

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:



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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.*

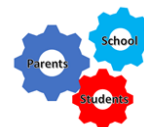


22nd October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been really wonderful to have our Kinder and Year 1 students back at school and we can't wait to see all other students return on Monday 25th October. Please help your children adjust to school routines by resetting early bedtimes, having uniform and school



items ready the night before and speaking positively about the return to school.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our hardworking and dedicated staff who have ensured quality learning and positive student engagement was maintained throughout the Home Learning phase. We will certainly take some time this year to celebrate World Teacher's Day on Friday the 29th October, and will acknowledge their efforts during this challenging time. I also thank all parents and carers for your support, we have felt positive encouragement from many of you, of which we are extremely appreciative.



There have been some recent positive Covid cases in our local area and I want to reassure you that we have a sound Covid Safety Plan in place including procedures to follow in the event of a confirmed case in our school. Staff are fully vaccinated, extra cleaning is being carried out, student cohorts are separated at play times, classrooms are well ventilated, hand hygiene is vigilant, non-essential visitors are not permitted on site, QR Codes and sign in with proof of vaccination are required on entry by contractors, masks are worn by all adults and strongly recommended for students and afternoon pick-ups will be staggered as of next week.

We appreciate your support and patience as we manage this procedure:

AFTERNOON PICK UP TIMES

2:50pm Students with surnames A-F

2:55pm Students with surnames L-Q

3:00pm Students with surnames G-K

3:05pm Students with surnames R-Z



As we return to full schooling our focus will be on student wellbeing, social and emotional. Revision of key curriculum outcomes with English, Maths and Religion to be the priority subjects. Semester 2 reporting will involve a very condensed report to reflect the Home Learning phase, offer of Parent-Teacher engagement phone conversations and a rigorous handover and transition process between teachers for

2022. I encourage parents to use the Compass Booking system to lock in a time to discuss your child's progress with their teacher in the coming weeks.

During the Home Learning phase, we have had extensive site conveyancing undertaken, with the Catholic Schools Office taking on the management of maintenance and upgrading works to our stormwater, drainage and tree problems. Over the course of the next few months repairs to these areas and retaining walls around the carpark and adjacent to the OOSH will be rectified. The great cost of these works will be covered by our Diocesan Family School Building Levy contributions from collected school fees.

Huge thanks to Mrs McAlister for her creativity and efforts to design and make a beautiful new fairy garden and dinosaur jungle in one of our garden beds. The children who have had an opportunity to play and set up some of the features absolutely loved their time there. Children will be offered time in the garden at various times throughout the rest of the term.



TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Please participate in our community survey to help us with future planning. We value our parent partnerships and look forward to your feedback. The survey is now open and can be accessed by clicking this link <https://tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/stjoeys2021> The survey closes on Friday 12th November.

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. Remember sport uniform is worn on Mondays and Fridays.

chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au

CANTEEN -Our canteen will remain closed for the next week and we will reopen under COVID safe guidelines when we move to Level 3 restrictions.

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.

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS – Basketball, Tennis, Touch Football

Students in Yr 4 & 5 this year, 10years old and above in 2022 can trial for representative level Diocesan teams. Competitors must be talented players, currently playing the chosen sport. Present club and grade level will be required as part of the nomination process. Depending on numbers, school trials may need to be held to determine competitors for regional trials.

Contact kate.drake@mn.catholic.edu.au by the 8th Nov. if your child is interested.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the Dunkley family, grieving the loss of Virginia's mum, grandmother to Alice, Emily and Samuel. May your memories of your loved one bring you comfort at this sad time.



God Bless,
Kate Drake
Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so excited to welcome back our kindergarten and Year 1 students this week. They were very happy to be back with their friends and teachers. It was lovely to see the big smiles and the children skipping in each morning, waving goodbye to parents, and not a tear in sight! We now await the arrival of Years 2-6 and again meeting up with each other.

During my first year of university, I vividly recall sitting in the Hunter side of Newcastle Uni learning about educational theorist perspectives. At the time (and at the young age of 18 years) I was wondering if I had chosen the right profession as I did not have the "life experience" to understand the importance of educational research.

One takeaway from this learning experience was the saying in teaching "Maslow before Bloom."

Bloom's research centres around a way to classify thinking according to six cognitive levels of complexity. The psychologist Abraham Maslow's earlier works pointed to a specific interest in how certain motivational factors and needs impact upon learning and the learning experience. *In other words, if these needs are not met; learning doesn't happen.*

The COVID -19 crisis has changed the world as we know it. It has especially changed one part of the world- the education system!

Maslow's hierarchy of needs is at the forefront of our response to the pandemic and Home Learning at St Joeey's. As a community I feel we genuinely rally together and support each other. Recreating the same sense of belonging for students during Home Learning and connecting with families was top priority for us.

Thank you for being on this journey with us. We understood the technology challenges but with the support of the whole community we were successful in our connections.

As one parent put it: "I am now a Teams expert; this has been successfully facilitated by an 8-year-old!"

In anticipation of being flexible and adaptable during these times of uncertainty and change, THANK YOU!!! Together we will keep our students learning in a safe and supportive environment, supporting each other during tough times.

If you have not yet responded to our TTFM survey on Compass please do.

With every best wish,

Nikki Norley
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Loving God,

We pray for our school community as we come back together face-to-face ;

We share anxiety and excitement as we walk through the gates.

May we greet each other with tenderness, as we all have our own stories of being through this difficult time of lockdown.

Bless our teachers and school leaders as they do their best to bring us together again and our parents for all their wonderful support during this time.

May our learning be fruitful and our classrooms productive, as we settle back into our routine.

Amen

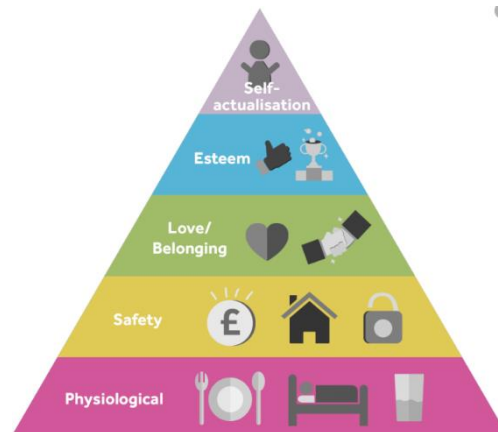
Some important dates for your calendar.

All Saints Day 1st November

All Souls Day 2nd November

Remembrance Day 11th November

Socktober 12th November



Socktober

This year we will be raising money for Socktober on Friday the 12th November. Students are asked to make a donation via Qkr and wear crazy socks for the day with their sports uniform. Socktober is an annual campaign organised by Catholic Missions which aims to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. The focus country for Socktober this year is Thailand. Please follow this link to find out more about Thailand and the tough conditions these people are living in.

Socktober Thailand<https://www.socktober.org.au/thailand>

Thank you in advance for your support.



Churches reopening

Churches will reopen for weekend Mass from Saturday the 30th October for all to attend with a 1 person per 4 metre rule and QR check ins. Mass times at St Mary' the Immaculate Church will now once again include 6pm Saturday evening.

Saturday

6.00pm Charlestown

Sunday

8.00am Charlestown

9.30am Gateshead

Many Blessings,

Clare Paff

Religious Education Coordinator



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| Alice D- 18 th October | Faith J- 19 th October | Levi S- 24 th October | Maise D- 28 th October |
| Benjamin G- 29 th October | James J- 30 th October | Emily S- 31 st October | Anneliese W- 31 st October |
| Harrison B- 1 st November | Cora P- 2 nd November | | |

GIFTED EDUCATION NEWS

On Tuesday the 19th and Wednesday 20th October, we had a group of Stage 2 and 3 students participate in an online sharing day for their project work. Miliana D., Maisie D., Will F., Evie H., Olive W., Ruby L., Ivy M., Lily M., Remi D. and Laura S. participated in an online sharing session to share project work they have been completing during home learning. All students have engaged in either a HSIE or English extension project from the Continuity of Learning site (developed by Gifted Education teachers from the CSO) during the period of home learning.

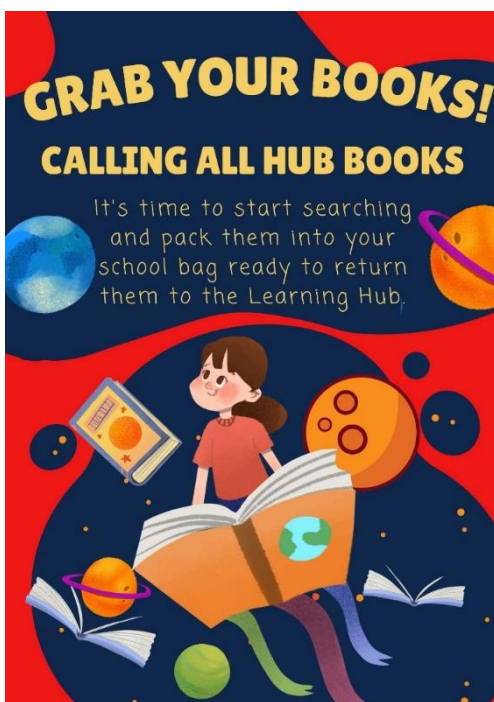
Last Tuesday and Wednesday they were able to share their projects with other students from across the diocese via a Teams meeting hosted by one of the Gifted Education team from the CSO. This was an informal opportunity for students to network and celebrate their work with likeminded peers. They were able to share some of the pages of their project, their finished product, or simply talk through their process and what they learned from completing it. They were encouraged to ask each other questions about their work.

Since all students were in different breakout rooms, I was unable to watch all their presentations. After speaking with them afterwards I know they enjoyed this opportunity and would have represented our school with great pride. Well done!



Cathy Curk
Gifted Education Mentor

HUB NEWS



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.

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Tuesday 26th Oct & Friday 29th Oct

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School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback