

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**P & F Meeting  
Monday 21/6  
POSTPONED**

**Wednesday 28/7  
DIO Athletics**

**Mondays – Ice blocks  
for sale**



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Monday and Friday**

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# St Joey's News

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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.*



**16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is good to back at school for another term of learning, friendship, faith and fun. Despite the concerns with COVID and restrictions back in place for now, the children have settled in well. Thank you for your support of the guidelines sent via COMPASS and adhering to the restrictions in place. We want to continue to keep our school community safe and our school open!



During our Pupil Free day on Monday the staff participated in faith formation via Zoom with Professor Michael Dennin, a US based scientist and astronomer. The day was based on his writings in 'Divine Science Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith'. Some of the topics covered were Faith and Science, Images of God, the Fullness of Reality and Miracles. It was certainly an interesting and challenging day which gave staff an opportunity to develop their understandings and deepen their faith. Faith formation is an important part of our development as teachers in a Catholic school and as people of God.

# Welcome

This week we welcomed the Biddleston and Mitchell families to St Joseph's. Ivy, Keesha and Lily joined 5/6R and Summer joined 3R. It is lovely to see these students settle so beautifully into our classes and I am sure you will welcome their families into our SJC community.

We also welcome two University placements this term, Michelle Turner in 4R and Taylor Sansom 3R. Both teachers will be working alongside their supervising teachers for a period of 4 weeks. This is an important and valuable experience for our developing teachers and helps to grow our teaching profession.

Next week we welcome Mrs Cathy Curk as our new Gifted Education Mentor (GEM). Cathy is an experienced GEM and works at St Patrick's Swansea in this role as well. She will be working collaboratively with our staff and students each Monday to develop differentiated lessons, programs and individual support for our gifted students. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Stephanie Tranter who was in this role for Term 1 & 2 and will be handing over to Cathy next week.

In other staffing news we farewell Mrs Jessica Bourke who has decided to take some time to finish her university studies in Inclusive Education. Mrs Bourke has

been a valued member of staff since 2019 and will be missed. We are currently in the recruitment phase of employing a new teacher for the part time positions in Stage 2. There is a grave teacher shortage at present in our Diocese which is also impacting casual teaching availability.

**Winter Uniform – every student should now be wearing full winter uniform including correct footwear.**

It is wonderful to see the students who take pride in our school uniform. There are many benefits to wearing a uniform as it creates a sense of belonging and togetherness. It can instil a sense of pride and creates a level playing field for all. The worries of looking different or of pressure to wear the latest craze is taken away so students can feel equal with their peers and are more likely to concentrate on their learning than worrying about what they are wearing. We ask support of all parents to support our uniform code as this is part of your agreement upon enrolment. Students continually wearing the incorrect items will receive warnings and consequences as per our PBL policy.

**Principal Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal Award for demonstrating our SJC school values: Alex V.B, Harry S., Isabella S.



**School Fees**

Thank you to all those who have been making regular fee payments or who have paid their fees completely. Letters will be sent out next week to families who have not been making regular fee payments. The change to an annual billing cycle has been well advertised and explained and all families should have indicated by now a regular payment plan or lump sum payments. Our fee collection is paramount to supporting the management and resourcing of our school for the benefit of our students. If you are having financial difficulty, please make contact with me so we can arrange a suitable payment plan.



**GREAT NEWS!**

**Congratulations**

To Mrs Kyla Flanagan on the birth of Angus Rauri last Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> July). We wish Kyla and her beautiful family all the happiness a new baby can bring!



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.

God Bless,  
*Kate Drake*  
*Principal*

**NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**



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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for another exciting term! I hope everyone had a lovely relaxing holiday. It has been lovely talking to the children today, hearing of their holiday adventures. I think many of the children have realised how much fun and excitement can be had staying close to home.

**Regional Athletics Carnival**

It was a great pleasure to take the St Joey's Regional team to the carnival at the end of last term. The students proudly represented our school and demonstrated great sportsman ship. It was lovely to be witness to the team spirit and loud cheering for their team mates. Best wishes to our Diocesan team representatives!



### Rebel Community Give-back Credits

If you shop at Rebel please mention our school is part of this program when you pay at the register. So far this year we have purchased over \$800 worth of sporting equipment using these credits. During the holidays we received 9 new netballs for our upcoming Gala Day.



### School Values

As a parent of an 8 and 12 year old, I often reflect on how I can best ensure that they grow up to be kind-hearted individuals that actively contribute to society. One such conversation we have in my household is around the impact of what we say on others. I know the St Joey's school community have a terrific **core values** initiative that provides a platform for these discussions at both home and school. I have found the **THINK** strategy as an easy way to remind my own children that words do matter and hope you do to!

Before you speak, **THINK**

- T**- Is it true?
- H**- Is it helpful?
- I**- Is it Inspiring?
- N**- Is it necessary?
- K**- Is it Kind?



With every best wish,

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



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Sacramental News



This Sunday we recommence the Sacramental Program in preparation for First Holy Communion. Commitment Masses will be held over 2 weekends starting this Sunday **18/7 or the 25/7** at 8am at Charlestown or 9:30am at Gateshead.

Sacramental groups will commence in week 2 of the school term. First Holy Communion will be held over 3 weekends in August on either the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to pray for the candidates as they take this final step in becoming full members of the Catholic Church.

### Religious Literacy

As part of the school's strategic plan to increase religious literacy knowledge, each fortnight each grade will be focusing on a religious literacy term to improve vocabulary knowledge.

This fortnight the focus words are

K-2

**Disciples-** A personal follower of Christ during his life, especially one of the twelve Apostles.  
synonyms: apostle; follower , "the disciples of Jesus"

3-6

**Trinity-** The Trinity means that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### Important Dates

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – 8<sup>th</sup> August

Many Blessings,

*Clare Paff*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

## NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

### Teaching self-regulation:

Building your child's skills in self-regulation helps your child for life. Empower your child in this learning by supporting them to make their own choices. Try giving them options and help them choose the most sensible one by verbalising your own thought process.

- "Shall we have a drink first, or wash our hands first?"
- "Shall we play on the iPad for 5 more minutes, or shall we go outside now? I think outside would make me feel happy and healthy! What do you think?"

Giving specific choices helps also to set limits – regardless of the child's answer; they are hearing that they will go outside soon – helping them set their own expectations of what is reasonable and sensible. When it's time to leave or finish an activity, help your child 'get ready' for the change. Give them notice, e.g. "We need to get out of the pool soon."

Self-regulation is a skill that needs to be supported in children because it is key to their overall success and happiness. Children who can cope with stress, anger, disappointment, and frustration are more able to do well in school, with friends, and at home. Remember that the more children practice regulating themselves, the easier it will become for them to cope with and adapt to change. You can help children by removing unnecessary demands and guiding them with loving support.



## Vocabulary improvement:

**Word of the week in weeks 1-2 for K-2:** Demolish: destroy

**Word of the week in weeks 1-2 for 3-6:** Swagger: to strut or stride

## PBL

Each week our school focuses on a particular area to support our school values. Our school PBL focus for week 1 is to Care for your appearance and for Week 2 it is to Use kind words and actions (hands off).

### PBL Awards Term 3 Week 1 & 2

BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
Isabella. S Sofia. G Matilda. R Zoe. S Urban. B Kai. D Isla. H Evelyn. D	Fergus M Jack N Vivienne R Claudia M Jacob S Evie B Matilda G Aurora E Faith J Keanu C Isaac A Sam G Molly S Mackenzie F			



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

*Warmest regards,*

*Kathryn Hill*

## SPORTS

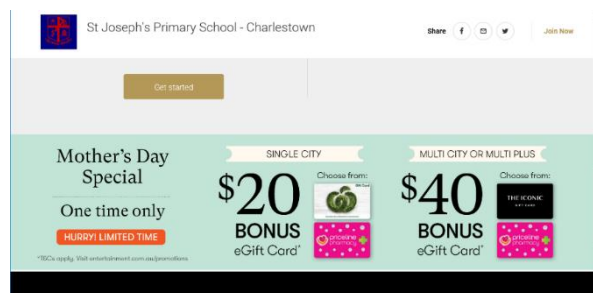
Congratulations to our athletes representing the Lakes Region at the Diocesan Carnival on 28<sup>th</sup> July:

Sophie A, Liam B, Urban B, Oscar E, Sophie F, Mia F, Hamish K, Hope K, Flynn L, Alannah M, Harrison S, Sam V, Olive W, Kobe W.

## P & F News

### 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](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)

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



Fergus M- 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Cooper R -12 <sup>th</sup> July	James C- 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sienna N- 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Jett C- 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Isabelle C- 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Indianna F- 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Tia R- 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Khloe D- 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Samuel G- 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Imogen H- 27 <sup>th</sup> July	

## HUB NEWS



The graphic features a top section with a close-up of book spines on the left and a green, stylized speech bubble on the right containing the text "premiers' reading challenge". Below this is a teal banner with a white scalloped border at the top. The banner contains the following text:

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

Jacob Smith	Kinder
Adelina Dragosavljevic	Kinder
Evelyn Manning	Year 2
Miliana Dragosavljevic	Year 4
Isla Hatfield	Year 4

Mrs Hoffmann—PRC Coordinator



The logo for "THE HUB" is located in the bottom right corner. It features a circular design with colorful dots and the words "THE HUB" in a bold, sans-serif font.

# HUB NEWS



## BOOK WEEK NEWS - Week 7 (21-27 August)

We are well into our preparations for this year's Book Week. We have wonderful students working on our big displays, our video team is still filming for our annual Book Week video and our annual Book Fair has been confirmed.

The children will be invited to dress up as their favourite character or under this year's theme 'Old World, New World, Other Worlds', and we will be running the Scholastic Book Fair in the Hub. The Book Week video will be launched, and the children will be participating in many exciting Book Week activities.

### Minecraft Club

We are starting Minecraft Club again in Week 2. A big thanks to our Stage 3 leaders from Semester 1. Lily, Neve, Isla, Danny, Nyah and Ivy have done an exceptional job supporting and challenging our club members. Welcome to Kai D and Thomas C who will join Beau, Will, Sam G & Kipp in running the club in Semester 2.



### 5/6 Day Change

Please note the following Hub day changes:

5/6 White TUESDAY  
5/6 Red WEDNESDAY

Please encourage your children to bring their bags each week.  
Congratulations to 5/6 White for borrowing the most books in Stage 3!

## 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 will 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.franter@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.franter@mn.catholic.edu.au)





## Aboriginal Education News

What a wonderful Term 2 we had in Aboriginal Education at St Joseph's! A highlight was certainly the visit from Aunty Chris and sharing her amazing life story with our Stage 3 students.

Many classes also had lots of fun participating in cultural activities. It was wonderful learning about the Jalala Dreaming story and making Jalala Stone Dreaming Art – inspired by artist, Jack Dale Mengenon from the Kimberly region of Australia.

We also enjoyed learning about the use of message sticks as a form of communication in traditional Aboriginal life. Did you know that if you were in possession of a message stick, you were respectfully escorted across 'Country' of other Aboriginal nations until you reached your destination? Prior to white arrival, Australia was occupied by around 250 different Aboriginal nations, each with their own Country which they were connected to. So, if you needed to cross Wonnaura Country – you would wait on the boundary and send a smoke signal to alert the men that you were there and needed to cross that Country. Your message stick would then be presented as a type of 'passport'. The Wonnaura men would then escort you across Wonnaura Country until you reached the border of the next Country you needed to cross. Interesting!!

We've also enjoyed time outside learning about traditional Dreaming stories with Kindergarten. A great way to connect with these stories is to be amongst our beautiful surrounding bushland at St Joseph's. Kindergarten students love role playing Dreaming stories and everyday practices common in daily life of a traditional Aboriginal person. This term is certainly looking action packed for Aboriginal Education at St Joseph's Charlestown!

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions our planned NAIDOC celebrations have been postponed till later in the term. But we will still participate in a variety of learning experiences across the school to mark this important occasion. We will look forward to welcoming Stephanie Callaghan later in the term to host this day for us. She will also be accompanied by experienced dance consultant – Mauri Perry. I'm sure students will thoroughly enjoy participating in meaningful and fun activities throughout the day.

Watch this space for more exciting cultural opportunities for our school.

*Danielle Shaw*

***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Teacher***







## GARDEN CLUB



## LOOK AT OUR RADISHES & ZUCCHINIS

