

Tuesday 23 February 2021

NEWSLETTER



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# **Coming Events**

# FEBRUARY

- **THIS WEEK** MAI results to parents (1-6)
- Best Start & MAI reporting to Kindergarten parents.
- Wednesday 24
   S2 (am) & S3 (pm) Field Trip to Mountain Blue Farms. Zone Winter Sports Trials
- Friday 26 Assembly
- Diocesan Swimming, M'bah
- Saturday 27 Kindergarten Get together, Summerland Farm, 9:30am-11:30am.

#### MARCH

- Tuesday 2 Incitare, selected Year 6 students, Tullera. Wednesday 3 Confirmation Information Night, 6pm,
- . staffroom.
- Sunday 7 Clean Up Australia Day, JOIN US PLEASE .
- Friday 12 Diocesan Winter Sports Trials, Grafton. (back-up dates 19 & 26 March)
- Tuesday 16 Parish School Forum (PSF) meeting, 7pm, staffroom.
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- Wednesday 17- St Patrick's Day Friday 19 Beginning School Mass (St Joseph's Feast Day) & Year 6 receive Leadership badges
- Monday 22 All levies and Term 1 School Fees DUE. .
- Tuesday 23 School Photos Friday 26 - Staff Development Day (SDD) - Pupil Free
- Thursday 25 NAPLAN practice Monday 29 Stations of the Cross, 9:30am & 7:00pm
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- APRIL Thursday 1 Last day of Term •
- Friday 2 Good Friday
- Sunday 4 Easter Monday 19 Staff
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- **Development Day Pupil Free** . Tuesday 20 - Term 2 Students return
- Sunday 25 ANZAC Day MAY
- Monday 3 Confirmation .
- Wednesday 5 Staff Development Day Proclaim, Pupil Free.

JUNE Monday 14 Term 2 School Fees DUE 11 Perry Street Alstonville NSW 2477 (PO Box 265) Phone: 02 6628 1009 www.alstplism.catholic.edu.au

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WEEK 5

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# Messages from the Principal

Dear Parents,

# Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 7 March from 9:30am

You can join in by:

- Coming along to Elizabeth Brown Park about 9:30am on the Sunday.
  - Come along wearing covered shoes, bring a pair of gloves and wear a hat.
  - Sunscreen and mosquito spray are good to apply before attending.
  - Rotary supply the bags for collection and we spread to different areas around town to collect rubbish.
  - Rotary then provides a BBQ for all the helpers at 11am at the park. BYO water bottles.
- You can help teach your child respect for our land. (Part of our Kicklt focus in Term 1.)
- We would LOVE to see as many helpers as possible there on the day.

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, would like to advise you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013. A note with further information is attached to this newsletter.

#### **ANXIFTY**

When dealing with young people in schools we often hear parents say that their child is anxious. This regular labelling probably needs a 'rethink' to ensure we are supporting children in a positive way. I offer words from local Clinical Psychologist, Claire Alley.....

"Feeling anxious is a normal human reaction to a situation that is perceived as fearful. Everyone experiences this feeling from time to time. However, when a person has anxiety, this indicates a persistent fear that is excessive in relation to the anticipated situation which impacts their level of functioning, and typically lasts in excess of 6 months. This level of anxiety can indicate an anxiety disorder. One feature of anxiety is avoidance of feared situations which reinforces the anxiety. Confronting fears in a structured way is a key to treatment. Seeking professional help by contacting your GP is important if you are concerned about how anxiety may be impacting your child."

Claire Alley

Clinical Psychologist

BPsych (Hons), MPsych(Clin), Member APS

All of us can become anxious about something - a job interview, driving someone else's car, meeting new people, money worries - but it is how we deal with these things that we see the learning

We all have worries. Worries left unaddressed can become big and bigger. When the worries cause us to be unable to do something like go to work, eat, make clear decisions - then we need to seek help. But worries about a character in a book, how will I get home if mum is late, I forgot my lunch, I don't know what my teacher means - these are only worries and should ALWAYS be treated as opportunities.... Can we problem solve that? What could we do? List the ideas you have? These are all positive ways we can handle the worry.

And as Claire suggests, seek help from a professional if you need help.

#### ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK

This week our Kinder parents have the opportunity for feedback on their child's assessments at the beginning of the year.

All Years 1-6 should receive information about their child's Maths Assessment Interview (M.A.I.) results this week too.



#### Acknowledgement to Country

Jingi Walla ( Jin-gee-wah-la ) Hello… As we journey on this land of the Bundjalung Nation on which St Joseph's stands, we pay our respects to the Elders - both the past, present and emerging leaders of the Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge and respect their culture, their heritage and their beliefs as stewards of the land, sea, the earth and heavens, animals and vegetation.

Rock art by students of St Joseph's as part of our Reading, Writing & Arts Festival, Photo: Daniel Prentice



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#### NAPLAN

The online practice for NAPLAN is drawing close - Thursday, 25 March. If you have a child in Years 3 or 5, they will be participating in this trial. The trial is NOT a test. It is run just to see if our school can manage the online tests with the number of computers required, safely managing student log-ons and giving students an opportunity to see how the test runs later in the year. Please do not stress your children about this practice.

#### CAR DROP OFF & PICK UP

Please remember that drop off and pick up are just that - only the children should be alighting or getting into the car, the drivers must stay in the car at all times. We have a number of children who are going to the rear of the car to open the back and put bags in. Please do not allow this to happen. There is a safety issue with the child being behind your car.

Safety Door - If you have children to trying to get in or out on the road side of the car please work out a plan to stop this from happening. Having children exposed on the roadside defeats the safety we try to build in this area.

#### New Sign In Procedure- Who's On Location

As mentioned at last week's Parent Information Night, we are shortly to begin a new sign in procedure. The Catholic Schools Office has provided all school's with the **Who's On Location** sign in.

It is compulsory that all visitors to our site must sign in on arrival and sign out on departure. Unfortunately for some schools, this procedure was not being followed and put the schools at risk of breaching not only their Covid safety plans but WH&S guidelines.

This new procedure gives all those signing into school a few options:

- Sign in using the provided QR code. This will be displayed outside the door for ease of access. At this stage, upon completion, you still need to also grab a nametag.
- Sign in using the ipad provided in the foyer. Grab a nametag and proceed into the area of school you are booked for.
- If you cannot manage this sign in on your own, please ask for the office staff to assist you.
- There is also a facility to sign in people prior to their arrival if they have a booking e.g. parent meeting, regular attendee at Canteen, etc. This feature will NOT be turned on until we get used to the first steps.
- Once this system is up and functioning we will be able to welcome parents back as helpers. However, the parents helping
  must have an arrangement with the class teachers. You cannot just decide to come in and help out it must be organised
  in advance. We hope this can then allow us to manage numbers to meet Covid restrictions. We hope this might begin in
  Week 6. Stay tuned!

This week we will begin trialling Who's On Location to iron out any problems. Please watch out for updates about this.

#### **Covid Restrictions**

We still have restricted entry to school. Please don't just walk in the back gates in the morning. Schools are given these guidelines to follow and we believe we are doing a terrific job here at Joeys.

The same restrictions apply to swimming carnivals, Zone Winter Sports trials, etc. If you see others not following the clear guidelines, please do not follow them. Every school has been charged with ensuring all our families are aware of and are following all the guidelines, for the safety of all.

We know we are Covid free in our area but sadly this can change very quickly so please stay vigilant. You are doing a terrific job following the guidelines if your child is unwell. Thank you for your support with this aspect!

#### **Drones at School**

We were very fortunate to be able to host shemaps.com at school last week. Stage 3 students had the opportunity to learn about responsible drone use and the many ways drones can be utilised.



#### Want to find out about private Piano lessons given at St Joseph's?

This Friday at Assembly, Tipitina Music will be giving a demonstration to our students. Students can learn Piano from Tipitina right here at school during the day. If your child has been asking about this please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for contact details. All other musical instrument lessons are given by Mark Earl through Musicorp. Information for this is also available in the office.

#### **REMINDERS:**

- ICT Acceptable User Agreements Students who have not returned their signed agreement will not be able to access computers.
- Stage 2 & Stage 3 STEM Field Trip is TOMORROW. Permission notes (including Health Note) and payments are past due. Copies can be found on the school website News & Notes/Recent Notes tab. Students will still be able to order their lunches from the school canteen on this day if they wish.
- **Kinder Get Together** This Saturday, 27 February, at Summerland Farm from 9:30am 11:30am. Bring some morning tea, a hat, sunscreen, a towel and a change of clothes or swimmers. Thank you to ES1 Parent Rep., Monica Hodge for organising this for Kindergarten.

# Mr James Farr

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#### Ash Wednesday

**Assistant Principal - Mission** 

Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy was a special moment. I believe children's prayers are the strongest, but to be part of the St Joeys community during Ash Wednesday lead me to a memorable space. The music, imagery and reverence combined to make this Ash Wednesday a moving moment. Thank you staff for always stepping up to lend a hand and living your faith with the children. Your example certainly makes a difference and teaches the children the importance of our gift of faith. I'll let Annabelle and Maya from Stage 1 describe the liturgy in verse:



Black room with a picture on the board. Burnt trees and a light sprout growing up. Gentle like Jesus. Sprinkling light bits of ash, Dropping on my head. Magic music in my ears. The dark wooden shiny cross Jesus gently carried. The loving prayers the school said. Sparkling purple prayer cloth. Loving hands to make a prayer to our loving Lord. Friends who will always be friends. God please help people with problems. Today is Ash Wednesday.





A soft light hitting me as I feel the gentle sprinkle of ash fall on my head touching my spirit.

Listening to the music as it vibrates in my head.

The big heavy cross is carried across the room.

A screen showing people who live in poor countries that need help.

Amazing prayers blowing my mind. I was celebrating Ash Wednesday.



After our liturgy, Mrs Rowling spoke to us about Caritas Project Compassion. We watched a video about who our fundraising and donations will help and how. Project Compassion boxes were then given to all students to support these efforts at home.

#### Stations of the Cross

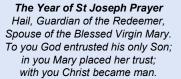
On Monday, 29 March, St Joseph's will coordinate the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us. We can pray the Stations of the Cross (also known as the Way of the Cross) at any time, but it is a Holy Week tradition to pray them as a Parish. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in our church at 9:30am and then 7:00pm for the Parish.

#### St Joseph's Opening School Mass

On Friday, 19 March, we will celebrate the beginning of our school year and the Feast of St Joseph.

2021 is the Year of St Joseph, which is particularly pertinent as we all belong to a Josephite school. The Stage 3 children will receive their badges, as they assume their senior leadership roles with the school. Our mass will also acknowledge the bicentenary of the first Catholic school established in Parramatta in October 1820. Over 200 years, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest provider of schooling in Australia (outside government) with one in five school age students

attending a Catholic school. This represents some 768,000 students in 1,751 schools across the country employing 98,000 teachers and staff. Let's celebrate the gift Catholic schools have been to Australia. Let's acknowledge all the religious, clergy and lay people whose good works and commitment have made Catholic education the jewel in the crown of contemporary education.



Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

#### **Caritas Water Olympics**

Thursday, 1 April, Stage 3 will lead the school in the Caritas Water Olympics to raise awareness of the importance of clean fresh water in underdeveloped countries. Our fundraising will particularly focus on safe drinking water and hygiene. Often forgotten in our daily lives, access to clean water is a matter of life and death in poorer communities. Children are invited to wear casual clothes and donate a gold coin to Caritas. In addition, Stage 3 will also be selling ice blocks and running activity stalls for the younger grades. These activities will cost a silver coin donation to take part. We are hoping to raise enough funds to help underprivileged communities to build 8 safe toilets. So bring your coins and Dig Deep for Dunnies! Activities include:

Balancing Water Buckets Water & Spoon Race Plastic Bag Soccer Toilet Toss, plus much more!

More information will be forwarded during the coming weeks.



#### SPORT NEWS with Miss Linsey MacDonald

#### **Diocesan Swimming**

Good luck to our swimmers, Claudia Barnes and Zeke Kubils, who are competing at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday at Murwillumbah. We wish them all the best.

#### **Richmond Zone Winter Sports Trials**

Good luck to the following students who are trialling tomorrow after school:
Hockey (boys): James Christmas,
Football (boys): Kurtleigh Dhere, Bailey Titcume, Van Mitchell, Lukas Ryan, Hudson McGarry, Feliks Ryzak, Kai Kubils,
Football (girls): Eva Crook, Nikola Ryan, Verity Paulsen,
Rugby Union: Harrison Elmsly, Miller Layland, Jeremy Lutze, Joseph Shelley, Fergus Woolley.
Rugby League: Jasiah Murgha.
Netball: Claudia Barnes, Bella Duncan.
Online registrations and \$10 payment to school were due on Monday.



Library classes are well underway for 2021. Please help us make this an enjoyable time by reminding students to bring their library bag and books on their scheduled library day.

Kindergarten -	Thursday
Stage 1 -	Monday
Stage 2 -	Friday
Stage 3 -	Friday

The library continues to be a hub of activity before school and at lunchtimes. Before school students can pop in for some quiet reading or just to relax before school. Every lunchtime the library is open for students to join in a myriad of activities. The Maker Space is open again this year for tinkering and creating. Students may also borrow and return books during these times (especially handy if they have missed their scheduled library class).

#### **TRISTAN BANCKS & STORYBOARD WORKSHOP**

It was all action stations in the library last week with a visit from Byron Writers Festival StoryBoard and Tristan Bancks. Tristan joined us last year in our Reading, Writing, Arts Festival, when he worked with students from across the school. Tuesday's workshop was with a group of students from Stage 2 and 3 where we delved deeper into the writing experience.

Tristan read us some of his current work in progress "Cop and Robber" and his soon to be released "Ginger Meggs". Did you know Tristan's great uncle was the creator of the Ginger Meggs cartoon? He has reprised the character in some all new adventures and was delighted to share the new book with us.

Students were immersed in the writing experience - drawing on their own experiences and using favourite lines from books from our library for inspiration. They created their own amazing stories in the transformed library and inside teepees (sadly the inclement weather prevented us from writing outside).

Tristan was truly impressed by the levels of creativity and maturity our students displayed! "Thanks so much. It was a great day and ... Looking forward to returning. The kids were brilliant."

Thanks to StoryBoard and Tristan for helping us share the love of reading and writing in our school. Hopefully we will have more experiences like this in the future!



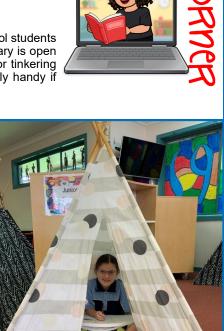


StoryBoard provided eepees for students which Tyler enjoyed











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#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

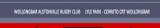
School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife on Tuesday 23 March. Whilst an order envelope will be distributed next week, it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Please refer to the email sent last week with further information and detailing payment options, including NEW LatitudePay which allows payment by installment.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can placed securely vancedlife.com.au using online our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code:

FVN BRY PY4 Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to: enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

#### WAR RUGBY SIGN ON & INFORMATION DAY





4:00pm—5:30pm Saturday 27th February 2021 un Activities for the Kids Free Sausage Sizzle Meet the Coache Assistance with Rugby Xplorer Sign-On Under 6's to Under 16's New Players Always Welcome

# COME TRY NETBALL

Coastal Cruisers Netball Club in Ballina are hosting Come and Try Netball Sessions for people interested in playing netball or Tuesday 2 March 2021 **4pm to 5:30pm** Ballina Netball Courts Owen Street Ballina. All Ages Welcome Boys and Girls Welcome Coastal Cruisers have flexible payment options for fees and accept the Active Kids Voucher coastalcruisersnetball@

# FREE "COME & TRY IT" SESSION LYLE PARK WOLLONGBAR 27<sup>™</sup> FEB 4

**TRY RUGBYTOTS** 

FUN NON-CONTACT EXERCISE FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 2 – 6 years

# CANTEEN

#### SUSHI DAY THIS WEDNESDAY

Large rolls - \$3.50 Mini rolls - \$2.50

Chicken teriyaki roll - add cucumber (optional) Tuna and mayo roll - add cucumber (optional) Cucumber roll

#### Teriyaki chicken and rice bento box (served hot) - \$4.50

After a year long hiatus (thanks to Covid), sushi is back in the canteen. All sush is handmade in the canteen, on sushi day. The large roll is the size of a shop bought, standard sushi roll.

Sushi is only available on Wednesday, during week 5, 7 and 9 and will be advertised in the newsletter.



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The following children have celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter: Hugo McCall, Ethan Thompson, Maddie Egan, Eva Munday, Levi Martinez & Hugo Reilly HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL OF US AT JOEYS



# Collection Notice for parents/guardians 2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) would like to advise you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth).

The school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (excluding student names)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

Your child's school generates a unique and unidentifiable record number for each student record. The number is only used by the school for this collection. It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose. The number indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

## Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to the costs of schooling.

From 2020, a new measure of capacity to contribute, the Direct Measure of Income (DMI), was introduced. The DMI is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school using data collected through the Collection. More information about the DMI can be found at <u>https://www.education.gov.au/what-direct-measure-income</u>.

## Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the Australian Education Act 2013 and Australian Education Regulation 2013.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information about MADIP can be found on the <u>MADIP page</u> on the ABS website.
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's submission to the Collection. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information held by the school and will not use the information for any other purpose
- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

The department's privacy policy can be found at www.dese.gov.au and includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The report is being updated, and will be available in 2021 on the <u>SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page</u>. The current version is available at <u>https://docs.education.gov.au/node/51436</u>.

## What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department; however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

# Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page.