

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**Tuesday 27/4**  
**DIO Cross Country**

**Friday 30/4**  
**Stage 3 Basketball begins**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**Liturgy and open classroom for parents**  
**9:30-11am Wednesday 5/5**

**Thursday 6/5**  
**NRL Under 12's Carnival**

**Friday 7/5 Mother's Day stall**

**Monday 10/5**  
**Mother's Day Liturgy & morning Tea**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**Thursday 20th May**

**Mondays – Ice blocks for sale**



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

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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.*



**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,  
Wishing you a very HAPPY Easter season! Although the holidays have passed and the Easter long weekend is over, we are still in the Easter season in our Church's calendar. This beautiful season is celebrated over 50 days and ends with the Feast of Pentecost. I pray that we can use this season to reflect on God's love for us and to fully enact that love in our own lives, through our words and actions.

*Through his suffering and death, Christ gives us lasting freedom.*

*May God bless us with the inner freedom, to live ever more truly the Good News of the Gospel. Amen.*  
*Through his resurrection, Christ bathes and refreshes us in the river of glory. May God bless us with joy as we know our rebirth into the ways of the Gospel. Amen*  
*Through the breath of his Spirit, Christ enlivens our hearts today. May God bless us with courage to speak and spread the Good News. Amen.*



This term we offer a very warm welcome to Miss Brydie Houlahan teaching 5/6Red for the rest of the year and to new students, Halle G. in 3 Red and Chelsea B. in 5/6 Red. We trust that you will find St Joseph's a happy and caring place to learn and be each day.

On Monday we hosted a professional learning day for our staff and the staff from St Columba's Adamstown. The day was based on the work of Lyn Sharratt and focussed on the effective strategies of Learning Intentions, Success Criteria, Effective Feedback and the Assessment Waterfall for improving student learning outcomes. Teachers have the biggest impact on student learning and the ability to work collaboratively with each other and other professionals can significantly influence and improve student teacher interactions and learning. This was a very positive day for all involved! I thank my staff for their ongoing commitment to our school improvement agenda and look forward to seeing our work in this area make a positive difference to each and every student as we move forward.



## A Reminder of our next PUPIL FREE DAY - Thursday 20th May

Huge thanks to our wonderful P&F Committee and all the volunteers for organising and helping with the Bunnings BBQ last weekend. Despite the wet weather our team raised approx. \$1000 for our school. We also thank our Easter Raffle organisers and parent community for the donations to this event. The monies raised will help towards our resourcing goals throughout the year. Please see P&F News below for information on other events for Term 2. We appreciate your continued support!

We also offer our gratitude to our Mini Vinnies team and their families for donating the games, treats, prizes and activities for the Project Compassion Fundraiser last term. An amazing \$1500 was donated to Project Compassion and this is made possible through the remarkable generosity of our community. Thank you!



Today we congratulate Hope and Macy who competed at the POLDING soccer trials in Bathurst. This is a wonderful achievement, and we can't wait to hear all about it!

### Principal Awards

Today I spoke to the students about our school values of *Striving High, Living Like Jesus and Care for the Environment*. Each week our school focuses on one of these values and specifically teaches through class lessons what these mean and how we can demonstrate these in our daily interactions. Trying our best in all things, being kind and caring for others and the world around us help to make life wonderful. It takes a village to raise a child, so let's raise great people together!

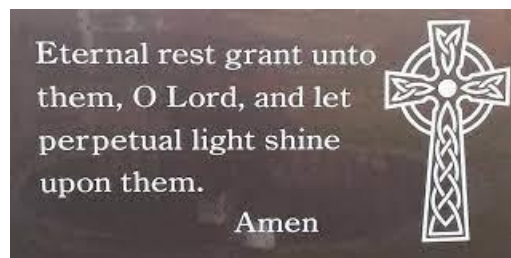


### Winter Uniform

We will remain in Summer uniform for the first weeks of term 2 with a transition period as the weather cools. Jackets have been needed this week! Don't forget to put names on all items of clothing. All students are to be in Winter uniform by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May. All students need to be wearing black polishable shoes Tuesday – Thursday.

**Deepest Sympathy** to Mrs Lisa Ridgewell as her father passed away in the holidays after a short illness.

Also, to Miss Heather Wozniak as her grandfather passed away this week. We pray that the memories of their loved ones can bring them comfort in this time of sadness.



God Bless,  
*Kate Drake*  
*Principal*



### NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back to Term 2! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday, we were certainly spoilt with the weather over the past two weeks. The staff are very excited about the term ahead and all the exciting events happening this term. It is a great time of year to reflect and set new learning goals. Having a positive growth mindset is an essential characteristic of 'being a learner.' We look forward to another term of working with our students to support them in their belief that they can always improve.

# PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

Big Life Journal

*Your brain is like a muscle. When you learn, your brain grows.  
The feeling of it being hard is the feeling of your brain growing!*

## PRAISE



### FOR:

EFFORT  
STRATEGIES  
PROGRESS  
HARD WORK  
PERSISTENCE  
RISING TO A CHALLENGE  
LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

### NOT FOR

TALENT  
BEING SMART  
BORN GIFTED  
FIXED ABILITIES  
NOT MAKING MISTAKES

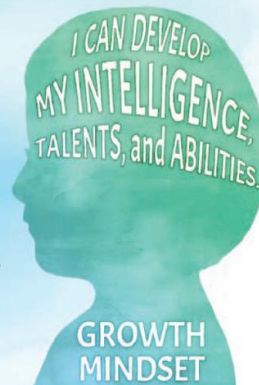
## THE POWER OF "YET" SAY

"YOU CAN'T DO IT **YET**."  
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT **YET**."  
"IF YOU LEARN AND  
PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

# BRAINS can GROW



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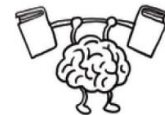
## FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

### SAY

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."  
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."  
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

## RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR  
OWN THINKING AND THE  
MESSAGES YOU SEND  
WITH YOUR WORDS AND  
ACTIONS.



## ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO  
TODAY THAT MADE YOU  
THINK HARD?"

"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES  
DID YOU TRY?"

"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU  
MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU  
SOMETHING?"

"WHAT DID YOU TRY  
THAT WAS HARD  
TODAY?"

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## NAPLAN 2021

In May 2021 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All schools in the Maitland Newcastle Diocese complete NAPLAN Online (except for Year 3 writing test). 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.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.

Students at St Joseph's will complete NAPLAN testing in weeks 4 and 5 (11<sup>th</sup> May-20<sup>th</sup> May). Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

With every best wish,

**Nikki Norley**  
Assistant Principal



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Today we started the day with a school ANZAC Day liturgy to honour those who have served in conflicts throughout the world. The Year 6 leaders led the school beautifully and reverently. Many families brought in flowers to remember those we have lost during war time.


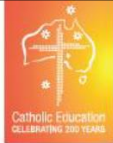
### LOCAL ANZAC SERVICES

Students are also able to represent St Joseph's at either the Dudley or Charlestown ANZAC DAY services on Sunday.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, families are invited to the dawn service at **Dudley Soccer oval**. Entry via Boundary or Pitt St Dudley Service commencing at 5:45 am. The Dudley War Memorial Trust will be holding a march starting from the park and into the oval. If you would like to be in the march, please meet at the **park on the corner of Pitt St by 5:20am ready to march**. Mrs Paff will meet students/families at this point. Students are asked to wear their Summer school uniform.

The LIONS CLUB of Charlestown Service is at **Charlestown Lions Park**, Pacific Highway Charlestown. If you would like to attend this service with your families please arrive and assemble at **10.30am** for an 11am start. Students attending can meet Mrs Coull and are asked to please wear school uniform. BYO chairs if needed.

### Catholic Schools Week 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,


Come and celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education during  
Catholic School's Week at  
St Joseph's Catholic School, Charlestown.


WHEN: Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Liturgy at 9:30am on the tar,  
followed by open classrooms between 10am and 11am.

Please check in with the QR code on the gate.

*Faith in the future*





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## Mother's Day

On **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9am** we will celebrate all of the wonderful Mothers, Grandmothers, and those like mothers, in our St Joseph's community. We will begin with a liturgy under the **COLA** run by year 1, before inviting our special mothers and grandmothers to stay for a lovely morning tea.



## Sacramental News

The Commitment Masses for Confirmation will be held this Sunday 25.4.21.

St Mary Immaculate 8am - Charlestown

St Paul's 9.30am - Gateshead.

Sacramental Sessions will start again next week.

Many Blessings,

*Clare Paff*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

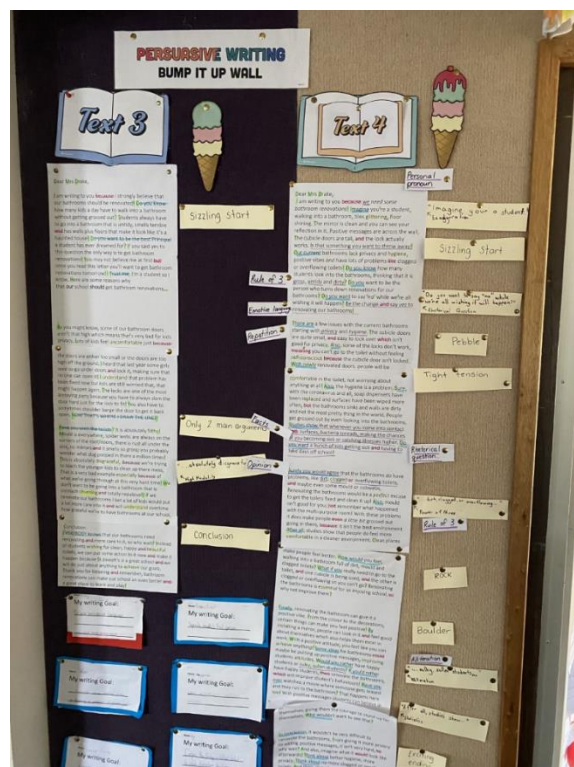


## NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

### Bump-it-up wall

As part of our journey to improve student writing our classrooms are using a visual display called a Bump-it-up-wall to clearly show students how to improve their writing. The research suggests that when teachers collaboratively design a 'bump-it-up wall' to engage students in authentic, purposeful learning, the curriculum reaches into the hearts and minds of the students. A co-constructed writing display is a powerful way to make teachers' expectations explicit, real and visible.

Here is a picture of the Stage 3 Bump it up wall:



Word of the week in weeks 1-2 for K-2: Glimpse: to look quickly

Word of the week in weeks 1-2 for for 3-6: dubious: fraught with uncertainty or doubt

### 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 2 Week 1

<b>BRONZE</b> <b>30</b>	<b>SILVER</b> <b>60</b>	<b>GOLD</b> <b>90</b>	<b>PLATINUM</b> <b>120</b>	<b>MEDAL</b> <b>150</b>
Eden C Emily B Hayden D Claudia M Rory O Zivah G Aurora E Isabella B 3R Lillian E 3R Jodi J 3R Lincoln T 3R Nyah C Mackenzie F Kobe H Saxon M Remi D Kalea H Moeana R Emily S Sam G Levi S Lukas T				

**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.



### St Joseph's 2021 Lego Masters Competition- Round One



Are you ready for our first challenge? Just like the teams on the show we want you to get creative and come up with an imaginative build that stops everyone in their tracks! Please include a short description/ story to match your build! There will be one winner per class for each round!

Round 1 Closes: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Week 3).

Please email a picture and description to [kathryn.hill@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kathryn.hill@mn.catholic.edu.au)



### Stage 3 Anzac Day Excursion to the Civic Theatre

On Wednesday this week, years 5 and 6 were fortunate to attend the 65th Annual Newcastle and Hunter combined Schools ANZAC Commemorative Event. The event was held at Civic Theatre with many schools from around the diocese attending. The drama performance titled 'The Man of Many Parts' told the life story of Alfred Clive Carpenter who is a World War II veteran. The detail in the performance was incredible, captivating all students from start to finish. At the end of the performance Mr. Carpenter, who was turning 104 the following day, walked up on stage with a standing ovation. Students who attended said they all learnt so much more about the importance of ANZAC Day and remembering those who served for us.



*Warmest regards,  
Kathryn Hill*

### SPORTS

Dio Cross Country – Good luck to our Dio team attending the Cross Country event next Tuesday at Maitland. Please make sure you meet our team manager, Miss Wozniak, on time at St Mary's Warners Bay.

Congratulations to Macy E and Hope K who competed at the POLDING Soccer trials at Bathurst today. We are so proud of you!

*Kind Regards,  
Natalie Davis (Sports Coordinator)*

### Gifted Education News

We are fortunate to have become a Gifted Education Lead (GEL) school this year. The Catholic Schools Office has nominated gifted education as an area of priority. This increased focus on gifted education began in the diocese with the implementation of the new Gifted Education K-12 Policy and Procedures documents for all schools. Additionally, in phases of implementation, secondary and associated primary schools work collaboratively and with CSO support to strengthen their capacity to provide meaningful opportunities for students. These schools are known as Gifted Education Lead Schools (GELS).

I am the Gifted Education Mentor (GEM) and my role is to support teachers in identifying and catering for gifted students in their classrooms. Term 1 has focussed heavily on student assessment and the beginning of professional learning in gifted education for teachers.

Our focus areas in Term 2 will be implementing professional learning for teachers around the identification of gifted students and differentiating our curriculum to cater for the learning needs of these students. Assessment results from Term 1 and school data will be used to assess student's learning and to provide guidance around instruction decisions and strategies. Project based learning will also commence for some students as a differentiation strategy.

We look forward to the next steps in our gifted education journey this term.

*Stephanie Tranter  
Gifted Education Mentor*



### Bunnings BBQ

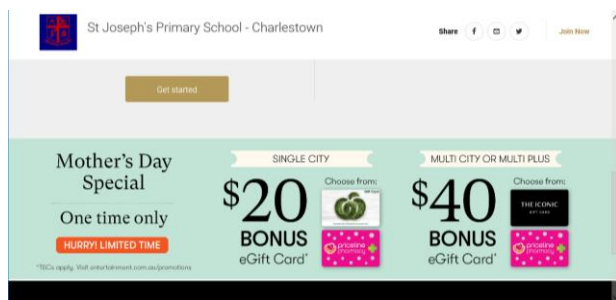
On the Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April our school P & F hosted the BBQ at Bunnings Kotara. A **HUGE** thankyou to all who assisted in making this event a great success. To all the people who helped in the planning, rostering of volunteers, shopping, delivering of supplies on the day, cooking, customer service we say thank you. **We raised \$1000!** These funds will assist in making our school even better!



### The Entertainment Book

Now that things are improving on the COVID front, consider buying an Entertainment Book to receive great benefits in dining, shopping and entertainment. Follow this link and earn some funds for St Joseph's:

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## Mother's Day Stall



## A Note from a Member of our P & F

# P&F WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT!!!

## COMMUNICATE, COLLABORATE, PARTICIPATE

*Research tells us that when parents are engaged in their child's educational journey, it has a positive impact on their child's learning. Even in our busy lives, it's important to stay on top of what's happening at your child's school and be involved in whatever way you can.*

**ANDREW OBERTHUR**

### ***Easier said than done right!!!***

*After 6 years of having children at St Joseph's I have finally decided to turn up to a P&F meeting and see what it is all about. I have to say I have been guilty of watching from afar over the years and at times criticising the way things have been done or not been done for that matter!!*

*I was a student St Joseph's in the late 70's early 80's. In an era when school fundraisers consisted of fun fairs with rides well below safety standards, face paint which would burn your skin and tables full of unlabelled and uncovered food. Working Bee's were done in open toed shoes (thongs), singlets, no hats and certainly no sun cream but lots of refreshments!! 😊*

*You could buy 2 Minties for 5 cents at the canteen and no paperwork was required to volunteer either.*

*A lot has changed over the years, some for the better and some maybe not so!*

*Life is crazy busy and maybe for many the last thing we feel like doing once a month is attending a P&F meeting or volunteering for something and fair enough, I get it.*

*Not to mention, we pay our school fees right!!!!*

*But if you have ideas, if you have concerns, if you have solutions, come along and voice them even if it is once a term or once a year for that matter. If you've thought about it but haven't done it yet, even just once, lend a hand with one of our activity's such as canteen, uniform shop, gardening, fundraising, give us a go.*

*After all, we ultimately just want a nice environment for our kids to grow and learn and the P&F can (albeit in a small way) help with that.*

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



Perri G- 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Flynn R- 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Eli S- 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Levi G- 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Tajveer S- 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Alice D- 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Evie B- 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Archie W- 1 <sup>st</sup> May	



# From the Hub



As our new term begins we would like to say a big thank you to our Hub Leaders who have run the Hub during recess times and made sure the children are having a terrific time.

Thanks Nicola, Ruby I, Liam, Dominic, Macey & Mikaela!

We welcome our new Hub Leaders for Term 2: Max, Alex, Marcus, Lukas, Sam V, Alice, Molly J & Molly W.



We are having two sessions for Minecraft Club this term. Year 4 boys lead the Year 1 & 2 groups while Year 5 children lead the Years 3-6 groups. Congratulations to the children who are achieving their goals and Minecraft chips. These boys above achieved their goals and chips, and Luca and Harper are holding a 3D image of their build, which includes redstone fireworks!

Well done to the following children for being the top borrowers in their class last term:

KB Marlow  
2B Ruby  
3/4B Mya  
5/6R Lily & Kalea

KR Faith  
2R Evie  
4R Will  
5/6W Fraser

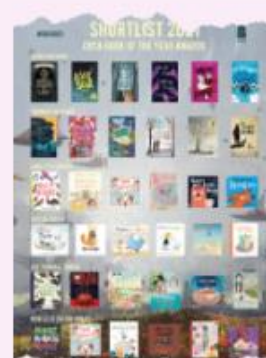
1R James C  
3R Abigail  
5/6R Abbey



## CBCA Shortlist

Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia release a short list of children's books that will lead to the Book of the Year Awards in Book Week (August). The list was shared in March and can be found at [www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021](http://www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021). These annual lists are a terrific resource to refer to if you are unsure which book to buy your child/ren, and they are broken into age categories. We look forward to sharing this year's titles with the children in Term 3 as Book Week approaches.

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# Good for Kids good for life

## GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR 'DISCOVER NSW' VOUCHERS!

Have you heard about the recent NSW Government "Dine and Discover NSW" initiative? Every adult in NSW is eligible to receive 2 x \$25 vouchers to spend on registered entertainment and recreation venues.

Why not consider using your vouchers to get active with your kids? Here are a few ideas:

- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Putt Putt/Mini Golf
- Ice Skating
- Lawn Bowls
- Trampoline Park
- Sport and Recreation Centre



To see a full list of registered businesses near you and to apply for your vouchers, head to the ServiceNSW website.

Get in quick – vouchers expire 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021!



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## START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BREAKFAST



We've all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it's true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereal such as Weetbix, Porridge and Sultana Bran
- untoasted muesli topped with low fat yogurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies

If you're short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Up & Go or some fruit.



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