



**ST JOSEPH'S CHARLESTOWN  
END OF YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS  
2022**

**MESSAGES**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful last week together filled with so many memorable events. Our End of Year Liturgy and Awards ceremony was a fitting way to end the year, giving thanks to God for the blessings of the year, the blessings of each other and for the blessings of our lives. Congratulations to all our award recipients. Please see the list below for details.

Thank you to our talented choir who attended the Parish Christmas Treasure Sale last weekend, they entertained the guests with some beautiful tunes. Thanks to Mrs Paff and their families for supporting this event.

The swimming carnival last Monday was eventful with our resilient students having a go and doing their best. It was hampered by the weather and halted by lightening leaving only the last few races to be completed by those wishing to qualify for the regional trials. Huge thanks to our amazing parent volunteers and those who braved the elements and stayed on for the last races even though their children may have finished their events for the day. We really appreciated your efforts to help us get it done! The competitors successful in advancing to the regional trials will receive information early next year about this next event.

On Tuesday night we celebrated our Year 6 students with a farewell party as they leave us and move on to high school. Thank you to our Yr 5 parent committee for decorating the venue and providing the treats and photo booth to add to the fun. Thank you to our Stage 3 teachers who have ensured Year 6 and Year 5 have a fun filled last week together. Tomorrow we will clap out our Yr 6 students under the COLA, please arrive by 2:30pm.

We also held our 'Step Up' afternoon where students could meet their teachers for 2023. Our staffing list was published in the last newsletter for your reference. This week we will say farewell to Ms Ellie Ryan one of our Learning Support Teachers. Ellie has accepted a permanent position at St Joseph's Merewether. We thank Ellie for her commitment and dedication to our school and students these past 2 years. We also farewell the following families who are leaving St Joseph's; Crane, McLennan, Weger, Gillott, and Smith. We wish you all much happiness and continued success.

Today we celebrated Christmas with our school Christmas concert. Thank you to Mrs Karyn Savage and the teachers for their preparations for this event. Mrs Savage's planning, direction and creation was outstanding, and our students showcased their many talents and shared the true message of Christmas, to spread love, peace and joy in the world. Please see below for our parish Christmas mass times and try to attend one of the celebrations during this special season with your family.





As we end the year together, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support of the school, of our volunteer services and of our school events. We are blessed with a beautiful community here at SJC! *Wishing all our students, staff and families a happy, holy and joy filled Christmas and restful holidays.*

*God Bless,*

**Kate Drake**

**Principal and SJC STAFF**

## **2022 AWARDS**

Congratulations to the recipients of 2022 Awards:

**Academic Awards:** For a student in each class who strives high and continually achieves academic growth.  
Charli C, Nyah C, Lachlan C, Will F, Mia F, Miliana D, Kobe W, Isabella C, Abigail C, Nash W, Owen K, Anna H, Zivah G, Harper D, Ellie M

**Community Builder:** For a student who consistently embodies our SJC values.

Ivy W, Sophie M, Emily J, Kobe H, Sam G, Saxon M, Harper L, Felix C, Cora P, Sonny M, Aria L, Otto G, Emily B, Kai, Emilia K

### **Year 6 Awards**

Glencore Science: Thomas C, Hugo C, Molly S,

Maths Olympiad: Daniel G, Jack B, Sybella W, Isla E, Ivy M

Creative Arts: Chelsea B

Jodie Harrison MP Award: Lily M

Pat Conroy MP Award: Hamish K

Mary MacKillop Award: Ruby L

Sportsperson of the Year: Hamish K

**PBL Awards** – Earning 150 Joeys – SCHOOL PBL MEDAL

Ivy B, Neve T, Imogen H, Keanu C, Jack G, Eden C, Harper D

### **Premiers Reading Challenge**

**Platinum 7 Years** - Jack B, Isla E

**Gold 4 Years** - Sophie W, Eli S, Ruby M, Evelyn M, Neva K, Frankie G, Samuel G, Isabella C

**Annual Completion Certificates** – Madelyn G, Emilia K, Bronte K, Ellie M, Mason W, Scarlett C, Eden C, Matilda G, Otto G, Jacob S, Adelina D, Olive H, Aria L, Jesse W, Elise C, Alice D, Jacob E, Harper L, Lauren S, Miliana D, Evie H





## YEAR 6 Leaving Families

Farewell to the following families with their last child moving to high school in 2023:

Adamson, Bennis, Bhattari, Briggs, Collison, Cummings, Evans, Feeney, Gibbs, Hopley, Huolohan, Kirkman, Lloyd, McLennan, Merrell, Mitchell (Lilly & Keesha), Paff, Rodwell, Suters, Williams (Sybella), Wynne

*We wish all our Year 6 students the very best for high school. We know you have bright futures awaiting you!*

## 2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM - CONGRATULATIONS

Councillors: Sam G, Will F, Harry S, Maisie D, Imogen H, Sienna L

Sport Captains: **Beachley** – Sophie A & Miliana D **MacKillop** – Kai D & Evelyn D  
**Bradman** – Urban B & Ivy W, **Irwin** – Matilda R & Olive W

## PARISH MASSES



# Christmas·Mass·Times

**Christmas·Eve** (Saturday 24·December) .....

**Mass·of·the·Vigil** ..... 5.30pm ..... **St·Mary·Immaculate, Charlestown** .....

**Mass·during·the·Night** ..... 8.30pm → ..... **St·Paul's, Gateshead**

**Christmas·Day** (Sunday 25·December) .....

**Mass·during·the·Day** ..... 8.00am ..... **St·Mary·Immaculate, Charlestown** .....

**Mass·During·the·Day** → → ... 9.30am → → → **St·Paul's, Gateshead**

## TERM 1 DATES

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Students in Year 1-6 return

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Kindergarten start

