

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Ice-blocks sold on  
Monday by Stage 3**

### Week 7

**P&F Meeting  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
6:30pm**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Stage 1 Incursion**

**PUPIL FREE DAY  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**



**ALL STUDENTS  
Monday and Friday**

**\*\*Newsletter will be  
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weeks\*\***

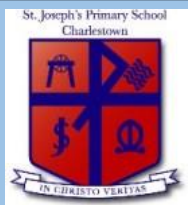
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# St Joey's News

## 'Truth in Christ'

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### Week 7 Monday 6th June 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Catholic Schools Week (CSW) liturgy and open classrooms during Week 5. Father Tony spoke to us about being in friendship with each other and with Jesus and of the partnership between home and school. We have such wonderful opportunities as parents and teachers to work together to form young people of faith who will grow into strong and hope filled people contributing to a positive world around them. At school we see this in our student's positive and kind interactions with each other and with adults, by their demonstration of respect for themselves and for all and by striving to always do their best. Last week I spoke to the students about our school values and reminded them of the expectations of behaviour, showing pride by wearing our uniform correctly and treating each other with respect and kindness. When home and school share the same messages, our children feel confident and secure, they know we are on the same page.

Thank you to our wonderful school councillors who attended the diocesan CSW liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral last week. I was proud to have these articulate and confident young people with me, representing our school with pride.



## Sport News

Congratulations to Harry B and Levi G who attended the recent Diocesan rugby trials. Levi has advanced to Polding level and will represent our diocese later in the term. Well done boys!

We are looking forward to our school athletics carnival on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please return any outstanding permission notes and pay the fee via QKR. If you can volunteer to assist on the day, please contact [emma.mcglynn@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emma.mcglynn@mn.catholic.edu.au)

## Bunnings BBQ

Huge thanks to our wonderful P & F and parent and staff volunteers who cooked, served, set up and cleaned up at the Bunnings BBQ on the weekend. It was a beautiful day and the Bennetts Green store was busy! We are hugely grateful to Anna and Darren Wadwell who organised the BBQ supplies and roster of helpers. A fantastic \$1500 was raised for our school with 850 sausages sold. Thanks to all who supported by showing up and purchasing a sandwich or two as well.



## Staff News!

Congratulations to Carolyn and Dave Trimble who welcomed a second grandchild, Louis, into their family. Also, to Sue and Michael Coull who welcomed their new granddaughter, Lucinda. We wish all these families much love and happiness with their new babies to cherish!

## Volunteers

Thank you to Brooke Sievert for the organising of the Subway lunch days. These are a great support for days when we have volunteer shortages in the canteen. We receive \$1 per sub ordered which is great, plus, the students and staff love them! We are also extremely grateful to all our canteen and uniform shop volunteers who continue to maintain these services for our SJC families. If you are a registered volunteer and can help in any way, please make contact with our coordinators:

Lindsey (uniform shop) - [chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au)

Natalie (canteen)- [natthebatevans@gmail.com](mailto:natthebatevans@gmail.com)

## Volunteering

The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) has created an online application for the volunteering process. On the volunteer site, you can find the Volunteer Handbook, and coming soon are videos that go through the Volunteers Induction. Applying through the volunteer site, results in your application going straight to the CSO, then the school gets updates once these are cleared. If you already have your WWCC and completed a paper volunteer application, there is NO need for you to reapply. If you would like to volunteer, and have not yet completed an application, please follow the link to do this online <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>

When you apply online, you will be notified whether you require a WWCC and/or police check. Please note: it can take up to 6 weeks for your application to be approved. You now only need to apply once, further applications are only required if your circumstances change e.g. change in name etc WWCC expires. Please advise the school via email when you register online and we will contact you when the clearance is received.

### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Please note we have a pupil free day booked for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Staff will be attending a faith formation day together as part of their faith accreditation to work in Catholic schools but also as a special opportunity to take time out of the classroom together to pray, reflect and nourish the soul. The school will be closed on this day and we appreciate your support in finding alternate arrangements for your children.

### Dates to Remember

**P&F Meeting** –Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30pm in the Staffroom

**Stage 1 Incursion** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June Bush Tucker with Kentan

**Queens Birthday Public Holiday** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Athletics Carnival** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**PUPIL FREE DAY** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Last day of Term** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

God bless,

Kate Drake

Principal



### NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

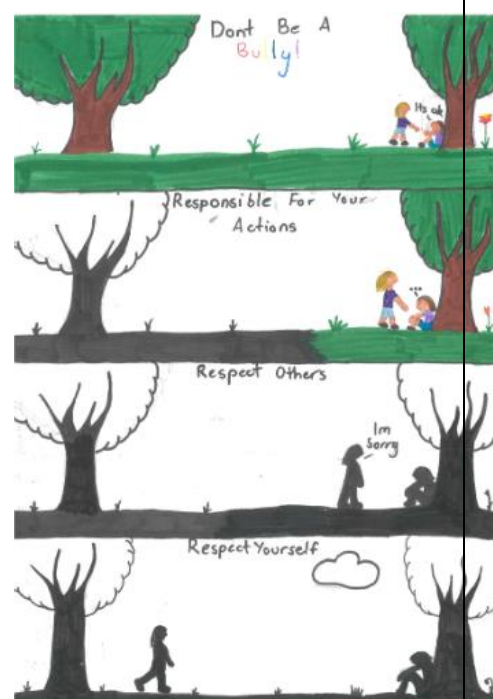
*A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes*

Dear Parents,

### A Kindness Culture at St Joseph's

One of the most important jobs as educators is to teach, model and reinforce respect, compassion, kindness and other pro-social skills. Doing so builds a school climate and culture where kids feel more connected to their teachers and one another. It leads to greater emotional health for students and teachers alike. It can also create a fundamental shift in school climate- a tipping point where bullying becomes a rarity. As research suggests, academic gains will likely follow.

You might recall completing a *Tell Them From Me* survey towards the end of 2021. Parents, Teachers and Stage 3 students were asked to participate. Our student responses indicated that they feel safe at school and their learning environment is positive. Our parent responses placed our school well above the regional mean for the way in which our school promotes and supports positive behaviours inclusivity and student safety. Teacher results overwhelmingly expressed the positive learning culture here at St Joeys. We have a lot to celebrate and recognise; our SJC values are authentically in action.



**Mikaela**

St Joseph's Primary  
School, Charlestown NSW

**Winner of the 2021 Say No To  
Bullying Poster Competition**



We ask that at home you continue to reiterate the importance of kindness over the dinner table, in the car on the way to sport and during your day- to-day conversations. Working in partnership with you is what makes our Catholic School great!

Afterall, **Kindness is contagious**- cooperative behaviour is contagious and spreads from person to person. When people benefit from kindness they “pay it forward.” Only a few weeks ago I was in the drive thru-McDonald’s line at Bennett’s Green, (a Friday breakfast treat for my kids after early morning swimming training), the car in front not realising had jumped the queue- I smiled and waved in full understanding of the busy school morning run. When I went to pay, I was told the car in front had! What a shock, but also a fantastic opportunity to model kindness to my own children. To see ‘paying it forward’ in action was wonderful, I loved watching my children turning around to wait for the reaction of surprise and a wave from the car behind. What a way to start the day!



Now in it's 9th year, this competition run by Interrelate is open to all primary schools across Australia. I am pleased to announce this year we have two Major Finalists.

Congratulations to Ava in 5/6White and Charlotte in 1 Red. This year's theme focuses on our relationships with ourselves and how that translates to our relationships with others. As Major finalist these students win a Faber Castell gift pack and books for the school library.

We will be eagerly watching the online National Winner presentation in July as a school community.

#### Office of Safeguarding

As we use an increasing number of portable devices such as laptops, iPads etc. We can also use our devices, as well as the internet, to do many tasks such as online banking, shopping etc. to make our lives easier, so it is important that we all learn how to protect our personal and sensitive information. The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) suggests the following:

- Update your devices regularly
- Activate multifactor authentication
- Back up your devices
- Set secure passphrases

You can download [the guide to personal cybersafety here](#). It is especially important for you to help your child to ensure their devices and profiles are always kept secure and safe.

With every best wish,

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

## Religious Education News

### Pentecost

On Sunday, the Church celebrated Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. The Holy Spirit was sent to Jesus' followers to strengthen them in their mission to spread the good news.

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, one of Jesus's apostles, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

We pray that like Early Church the Holy Spirit continues to renew us to live the "Good News" every day.

### Sacramental News

In the coming weeks, sacramental candidates will participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Candidates will receive this sacrament on the following dates

St Mary Immaculate Charlestown – 16 June 7.00pm

St Pauls Gateshead - 1<sup>st</sup> July 7:00pm.

For those candidates being confirmed next Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> June, there is practise this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Mary Immaculate Church Charlestown.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

*Many Blessings,  
Clare Paff*

### News from the Primary Co Ordinator

#### ICAS Tests

Each year we offer our students the opportunity to participate in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies. They are **challenging tests** that test skills and content beyond the standard curriculum, and are suitable for students wishing to **extend themselves academically** and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment.

ICAS Assessments are now online, and this year students at SJC can participate in the following subjects:

ICAS Science Yr 2 to 6

ICAS English Yr 2 to 6

ICAS Maths Yr 2 to 6

ICAS Spelling Yr 2 to 6

The cost per test: \$19.25 including GST and the tests will be held at school during August.



If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a **direct payment** to ICAS. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

**Our school access code is:** HGN230

**Your parent page link is:** <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Online payment closes 1st August 2022

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

### PDHPE Term 3

Next term as part of our *Personal Development, Health & Physical Education* (PDHPE) Key Learning Area we have once again engaged the professional dance company – Dance Fever. Dance is a key component of our PDHPE Primary curriculum. We have participated in this program many times in recent years prior to COVID and have found it highly engaging and challenging for our students.

Dance Fever provide experienced dance professionals to teach over 10 weeks of the term. The students will be engaged in a variety of lessons including Hip Hop, Fox Trot, Cha Cha, Contemporary, Cultural and Creative compositions. The lessons will culminate in an end of term performance for parents, with dates for this to be finalised.

There will be a cost per student of **\$38** for the term. Payments can now be made on QKR. We would appreciate all payments to be made by the end of the term.

We look forward again to this fun and innovative program!



### PBL

For the next 2 weeks of Term 2 we are focusing on the BEING HONEST value on our SJC PBL matrix.

Honesty can be challenging at times for children and some degree of not telling the truth is part of the developmental process. It is important to recognise this, but also look for those moments when we as adults can remind, model discuss, and reteach the value of honesty and integrity for children in various situations. It is also helpful to see honesty as not just about telling the truth but also as:

Admitting when you were wrong

Choosing not to cheat

Saying when you have had your fair share

Speaking up when something upsets you or speaking up for someone else

Saying the truth even when it not a popular or when others want it to be different

Doing the right thing- even when you didn't have to

Giving constructive feedback

Telling the whole truth, and not leaving out parts in order to hide something

Not tricking others by hiding the truth.



In class we will be talking about this focus value and teachers will be reinforcing this with positive feedback and regular prompts for our students to assist them to demonstrate this behaviour in all settings.

Congratulations to the following students:

**PBL Awards Term 2 Week 7**

<b>BRONZE 30</b>		<b>SILVER 60</b>	<b>GOLD 90</b>	<b>PLATINUM 120</b>	<b>MEDAL 150</b>
Milo W Isabelle S Leo C Callum C Jackson D Nicolas S Charlot B Jesse W Alex B	Hugo N Sofia G Ellie M Lara A Django S Hudson H Audrey P Flynn D Ana T Finn D Oscar M				



**Mud Kitchen- items still needed**

Our very popular mud kitchen is in need of some new supplies.

If you can help with any of the following (used items are perfectly fine!) that would be wonderful.

- tins
- bakeware
- metal spoons etc
- pots
- pan

Please drop items off at the office or ask your child to bring them to Ms Nolan.



*Kind regards,  
Karen Nolan*

## Aboriginal Education

What a lovely Reconciliation week we have had at St Joseph's. It was so wonderful working with some of our classes in recognising past wrongs in Australia's history and celebrating the continuing cultures of First Nations Australians. I am always amazed at how engaged our students are when learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and so proud of their empathetic nature. It truly is an honour to work with our students and share in these experiences with them.

**Save the Date!!** - Thursday 28th July - St Joseph's Charlestown NAIDOC Week celebration

Our school will celebrate NAIDOC Week in week 2 of Term 3 on Thursday 28th July. This will be a very special day bursting with activities which celebrate Aboriginal cultures across Australia. Some activities include bush tucker tasting, traditional Aboriginal dance lessons, Indigenous PE games, traditional smoking ceremony and watching and listening to the didgeridoo and traditional dance.



Families are invited to join us at school for the morning session of this very special day.

More information about this day will follow in the coming weeks.

### 10 June: Myall Creek Massacre

On this day in 1838 the Myall Creek Massacre occurred in NSW, and every year a Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Ceremony is held in its memory.

### **Aboriginal News.... For Interest Sake**

Possum skin cloaks were once very important for Aboriginal people living in south-eastern Australia. People wore them to keep warm, as the weather in winter was cold and harsh. Aboriginal people also had many other uses for their cloaks. They could be used for carrying babies, as coverings at night, or for people to be buried in. They could also be used as a drum, by rolling them up tightly with the fur on the inside.

A person would wear a possum skin cloak from a young age. Six possum skins would be sewn together for a baby to be wrapped in. As the child grew, more skins would be added to the cloak, and it would continue to be worn and become a part of that person's life. Images could be added to the cloak by making cuts in the skin and painting them with ochre (a natural clay from the earth). The images were about the owner's clan and Country. Around 40 to 70 possum skins could be used to make an adult cloak.

*Script Courtesy of 'Our Land Our Stories'*

**Danielle Shaw**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teacher**



**Happy Birthday to the following students!**

**Birthdays for Term 2 Weeks 7 and 8**



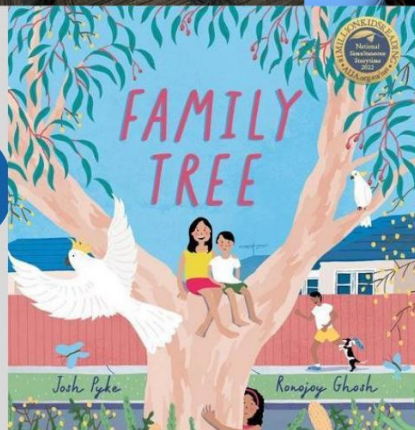
Aurora	Ana	Milo	Lachlan C
Saxon	Emilia	Callum	Kai



# From the Learning Hub

## National Simultaneous Storytime

We enjoyed taking part with National Simultaneous Storytime last Wednesday. The classes all shared *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke via video link or through their teachers and engaged in a range of activities in response to the book. This is a nationwide event that aims to have 1 million children sharing quality literature 'together'.





Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2022. Well done!

Madelyn Gibbons

Kinder

Matilda Gibbons

Year 1

Mrs Hoffmann—PRC Coordinator



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## Screen-free Saturday

Challenge your family to dedicate one day a week to turning off screens. Reducing screen time will give your kids more time to play and connect as a family.

### Tips

- Decide what 'screen free' will mean for your family.
- Be a role model for your kids – commit to the challenge too.
- Plan some screen-free activities to do together.
- Let your kids come up with their own ideas – start a new tradition.



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## Tips for Fussy Eaters: Involve your Child

- Talk to your child – what do they like? Discuss healthier options
- Involve your child in planning and preparing their lunch
- Try new foods at home before adding them to the lunchbox
- Role model how to enjoy everyday foods
- Remember, it can take a few tries to like a new food



Visit the Good for Kids website for more tips for fussy eaters.

Source: Tips For Fussy Eaters | Good for Kids, Good for Life (nsw.gov.au)

<https://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-for-fussy-eaters/>



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