

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 11

Ice-blocks sold on
Monday by Stage 3

MONDAY 4th April

PUPIL FREE DAY

WEDNESDAY 6th April

**Holy Week Reflection
2pm**

THURSDAY 7th April

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

FRIDAY 8th APRIL

**Project Compassion
Fundraiser**

OUT OF UNIFORM

**Term 2 – begins on
TUESDAY 26/4**

Tuesday 26th April

**10:40am Anzac Day
Liturgy**



**ALL STUDENTS
Monday and Friday**

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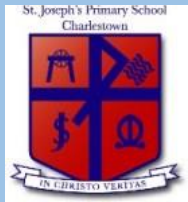
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St Joey's News

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Week 11 Monday 4th April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and unique Term 1, I take this opportunity to thank all our staff, students and families for the support and efforts to maintain continuity of learning, resilience and our St Joseph's culture of kindness, amongst all the disruptions and changes due to Covid and consequent isolations. We look forward to Term 2 with a renewed sense of hope for improved conditions, less disruptions and a continuity of rich learning.

This week we have many things to look forward to and participate in, starting with the pupil free day today. St Joseph's hosted staff from Holy Family Merewether and St Columba's Adamstown for a day of professional learning in Mathematics with guest presenter Anita Chinn. It was wonderful to see the collaboration and dialogue between our staff in the area of teaching numeracy and best practices in this area. As part of our school's Strategic Improvement Plan, improving results in numeracy across our school is a strong focus area. Staff are committed to ongoing professional learning and analysis of data to ensure positive outcomes for our students.



Tonight, we will hold our P & F AGM at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend. We have a great team of parents who volunteer their time to ensure services such as the canteen and uniform shop are maintained for our families. I sincerely thank our current P&F committee for their engagement and commitment to our school community and we welcome new members who may be interested in joining this group. Thank you to Kim Smith outgoing secretary and Anna Pearson outgoing delegate. We are grateful for all your efforts to support this group and the school.

Position	P & F Committee
President	Joshua Hartcher
Vice President	Lisa Evans
Secretary	Kim Smith (position vacant)
Treasurer	Kellie Grice
P & F Federation Delegate	Anna Pearson (position vacant)

Last week we hosted a program called “Just Like You” supported by Variety Australia, educating students about disabilities. Amy was the amazing presenter who shared her story of contracting an unidentified virus at age 16, leaving her a paraplegic. We also celebrated Autism Awareness day to acknowledge and celebrate the differences in our world. We hope to contribute to a greater understanding, empathy and acceptance of all people so that our children grow to appreciate that even though we are all different, we are the same in many ways. Thank you to Ms Ellie Ryan for organising this wonderful day for our community.



We really enjoyed spending time with families at our Kinder Open Day last week. We had 18 new families take up this opportunity to tour our school. The Kinder teachers and students were on hand to answer any questions. We were very proud of our amazing Stage 3 students who welcomed families, escorted them on tours and spent time playing with the children.



It has been great to see so many parents book in for their class teacher meetings. We value our home – school partnerships and encourage you to keep in touch with your child’s teachers throughout the year. This week scroll through our newsletter to meet our Learning Support teachers, Music specialist teacher and Teacher Librarian and Learning Support Assistants.

Dates to Remember

Cross Country – Tuesday 5th April 9am

Holy Week Reflections – Wednesday 6th April – 2pm

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – Thursday 7th April – Full Summer Uniform with black polishable shoes

Project Compassion- Friday 8st April – Out of uniform & Cake Stall – bring gold coins

P&F Easter Raffle – Friday 8th April

Last day of Term – Friday 8th April

First Day of Term 2 – Tuesday 26th April

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2023- We have had a huge amount of interest already. If you know of someone thinking about enrolling at St Joseph's please encourage them to contact the school soon, so they can secure a spot.

ANZAC Day Services

St. Joseph's will be participating in two ANZAC Day services on the 25th of April. Students are encouraged to wear their school uniform as a sign of respect and pride as they represent our school.

Dudley Service

A dawn march and service will be happening at 5:45am starting at the Dudley War Memorial. Please contact Mrs Paff clare.paff@mn.catholic.edu.au if you would like to attend.

Charlestown Service

At 10:30am the Charlestown Lions Club service will be held. Please contact Miss Heather Wozniak heather.wozniak@mn.catholic.edu.au if you wish to attend.

As we come to the close of the term, I wish you all a happy and Holy Easter. Please see below, the times for our Parish Easter services. May you find hope and joy in the resurrection and a renewed sense of faith as we enter the Easter season.

God bless,

Kate Drake

Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes

Term 1 is quickly coming to an end. We are incredibly grateful that as a learning community Covid has not impacted too much on our day-to-day business – teaching and learning. Occasionally classes have had to be split because of teacher absences and the unavailability of casual teachers, and some classes may have had several different teachers due to staff needing to isolate. However, the resilience of our students and teachers is to be commended, as everyone stepped up to the mark and did what they had to on any given day. This is why St Joseph's is such a fantastic community.

I ask that we work together to ensure we sustain the fabulous school culture at St Joseph's. I have included a reminder in this week's newsletter of our school community code of conduct.

As the current research suggests standards and expectations of the whole school community keep our children happy and safe and allow them to thrive at school.



Let's look forward to learning more in Term 2 and continue to support and assist each other in everything we do.

NAPLAN Practice Tests

Last week, Years 3 and 5 completed NAPLAN Practice Tests. These practice tests help to familiarise students and staff with the online testing environment. Thank you to Mr Faith and Ms Davis for the organisation of the practice tests. The official NAPLAN testing starts on Tuesday 10 May. There is no need to study for NAPLAN. Parents/carers often stress about their child "doing well" in NAPLAN, but remember, it is only one of many assessments that children complete across the school year.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence & Harmony Day

Thank you for supporting our celebration of cultural diversity during Harmony Week. Children enjoyed learning about all the different nationalities and backgrounds of people at St Joseph's and the contribution each group has made to our multicultural society.

School Community Code of Conduct

Alike all workplaces and sporting teams our school also has a school community code of conduct. Please find the large version attached at the end of the newsletter.

With every best wish,

Nikki Norley
Assistant Principal



NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS COORDINATOR

Holy Week is a time of Holy Waiting. We know we have something precious and beautiful, but we cannot yet see the completed picture. And so we must wait."

Holy Week

On Sunday we commence Holy Week, with the celebration of Easter in the middle Sunday of the holidays. Easter is the most significant event within the Christian tradition. At school we will stop and reflect this week upon the events of Holy Week through a **Liturgy at 2:00 this Wednesday**. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us.

Lord God,

You loved this world so much,

That you gave your one and only Son,

That we might be called your children too.

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace

Of Easter Sunday, everyday.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness

For your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon

Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace

And tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord,

Amen.



Lent and Project Compassion

On Friday the 8th April (the last Friday of the term) we will raise money to support the work of Project Compassion. The Mini Vinnies will hold a lunch time cake stall. All children are asked to wear mufti, bring a gold coin donation and also some money to spend at the stalls. We thank our Mini Vinnies and their families for their preparation and generosity in organising the stall items. We look forward to a successful event.



St Joey's Caring Group

Thank you to those who have already kindly offered to make a meal for a family in need. We will commence this program at the beginning of Term 2. From time to time many of us experience hardship of various kinds. Assistance in the form of a family meal can help to make life a little easier. If you are able to go on a roster to make a family meal, please email clare.paff@mn.catholic.edu.au.



Sacramental news

Students participating in this year's sacramental program took another step closer to becoming full members of the church last week. Students received the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament restores our relationship with God through the gift of mercy and grace. We congratulate the following students Olivia B, Alice D, Perri G, Kai R, Sophie W, Luca M, Sophie M, Ava T and Dominic P.

Easter Mass Times

Please find below the times for our Parish. [Here](#) is the link to view services at other churches in the Diocese.

Holy Thursday

Gateshead	MacKillop	St Paul's	Felton St	7.00pm	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00pm Adoration
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Good Friday

Charlestown	MacKillop	St Mary Immaculate	Milson St	10.00am (Stations of the Cross) 3.00pm (Good Friday Solemn Ceremonies)
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Redhead	MacKillop	St John Vianney Beach Rd & Hutchinson St	10.00am	Way of the Cross
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Holy Saturday

Charlestown	MacKillop	St Mary Immaculate	Milson St	6.00pm
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Easter Sunday

Charlestown	MacKillop	St Mary Immaculate	Milson St	8.00am
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Gateshead	MacKillop	St Paul's	Felton St	9.30am
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Many Blessings

Clare Paff

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

PBL and WELLBEING

For the last 2 weeks of Term 1 we are focusing on the USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS (HANDS OFF) rule on our SJC PBL matrix. In class we have been talking about the focus rule and teachers have been reinforcing this with positive feedback and regular prompts for our students to assist them to demonstrate this behaviour in all settings.

When this rule is not followed then consequences are determined to alert children that the behaviour is unacceptable, to help them to take responsibility for their behaviour in a meaningful way, and to offer them strategies to change their behaviour.

But, of course, our first step is ALWAYS to “catch” our children making positive choices. If you ever have a good news example of our students demonstrating this or any of our values at school (canteen, at school pick up etc) please let us know. We would love to hear it!

Congratulations to the following students:

PBL Awards Term 1 Week 11

BRONZE 30	SILVER 60	GOLD 90	PLATINUM 120	MEDAL 150
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LI: Use kind
words and actions
(hands off)



WELLBEING



Mindfulness Strategies for Home

Holidays are a great time to recharge and re connect but we know that not everyone can have time off during school holidays and so extra juggling is often required. Taking time to slow down and be mindful can often be a low priority on the list of things to do.

We hope that the information we have shared on mindfulness so far has encouraged you to not feel like mindfulness is another job for you to add to the list but rather ideas and a way of looking at ordinary situations in a way that can support positive and mindful thoughts.

My wish for this break is that you find something that fills you and your family's cups, no matter how small, and that you can spend some time relaxing and doing what gives you joy.

"Mindfulness is to
pay attention, on
purpose, to the
present moment."

LAURE GROSSMAN



Here a link to this calendar for Mindful March (only a month later!!!!)



At SJC we always remember our...



Happy Birthday to the following students!



Birthdays for Weeks 11, Term 2 Week 1 and the Holidays



Isla H	Dominic P	LachalN V	Ayrton G
Billie E	Sophie W	Perri G	Flynn R
Eli S	Levi G	Tajveer S	Flynn D

Feel free to get in touch with me if you have any PBL or Mindfulness questions.

karen.nolan@mn.catholic.edu.au

Have a wonderful week!

Karen Nolan

Primary Coordinator

P & F News

Thank you to our families for supporting our Easter raffle through donations of treats and the purchase of ticket. Due to the changes to many events, the raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday 8th April. Good luck to all our students.

Thank you to Fiona, Nicola, Emma and Tracy for all their work preparing the great prizes!



School Community Code of Conduct

Members of Catholic school communities in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle agree to nurture and support each other's individual growth in faith, to create communities of respect and tolerance and to engage in the promotion of peace, justice and service of others.

The School Community Code of Conduct reinforces our understanding of the rights and responsibilities each of us has in ensuring we provide an environment where our students can thrive.

Upon acceptance of enrolment and as a condition of continuing enrolment in our Catholic schools, all members of the school community are bound by this Code of Conduct. School staff must abide by the CSO's Code of Conduct for staff members available at: www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies

Students in Catholic school communities agree to:

- ▶ Model positive behaviour to other students.
- ▶ Comply with and model school values.
- ▶ Behave in a safe and responsible manner.
- ▶ Respect themselves and other members of the school community both personally and through the use of all social media technologies at all times.
- ▶ Respect our school environment.
- ▶ Actively participate in our school community.
- ▶ Support the learning of others and make the most of our educational opportunities.

Parents/Carers and volunteers in Catholic school communities agree to:

- ▶ Understand and abide by all diocesan policies, procedures and guidelines, which are available on the CSO website www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies
- ▶ Model positive behaviour to their child and all children in the school community.
- ▶ Ensure children attend school on time, every day the school is open for instruction.
- ▶ Take an active interest in their child's school and their learning and to engage positively in all aspects of their child's learning.
- ▶ Participate in the Liturgical and Faith Life community of the school including participation in all aspects of the Religious Studies program regardless of personal beliefs.
- ▶ Work in a positive manner with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child.
- ▶ Communicate constructively, respectfully and in a spirit of partnership with the school and use processes and protocols outlined in the CSO Complaints Resolution Policy documents when raising concerns.
- ▶ Communicate with their child's teacher or the Principal directly regarding any concerns about their child, other students, staff or community members.
- ▶ Reject aggressive, abusive and confrontational language and behaviour, as this is counterproductive to the sustainability of any relationship. Approaching students, community members and/or staff in a confronting manner will not be tolerated.
- ▶ Support all school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students.
- ▶ Treat all school staff, students, other members of the school community, visitors and volunteers with respect in all dealings with them both personally and through the use of all social media technologies at all times.
- ▶ Discuss with the Principal any barriers to meeting the financial obligations agreed to at the time of enrolment and seek to form an agreement with the school to meet these.
- ▶ Ensure any agreement made with the school is honoured.

MEET THE TEACHER

Meet The Teacher 2022

Ellie Ryan

Learning Support Teacher

Teaching Experience & Education

I completed a bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Teaching Degree with Honors at Newcastle University in 2009. Since then, I have taught in London, Sydney and Newcastle in mainstream and Special Education high schools and primary schools.

I enjoy being a Learning Support Teacher as it means I am able to work with every class in the school.



Class Goals for 2022

This year I will share the role with Mrs Christie who is thankfully taking care of the paperwork side of the role! This means I am able to spend

- my days running literacy and numeracy interventions, my favourite part of being a Learning Support Teacher.

I am looking forward another great year at St Joseph's Charlestown.

About Me

I am surrounded by teachers in my life, so I probably spend too much time talking about work!

I love spending time with my three nieces.

I enjoy reading, craft and cooking (if someone else washes up!).

I am always looking for new places to travel to in the school holidays!

Contact Information: elle.ryan1@mn.catholic.edu.au

MEET THE TEACHER

Amber Christie

Learning Support Teacher
(Thursdays & every 2nd Friday)

Teaching Experience & Education

I graduated from the University of Newcastle, originally as a PD/H/PE teacher before finding my passion for Special Education and doing further specialised study in this area.

I have taught at many schools in the areas of Autism, Learning Difficulties, Behaviour & Trauma.

The thing I most enjoy about my role as a Learning Support Teacher is finding new, different, exciting and fun ways for ALL students to learn & succeed.



Learning Support Goals for 2022

This year Miss Ryan & myself will be working together in the Learning Support role.

Our role at SJC is to assist staff in catering and planning for differing learning abilities within the classroom. We support students with additional needs both in the classroom and through small group intervention work.

I am looking forward to working with the teachers & parents at SJC, along with external support services to set and work towards achievable goals for your children.

About Me

I am looking forward to returning to SJC in 2022, after being on 12 months maternity leave to care for my little girl Madison.

When I'm not at school I enjoy playing and reading with Madi, taking our dog Ralphie for a walk, swimming in the pool & changing stinky nappies – NOT!

I enjoy all types of sport and love chatting to the kids about this, especially discussing the Knights good/poor performance after each weekends game.

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MEET THE TEACHER

MRS TRANTER - TEACHER LIBRARIAN



MRS TRANTER

ABOUT ME

Hello. I'm Stephanie Tranter and live on the Central Coast with my husband, 9 year old girl, 13 year old son and our cat, Lynx. I've been teaching for over 20 years and I still love it!



EDUCATION

I received a Bachelor of Education (Primary - Honours) degree from The University of Newcastle and a Master of Education (TL) from Charles Sturt University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I taught as a full time classroom teacher for many years in both Sydney and England. I have also taught teachers and teaching students while working for Newcastle University for two years. I then took the role of Teacher Librarian at St Joseph's East Maitland for over 10 years and made the wonderful move to Charlestown 4 years ago.

CHILDHOOD

I grew up with my dad and my older sister. We lived on the Central Coast and Blue Mountains. My parents, uncles and aunts are all teachers - it's in the blood.

FUN

Hobbies: beach, bush walking, swimming and reading

Food: pizza & pasta

Colour: yellow

Flower: Iris

Books: Harry Potter for my kids & historical fiction for me

MEET THE TEACHER

Meet your teacher for 2022!

Karyn Savage

Music Specialist Teacher

My Background

Welcome to what is going to be a great year! I'm looking forward to my 3rd year teaching at this wonderful school St Joseph's. How lucky am I? I will be starting the year teaching years K-6 Drama and terms 2-4 Music.

I have a diverse music and teaching background. After completing a double major in flute performance at Newcastle Conservatorium of music in 1999, I spent the following decade tutoring local students in a range of schools and private settings as well as conducting school bands and ensembles.

With a love of teaching, I completed a Masters in Primary Teaching in 2009 and I teach in a number of capacities as a classroom teacher and music and drama specialist.

I have I taught music to students in k-6 Multi Cat/special needs classes and at special needs camps and I work in a casual capacity as a classroom teacher as well.



My goals for 2022

"We can't stop the Music!" No matter what comes our way, I just know that this year we are going to make music together, act and perform and be creative in the process! We'll film our achievements and progress to share with our community, we'll get inspired and look for ways to explore our God given talents.

About Me

My husband, 3 kids and fur baby Milo enjoy walks, beach times and jogging. I love a good chat especially over a great cuppa coffee. I love that music can be that quiet place of meditation for me in the mornings and by afternoon can be the disco that gets my kids moving!



Meet our School Support Staff



Our wonderful Support Staff assist our teachers in the classroom.

Mrs Chapman -
Learning Support Assistant



Some of my favourite things: family time, netball & chocolate.

Mrs Dawson -
Learning Support Assistant



Some of my favourite things: dogs, friends, comedy & music.

Our Learning Support Assistants, work in the classrooms K-6, supporting teachers. They can work in small groups or 1:1 with students.

Mrs Hanrahan -
Learning Support Assistant



Some of my favourite things: spending time with family, hiking in the bush & having weekends away with friends.

Mrs Hines -
Learning Support Assistant



Some of my favourite things: spending time with my children, playing board games & watching movies.

Mrs McAlister -
Learning Support Assistant



Some of my favourite things: bushwalking, plants, gardening, skiing, the beach & spending time with family.



Our St Joey's school canteen needs you!

- ✓ Can you help in the canteen for 1 or 2 mornings per term? You're awesome!
- ✓ Do you have a preschool aged little one at home? No problem, bring them along!
- ✓ Would you like to spend your morning in the canteen with your bestie? Just say the word and we'll make it happen!
- ✓ How do I sign up to this wonderful opportunity? Simply fill in this form!

I would love to volunteer in the canteen!

My name is: _____

Please circle: I'm a parent I'm a grandparent

My child/children are: _____

In class/classes: _____

Preferred day/s – Please circle: Tuesday Thursday Friday

Availability – please circle: Once per term Twice per term or more ☺

Contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Thank you!! Please drop this form into the office or email to natthebatevans@gmail.com

Any questions please get in touch – Natalie Evans 0400 413 448



**Premiers'
reading
challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge opened on Monday 26th February, 2021.

Orange bookmarks with User names and Passwords will be sent home this week with all Kinder students. Any students who are new to the school this year, will receive theirs at their next Hub lesson. For any other students who wish to do the PRC and no longer have a record of their password, they need to contact me and I will retrieve it for them.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Hoffmann—PRC Coordinator



KIDS LOVE DRAMA PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!



NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 1 2022

**Our DRAMA
classes promote:**

- Self-Esteem
- Confidence
- Resilience
- Communication
- Acting Skills

**Charlestown Primary
Friday
4:15pm - 5:15pm**

**Contact Shane
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E: dramacorp@bigpond.com

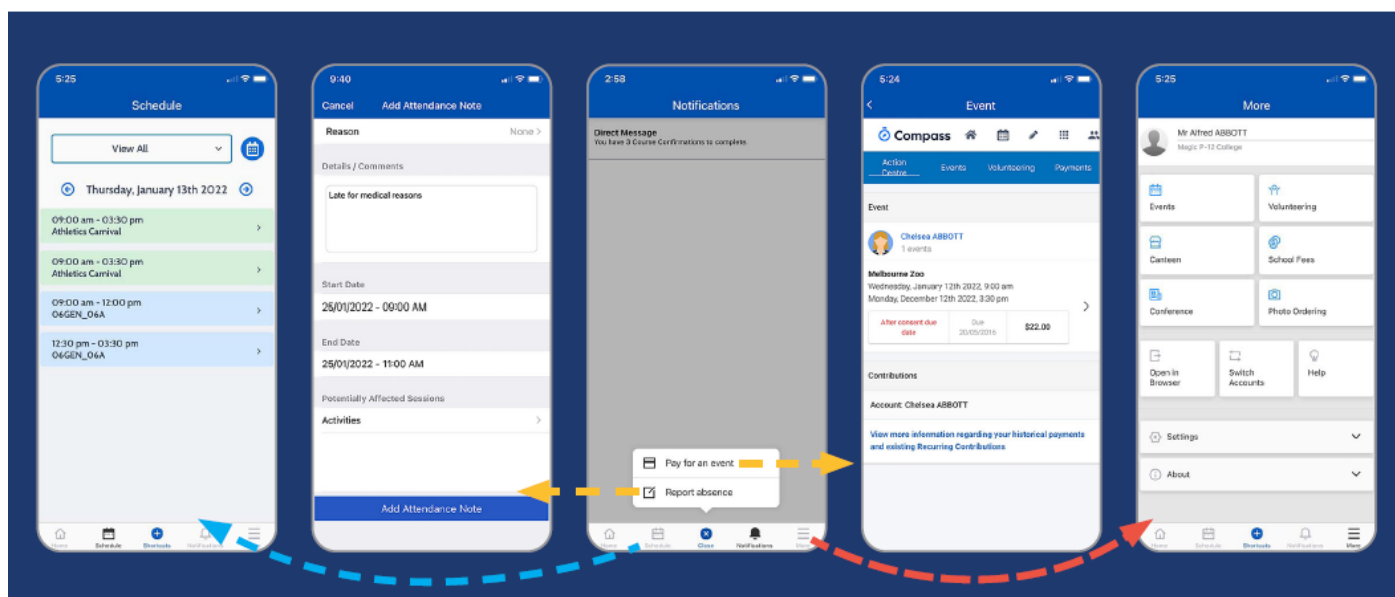
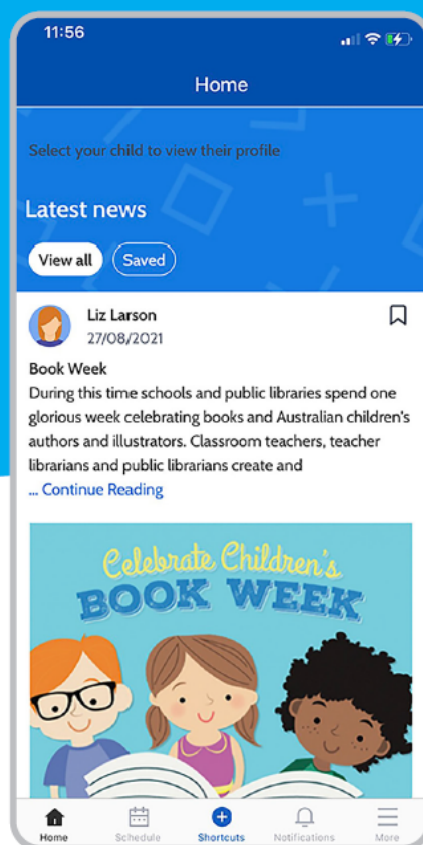
USE YOUR \$100 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER!

The latest update to the Parent App is here!

Here's a short guide on what you can expect from your new Navigation Bar.



Our team has been working on enhancing the usability and overall user experience of Compass. In an effort to make your lives just that tiny bit easier, the latest update is for you - our Parent & Carer community! Check out the new features below.



The hamburger icon that brought you to the old vertical menu has been replaced with a new horizontal navigation bar that displays key icons across the bottom of the screen - Home, Schedule, Attendance Notes, Shortcuts, Notifications and More.

The 'Shortcuts' button on the navigation bar is a new feature to give you quicker access to important actions, such as 'pay for an event' or 'report absence'. A direct route to get where you need to be!

The 'More' button on the navigation bar will take you to a similar menu as the old one. Modules will now be sorted according to which ones you use the most, allowing for a more straightforward navigation.

