

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Year 5 Leadership Day
Monday 2/8

Olympic Themed Day
Friday 6/8

P & F Meeting
Monday 9/8
6:30pm Staffroom

Stage 2 Excursion
Hunter Valley Zoo
Friday 13/8

Mondays – Ice blocks for sale



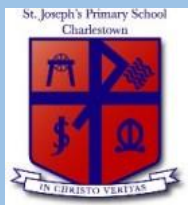
Infants and Primary:
Monday and Friday

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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.*

30th July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the COVID -19 situation continues to be a concern, please remember to follow the guidelines set by NSW

Health and Catholic Schools NSW. We have posted our guidelines on Compass for you to refer to and remind you to please keep your child home if they are unwell and have even mild Covid symptoms. Parents will be called to collect children displaying symptoms. When your child is no longer displaying symptoms and can return to school, please send confirmation of your child's negative Covid test to the office email, admin@charlestown.mn.catholic.edu.au. This is the same expectation for our staff. **Thank you to all those who are following the guidelines as we want everyone to remain safe and well, and we want our schools to remain open.**



This week we welcome the Cummings family to St Joseph's. Charli has joined 5/6 White and has told me of how happy she is and how she already loves our school.

We also welcome Miss Emma Davies who joins the Stage 2 team, teaching 3/4 Blue and 4 Red till the end of the year. Emma has recently moved back to Newcastle from the South Coast. Emma is an experienced primary school teacher with a Bachelor of Arts, Post Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching, a Post Graduate Certificate of Science and is an accomplished musician with qualifications in Piano and Music Theory. I'm sure the children in Stage 2 will enjoy her teaching!

Today we farewell the McCosker family, with Hugo in Year 1 Red, moving to Maitland. We will miss Hugo and his family but wish them all the best in their new home and school.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal Award for demonstrating our SJC school values: Hugo, Neva, Amy and Mustafa. These students are wearing their uniform with pride!



New Finance System – Tech One

Our finance system will be replaced and centralised within the Maitland -Newcastle Catholic Diocese. This will require a new platform for Compass and a brand-new Finance System.

What's changing?

- * New online Parent Action Centre and account details via your Parent Portal
- * Online consents for student excursions and events

How will this impact me? In addition to the new functions in your portal, the school's finance and administration system will be offline during cut-over. Please be patient with us and avoid making payments over the counter at the school during this period.

Please note, you may experience issues connecting to your school portal directly after we cut over. This is normally caused by a consolidation of your user account across more than one school. You will now have one username and one password.

If you receive a message prompting you to login or delete your school account, please: -

1. Enter your normal password. If you don't know this or it doesn't work, please reset via the prompts.
2. If this doesn't work, please delete the school account and 'Add' once again. If you have another school account that works ok, please use this username instead of your old one.

Important Points

- The school finance system will be offline between 04/08 and 9/08/2021
- Transactions can be viewed via your Parent Portal
- Event consents are processed online with payment (if applicable)
- Your future statements will look different
- Only outstanding transactions will show on new statements (this year only)

What will this look like?

The top screenshot shows the 'My Account' menu on the left with 'My Payments' highlighted. The main area displays a table of transactions with columns: Reference #, Description, Student, Debit (Est Inc), Credit (Est Inc), and Transaction Date. A note above the table states: 'There was a recent payment of \$800.00, which may not yet be reflected in this balance.'

| Reference # | Description | Student | Debit (Est Inc) | Credit (Est Inc) | Transaction Date |
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| SCH000124 | Centrelink June | | | | 06/07/2020 |
| ET00004870 | BPhv | | | | 01/07/2020 |
| 00000177 | EPC contribution | | | | 03/06/2020 |
| 000189139 | Event: Diocesan Pastoral Contribution to | | | | 03/06/2020 |
| 10815 | EPC contribution | | | | 03/06/2020 |
| 00000163 | EPC for Term 1 | | | | 25/05/2020 |
| 000184463 | Event: Diocesan Pastoral Contribution to | | | | 25/05/2020 |
| 10771 | EPC for Term 1 | | | | 25/05/2020 |

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Organisation' menu on the left with 'Events' highlighted. The main area displays a list of events with columns: Event Name, Date/Time, and a status box (attending, due, \$0.00). A 'Past Events' dropdown is visible at the top right.

| Event Name | Date/Time | Status |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Choir Showcase | Thursday, October 19th 2017, 8:00 am | attending |
| Choir Showcase | Thursday, October 19th 2017, 12:00 pm | attending |
| Choir Showcase | Thursday, October 19th 2017, 11:13 am | attending |
| Strike Class | Thursday, November 2nd 2017, 8:00 am | attending |
| Year 8 Mathematics Exam | Friday, November 3rd 2017, 11:13 am | attending |
| Year 8 Vaid Science Testing | Monday, November 6th 2017, 9:02 am | attending |
| 8 Science Exam | Tuesday, November 14th 2017, 9:02 am | attending |

GREAT NEWS!

Congratulations to our Diocesan Athletics team who competed on Wednesday at Glendale. We are so proud of your efforts and of your great team spirit. Extra congratulations to the following students who advance to Polding level:

Hamish K. – 11 yrs 800m & 11yrs 1500m

Sam V. – Senior High jump

Urban - Discus

Oscar, Urban, Flynn and Harry - Junior Boys Relay team

A wonderful achievement!

Thank you again to Mrs Whitby for organising another Subway Day this week. This was not planned but offered at short notice due to the cancellation of our Grandparents celebrations and the canteen being closed. We received 108 orders this week, which was great!

School Fees

Again, I thank all the families who are paying regular amounts on their school fees, or who have completely paid their account. Sending your children to a Catholic school is a commitment to an education in faith and also a financial commitment. I realise this can be difficult at times, and especially now with the impact of Covid on many small businesses and other areas of employment. If you are suffering financial strain, please make contact with me to discuss your outstanding fees and organise a suitable payment plan.

God Bless,

Kate Drake
Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that ½ of the year (6 months / 100 school days have passed)? At St Joseph's we are committed to a cycle of continuous improvement. Our executive team have been busy reviewing our current practices and looking for opportunities where we could grow and extend the learning of the students in our care.

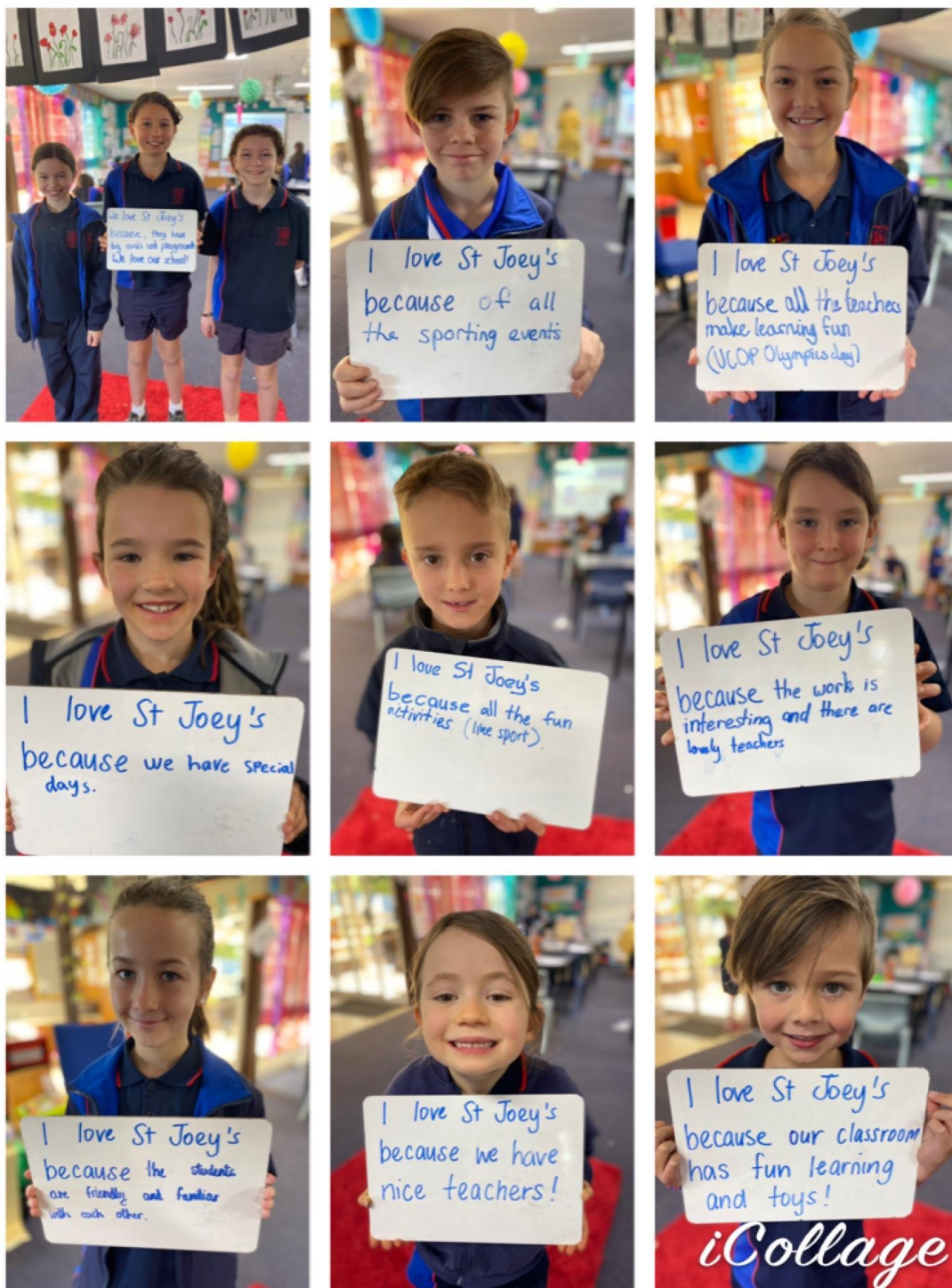
In coming weeks we will invite you to participate in a survey to provide us with valuable feedback in relation to faith, learning, engagement and student wellbeing to inform our school improvement agenda.

One of the most significant themes from the results of the 2020 survey was the emphasis on sustaining and building upon our great school culture. Key areas were noteworthy and recognised. In particular, our students, staff and parents indicated at St Joeys they felt welcomed and safe. Emphasis was given to how standards and behaviour expectations (PBL) of the whole school community keep our children happy and safe and allow them to thrive at school.

I look forward to engaging in this dialogue with the St Joey's community and hopeful that we receive many responses.

With every best wish,

Nikki Norley
Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacramental News



This week we recommenced the Sacramental Program in preparation for First Holy Communion.

Candidates are learning about the importance of sharing a meal and time spent together as a family, just as Jesus used table fellowship as an important time for sharing, teaching and saying thanks. We talked about the importance of grace before meals and finding opportunities to invite God into our busy lives.

First Holy Communion will be held over 3 weekends in August on either the 15th, 22nd and 29th.

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

Family Winter Sleep Out

This Friday night families are invited to sleep out for a short time or longer in their backyard as a way of raising awareness for people in our community who experience this hardship daily. The objective is not to raise funds but to draw attention and understanding to the hardship of others. If you choose to participate, please take a photo of your family sleeping out and email to clare.paff@mn.catholic.edu.au or kathryn.hill@mn.catholic.edu.au so we can further promote this issue.



Mini Vinnies Market Day Coming

The Mini Vinnies have planned a Market Day to raise money to support the local St Vincent De Paul Chapter and particularly families and individuals doing it tough during these challenging COVID times and the subsequent impact on small businesses and unemployment.

On Friday, 20th August, Mini Vinnies members will be bringing in and selling small home-made market items (no food) for a small cost. The types of items for sale include bookmarks, slime, jewellery, guessing jars, coasters, squishy balls, hairspray, bracelets, scrunchies, pom poms and fidget toys.



We look forward to a fun day for an important cause.

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

3-6

| | |
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| Amen -means yes, I agree | Paschal Mystery - is the Catholic term used to refer to the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. |
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Prayer for Grandparents

Last Sunday Pope Francis declared the 25th July the First world Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in line with the feast day of Sts Joachim and Anne. Sadly, we have had to postpone our usual Grandparent festivities due to restrictions, but we look forward to coming together at a later date. Below is a prayer to celebrate grandparents and the elderly.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.

Important Dates

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – 8th August

Mini Vinnies Market Day- 20th August

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

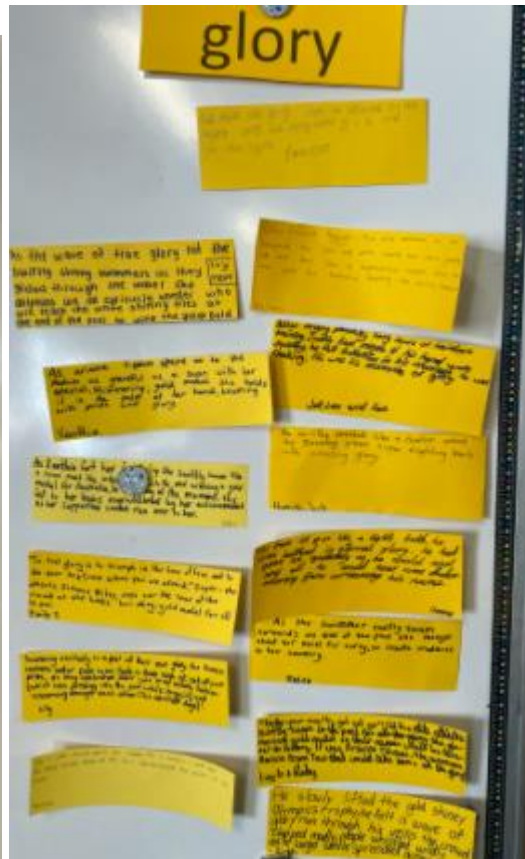
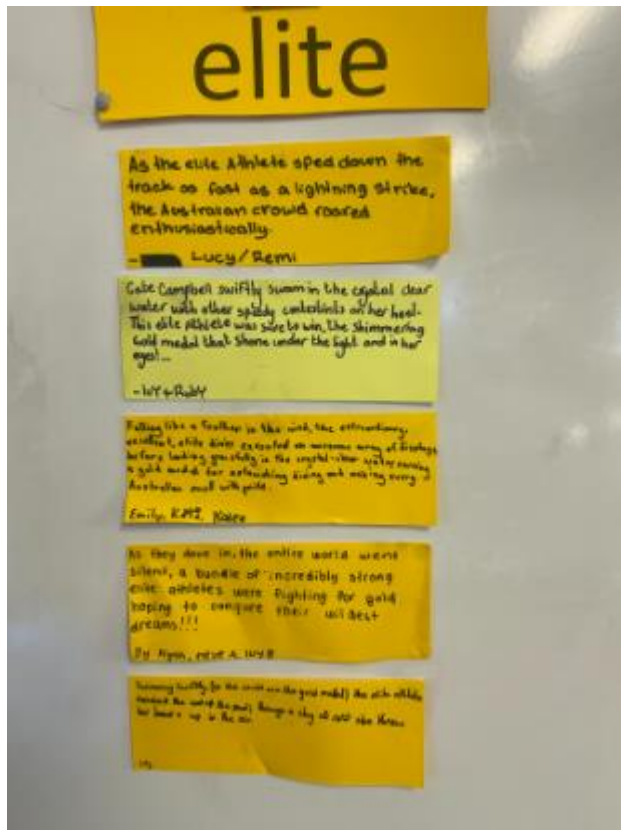
Olympic VCOP Fun: At St Joseph's we teach our students to self-check their writing in order to make improvements. Our VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) program, as well as the grammar, spelling, handwriting and genre work in class helps our students to 'up-level' their work to improve its quality and clarity.

This term, St Joseph's is running a 'VCOP Olympics' for all students at our school. The VCOP Olympics will run from [Monday of Week 3 until the last day of school in Week 10]. There will be a two week focus on each element (Vocabulary weeks 3-4, Connectives weeks 5-6, Openers weeks 7-8, Punctuation weeks 9-10) with games and activities both inside and outside classrooms incorporating practice and use of the four VCOP elements.

There will be 'medals' awarded to classes for their participation and achievement, which will be tallied to select daily winners. By the end of Week 10, the class with the most points will be rewarded with a fantastic party, including pizza and games on the oval. We would love our whole community to be involved, so challenges will be sent home and participation in these will count for points towards your students' class tally.



Week 3 Olympic VCOP Sentences:



School Olympic Day:

To celebrate the 2021 Olympics, we will be having a **School Olympic Day on Friday 6th August**. Students are asked to dress in the colours or outfits that represent their corresponding class country (see table below). We will begin the day with an opening ceremony, before competing in fun sports activities and Olympic creative fun. And, of course we will complete the day with a closing ceremony.

| Class: | Country: |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Kinder Blue | Australia |
| Kinder Red | Australia |
| <u>Yr 1</u> Red | New Zealand |
| <u>Yr 2</u> Red | Netherlands |
| <u>Yr 2</u> Blue | Italy |
| <u>Yr 3</u> Red | United Kingdom |
| 3 /4 Blue | USA |
| <u>Yr 4</u> Red | Germany |
| <u>Yr 5/6</u> Blue | Canada |
| <u>Yr 5/6</u> Red | Japan |
| <u>Yr 5/6</u> White | France |

Vocabulary improvement:

Word of the week in weeks 3-4 for K-2: Flawless: perfect

Word of the week in weeks 3-4 for 3-6: Grating: harsh and annoying

PBL

Each week our school focuses on a particular area to support our school values. Our school PBL focus for Week 3 is to **Do your Best** and for Week 4 it is to **Be Honest**.

PBL Awards Term 3 Week 3 & 4

| BRONZE 30 | SILVER 60 | GOLD 90 | PLATINUM 120 | MEDAL 150 |
|--|--|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Isaac A Hugo C Matt G Francesco M | Nyah C Saxon M Levi S Lukas T Billie U Amy D Charlotte M Scarlett C Otto G Lani R Ruby L Danny G Leo M Jett C Abbey P Ellie O Connor S Violet M Sienna N Ashlyn M | Lucy C Maddi G Moeana R Emily S Remi D | | |

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

News from our Learning Support Teacher:

During Term 3, students will be invited to participate in activities during lunchtime. Activities include painting, obstacle course, parachute, tangram puzzles and card making. This week we have had lots of fun following along to dance videos.

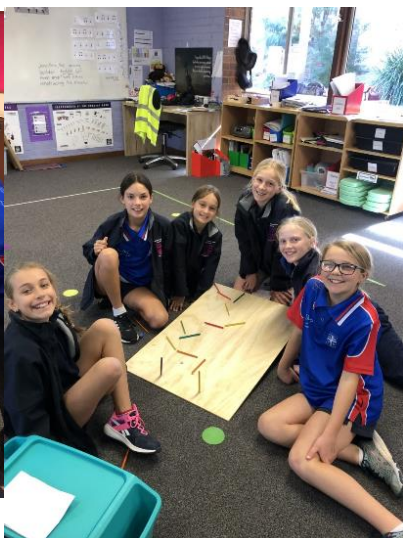


Tournament of Minds

This year we have three teams entering the Tournament of Minds (TOM) competition. TOM is a program providing students with the opportunity to solve open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing teamwork.

On Wednesday, the Stage 3 TOM competitors took part in a thinking skills and drama workshop. The four-hour workshop took the three groups through stagecraft skills, presentation skills, team building activities as well as creative thinking challenges. The three teams have been working hard during their lunch and recess breaks unpacking their challenge and are making wonderful progress. The final solution is due in Week 6. Keep up the amazing work team!

GOODLUCK!



SPORTS

Congratulations to our athletes who represented the Lakes Region at the Diocesan Carnival on 28th July: Sophie A, Urban B, Oscar E, Sophie F, Mia F, Hamish K, Hope K, Flynn L, Alannah M, Harrison S, Sam V, Olive W, Kobe W.



Stage 2 Science Fun:

Stage 2 have been busy making terrariums this week in Science. The children had so much fun with the many layers needed to create these. It is planted to look like a miniature garden or forest enclosed in its own little world. Stage 2 used succulents because they need very little water.



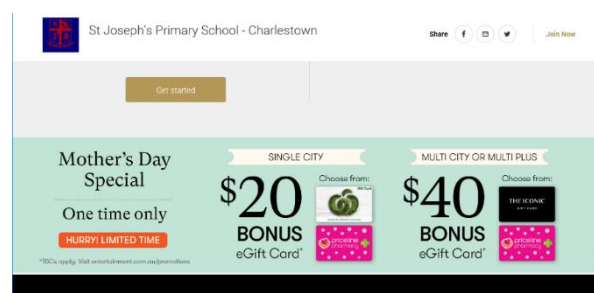
P & F News

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-l5yQ9b92HA-1gJQCS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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



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| James C- 29 th July | Thomas P- 30 th July | Owen P- 30 th July | Urban B- 31 st July |
| Fraser G- 31 st July | Hugo G- 31 st July | Daly L- 1 st August | Rocco Z- 2 nd August |
| Lincoln T- 3 rd August | Izabelle Z 3 rd August | Macy E- 4 th August | Wilhemina U- 5 th August |

HUB NEWS

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

We are excited that Book Week is now so close. Here are some things to be ready for in WEEK 7:

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY
The children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character or under this year's theme 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in Book Week. Children are invited to browse and purchase at the fair. In doing so, the Learning Hub will receive a percentage of purchases to put towards new books in the Hub collection.

CBCA BOOK AWARDS
The children have been studying books from the CBCA Shortlist and will be learning which ones have won Book of the Year in each category. If you'd like to talk with your children about these books, you can find the short list at www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021 or on the CBCA Shortlist 2021 Youtube channel.

PHOTO BOOTH

This is a big shout out to Sam and Harry who are running our Book Week photo booth at the moment. They are inviting children to come to their booth where the children can choose a world they would like to appear in. Sam and Harry then take their photo and edit it into the worlds of choice. These photos will go on display in Book Week to tie into this year's Book Week theme.



Marlow (Kinder Blue) presented a book illustrated by his mum, Leila Rudge, to our Learning Hub last week. Thank you, Marlow and Leila, for adding this beautiful story to our collection.



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.tranier@mn.catholic.edu.au

July 2021

OOSH NEWSLETTER

Week 2 & 3 Term 3

WEEK 2 ACTIVITIES

During week 2, children demonstrated an ongoing interest in fine motor activities including hama beads and making beaded jewelry. They also enjoyed scrapbooking, creating origami/chatterboxes and imaginative play in the 'OOSH phone shop'.

MTOP 3a, 4a
NQS QA1 & 4



WEEK 3 ACTIVITIES

This week, children continued with their interest in fine motor activities with looms bands and hama beads! We also took an interest in small world play, using natural materials and mini objects to create a variety of landscapes. We also enjoyed making many different designs with the giant LECO blocks. We have loved playing handball inside, participating in friendly competitions with each other.

MTOP 4a, 4b, 1a
NQS QA1, QA4



REMINDERS

A friendly reminder to all those who enter our school and OOSH site for pick up and drop off to please ensure they are following COVID-19 procedures and practices. This includes signing in with the QR codes and wearing a mask.



OOSH EDUCATORS DAY

On the 28th of July was OOSH Educators day. This is a day to recognize the hard work, dedication and passion of our wonderful educators within the industry. We thank our educators for all they do and value their ongoing contribution to our service and love the relationships they build with families and our community!

*Thank
you!*