

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**P & F Meeting
Monday 21/6
6:30pm in staffroom**

**Lakes Regional
Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 23/6**

**Thursday 24/6
NRL Blues 9's Day**

**Friday 25/6
LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Monday 12/7 Pupil
Free Day**

**Tuesday 13/7
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3**

**Mondays – Ice blocks
for sale**



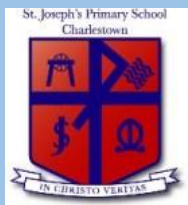
**Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday**

**ALL UNIFORM
ENQUIRIES:**



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St Joey's News

'Truth in Christ'

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Ph 02 4943 5414 Fax 02 4942 3218
Email: admin@charlestown.catholic.edu.au
Website: <https://www.charlestown.catholic.edu.au/>

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal people.
We pay our respect to their elders past and present.*



18th June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,



**Reminder: Pupil Free day Monday 12th July (Day 1 of Term 3).
School resumes Tuesday 13th July.**

This is the final newsletter for the term, and I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful students for all their efforts throughout the term. In general, the behaviours have been very positive, as students are striving to live our SJC school values each day. What I am most proud of as I interact with our students is their beautiful manners and demonstration of care and concern for others. I also thank all our staff for their enormous efforts throughout the term with programming, assessments and reporting as well as their daily positive interactions with your children and each other.

There have been several wonderful events which added value to our school term such as the celebrations for Catholic Schools Week, ANZAC day and Mother's Day, Parish Confirmations, and a visit from our Bishop. Also, many sporting events such as the school athletics carnival, Stage 3 weekly basketball lessons and the Winter representative sports trials of which we had many athletes competing for placements. We also had many extra activities such as Autism Awareness Day, Open Day, Reconciliation Week, Surf Life Saving Water Safety lessons, Chess Competitions, Shoelace Tying Lessons and Mathematics Workshops just to name a few!

Thank you to our families for the support of our work in the social justice space with fundraisers for Catholic Care and our St Vincent De Paul Winter appeal. Your generosity is always appreciated and is a great way to demonstrate compassion through action to your children.

This week Semester One reports have been published on Compass. You will find them on your child's dashboard under 'View Academic Reports'. Please take the time to read through the reports and affirm your child's progress. Also discuss and set some learning goals for the next semester. You could use our Lyn Sharratt '5 Key Questions' to help students reflect on their learning, identify areas for improvement and discuss strategies for achievement.

- 1. What are you learning and why?**
- 2. How are you doing?**
- 3. How do you know?**
- 4. How can you improve?**
- 5. Where do you go for help?**

Thank you to Mrs Whitby for organising another successful Subway lunch day, and to parents who ordered. We receive \$1 in fundraising for every sub ordered and these days help supplement our canteen closures.

Winter Uniform – every student should now be wearing full winter uniform as follows:

GIRLS	BOYS
navy slacks OR navy tunic (three box pleated) white blouse and school tie navy school jacket or jumper white socks or navy stockings black leather shoes	long dark grey trousers blue shirt and school tie navy school jacket or jumper navy wind jacket grey socks black leather shoes

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal Award for demonstrating our SJC school values:

**Rory O, Aurora E, Aria L, Gus F, James C, Finn D, Perri G,
Kai D, Ruby L, Alex R, Laura S, Sienna N, Faith J.**



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 Kate Papworth on the birth of Mateo Antonio last Friday (11th June). We wish Kate and her beautiful family all the happiness a new baby can bring!

This year we had 3 amazing artists recognised as finalists in the 2021 Interrelate **'Say No to Bullying'** art competition. Congratulations Maya G in Yr 1, Abbey P. and Mikaela M. in Yr 6.



God Bless,
Kate Drake
Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

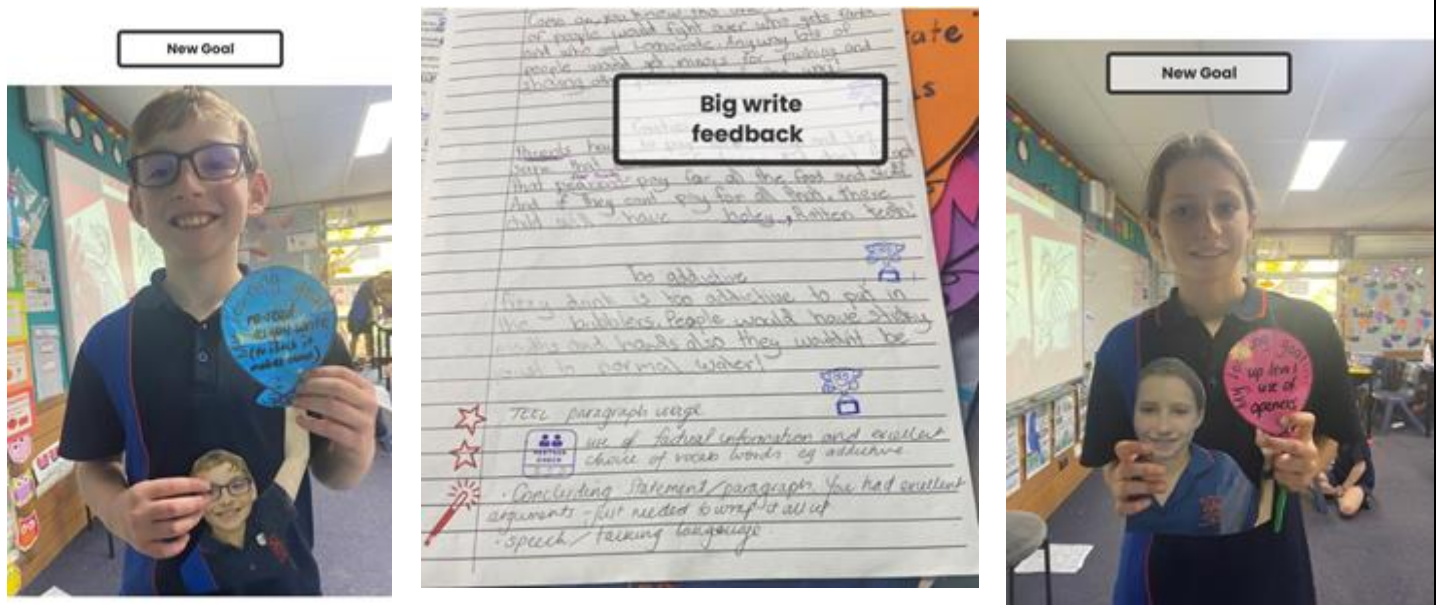


A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes

Dear Parents,

After recent *Big Writes* teachers will be working with students to set new Writing learning goals. St Joseph's teachers are very committed to building the capacity of our students to have the skills to equip them for their future. Most of our students are adaptable, innovative and socially engaged. However, there can be gaps. Current research suggests that one such gap is "self-direction" (Teaching for Tomorrow- McQueen 2019). All students will have the opportunity to identify their strengths and areas for improvement in 'Writing' with their teacher during these student-teacher conferences. It is our hope that this encourages students to set new personalised learning goals and have a clear understanding of their criteria for success.

I encourage you to engage in a conversation with your child about their learning goal. Give emphasis on the process and discuss their self- monitoring/evaluation rather than just the end result.



I wish you a restful school holiday break.

Nikki Norley
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacraments

During the weekend of the 4th- 6th June, 20 children from St. Joseph's were confirmed by Bishop Bill. Confirmation allows children to make their own commitment to follow Jesus and to receive the Holy Spirit to assist them to live spirit filled lives. The Holy Spirit guides us to live our **"best life"** characterised by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



We pray for our students on their continued faith journey.



Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal

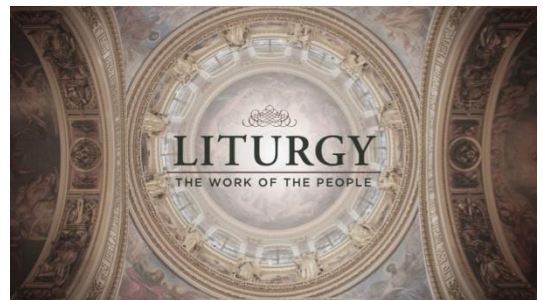
This Friday we focused on those less fortunate in our community this Winter. While we had fun wearing our Pjs to school, we brought in clothes, blankets and linen to help those who are feeling the cold at this time. Thank you to the St. Joseph's community for your support.



Religious Literacy

In September, our year 6 students will sit for the Diocesan Religious Literacy Assessment to determine their knowledge and understanding of core Catholic beliefs developed during their years at a Catholic school. Increasing student knowledge of the Catholic faith is a school goal. The Catholic faith incorporates a broad understanding of history, language, and geography. Developing a better understanding of the Catholic world view will assist students as they embark on high school studies. Each week we will feature key vocabulary to help in enhancing knowledge in this area.

The term **liturgy** is a Greek word meaning “work of the people”. It is about active participation in worship, prayer, and praise directed towards God.



Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator

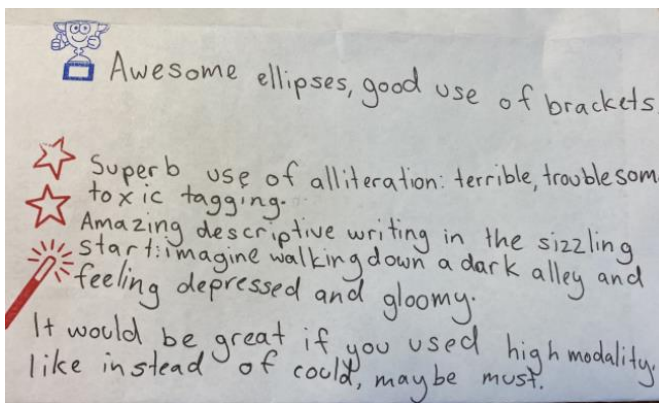
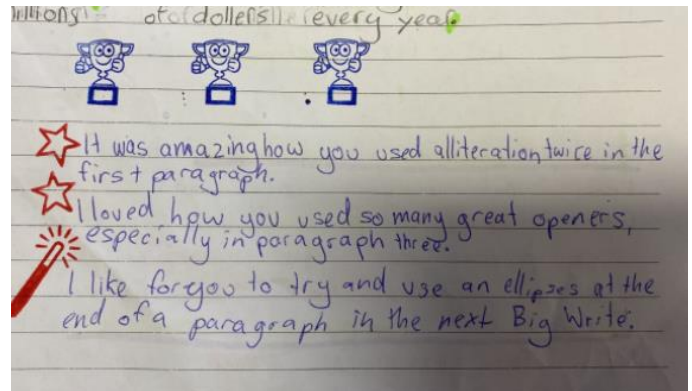
NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Peer and self-assessment is an essential aspect of 'assessment as learning' (formative assessment):

- Peer assessment involves students reflecting on the work of their peers, against success criteria related to a learning goal, and providing constructive feedback.
- Self-assessment involves students applying success criteria related to a learning goal, reflecting on their efforts, identifying improvements and adjusting the 'quality' of their work.



Meaningful peer and student self-assessment have the potential to positively contribute to student learning and achievement. At St Joseph's, we use two stars and a wish to provide effective feedback.



Conversations with your children:

How many times have your afternoon conversations with your child sounded like this: "How was your day?" "Fine." "What did you learn today?" "Nothing." Yes, these types of conversations happened in my home, too. How do we get our kids to open up and share about their day? Because, what we really want is a deep connection with our children (this helps a LOT when they're older). And, it doesn't happen if we don't get to know their world. One-word answers don't help us reconnect with our kids after a long day apart from each other. That's why we need questioning strategies that will enable more than one word responses. Here's a great list to help you:



Word of the week in weeks 9-10 for K-2: Mystify: to confuse someone completely.

Word of the week in weeks 9-10 for 3-6: Eloquent: expressive

PBL

Each week our school focuses on a particular area to support our school values. Our school PBL focus for week 9 is to *Play Fairly* and for Week 10 *Care for our Surroundings*.

PBL Awards Term 2 Week 9

BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Egan B Jack B Thomas C Jydon C Alice D Isla E Sophie F Jack F Marcus H Ruby I Nathalie M Owen P Thomas P Cooper R	Emily B Rory O Zivah G Ruby L Danny G Abbey P Leo M			

Alexander R William S Nicola S Max W Sybella W Airlie W Jordan I James J Macy E Mikaela M Alexander V				
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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 Three (Final Round)
Congratulations to the following winners: Emily S, Lauren S, Fergus M, Sam R,
Flynn R and Kobe W



Warmest regards,

Kathryn Hill

SPORTS

Congratulations Hamish K. for advancing from the Polding Cross Country trials to the NSW PSSA event to be held at Eastern Creek next term. We are so proud of you!



Good luck to our athletes attending the Regional Athletics carnival at the Glendale track next Wednesday. Huge thanks to Mrs Davis for her efforts in organising this event for our Lakes region.



PDHPE PROGRAM – TERM 3 2021

Next term as part of our *Personal Development, Health & Physical Education* (PDHPE) Key Learning Area we have once again engaged the professional dance company – Dance Fever. Dance is a key component of our PDHPE Primary curriculum, being one of the 8 strands to be covered in our current syllabus. These strands include, Active Lifestyle, Games and Sports, Gymnastics, **Dance**, Growth and Development, Interpersonal Relationships, Personal Health Choices and Safe Living.

Dance Fever provide experienced dance professionals to teach over 9 weeks of the term. The students will be engaged in a variety of lessons including Hip Hop, Fox Trot, Cha Cha, Contemporary, Cultural and Creative compositions. They will build on their skills and confidence from last year. The lessons will culminate in an end of term performance for parents, with dates for this to be finalised.

There will be a cost per student of **\$38** for the term. Payments are now due and can be made via the QKR app. We look forward again to this fun and innovative program!

Gifted Education News

Now that we are a GEL school, our professional learning timetable includes regular planned conversations around meeting the needs of our gifted students.

This week our teachers attended a Professional Learning session on data analysis. This session presented a CSO generated data document for students that enable teachers to quickly access assessment information for each child and consider this in assessment, planning and teaching.

Our gifted students were identified and discussions around reporting and planning were had. We look forward to our next GEL school professional learning session where we will discuss specific differentiation strategies for our gifted learners.



Stephanie Tranter
Gifted Education Mentor

P & F News

On Friday 18/6 we held our 2nd Subway Day for the term. Besides being a healthy lunch, it is also a great way for the P&F to fundraise for the school. In total, 185 Subways were ordered for the students and teachers, that's a lot of subs!

Thanks to the team at Subway Gateshead, who had a very busy morning making our lunches, and delivering them to us. Also, thanks to the families for supporting this P&F fundraiser.


Jenny Whitby



[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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Mad News!!- Music and Drama

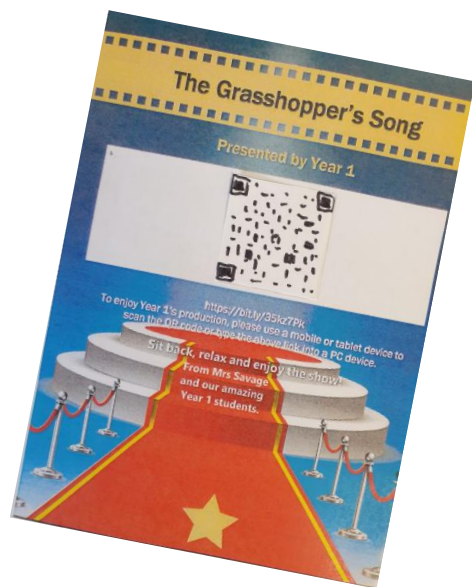
Enjoy a mini Movie night in and watch your super stars!

Students in years 1-4 will bring home this week, an invitation with a QR code link for you to view their class's drama performance. Hopefully, the little bag of munchies to share made it home with them for you to enjoy their performance success!

Congratulations to our budding performers!

Mrs Karyn Savage





BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



Kai D- 16th June	Moeana R- 16th June	Egan B- 18th June	Adelina D- 26th June
Hayden D- 26th June	Nash D- 26th June	Max W- 28th June	Sophie M- 29th June
Harper L- 1st July	Claudia M- 1st July	Emilie D- 3rd July	Daniel B- 4th July
Charlee F- 4th July	Nash W- 7th July	Mustafa A- 9th July	Arlia V- 9th July

BOOK WEEK

Week 7 - 21st - 27th August



CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia publishes a short list of children's books they believe demonstrate quality literature. In the lead up to Book Week, the children will be exposed to the list and all the books in one specific category. The CBCA will announce the winning 'Books of the Year' from this list in Book Week. You will find the list at <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021>.



WE WANT YOUR PHOTO!

One of the displays for Book Week this year will be called 'My Reading World' to tie in with this year's theme 'Old World, New World, Other Worlds'. We are inviting you to take a photo of your child, or children, reading in their favourite places (their reading worlds). These photos become part of this year's Book Week displays and enter a draw to win a shopping voucher at this year's Book Fair. Send your entries to stephanie.tranter@mn.catholic.edu.au



Book Week Displays

Special thanks to Isla, Lily & Ivy who are working hard on our annual Book Week banner. They are designing, drawing and painting the entire thing themselves!



Top Borrowers

Congratulations to the following children who borrowed the most books in their class this term. They will be given special borrowing privileges in Term 3..

Violet - Kinder R	Sienna - Kinder B	James C - 1 Red	Isabella C- 2 Blue
Evelyn - 2 Red	Sofia D- 3 Red	Mya - 3/4 Blue	Will - 4 Red
Xanthia - 5/6 Red		Emily - 5/6 Blue	Thomas - 5/6 White



premiers' reading challenge

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

Olive Hale Year 1

Mrs Hoffmann —PRC Coordinator




lights camera action!

Our Stage 3 video team have commenced filming for our annual Book Week video. They are taking full responsibility for this production while building their skills in directing, filming and video editing.

Madi, Laura, Moanna, Danny & Ruby L busy at work in these pics.










A safe and friendly community for children with a disability

Rainbow Club welcomes children with a disability for individualised swimming lessons to learn to swim, be safe in the water, interact, feel included, play and have fun.

COMING SOON
To a pool near you!

Swim the Rainbow

- Our unique Swim the Rainbow program has been specially designed to teach children with a disability
- The swimming goals are aligned to the seven colours of the Rainbow to help build confidence
- Individualised swim lessons are delivered by qualified and dedicated swim teachers

Register your interest

- Vacancies arise at short notice, so we recommend you register and be ready to start swimming with a Club that understands and supports children with a disability (regardless of the type of disability)
- There is an expectation that a parent or guardian will remain close by during lessons to assist if required

About Rainbow Club

- We provide a membership for the duration of a school term (9 weekly half hour lessons)
- Our social calendar has something for everyone
- Club Committees are run by volunteers

We can't wait to see you at Rainbow Club soon!

Rainbow Club is a network of social swimming clubs for children with a disability

Join us! Sign-up online at myrainbowclub.org.au/register/

myrainbowclub.org.au

- Facebook: [rainbowclubaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/rainbowclubaustralia)
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- YouTube: [Rainbow Club Australia](https://www.youtube.com/RainbowClubAustralia)



Is it time for a dental check-up?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides free dental care for all children under 18yrs of age

We accept the Child Dental Benefits Scheme

HNE Dental Clinic opening hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

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For more information about oral health and accessing our service, visit the HNE Kids Health webpage at www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth