable Lisa for giving up her time to share these very important and serious messages with us.



**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.



*Warmest regards,  
Kathryn Hill*

## SPORTS

Congratulations to our school cross country ribbon recipients.



We take the top three placegetters to the Diocesan cross country event, **but** those runners must also have finished the school cross country within a qualifying time.

The following students will represent St Joseph's at the Diocesan Cross Country event on Tuesday 27th April.

Lochlan O, Cora P, Rose G, Flynn L, Lincoln T, Alice D, Harry S, Oscar E, Beau D, Sophie A, Olive W, Ivy M, Hamish K, Liam B, Lachlan C, Charlee F, Moeana R and Sam V.

At this stage the venue/spectator details have not been finalised, but we will let you know next term.

*Kind Regards,  
Karen Nolan & Natalie Davis (Sports Coordinator)*

#### P & F News

##### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to all those who donated eggs for our Easter raffle. The raffle will be held next Tuesday in classrooms.

##### **Bunnings BBQ**

St Joseph's P & F will be hosting the BBQ at Kotara Bunnings on Saturday 17/4/2021. This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds to improve our school community. We need lots of help to make this a success & would appreciate your assistance if you are available. Please note children are not able to volunteer.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/login/entry/1217013787084198040>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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

|                                   |                                  |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lily M 26 <sup>th</sup> March     | Amy D 27 <sup>th</sup> March     | Maya G 27 <sup>th</sup> March   |
| Hope K 29 <sup>th</sup> March     | Zivah G 31 <sup>st</sup> March   | Lauren S 1 <sup>st</sup> April  |
| Charlotte D 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | Isla H 4 <sup>th</sup> April     | Dominic P 4 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Kate W 5 <sup>th</sup> April      | Lachlan V 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Ayrton G 16 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Billie E 17 <sup>th</sup> April   | Perri G 20 <sup>th</sup> April   | Flynn R 23 <sup>rd</sup> April  |





## Harmony & Say No To Bullying Day



*St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Charlestown*

*A reflection by Abbey and Moeana (Year 6 students)*

Harmony Day was an awesome day for our school. We had a lively day of learning about different cultures and how to spread peace in our community together. This year we combined Harmony day with Say No To Bullying Day because they share similar messages.

During this special day we did rotations around our school to learn about how to stand up to bullying and how to make peace with everyone even if they are different to us.

Some of the Year 6 children performed skits in front of the school to teach the younger children about how to respond to bullying. We also learnt about Irish dancing, made peace bracelets, read stories about different cultures and created posters to spread messages of kindness.

Our special friend Mustafa amazed us all and read *Mirror* by Jeannie Baker in Arabic, while Mrs Coull translated in English. We were so impressed with Mustafa's skills and loved listening to him read to us.

Check out some of our photos below!



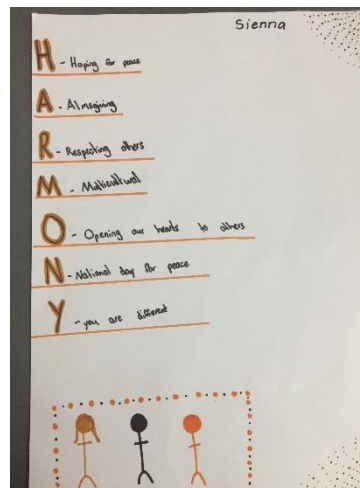
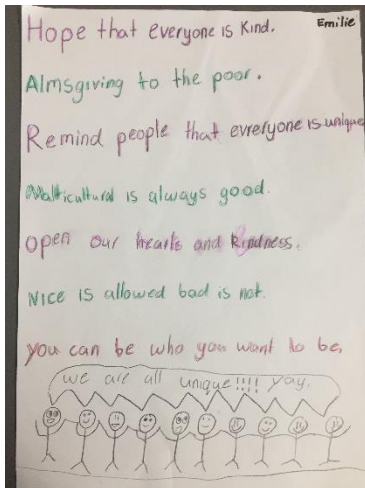
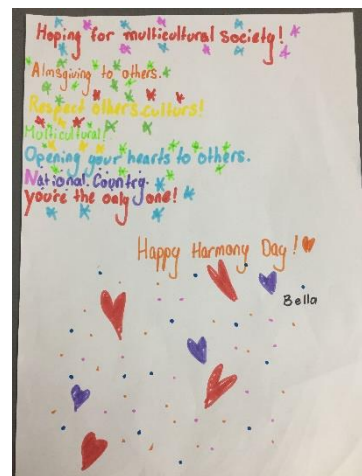
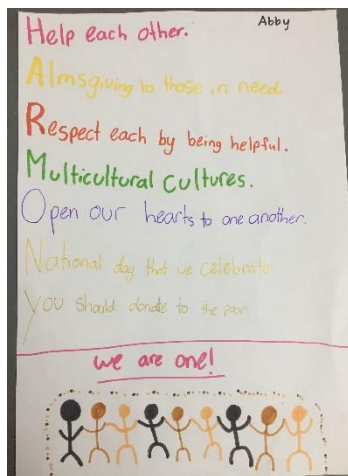
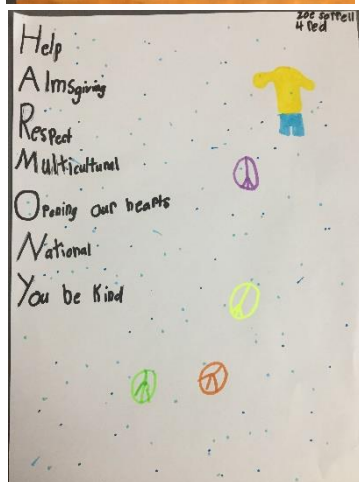
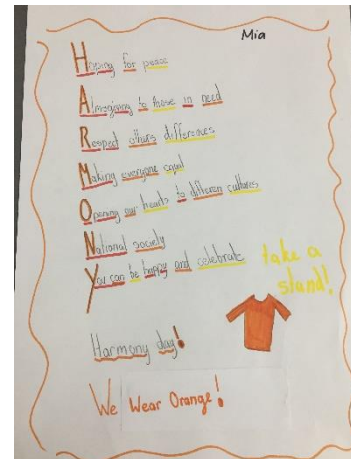
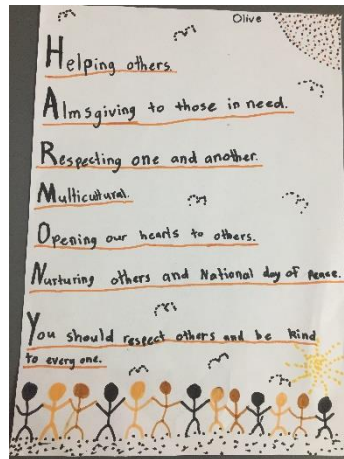
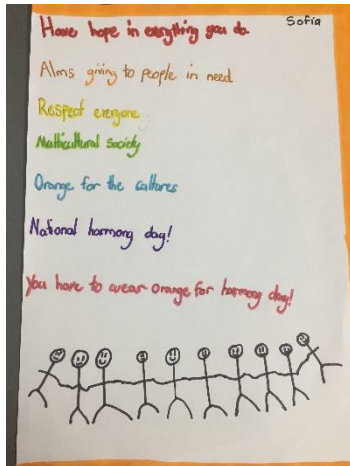
*Mrs Coull and Mustafa reading to one of the groups*



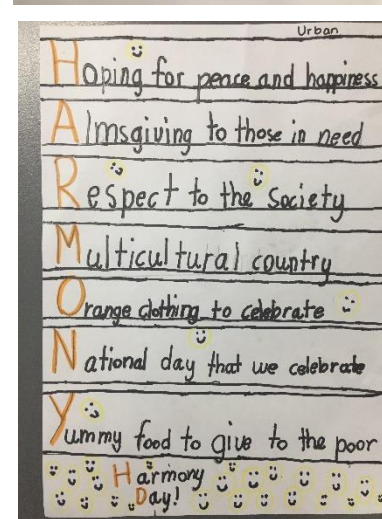
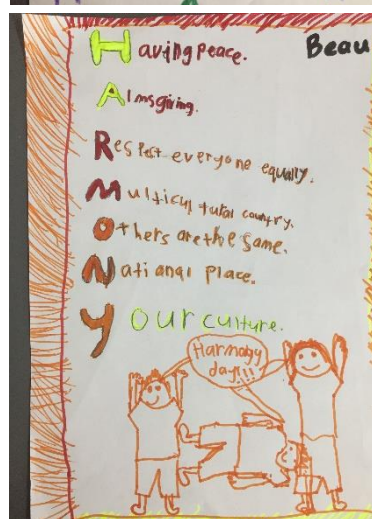
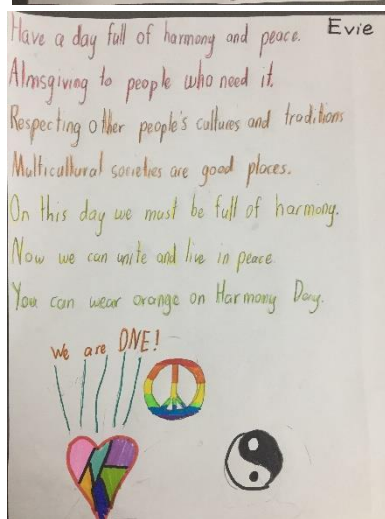
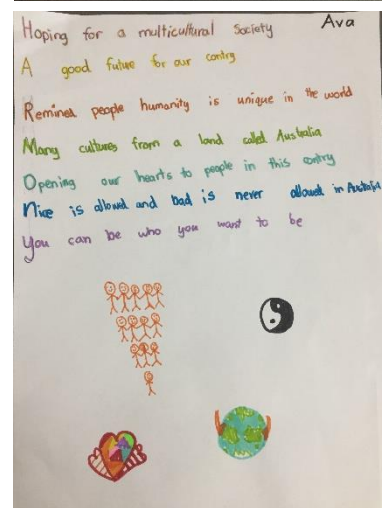
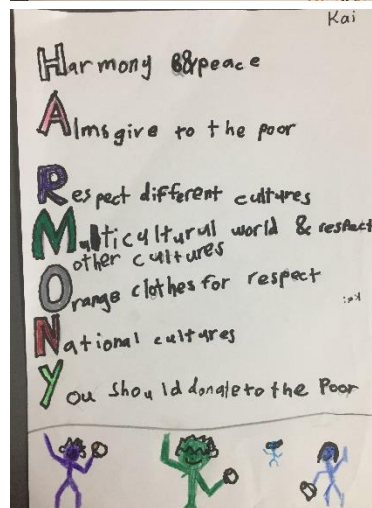
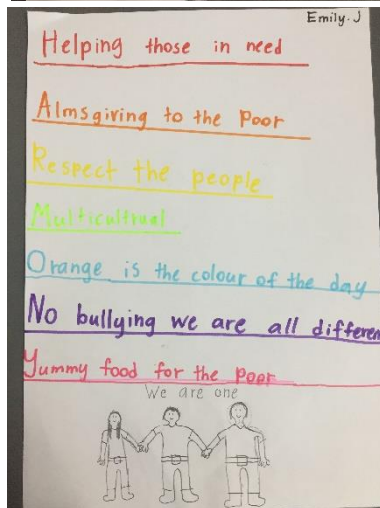
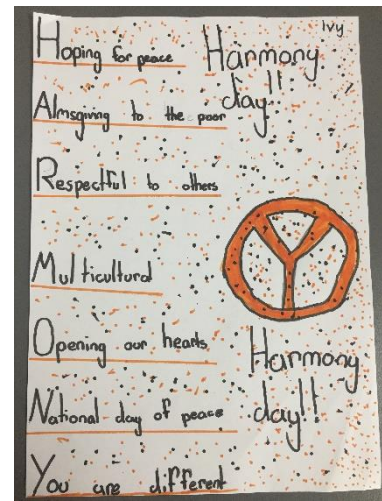
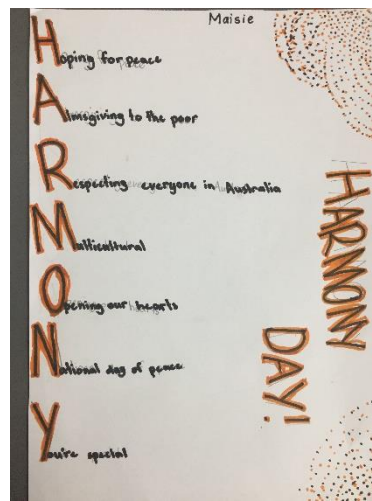
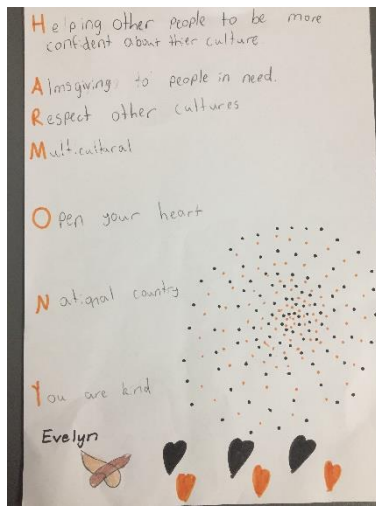


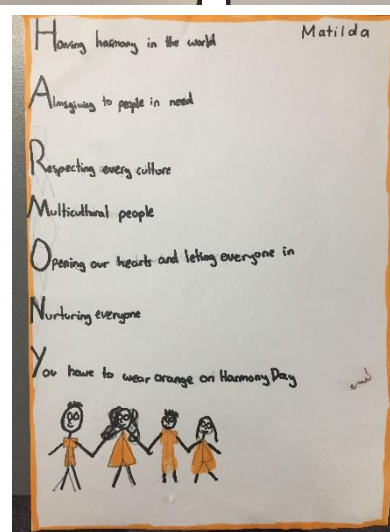
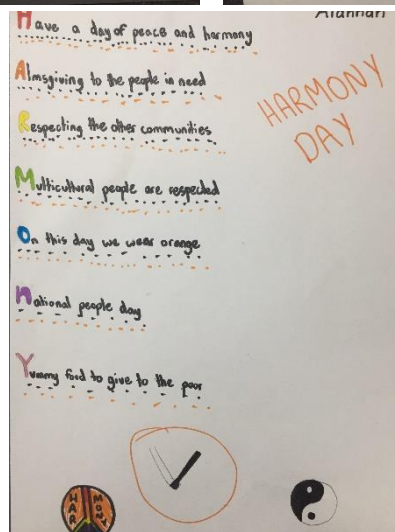
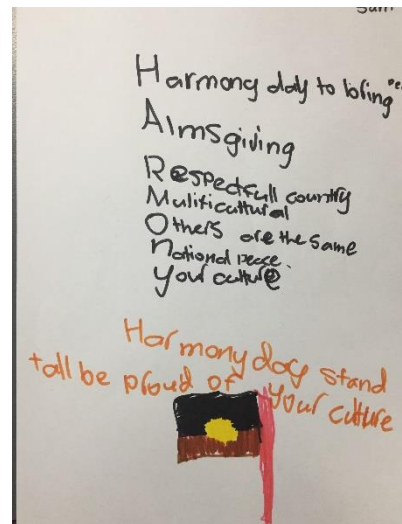
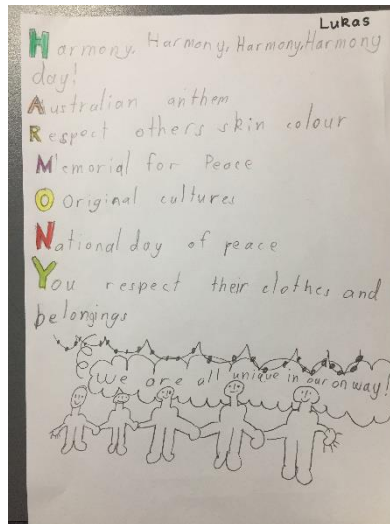
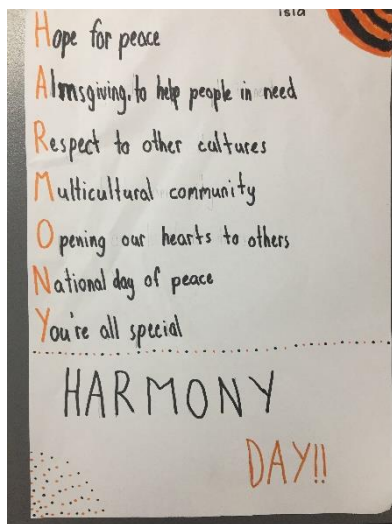

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## Ψεαρ 4 Ρεδ








**Premiers' reading challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge opened on Monday 1 March, 2021.

Orange bookmarks with User names and Passwords were sent home last week with all Kinder students. Any students who are new to the school this year, will receive theirs at their next Hub lesson. For any other students who wish to do the PRC and no longer have a record of their password, they need to contact me and I will retrieve it for them.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Hoffmann—PRC Coordinator







Parents/carers are asked to complete the School Fee Payment Frequency Form by 31 March, nominating how frequently they will pay school fees during the year.

If paying via a direct debit arrangement please use the CDF Direct Debit Form – this is available for parents/carers to complete here: [http://www.cdfmn.com.au/media/5203/32481-cdf-direct-debit-form\\_20210108.pdf](http://www.cdfmn.com.au/media/5203/32481-cdf-direct-debit-form_20210108.pdf)

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Drawings  
By Juniper

**St Nicholas OOSH**

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## ☺ OOSH Newsletter - Week 8 & 9 Term 1 ☺

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

**Week 8:** This week, children and educators explored Harmony Week through a range of activities, crafts and discussions. This was a great opportunity for children to share, explore and gain meaning of the event of Harmony Day and what it means to them. One of our favourite activities was creating a large collaborative poster, where children worked together to draw pictures, write notes and create patterns with the theme of "Harmony" and what it means to them.

MTOP Outcomes: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 4b, 4c

**Week 9:** For our second last week of school, we have begun celebrating and exploring Easter! This has given children the opportunity to participate in some fun Easter themed crafts including Easter themed playdoh, creating Easter eggs using a variety of paints and painting materials and making an Easter basket from paper. We will continue to explore Easter throughout the last week of school with a range of activities that have been suggested by our group and selected by educators!

MTOP Outcomes: 4b, 4c, 5a

We also have positions available at OOSH across multiple afternoons and mornings. For more information, you can visit us in the OOSH building or contact us on 0429 435 571 or via email at

[charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au](mailto:charlestown@stnicholasoosh.org.au)



# MEET THE TEACHER

Meet your Teacher for 2021!

**Heather Wozniak**

*3 Red*

## Teaching Experience & Education

I am excited to once again to teach Year 3 at St Joseph's in 2021. This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year here and I really love the wonderful community feel of our school!

I have been teaching for 7 years (wow it goes by fast!) I've been lucky enough to have taught in Catholic schools across Canberra and now I'm happy to call Lake Macquarie home! I've even jumped across the pond in the UK to teach for a year in 2016! I have mainly taught Stage 2 classes as I have a real passion in helping students develop into independent and self-motivated learners.

I have a Bachelor of Education in Primary from the Australian Catholic University.



## Class Goals for 2021

I believe that each and every student has the potential to bring something unique and special to the world through their gifts. There are miracles, learning, healing, laughter and love shared in classrooms every day, all around the world. All teachers have an opportunity to positively impact a students' life, which is a huge privilege.

Each day I enter the classroom, I commit to being dedicated teacher that believes in the ability of all my students. I will do this by working in collaboration with all parents and carers to provide a fair and safe environment where they can all learn, feel safe and grow.

I look forward to working with you in 2021.

## About Me

As I get to know your child they will probably come home and tell you lots of things about me (don't believe everything you hear!)

But, if they tell you I like rainbows, country music, reading, my puppy and a good cup of coffee, you can have confidence they are not making it up!

**Contact Information:** [Heather.Wozniak@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Heather.Wozniak@mn.catholic.edu.au)



# Meet the Teacher

Hello & Welcome....

From Mrs Nikki Norley in 4Red!

## Things I Love...

- \*helping students strive to be their best selves
- \*learning new things
- \*goal setting- co-constructing a pathway of success for students



## Education...

I am in my twenty first year of teaching. I have taught at many schools across our diocese and have held a variety of positions. I have a double degree in Arts/Education and a Masters in Educational Leadership.

## Contact Information:

nikki.cousins@mn.catholic.edu.au

## Fun Facts

I am also the Assistant Principal

I have an 11 year daughter and 8 year old son.

I am passionate about helping students to develop a growth mindset.

*Together, we will learn and grow!*





# MEET THE TEACHER

**Meet your Teacher for 2021!**

**Karyn Savage**

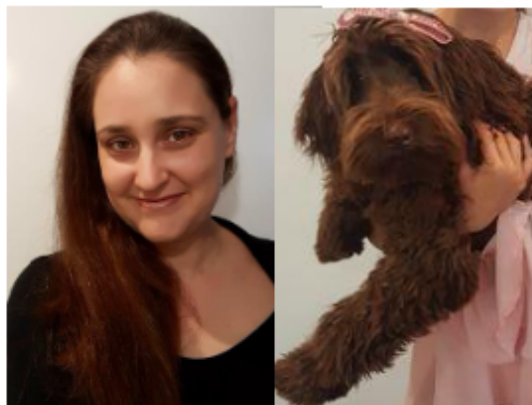
*Music and Drama RFF*

## Teaching Experience & Education

Hello! I am Mrs Karyn Savage and it is so wonderful to be back at St Joseph's for my second year of teaching k-6 music and drama.

I have a diverse music and teaching background. After completing a double major in flute performance at Newcastle Conservatorium in 1999, over the following decade I tutored over 300 local music students in a range of schools and private settings as well as conducting school bands and instrumental groups.

With a love of teaching, I completed my Masters in Primary Teaching in 2009 and I have worked in a temporary capacity as a classroom teacher and more recently as a specialist music teacher.



## Goals for 2021

*This year, I'm excited to support the amazing talent that we have at St Joseph's. Stay tuned for a new lunch time performance skills group where I'm looking forward to working with individuals and small groups to prepare items for lunch time concerts. We will look for flexible, COVID 19 safe opportunities to rehearse and perform and harness student's unique gifts.*

## About Me

My 3 energetic and wonderful kids are now 9, 7 and 5. We are loving our newest family member Milo who chews everything in sight. Coffee keeps my tank going and conversations keep my heart full!! I'm always up for a chat.

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