



The Evangelist

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Term 3 Week 1

Wednesday 22nd July 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing their margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen

(Written by Rev. Dr. William J Barber.)



Welcome back to
TERM 3

It was wonderful to see our children return for the start of Term 3. We hope, that during these uncertain times and ongoing physical distancing restrictions that the children and their families were able to enjoy some fun and or restful holiday activities together.

All parents and carers should have received the Semester One reports which were sent home at the end of Term 2. The parent / teacher teleconferences will take place starting next week (week 2). This conference is an opportunity for parents / carers to discuss the report and the progress and achievements of their child with the teacher.

Please note that your child's teacher will phone you at the time you specified on the online booking form. As previously instructed have your phone near you 5 minutes prior to your appointment is due to start. Teachers may be calling from numbers without any caller ID (silent numbers.) If you were unable to make an online booking you are asked to contact Mrs Cremona at the office (9854 3200) and she will be able to assist you. Online bookings remain open until Thursday 23/7/2020.



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As you would be aware from the day-to-day government, health service and media reports the State of NSW is in a precarious position in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although at this point in time we are fairing much better than our neighbours in Victoria, we cannot become complacent; we cannot let our guard down. It will be through working together, supporting one another that we will avert this deadly virus. With this resolve in mind St John's will continue to adhere to the safe health practices recommended by the chief NSW health minister, Dr Kerry Chant.

Our prime responsibility is to ensure that our community, our students and staff have a clean and safe working environment that complies with a very high standard of COVID-19 safe health practices. The school protocols and health regime that we implemented at the end of Term One will continue for the foreseeable future.

These include:

- Students continue handwashing routines
- Students and staff remain at home if unwell. Seek a COVID-19 test if needed
- Temperature checks only taken if deemed necessary
- Devices cleaned every morning with antiseptic wipes
- Staff / adults maintain social distancing
- Visitors restricted onsite
- Work spaces (staff and student's) cleaned with products that are provided
- Drop off and pick up areas (A – K) – (L – Z) maintained. ***Change over, please note that this term L – Z students are to be dropped off and picked up at top gate (Parish Car park) and A – K front gate, McCulloch Street pedestrian entrance. Commencing Monday 27th July 2020.***
- Parents / carers maintain social distancing when near school site
- Windows and doors to be opened to allow fresh air into classrooms
- Students to bring water bottles to school each day. Bubblers will not be accessible.

Working respectfully in partnership with each other and showing support for every member in our learning community, I have no doubt that we will get through this difficult and most challenging time together.

2021 EARLY STAGE ONE ENROLMENTS

Although delayed this year, due to COVID-19, St John's enrolment process for Early Stage 1 for 2021 has started. To date 13 new families have lodged enrolment applications. Interviews (adhering to physical distancing protocols) will commence in August. If you have a child ready to commence school next year, please call the office and Mrs Cremona will start the process for you. If you have neighbours or friends of school age children please invite them to contact the school and we can arrange to start the enrolment process for them.

I am pleased to advise that the renovation of the administration block is now complete and fully operational. The staff car park is finished and is being utilised. We are now in the process of changing and / or updating the signage and line markings around the school. As the restrictions (in response to COVID –19) at St John's learning community relax an information sheet will be sent home advising of new arrangements for more community engagement.

God Bless Patricia



EARLY STAGE 1



We can use our hands, our heart and our voice to serve God!

In Early Stage One, we have been learning about how Jesus shows kindness to others. We have learned that we can use our hands, hearts and voices to spread the word of God and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Here are some of our ideas and examples of us showing kindness like Jesus.



Pray to God



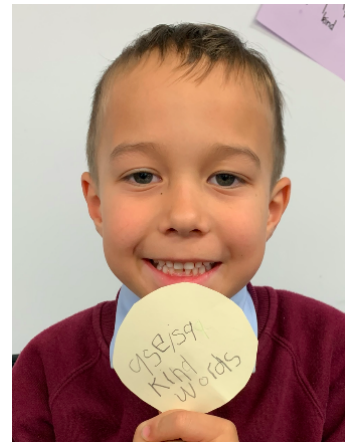
Help Others



Love God's Creations



Love Family



Use Kind Words

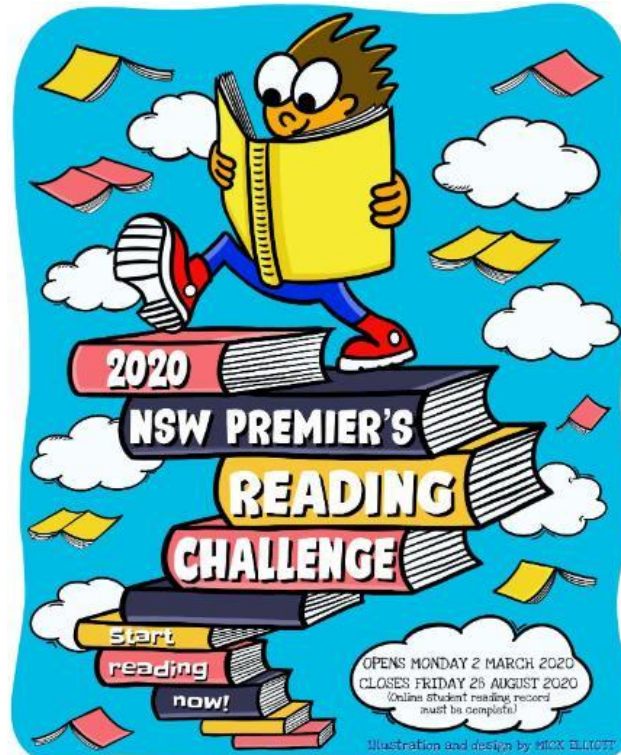


Talk to God while Praying





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www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**OVERDUE
BOOKS NEED TO
BE RETURNED
ASAP**

**Back to the
LIBRARY!**



PLEASE!

Mrs Abbott



REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child needs to be administered medication at school (this includes any over the counter medications/creams), Parents/Carers are required to complete a '**Request to Administer Medication at School**' form completed and signed by the prescribing doctor (or a separate letter from the doctor can be submitted to the school office. The letter must state the child's name, class, type of medication, dose and the time it needs to be administered and be signed and dated by the doctor.

All medication must be in it's original labelled container.

'Request to Administer Medication at School' forms can be collected from the school office or can be downloaded from our website.

**PARENTS/CARERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL
MEDICATION IS KEPT IN DATE AND THE OFFICE HAS A READY
SUPPLY AT ALL TIMES**

Thank you for your continued support

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SCHOOL OPAL CARDS FOR BUS TRAVEL

**ALL STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL BY BUS
ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID OPAL CARD**



(either a School or Child/Youth Opal Card)

Please remind your child/children to

TAP ON and TAP OFF



every time they get on and off the bus

For more information and to apply for a School Opal Card call 131 500 or apply online at www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/



**REMINDER THAT PARENTS/CARERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO
PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK OR WALK THROUGH THE STAFF
CAR PARK WHEN THEY DROP OFF OR PICK UP THEIR
CHILD/CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.**

*THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS PARAMOUNT AND WE APPRECIATE
YOUR CO OPERATION REGARDING THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.*



UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

LETTERS ARE SENT HOME TO PARENTS/CARERS ON A REGULAR BASIS REGARDING UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED URGENTLY AND NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Note, signed and dated sent with your child
2. Skoolbag app
3. Email the school at riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au
4. Telephone the school office on 02 9854 3200 (office staff must be able to verify the caller)

All explanations to the school must be provided within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

This is a legal requirement.

every learner
every day 

KISS AND DROP SAFETY TIPS

- Always drop-off at the designated drop-off zone and follow the schools procedures.
- Drivers must remain in their vehicles at all times.
- **Make sure all children exit the vehicle from the drivers side passenger door only, (door closest to the teacher on duty).**
- No student should be walking behind or in-front of their vehicle.
- Make sure the handbrake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- All children 12 years and under are not permitted to sit in the front seat of the vehicle unless the back seats are fully occupied.
- Avoid dangerous maneuvers such as u-turns and 3 point turns.
- All passengers under 7 must be in an approved child restraint.
- To ensure correct and safe installation of your child car seat, contact an Authorised Restraint Fitting Station.

THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY IS PARAMOUNT



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COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to find a resolution for your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly.

Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures.

These documents can be accessed on the CEDP website
www.parra.catholic.edu.au

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

Contact the school office

on 9854 3200 or email us at
riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au

If you have uniforms that are not being used please consider donating to the secondhand uniform shop.

Send items in to school with your child and they can be left at the school office.



Lunch orders are available on Monday's and Friday's from Sam's Café

Please write your child's name, class and order on a brown paper bag and enclose the correct money.

Children can then place their orders in the RED lunch order baskets located in the under-croft.

Orders need to be in the boxes by 8.50am

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL
PARENTS/CARERS TO ADVISE THE SCHOOL
OFFICE IN WRITING OF ANY
CHANGES/UPDATES TO PARENT/CARERS AND
EMERGENCY CONTACTS

TELEPHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS

***It is imperative that the school
is able to get in contact with
each and every child's
emergency contacts at anytime***

PLEASE FORWARD ANY CHANGES/UPDATES IN
WRITING TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE SO YOUR
CHILD RECORDS CAN BE AMENDED. YOU CAN
ALSO PICK-UP A FORM FROM THE SCHOOL
OFFICE

Thank you for your support



How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



Download on the
App Store

for Android users



GET IT ON
Google Play

for more info visit skoolbag.com.au





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SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TERM 3

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

MORNING SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.20 AM and AFTERNOON PICK-UP IS AT 2.50 PM

PARENTS / CARERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK OR WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK.

Drop off and pick up areas (A – K) – (L – Z) maintained

CHANGE OVER

COMMENCING MONDAY 27th JULY 2020, WEEK 2/TERM 3

THERE WILL BE A CHANGE OVER OF DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AREAS

***L – Z students are to be dropped off and picked
up at top gate (Parish Car park)***

and A – K front gate, McCulloch Street entrance

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Parish

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Riverstone 2765 Tel: 9627 2276

Email: stjohns10@bigpond

Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am