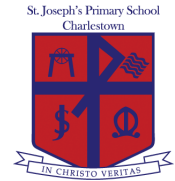


SJC WELCOME MEMO



31st January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our 2023 school year. I trust you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations and I hope you all had time to rest and recharge for another wonderful year together. It was so lovely to see our students walking through the gates this morning with happy smiles and greetings. They were excited to see all the changes that have happened to the school while they have been away.

We have had the following projects completed: new roofs to 2 buildings, refurbishment to Kinder and Yr 5/6BR, landscaping of new playground, new signage so you won't get lost and returfing of the bottom oval. I take this opportunity to give enormous thanks to our Building Project Officer, Bruce Holland, Builders and contractors from Killalea Constructions and David Hunter landscaping. It was like an episode from the reno show 'The Block' on Monday with so many contractors and trades on site, including removalists to complete the jobs in time for the students' return. We have a few small jobs still to complete including the outdoor learning space between Kinder and Year 1. But overall, everything is looking great, and staff and students feel we have been transformed!

We look forward to meeting our 2023 Kinder students for their first day of school on Thursday. A special welcome to our new families and students joining us in Kindergarten and other grades this year. We have 26 new families joining us in Kinder and 14 Kinders of siblings. We are so excited to welcome you to our school family. We also welcome 10 new students in other grades across the school. I trust you will find us a welcoming, faith filled, learning community where your children will flourish.

Welcome New Families

New Kinder Families: Anieto, Barrett, Busbridge, Cook, Crow, Delore, Drake, Evans, Kenna, Kouril, Lee, McLachlan, Merlin, Morton, Noonan, Piper, Resende, Rickard, Risteski, Smith, Smith, Spinks, Swane, Tong, Vanderlight, Vogel

New Families to Other Grades:

Crossingham, Franklin, Hanson, Long, Lovett, Ogni, Spinks,

STAFFING

Welcome back to all our staff who have been busily preparing for the term ahead. This year we welcome new members to our team; Anne Turner as our EAL/D teacher and Isabelle Peacock taking on a full-time temporary role in Yr 2 Red. We welcome back Kyla Flanagan and Kate Papworth returning from maternity leave into a job share in 5/6 Red. We also welcome Georgina Cairns to the role of Gifted Education Mentor (GEM). We are currently recruiting for a Learning Support Teacher to work in job share with Amber Christie, and a Canteen Officer to take up a paid position to run our school canteen. Both these positions will be filled in the coming weeks.

STAFFING 2023

CLASS	Teacher/s
Kinder Red	Angela Foxon
Kinder Blue	Karen Nolan & Catherine Schumacher
Year 1 Red	Sue Woodward & Angela Shaw
Year 1 Blue	Heather Wozniak
Year 2 Red	Isabelle Peacock
Year 2 Blue	Brydie Houlahan
Year 3 Red	Clare Paff & Mark Faith
Year 3/4 Blue	Nikki Norley & Michelle Turner
Year 4 Red	Issac Fox
Year 5/6 Red	Kyla Flanagan & Kate Papworth
Year 5/6 Blue	Kathryn Hill & Kate Linklater
Year 5/6 White	Natalie Davis & Mark Faith

Administration Officer – Amale Yi

Clerical Assistant – Kylie Solway

Principal: Kate Drake

Assistant Principal – Nikki Norley

Religious Education Coordinator – Clare Paff

Primary Coordinator – Kathryn Hill

Teacher Librarian – Stephanie Tranter

Library Assistant – Donna Hoffman

Gifted Education Mentor – Georgina Cairns

Pedagogical Mentors – Kathryn Hill & Karen Nolan

Learning Support Teacher – Amber Christie & TBC

Learning Support Assistants –Cheree Chapman, Lynne Dawson, Teresa Hanrahan, Patricia Hines, Kim McAlister, Sophie Perkins, Jessica Pelley

Specialist Music Teacher – Karyn Savage

EAL/D Teacher – Anne Turner

Aboriginal Torres Strait Island Teacher – Danielle Shaw

School Psychologist – Gayna Turner

Pastoral Care Worker – Maree Holmgreen

Specialist Band Teacher – Bryn Wilson-Kellaway

Grounds person – Craig Davies

Canteen Officer - TBC

CANTEEN

Our CANTEEN will be closed for the first 2 weeks until our recruitment drive is completed. We will notify you of the new opening date for this service as soon as possible. We will still require parent/grandparent volunteers to assist in the canteen.

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to become a school volunteer this year for the canteen or events, sport carnivals, excursions etc and have not already applied to volunteer through our Diocesan Child Protection Services please start the process to be cleared to assist. We love to see our parents helping out and so do the students. Please follow the link here: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>

UNIFORM

It is lovely to see our students returned in correct school uniform, showing pride in our school and respect for the school expectations. Black polishable shoes are to be worn on Tues/Wed/Thurs, with the summer uniform. Sports uniform on Monday and Friday. School hats need to be worn on all days at break and sport times ensuring our Sun Safe policy is followed. All students with shoulder length hair need to have it tied up. School coloured hair accessories only please. Jewellery is to be minimal with only sleepers or studs worn at school. Please remember to label all items of clothing and belongings such as lunch and drink containers.

Our uniform shop is run by an amazing group of parent volunteers, and I thank them for their preparations and time supporting this service to our school. This week the shop, located under the COLA, is open the following times:

Monday 30/1 9:30-11:30am

Tuesday 31/1 – Friday 3/2 8:30-9:30am

From Week 3 the uniform shop will be open each Monday and Friday 8:45-9:15am.

Uniforms can also be ordered online via the QKR app and sent home with students. Enquiries can be emailed to chl.uniformshop@mn.catholic.edu.au

COMMUNICATION

We have many events planned for the year and you can find regular information in our fortnightly newsletter, Compass Community Calendar and student profile pages. Each class will also have their own reminders and communication via SEESAW or Teams. Please regularly check these apps for important information.

We value positive parent school partnerships and encourage you to make contact with your class teacher if you have any questions, concerns or praise. An email or phone call to set up a time to meet is preferred as teachers have duties before and after school. **Please allow 48 hours for a teacher response to a non-urgent query and they will be answered in work hours. Please refrain from emailing staff out of hours.**

We will host parent teacher interviews to check in later in the term, please see dates below. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

If you have questions about the canteen, fees or events etc please contact the school office via email admin@charlestown.catholic.edu.au or phone 4943 5414.

IMPORTANT DATES for your diaries:

15th Feb – Whole School Beginning of the Year Mass at St Mary Immaculate Church – Milson St Charlestown – 9:30am

1st Mar – Family Welcome BBQ 5:30pm-7:30pm

7th Mar – School Photo Day

13th Mar – 17th Mar – Parent Teacher Meetings

6th April – Pupil Free Day – ADVANCED NOTICE

SCHOOL BAND

Our band lessons will resume Wednesday 1st Feb. 8:15-8:50am. Any child in Year 3-6 interested in joining the band this year can get a registration form from the school office. For more information parents can contact Band instructor, Bryn Wilson-Kellaway via email: thebrynwk@gmail.com

OOSH SERVICES

The before and after school care at St Joseph's is provided by St Nicholas OOSH, Diocese of Maitland Newcastle. Open from 7am-8:30am and 3:00pm-6:00pm.

Please note - School supervision begins at 8:25am and finishes at 3:15pm

Please contact Taylor for further information.

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REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our swim team representing St Joseph's at the Lakes Region Carnival, on Monday 13th Feb at Lambton Pool. The names of students who met the regional qualifying times and were the fastest 3 swimmers in **each event** (not individual heats) were posted on Compass today. More information will follow this week regarding specific events, permissions, and spectators. Thank you to Ms Natalie Davis for organising our team for this event.

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Notes for tryouts at the Regional Winter Sports trials for hockey, netball, soccer and league were handed out to all Stage 3 students today. The process involves students trialling at several levels in an attempt to be selected in Polding (Northern NSW Catholic School) representative teams which attend PSSA State Carnivals.

If interested and you consider your child to have *exceptional talent* in one of the above sports, you may nominate your child for the trials via the written nomination form on the back of this note.

Important information includes present club, outstanding achievements and current representative honours.

Written applications must be forwarded to the school no later than Friday 10th February.

Please send written applications in an envelope marked "Mrs Davis, Sport Trials".

SPANISH CLUB – AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM Wednesdays 3:00-3:45pm

If you are interested in your child learning SPANISH after school we are offering the services of Fun Languages Club. Creative Kids vouchers can be used. Please contact Audrey on 0477 123 353
Audrey.nys@lcfclubs.com.au

Please keep in touch throughout the term, volunteer where possible and attend any events that you can. Encourage your children to always do their best, to follow and embrace our school values and to speak up for themselves and others. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance and then myself if needed. We encourage positive home school partnerships and strive to work with you to support your children as they learn and grow.

May God bless us all as we enter into this new school year together.

Kate Drake
Principal