

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Mondays – Ice blocks for sale



Infants and Primary: Monday and Friday

ALL UNIFORM ENQUIRIES:



ORDER VIA QKR APP

All enquiries to email:

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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.*

8th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

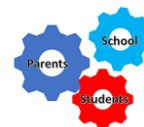
It is great news that we will be returning to full schooling a week earlier. St Joseph's will continue to follow the guidelines issued by Catholic Schools NSW including the current Public Health Orders ensuring a safe return to school for all staff and students.

More information will follow next week.

The dates for students return to school are as follows:

18th October – Kinder and Year 1 return

25th October – All students return



Next week school remains open for children of essential workers. We understand that with retail opening and other services, more parents may need to send their children to school. However, we are still expected to have minimum staff on site to reduce any chance of COVID transmission while still under the current restrictions. Please use our Compass Events Opt In facility so as to ensure we have enough staff to cover the number of children on site. Unfortunately, this week we have had up to 30 unexpected students, on some days resulting in staff having to be called in to assist with supervision. Some parents had glitches with the Compass system and we are seeking IT support with this, and have appreciated the email notification of their child's attendance. The glitch seems to happen when using the Compass App on your phone so please use a laptop or PC to OPT in.

We send our deepest sympathy to the Schumacher family and the Jones family who lost loved ones during the holidays. Catherine and Isabella grieve the loss of Catherine's mother, Beryl and Isabella's great grandmother. Lisa lost her father Col, grandad to Emily and Molly. This is such a sad time but one made even harder during these restrictions, not being able to be with family and friends and limited numbers at funerals. We keep both families in our hearts and prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



SUMMER UNIFORM – All students return to school in Summer uniform. Items can be ordered via QKR and uniforms will be packaged at school by our volunteers and sent home with the students. Please contact the uniform shop if you have any questions.

chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au

REFUNDS

Any payments made throughout the year for events that have now been cancelled are being credited to your school fee account. Thank you for your patience while this is processed.

READ ABOUT SOME OF OUR AMAZING SJC STUDENTS & THEIR GOOD DEEDS



MATTHEW 3/4 Blue

Congratulations to Matthew in 3/4Blue who was nominated as NSW Junior Beyond Dance Ambassador. This initiative promotes boys in dance as well as supporting and raising awareness for mental health with Beyond Blue. As a school we hope to be able to hold a fun dance event to support Matthew's efforts later in the term.

HUGO 5/6 Blue

This October, I am taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids' cancer! Because right now, cancer is the largest single killer of children from disease in Australia – over 600 children are diagnosed with cancer every year and sadly, 3 die every week. Kids should be living life, not fighting for it. And so I am riding and raising funds to support the Children's Medical Research Institute to continue their work into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and finding a cure for childhood cancer.



LUCY 5/6B & EVIE K Blue

Lucy is supporting her Kinder buddy, Evie and her family to raise money for 'Feel the Magic' who provide camps and supports for children who are grieving the loss of a parent or sibling. The Badman Team are walking 120 KMS during October in support of the 1 in 20 children that face the death of a parent each year. Funds raised will help Feel the Magic to provide free camps and grief programs for children.

I am immensely proud of all these students as I am sure their families are too. What wonderful young people, striving to do their best for the benefit of others and demonstrating our Catholic values of service to others and love for one another.

God Bless,
Kate Drake
Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

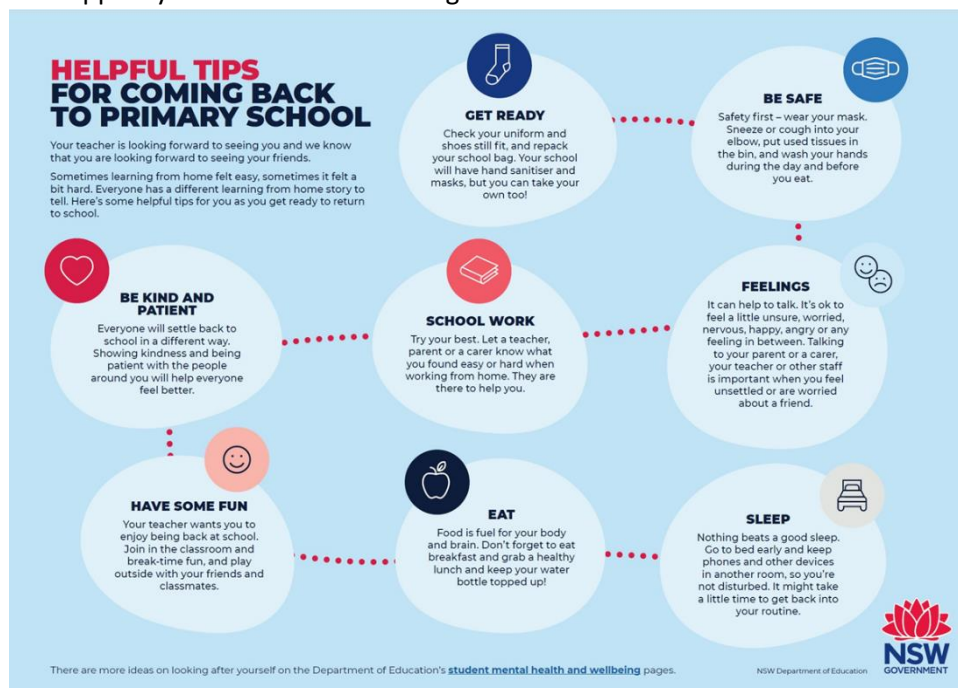


Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

Teachers are very much looking forward to the gradual return of students in the coming weeks. Most children will be very excited to return to school in the next few weeks to see all their friends and teachers. A certain degree of worry and fear about returning to school, especially following this time away from face-to-face

learning, and in the current pandemic, is normal for children and young people. However, most students find that these worrying feelings decrease over time once back at school and following the school routine. Here are some tips to support your child in transitioning back to school.



Tell Them From Me Survey

In 2020 we asked **parents and carers** to participate in a survey conducted by Tell Them From Me© (TTFM). The information gathered from this survey helps our school community to be better informed about what we are doing well, where we need to focus more attention and how we can sharpen our planning to ensure we achieve improved outcomes for our students.

As parents and carers of students in our school, we deeply value your feedback and encourage you to partner with us and complete this survey. The information we gather is important to us and allows us to hear directly from you and gain insight into what you think is important about the work we do, how we communicate with you and where you think we need to improve.

We want all children in our school to thrive and we know that working together, listening, and sharing ideas helps us to improve and grow as strong learning and faith communities.

When the survey opens, you will receive a Compass notification. We appreciate your feedback. If you have questions about this survey, please don't hesitate to email admin@charlestown.catholic.edu.au.

Students from Years 4 to 6 are also invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me online survey again this year.

The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what these students think about their faith, school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Students from Years 4 to Year 6 will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey. Students will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey online. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results.

The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey measures include such topics as emotional and social wellbeing, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success.

Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, they should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

Last term we sent compass/email alerts requesting opt-out advice; if you do not want your child to take part in the survey. If this is the case, please email admin@charlestown.catholic.edu.au with your child/ren's name and class by Friday 15th October.

Thank you for your support in continually improving our school together.

With every best wish,

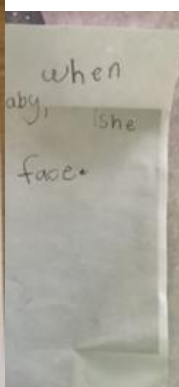
Nikki Norley
Assistant Principal

ST JOSEPH'S HOME-BASED LEARNING WEEK 1, TERM 4

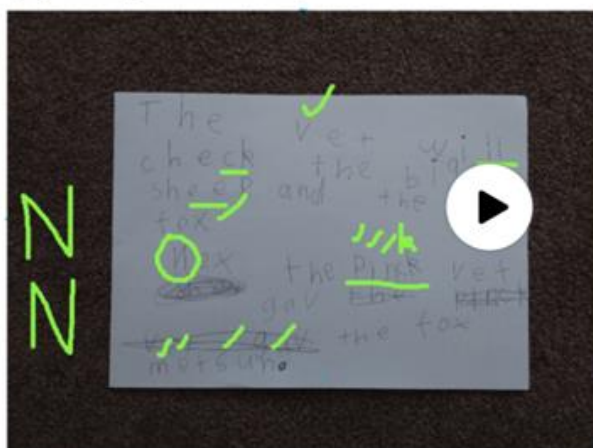
Kindergarten Home Learning.

This week in Religion we have been learning about how every family has special stories they like to share.

We have also been working on our sentence writing and making equal groups in maths. We are so proud of kindergarten's efforts this week!

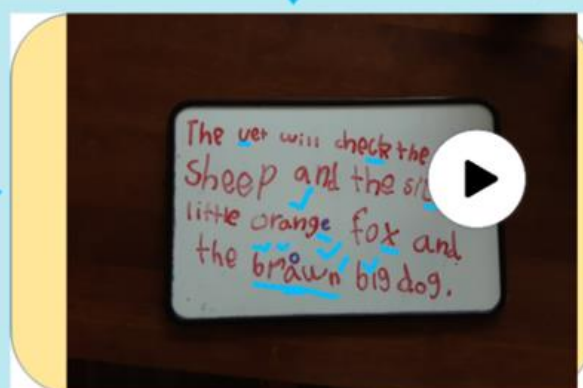


My Writing Feedback Task



My Writing Feedback Task

Upload your photo to this space.



STAGE 1 HOME LEARNING

Year 1 Home Learning

After reading the storybook Emu by Claire Saxby, Year 1 children followed instructions to draw an Emu. What amazing artists we have in Year 1!



Year 2 Home Learning

It has been a great start to Term 4 for our year 2 students. They were ready and engaged at our 9am TEAMS meeting on Tuesday and have completed quality work this week including learning the art of persuasion with our new English text type and the importance of financial literacy as we count, compare and work with our Australian currency. There has also been some beautiful reflective work about the importance of Mary as the Mother of Jesus and a focus on natural and built environments. Kudos to you year 2 for your hard work and we can't wait to see soon.



You Do



STAGE 2 HOME LEARNING

This week in Religion, we have been exploring the topic 'mystery of God'. We were asked to upload a drawing or photo of a time when they have felt God's presence around you. These are a few of our reflections from Seesaw. 😊

Music is my passin i feel him when i play songs.



This is a picture of a time when i feel God's presence around me... Use the microphone to explain your picture.



I felt gods presents when he brought me into this world



I feel like God is around me when i look out my back window and see the beautiful world he has created



I feel God's presents when I am with my dog Max. When ever I am around him I always have a great time.



Stage 3 Home Learning:

Here are some messages of Hope from our Stage 3 students:

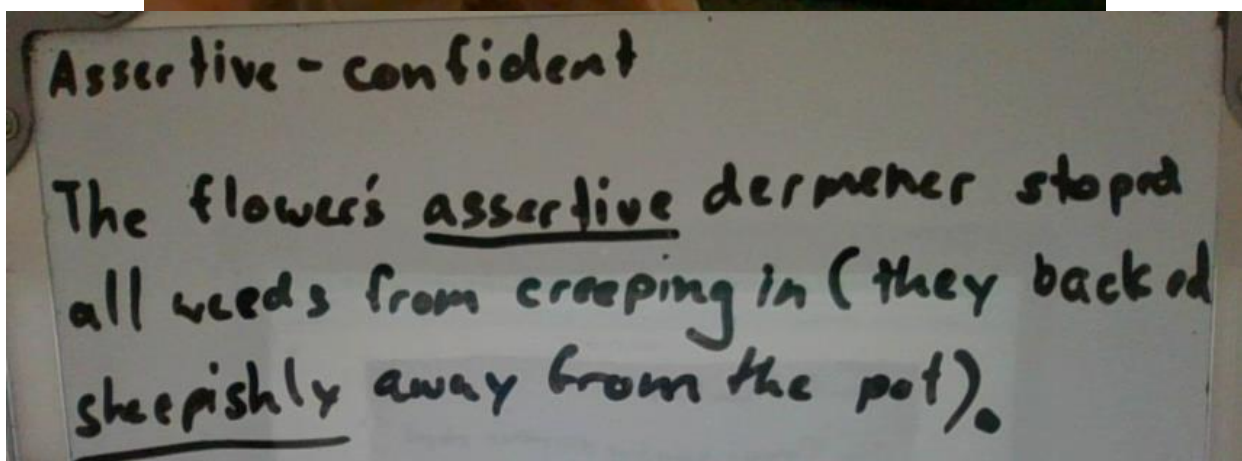
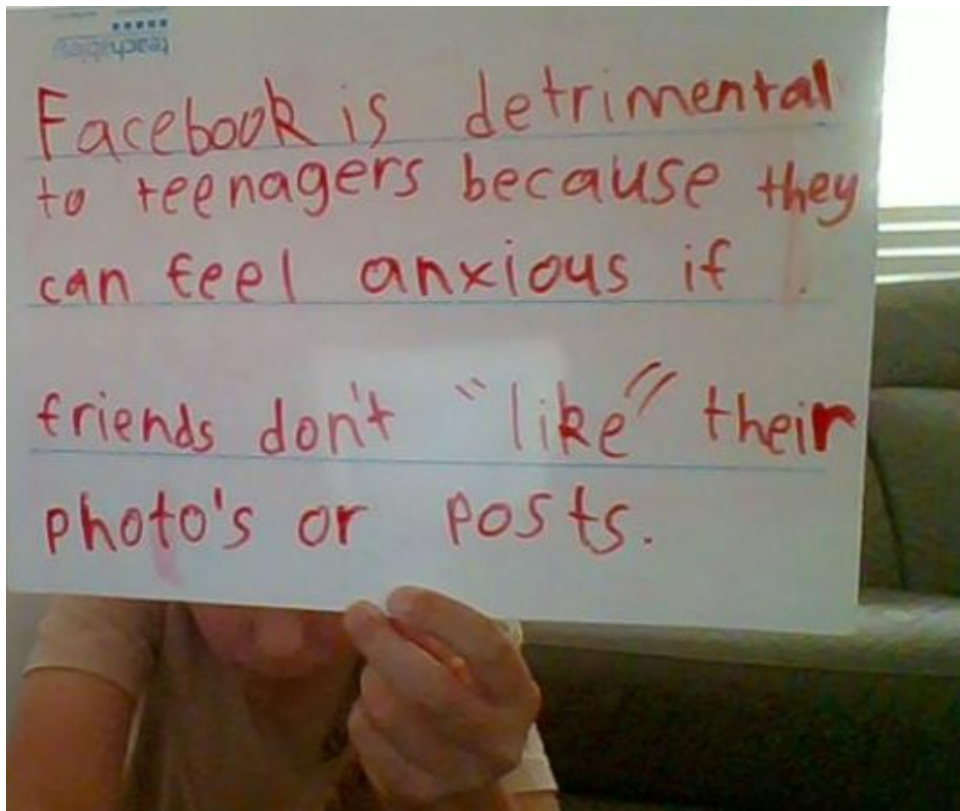




Please enjoy these snippets of our fantastic writing in Stage 3:

Word of the day: assertive

"Here is your meal!" Announced the waiter kindly as she revealed a plate of mashed potato and corn, staring at me as if to say "you deserve this..." I look down at my food in disgust... She got my order wrong! Before I can fill the restaurant with my reverberating wails my friend nudges me and whispers "Lexi! Be assertive, let them know, nicely!"



Kalyn Ponga is a professional NRL football player who plays as a fullback for the Newcastle Knights in the NRL. He played for the North Queensland Cowboys in the National Rugby League, and he also plays for the QLD maroons in the state of origin.

He was in New Zealand when he started playing sport, he played 5 games of sport: rugby, soccer, hockey, touch footy and golf. He tried to build a career threw playing sport.

Kayln ponga was born in Port Hedland WA, He played for North Queensland Cowboys in 2016 and played nine games with the side across two seasons. A speedster with excellent foot work, his ability to get past the defenders is one of his best ways to get a try.

In November 2016 he was the highest paid NRL teen in the NRL history ever. He moved to Townsville in north Queensland. In Townsville he joined Ignatius Park College. When he was playing for the north Queensland cowboys, they flogged the parramatta eels (the score was 50-6).

Now that I have told you all about Kayln ponga who played for the north Queensland cowboys and now plays for the Newcastle knights playing fullback for both teams, thank you for listening.



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| Evie H- 2 nd October | Charlotte M- 3 rd October | Mace J- 4 th October | Samuel R- 8 th October |
| Sofia D- 9 th October | Alannah M- 10 th October | Ebony G- 14 th October | Edward S- 14 th October |
| Bruno Z- 15 th October | Ruby M- 17 th October | Cooper S- 17 th October | Alice D- 18 th October |

Book Club News

Scholastic has issued a special Home Edition of Book Club for their current issue.

Please look out for your physical catalogues for a BUMPER CHRISTMAS ISSUE arriving once we reopen.

In the meantime, while we are still schooling from home, Scholastic has created this **special digital catalogue** for parents to keep their children inspired to read and learn—with 8 additional pages of fun Home Learning ideas and delivery available direct to the home!



Click below to see the digital catalogue:

https://scholastic.com.au/media/6534/bc-digital-issue-8_p3.pdf



It's fundraising time with
YumboRama!

Great news. The gang at Yumbo will donate 15% of the value of all SJC deliveries back to our school.

Their homestyle heat and eat meals are wonderful and they are based locally here in Charlestown.

Use this coupon code on the checkout page when ordering.

SJC2021

They deliver to all of Newcastle and have plenty of great family options so tell your friends! The more the merrier and the more we raise for our school.

Don't forget to include the coupon code at the checkout so that we can keep track of all the orders placed during our 2021 YumboRama fundraising campaign.

www.yumborama.com



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Saturday morning

Stage 1 U10-U12 Mixed
Stage 2 U13-U14 Mixed
Stage 3 U14 - U18 Mixed

Midweek Twilight

Mixed Competition
U14 Tuesday
U16 Wednesday
U18 Monday

Girls competitions

Sixers Girls Stage 1 (U10-U12) Saturday
Sixers Girls Stage 2 (U14-U18) Friday

Season start late October * pending restrictions



PLAY CRICKET



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Newcastle Junior Cricket Association

GIRLS CRICKET

Fun all girls competitions for ages 9 to 17 years
Make new friends and get active playing junior cricket at our club!

Girls Sixers Stage 1

- U9 - U12
- Saturday morning
- 16m pitch
- 7 players per team
- Kookaburra Star Ball (soft ball)
- Full equipment worn
 - (helmet, gloves, pads)



Girls Sixers Stage 2

- U12 - U18
- Friday afternoon
- 18m pitch
- 9 players per team
- 142g Leather ball (hard ball)
- Full equipment worn
 - (helmet, gloves, pads)

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