

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**Reconciliation Week
27/5 – 3/6**

Subway Lunch 25/5

**Winter Uniform – All
31/5**

**School athletics
Carnival
Tuesday 1/6**

**Mondays – Ice blocks
for sale**



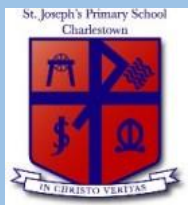
**Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday**

**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.*



21st May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Catholic Care Winter Appeal, last week. Catholic Care provide many important services to local families and the monies raised will go to our local branch. This week we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are being gravely impacted by COVID-19. We particularly pray for the people of India as they battle the terrible effects of the pandemic in their country. May our Lord ease the suffering and help us to show our support and compassion to those in need.

Yesterday our staff participated in valuable professional learning with a day with Dr. Tessa Daffern, Director and Principal Education Consultant, Literacy Education Solutions, Senior Honorary Fellow, University of Wollongong. Tessa shared her research about the components of spelling and implementing explicit and systematic spelling instruction that caters for diverse learners in a classroom. Tessa then worked in our classrooms today alongside our teachers demonstrating important strategies for the explicit teaching of spelling. Research indicates that when students feel confident in spelling, their writing improves and success across all areas of literacy improves. We look forward to utilising the learnings from these days in our programs and seeing the evidence of confident spellers in their writing.

This week I met with **traffic management** consultants from Lake Macquarie Council. This was part of ongoing planning and conversations around our pickup and drop off arrangements and exit and entry points at St Joseph's. I have requested increased access for cars in the pickup and drop off points and possible relocation of the bus stop. This is a lengthy process and involves consultation with the neighbours, police and bus company. I thank you for your continued support of our current arrangements and encourage you to continue to follow the road rules when accessing our school pick up and drop off points.



Next week we will celebrate
Reconciliation Week,
focusing on National
Sorry Day and

indigenous histories and culture. Our Aboriginal Education Teacher, Mrs Shaw has organised a visit by aboriginal elder, Aunty Chris who will be sharing her story of being part of the stolen generation, with Stage 3. The students will also be involved

in a variety of activities across the week, including art, videos and literature which encourages understanding, compassion and calls for further action in the future of reconciliation.

Winter Uniform

As the weather is beginning to cool students can start wearing their winter uniforms and be fully transitioned by Monday 31st May. All students need to be wearing black polishable shoes Tuesday – Thursday. Don't forget to put names on all items of clothing, there are a number of jackets in our lost property boxes with no identification which makes it difficult to return them to the correct person. Thank you to all those students who wear correct items, it is lovely to see our students wear their school uniform with pride!

School Fees Payment Frequency Form

Thank you to those parents who have returned the school fees payment frequency form. For those families who have yet to send their form in, please complete and return this form. We remind you that fee payments should have commenced by now and if paying by instalment we ask that accounts are finalised by 30 November 2021. If paying in full please finalise prior to 30 June 2021. Payments can be made via BPay, direct debit or credit card. For families experiencing financial hardship or wishing to discuss other payment arrangements please contact the Office.

GREAT NEWS!



Congratulations to Mrs Ashlee Macourt and her family on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Sabine Mary, sister for Finlay.

Also, congratulations to the Tauveli family, on the arrival of baby Preston, little brother for Mefi, Ana and George.

Mrs Sue Woodward also welcomed a new granddaughter this week! Welcome to baby Maddison!

This week we held a staff baby shower for our expectant mums, Ms Kate Papworth and Mrs Kyla Flanagan, with both looking forward to their growing families. Mrs Shaw and baby Vivienne and Mrs Christie and baby Madison returned for a visit

meeting staff and some classes too. It was a lovely celebration and makes us so grateful for the wonderful staff we have here at St Joseph's.



We wish all these families much love and happiness!



Fundraiser

We are so proud of Hope K (Year 6) who was selected from the Polding girls football trials in Bathurst to represent the State team at the NSWPSA State championships in June. **Congratulations Hope!** We will be supporting Hope with a school fundraiser on **Thursday 27th May** to assist with travel, uniform and accommodation costs.

We ask on this day that all students come **out of uniform** and if possible, to wear Red (Hope's favourite colour). We will be running a **sports fun day** in the Middle session of the day. **Cost is \$5** per family and can be paid on QKR under school events & fundraisers.

Vinnies CEO Sleepout

With the colder weather starting to creep in, many of us are turning up to drop-off rugged-up to the nines, watching the kids from the safety of our cars, passing the time until we can move from our heated cars to our heated offices before heading home to a nice hot dinner. Pretty soon we'll be clinging to our hot coffees on the cold winter mornings as we try to thaw out our frozen fingers, and hot water bottles will once again become part of our normal bedtime routine.

Unfortunately, the option of a warm and safe place to sleep is not a given for many. Each year, the Vinnies CEO Sleepout raises much needed funds for the homeless by encouraging local CEOs to experience what it's like to sleep rough for just one night. Last year the campaign raised in excess of \$5.2 million dollars to support those who are less fortunate than us, and this year they are hoping to raise even more.

Simon Hughes, Dad of Kipp Hughes in 3/4 Red, has put himself forward for this fundraising initiative and is looking to raise \$5,000.

If you have a spare moment and a spare dollar or two, please consider supporting him in doing his part to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Let us show our sense of compassion and community by giving back to those less fortunate than ourselves and help them in their time of need.



[Simon Hughes](#)

This winter, I'll be raising money for people experiencing homelessness in my city. Click here to help me have the biggest impact I can by supporting the Vinnies CEO Sleepout today. Your donation will help the St Vincent de Paul Society provide housing, food and empowering support to the people who need it most.

www.ceosleepout.org.au

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/simonhughes/new-south-wales>

Huge thanks to our P&F committee who have donated \$3000 to our purchase of new sporting equipment for the students. We have purchased a new portable soccer goal, new basketball backboard and various balls, hoops and a new electric pump. The children and teachers were very excited to see all this new play equipment! This is made possible by your support of our P&F fundraisers! Thank you!



God Bless,
Kate Drake
Principal



NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes

Dear Parents,

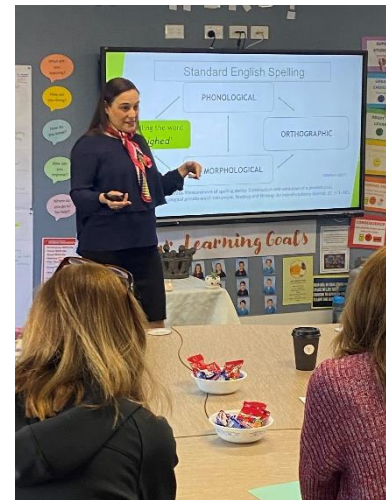
Professional Learning for Staff– Improving Spelling K-6

This Thursday 20th May (Pupil Free Day) staff attended a Professional Learning Day with a focus on how we can improve our professional practice in the teaching of Spelling.

The aim of the day was to look at spelling in context by using student work samples as a reference point so that student learning (in spelling) can be more personalised.

As a staff we meet regularly to discuss our students' data and growth. This year we have a continued focus on improving writing. Spelling is one aspect of improving student writing across the school.

Our teachers will have the opportunity to work together to set challenging expectations of growth for our students which is measured, tracked and supported with reflective best practice pedagogy (the way we teach). We look forward to adding more skills in our teacher toolkits and assisting our students in 'up-levelling' their work.



Well-Being Week This week, the staff and students participated in Well-Being Week. We had a particular focus on Stage 2 & 3 with a special visit from Inspector Lisa Jones last Thursday to discuss protective behaviours. We learnt about recognising unsafe behaviours, how to handle unsafe situations, safety in crowds and people who we can trust.

Well-Being Week might be something you would like to take part in as a family.

- A small moment of prayer before dinner or bed
- An extra-long cuddle
- A family walk on the beach before our afternoons get too cold

Have a lovely week.

With every best wish,

Nikki Norley

Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacramental News

Please keep children preparing for confirmation in your prayers. Confirmation will be celebrated with the Bishop on the 28th May or the 4th June. We will welcome Bishop Bill Wright in to our parish and school during his visitation week.



Fundraising for Catholic Care

Thank you to St Joseph's families for your generosity in our recent fundraiser for Catholic Care. Last Friday we raised \$664 for people in need in our community.

200 years of Catholic Education

On Monday 24th May, the Feast Day of Mary help of Christians, there will be formal recognition of 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Representatives from each school will mark this special occasion.



Almighty and all-loving God,
with gratitude for the endeavours of Catholic education in the past,
with confidence in our Catholic pre-schools, schools and universities today,
and with faith in their continuing contribution in the future, we celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in this Great South Land.

As our Heavenly Father, we thank you for your providential care for your children in this land in inspiring priests, religious and lay people to found and staff our schools in ages past.
Through them the Good News of your Son was brought to the young even in colonial times – and ever since.

As Christ the Teacher, you grace the staff and leaders of Catholic education today.
As they build on the achievements of their predecessors direct them in their present efforts to ensure that every young Australian has the opportunity for an excellent education and formation in faith.
As our Inspiring Spirit, you lead us into the future. In the century ahead grant those teaching and learning in our schools, those planning and leading, and the families and community that entrust their young people to us, a love of learning and a willingness to be the face of Christ in the world of tomorrow.

Pour out your abundant blessings upon all involved in the ministry of Catholic education.

Amen.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross – pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patron of Catholic Education in Australia – pray for us.

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

VCOP at St Joseph's:

VCOP stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. We use VCOP in our classrooms for many reasons but one of our favourite ways to teach VCOP is for the students to Up level a sentence.



What Does 'Upleveling a Sentence' Mean?

To 'uplevel' a sentence is to make a boring sentence interesting by including more advanced grammatical features, such as changing...

The cat sat on the cushion.

into

Contentedly, the sleepy, tabby cat sat on the comfortable, soft cushion while her owners were out shopping.

How has this sentence been improved?



Word of the week in weeks 3-4 for K-2: Critical: important

Word of the week in weeks 5-6 for 3-6: Jittery: characterized by jerky movements

WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

Instead of: How was your day?	Try this: What's one thing that made you laugh today?	You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.
Instead of: Did you eat your lunch?	Try this: Who did you sit by at lunch today?	Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.
Instead of: Did you have a good day?	Try this: What did you do that made someone smile today?	Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.
Instead of: What did you learn at school?	Try this: Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?	When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.
Instead of: What did you do today?	Try this: I love hearing about your day.	Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.
Instead of: How was your day?	Try this: What was easier today than yesterday?	Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.

PBL

Each week our school focuses on a particular area to support our school values. Our school PBL focus for week 5 is to Learn and Let others Learn and for week 6 to Include others.

PBL Awards Term 2 Week 5

BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Evie H Olive W Ava L Halle G Luke G Oscar W Sibylla D Ana T Maya G Aria L Oscar M Lila W Summer R Anneliese W Ebony G Imogen H Harper L Matthew M Harry Se Harry Sm Mya C Flynn L Luca M Connor Elise C Charlotte D Ben G Landon K Hamish K Levi G Mace J Khloe D Jett C Ivy F Eddie S Sienna W Miliana D	Remi D Nyah C Emily S Kalea H			

Growth Mindset:

I remember as a child hearing my parents use the saying: 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again'. As adults we know that life is trial and error. We make mistakes along the way but (hopefully) we learn from them and we end up doing things better. We don't ordinarily throw our hands in the air and give up on our first attempt. Having a growth mindset acknowledges this. Too often, we place such high expectations on our children to succeed, to win, to be the best. Somehow, we put aside what we know is true; that there will be lots of mistakes along the way, but we learn

through these. By promoting Growth Mindsets, by encouraging the mantra **‘never give up’** we are teaching our children to persevere, to accept challenge as a natural part of life and learning. Whether it involves preparation for learning, developing friendships, or playing a sport, learning is enriched through error. Learning from mistakes is part of how we challenge ourselves to learn to do things differently. It motivates us to try new, innovative approaches to problem solving. Throughout a lifetime, learning from mistakes helps develop wisdom and good judgment. Here’s ten ways that you as parents can help your child develop a growth mindset:

Acknowledge that you don’t expect your child to be perfect. Let them know your love is unconditional, regardless of their mistakes or lapses in judgment. Don’t rescue kids from their mistakes. Instead, focus on the solution. Provide examples of your own mistakes, the consequences, and how you learned from them. Encourage children to take responsibility for their mistakes and not blame others. Avoid pointing out your child’s past mistakes. Instead, focus on the one at hand. Praise children for their ability to admit their mistakes. Praise children for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks. Mentor your child on how to apologize when their mistakes have hurt others. Help kids look at the good side of getting things wrong!



Ice Blocks for Sale!!_We are selling ice blocks for our Year 6 fundraiser every Monday for \$1. Thank-you for your support.

St Joseph’s 2021 Lego Masters Competition- Round Two Theme: What a Shock

Due Monday 24th May (week 6)

Please email entered to: kathryn.hill@mn.catholic.edu.au



Warmest regards,

Kathryn Hill

News from the Classroom

This week in Kinder we went to visit our church St Mary Immaculate, which is short walk from our school. In Religious Education we have been learning about our Church as the family of God. As part of this we explored some of the special objects we find in a church and so really enjoyed the opportunity to see these objects up close.



National Simultaneous Storytime 2021

St Joseph's once again enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of National Simultaneous Storytime for 2021. This year the wonderful book was *Give Me Some Space!*, and we were able to enjoy a reading by an astronaut who is working on the International Space station.

In Kinder we responded to the text by drawing and making many things "space" related. We hope this will be a fond memory for some possible future astronauts and space explorers.



SPORTS

Shot put and long jump trials have been occurring over the last 2 weeks during lunchtime. Thanks to all the students who have turned up and had a go! Finalists who will compete at our school athletics carnival, will be announced next week. **Please remember to return carnival notes and pay \$6 via QKR.**



Gifted Education News

Some exciting activities have been taking place in classrooms now that we are a GEL school. I have been working with children in Year 4 on maths projects. These projects present real life maths investigations that allow the children to utilise many mathematical skills while working together to achieve a solution. The boys below are trying to work out whether \$1000000 can fit in a specific suitcase. They decided to create a model to depict bundles of \$50 notes. Once they have completed this project they, and another group of students, will be investigating what their bodies are doing throughout a school day.



Other classroom activities include a focus on reading extension in Year 2. Some activities that have recently been implemented include the establishment of a student lead library, a focus on the super six comprehension strategies, reading buddies, extended success criteria, oral responses to literature and the development of ICT skills for literacy extension.



Our GEL school committee will be meeting next week to further develop classroom goals and areas for me (as the GEM) to focus on with class teachers and students.

Stephanie Tranter
Gifted Education Mentor

Subway lunch – Tuesday 25/5 - ORDER via QKR – See Flyer below



It's on again, SUBWAY DAY is next

Tuesday May 25th

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Sauce: BBQ, Tomato, Mayo, Honey Mustard, Pizza sauce or none

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QKR ORDERS CLOSE 2PM Monday 24th

NO LATE ORDERS.

Subway cookies are individually bagged, and may contain traces of nuts.

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:

https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/3407f9?utm_campaign=2021-200421-au-reactivation-gwp-mothersday-school-fr&utm_source=cheetah&utm_medium=email&cid=52049&mid=508020407&tp=i-16IJ-78-DXV-YNbJX-1c-3Ant-1c-qQB-G-I5yQ9b92HA-1gJQCS

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



Jesse W- 15 th May	Ruby I- 17 th May	Neve T- 17 th May
Jacob E- 18 th May	Aria L- 18 th May	Jeremy H- 19 th May
Marlo E- 20 th May	Daniel G- 20 th May	Nyah C- 21 st May
Ellie O- 25 th May	Matilda R- 27 th May	Ava T- 28 th May

premiers' reading challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021. Well done!

Matilda Gibbons	Kinder
Zivah Grosvenor	Kinder
Faith Jones	Kinder
Neva Kendros	Year 2

Mrs Hoffmann —PRC Coordinator

The Hub logo, featuring a stylized sunburst or star shape with the words "THE HUB" in the center.

Drawings by Lillian,
Izabelle & Annie W

St Nicholas OOSH

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☺ OOSH Newsletter - Week 3 & 4 Term 2 ☺

We are excited to share what we have been doing at OOSH over the past fortnight.

Week 3: During week 3, children participated in a variety of Mother's day crafts including card making, bookmarks and 'perfume bottles' using fresh flowers and recycled bottles (this was a craft extended from our sensory bottles!) Children demonstrated wonderful care and creativity when participating in these fun activities for the important people in our lives!

Children this week continued to love dramatic play set ups including the hair dressing salon. Children also enjoyed the magnetic shapes, recently added to the OOSH environment as well as hama beads and felt boards.

MTOP Outcomes: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 4b, 4c QA1 Element 1.3.3 1.1.2

Week 4: Week 4 included participating in "Nature Week" activities which extended from our interest in perfume bottle making and the fresh flowers we used. Children participated in activities such as leaf painting, making mini greenhouses, rock art and playdoh using flowers! These activities provided children with opportunities to explore using natural materials and show care for the environment. Educators used these activities as an opportunity to engage children in becoming environmentally responsible (only using fallen leaves, branches and recycled/found materials for our crafts!)

This week, our dramatic play ongoing interest extended to a phone shop, using donated display phones! We also enjoyed bey blade tournaments and making Pokémon cards!

MTOP Outcomes: 4b, 4c, 5a QA1 Element 1.1.2, QA3 3.2.2





Time saving tips for lunchboxes

The before school rush can have us reaching for sometimes foods.

With a little extra planning you can make it easier to grab an everyday option.

Try:

- Cutting up extra vegetables at dinner ready to pack in the morning.
- Cutting up a bulk lot of cheese cubes on the weekend ready to pack with some crackers for the week.
- Swapping from packaged chips to packaged popcorn.



Use our handy [lunchbox planner](http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/everyday-lunchbox-planner/) to plan out everyday lunchboxes for the week:

<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/everyday-lunchbox-planner/>



Good for kids
good for life