

The Evangelist

St. John's Primary School, Riverstone

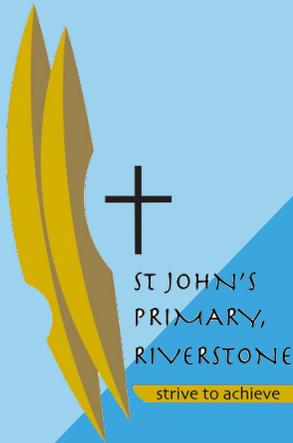
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Term 4 Week 5

Wednesday 11th November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Each student will receive their End of Year School Report for 2020 on Wednesday 9th December. Our End of Year reports will revert back to our traditional E-A report that will be familiar to you. If you have any questions about your child's learning please contact your child's teacher who can organise a teleconference before the end of the year.

The Grade Scale

This scale was developed to outline a common set of standards that teachers are required to use to report on your child's level of achievement. The grades are determined by measuring student performance on material covered up to the point in time of the reporting period.

The grade your child receives will reflect their level of achievement based on the material covered this year. The grade scale summarises **how well** students achieve at each grade by describing the depth of knowledge and understanding and the range of skills that students working at that standard typically demonstrate.

The reports are based on expected student achievement for their **academic year level** not their **learning stage**.

The Grade Scale is represented in the table below.

Grade or Word		Grade Descriptions
A	Outstanding	The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
B	High	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
C	Sound	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
D	Basic	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
E	Limited	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.



Allocating Grades

Teachers gather and analyse a range of data sets when considering overall grading in each key learning area on the written formal report. The data is obtained from: assessment tasks administered in class, daily learning experiences, guided learning experiences, anecdotal observations, differentiations (adjustments) in relation to specific learning needs of students (in other words, overall classwork) in determining each child's placement on the E-A scale. In years one to six the number of students in each stage achieving an A to E grading is indicated in the key learning area sections on the report.

Kindergarten

2021 Parent Information Zoom

Due to COVID-19 restrictions schools have had to be more creative this year in the way we do things. As we are not permitted to have gatherings on site we are unable to hold a Kindergarten Orientation night or conduct school tours. On Wednesday evening we are conducting our orientation evening with our new families via a zoom link up. This will be followed by two orientation sessions for the children. We have developed a COVID safe plan to welcome our new children into our community.

Promotion of St John's

Last Thursday Kieran Wilson, Multimedia Producer from the CEDP Learning Exchange spent time at our school to produce a 360° Virtual School Tour photo shoot for St John's. The photo shoot showcased the physical attributes of our learning community and captured the students actively engaged in their learning. Our students enjoyed the experience and were keen to participate.

The virtual 360° tour which was created will be used to promote our school through our website and the CEDP Media Team.

Dance Fever



In Term One our Dance Fever Program was suspended due to COVID. Consequently, the instructors were not able to implement the ten week program. Two more lessons were needed to finish the program. Last Friday the Dance Fever instructors were onsite to deliver another lesson. We are negotiating a date for the final lesson which is owing to us. The lesson on Friday was delivered outdoors on the blue area in front of the hall. Students remained in their respective stages throughout the lesson. The children really enjoyed this lesson and were thoroughly engaged throughout. I think this was attributed to the 'dance off' between stages where individual students were able to 'show off' their dancing skills to lead their stage in competing against another stage. It was quite entertaining.

GOD, grant me
Serenity to ACCEPT the things
I cannot change,
Courage to CHANGE
the things I can, and
Wisdom to know the difference.



God Bless Patricia



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2020

Last Friday, 6th November the staff and students of St John's celebrated Book Week. While our activities needed to be adjusted due to the restrictions in place, we were still able to enjoy and celebrate our love of books.

Each stage created a presentation of a short-listed book. These displays were set up in the hall so that all students could engage with each other's learning in a safe way.

We began the day with Dance Fever, a great way to warm us up for the fun ahead. Then each stage visited the hall to explore the Book Week displays and the Short-listed books. Then our very own 'Curious Creatures' (students) visited the Book Fair and spent some time exploring the wide variety of books available and writing a wish list.

Each stages display was unique and the students enjoyed the different ways each book was presented. The students work was outstanding and it was a wonderful way to end our week.





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Calendar of Events

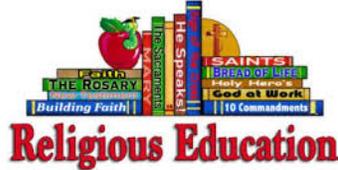
What's Coming Up

- 11th Nov** ES1/2021 Parent/Carer Information Zoom Meeting
 - 18th Nov** ES1/2021 Transition Morning 10am - 11am (Group 1)
 - 25th Nov** ES1/2021 Transition Morning 10am - 11am (Group 2)
 - 10th Dec** Year 6 Graduation Mass
 - 16th Dec** Last Day for Students
Christmas Blessings to you all
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- 27th & 28th** MAI & BEST START ASSESSMENTS and
 - Jan 2021** STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
 - 29th Jan 2021** FIRST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS (Summer Uniform)

Happy Hands

Congratulations to the following students
for receiving a Bronze Award

Makenna Murray and Riley Stone



Remembrance Day

Today the 11th November, we commemorate Remembrance Day. On this day we remember people who have suffered or lost their lives because of war. This day was originally called Armistice Day. It commemorated the end of the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice which is an agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce, occurred on 11 November 1918. It took place at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.

The Flanders poppy is known as the flower of remembrance. It was the first flower that sprouted on the fields where the war and devastation had occurred. It is often worn as a sign of respect today.

Please take some time out of your day today to pray these prayers with your children for those who have fought and lost their lives in an attempt to keep our world free from War.

We pray that our world leaders will continue to work for peace and a democratic society. Lord Hear Us.

We pray that we your children and the future generation of Australia continue to live out your greatest commandment in words and actions. Lord Hear Us.

We pray for those soldiers who have died in war that they are one with you in heaven. Lord Hear Us.

We pray for those soldiers and armed forces who are currently in war zones, may they feel your presence in their lives and the innocent lives of people that they are working to save. Lord Hear Us.



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

*All repeat: **We will remember them.***

Sacramental program - Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the students in Stage 3 who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that they will come to a deep understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and will be able to share these gifts with others by words and actions.



*God Bless
Kim Roffman REC*



STAGE TWO

Book Week 2020

Stage Two students presented the book Tilly by Jane Godwin and Anna Walker to the school for Book Week. Students wrote a review of the shortlisted picture book and recorded themselves presenting their review using Screencastify. Presentations were shared with the school with the use of a QR code.



Stage Two students also enjoyed viewing the presentations from other stages and having a read of some of the 2020 shortlisted books.





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Students enjoyed viewing the Book Fair to peruse the books for sale and make their wish lists.





Dance Fever

Students enjoyed their 'make up' class of Dance Fever. The program was cut short earlier in the year due to COVID restrictions. Stage Two students quickly became familiar with the routines and elements of each dance





Book Fair



Thank you for your support of the St Johns 2020 Book Fair.

While it was a little different this year the excitement the children have, doesn't change. It is always wonderful to see the children come to browse the books and be excited about reading and learning.



Premiers Reading Challenge

We are just waiting on the Dept of Education to send out the certificates for those children who completed the challenge, these will be distributed once we have received them.

Remember you can start the 2021 challenge now, just keep a list of the books you have read and you can enter them when the Challenge opens on the site in mid March 2021

Mrs Abbott



AWARDS



Student of the Week

TERM FOUR WEEK THREE

Aditi Abhilash ES1, Taanish Patel Year 1, Isabela Gadzambo Year 2,
Nevaeh-Lee Ah Kiau Year 3, Jyugaad Aujla Year 4, Vivian Kim Year 5 and
Christian Hanna Year 6

TERM FOUR WEEK FOUR

Julia BatistaAndrade ES1, Pei Wang Year 1, Ethan Lin Year 2, Sia Tahiliani Year 3,
Pippa Wood Year 4, Nanadana Biju Year 5 and Landen O'Connor Year 6





*Alexander Lopez
2nd November*

*Talara Sciberras
3rd November*

*Reyana Paudel
6th November*

*Hope Gibson
6th November*

*Seth Jack
7th November*





St John Paul II Catholic College

2022 Enrolments Open Now!

Year 7 – 10 Campus: 85 Hambledon Road, Schofields, 2762

Year 11 – 12 Campus: Eastern Road, Quakers Hill, 2763

St John Paul II Catholic College is now receiving enrolment applications for Year 7 - 2022 and there are some vacancies in Year 7 -12 - 2021. If you're a student who loves one of the following things, then St John Paul II, is right for you:

- A Strong Catholic Community
- Creating improved learning gain for students
- Careers, TAFE and University Opportunities
- Unique and Dynamic learning experience
- A variety of clubs for anyone to join
- Volunteer work
- Family feels involved in school community
- Integrating technology into everyday life and learning
- Support diverse learning needs
- Pathways for sporting success in a variety of sports
- And there so much more to offer

So save the date for St John Paul II's Open Day on March 8, 2021!

Due to COVID-19, we understand that we may have limited numbers for Open Day, but that doesn't mean you can't see the school before joining! Please feel free to check out our campuses online via a virtual tour of our Year 7 – Year 10 campus in Schofields and Year 11 – 12 Campus in Quakers Hill here:

<https://www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Virtual-Tours> .

You will be given the opportunity to view the school grounds and facilities from the comfort of your own homes.

Enrolment applications are available via the following link:

<https://www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol> or contact Fay Lovett in the office at 9208 7200 to enquire further.

We look forward to hearing from you and having you become a part of our community! Feel free to check out our Facebook and Instagram page to keep updated on the St John Paul II community journey!

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnPaul2CC/> <https://www.instagram.com/stjpiicc/>



SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TERM 4

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

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR AFTERNOON PICK-UP

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

A - K students are to be dropped off and picked up at top gate (Parish Car park)

and L - Z front gate, McCulloch Street entrance

Any students that arrive late will need to be dropped off at the pedestrian gate on McCulloch Street and signed in by their parent/carer (A partial absence will be recorded)

**STRICTLY NO ACCESS THROUGH THE TOP GATE
(PARISH CAR PARK) BETWEEN 8.50am and 2.50pm**

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

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Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed

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