



# The Evangelist

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## Term 4 Week 3

### Wednesday 28th October 2020



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

### **Intensive Swimming Program**

As previously advised I investigated the possibility of implementing the two week intensive swimming program at Coulter Swimming Centre. However, after consulting with the manager of the swimming centre and with further discussion with the leadership team a decision has been made not to proceed with the swimming program this year.

This decision was based on a number of factors:

- 1) we would be required to move St John's swimming program to an afternoon timeslot as the morning timeslots have been designated to the centres swimming classes
- 2) contact with the general public could not be avoided
- 3) access to bathroom facilities for our children would be problematic
- 4) risk of contact with 'gym members' who attend the gym facility within the complex and
- 5) concerns of travelling by bus have been raised with me.

The safety of our students and staff is always our top priority therefore; we will not proceed.

### **Staff Development Day**

Last Monday the teachers at St John's participated in professional development to gain a deeper understanding of the new Religious Education Curriculum. The Religious Education Curriculum is still at the draft stage. Our teachers have been working alongside our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Roffmann in developing 'cycles of learning' (units of work) for each stage to be implemented this term.



<https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/donate/give/toy-and-book-appeal>

It has been a tradition at St John's to support disadvantaged families in our community through our 'Christmas Hamper' Appeal. COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from holding our hamper appeal this year. However, we would still like to reach out to those in need; particularly those who have been adversely affected by COVID. This Friday our students are invited to participate in '**Silly Sock Day**' for a **gold coin donation**. The proceeds of the appeal will be donated to '**The Smith Family**' Christmas Toy and Book Appeal. With community support the Smith Family is aiming to support 32,550 Australian families with children living in disadvantage for the 2020 Toy & Book Appeal. If you are unable to donate to this appeal you might like to visit the Smith Family site for other ways to get involved in the lead up to Christmas.



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## ***Student Leadership Program, 2021***

This term our Year Five students will engage in St John's leadership program. The St John's Primary School student leadership program aims to develop student leadership skills and broaden student leadership experience within our school community. Potential student leaders are invited to nominate themselves to take on a senior leadership role. The potential candidates must demonstrate the following criteria:

### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

- **Shows the ability to make decisions for themselves**
- **Demonstrates exemplary behaviour – acts with integrity, honesty and respect**
- **Has shown willingness to be involved in extracurricular activities**
- **Displays initiative and works well as a team member**
- **Proudly wears correct school uniform at ALL times.**

GREAT  
LEADERS  
DON'T JUST  
TELL YOU  
WHAT TO DO.  
THEY SHOW  
YOU HOW IT'S  
DONE.

The key responsibilities and expectations of our student leaders are outlined in the Student Leader role description:

### **ROLE DESCRIPTION**

- **To provide leadership to school community**
- **To represent and speak publicly on behalf of the student body at school functions**
- **To act as a positive Role Model for other students**
- **To support the Principal and leadership team**
- **To represent the school at community functions**

*Student Leaders will be identified through a selection and voting process. The successful applicants will be introduced before the end of the term and will be inducted into their student leadership positions at the commencement of 2021.*

## ***Investing in Technology***

Last week we placed an order for new technology for St John's. When we receive the new devices they will then be accessioned and assigned to classrooms. This process will take a little time as we will be re-assigning some of our older devices to other classrooms. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Jeffery for the time she has invested in sourcing and ordering this new technology. An order has been placed for 40 chrome books, 7 Ipads and 7 Ipad pencils.

We will continue to build up our technology resources again in 2021.



## ***World Teacher's Day***

World Teacher's Day is a day for you to celebrate and be proud.

This year, despite major challenges, you have made sure education continues.

It's reinforced and significant role you play in the lives of children and students, their families and communities.

Teachers change lives, God bless Teachers for they open minds and touch souls, thank you.

*God Bless Patricia*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Calendar of Events

### What's Coming Up

30th Oct	Silly Sock Day
30th Oct	World Teachers Day
5th Nov	Book Fair Arrives
11th Nov	ES1 2021 Parent Information Zoom Meeting 6.30pm
12th Nov	Book Fair Departs
18th Nov	ES1 2021 Transition Morning (Group 1)
25th Nov	ES1 2021 Transition Morning (Group 2)

## COVID-19 Testing

Currently, no student should attend school if they are unwell. Each student who is absent from school or who has been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms

**must have a COVID-19 test**

- Students are not able to return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free
- A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school before a student can come back to school. The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and/or a medical certificate.
- These same protocols apply to school staff

Managing COVID-19 is a complex issue. At St John's (as elsewhere) our primary goal is the well-being of our students, families and staff. With this in mind we will continue to implement practices and protocols advocated by NSW Health and the Catholic Education Department. When there is a change to advice from Health professionals and the CEDP we will inform our community immediately.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

If unwell,  
get tested  
and please  
go home.



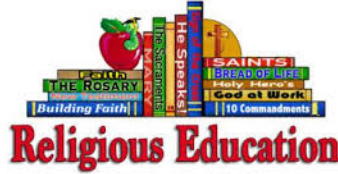
> HELP US STAY COVID SAFE

For the latest information about COVID-19 visit [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)





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## Sacrament of Confirmation

The Parish based Sacramental Program begins this week. Please see the dates below as a reminder. A separate note was also sent to Stage 3 students.

### **St John's Parish Sacramental Program**

#### **Revised Dates and Information for Confirmation 2020**

Enrolment Mass Sat 24 6pm **or** Sun 25 Oct 9am **or** 10:30am

Session 1 Mon 26 Oct 4pm **or** 7pm

Session 2 Mon 02 Nov 4pm **or** 7pm

Session 3 Mon 09 Nov 4pm **or** 7pm

Session 4 Mon 16 Nov 4pm **or** 7pm



Confirmation Mass Tue 24 Nov 7pm **or** Wed 25 Nov 7pm

Important Information There are NO Wednesday classes for this sacrament. Mon 4pm and 7pm Session classes will be in the Galilee Room.

Please call the sacramental team or the parish office if you have any further questions.



### Silly Sock Day

Just a reminder that we will be having Silly Sock Day this Friday 30 October. (Flyer was sent home last Friday). Students need to bring in a gold coin donation and all money raised will go towards 'The Smith Family Christmas Toy and Book Appeal'.



*God Bless  
Kim Roffman REC*





## STAGE ONE

Over the last couple of weeks in Stage 1, we have been using a variety of techniques to create an art work. Children cut patty cakes to create flowers to welcome spring time.

Thanks Stage 1





## Book Week 2020

### 'Curious Creatures Wild Minds'

St Johns will celebrate in weeks 3 & 4

This will coincide with our only Book Fair for 2020

Book Week is conducted to celebrate and acknowledge all the wonderful authors and illustrators in Australia.



Authors submit their books to the CBCA, from this a list of Notables is selected in various categories ie Best Picture Book. In March these are then shortlisted and form the main study and celebration for Book Week.

Last week (normally August) a winner for each category was selected.

At St John's each class has selected a Book to study from the CBCA 2020 Shortlisted titles, they will then create an interactive display in the hall. On Friday each class in rotation will visit the hall and participate in a tour, like visiting a Museum/Art Gallery and become Curious Creatures Wild Minds.

From there each class will have the opportunity to visit the library and view all the books available for purchase, the students will record on a "Wish List" anything they may like to purchase.

An online payment can then be made.

More detailed instructions will be sent home early next week.



**OVERDUE BOOKS  
NEED TO BE RETURNED ASAP**

*Mrs Abbott*

**PLEASE!**



## AWARDS



# Student of the Week

Term Four Week One

**Ajang Anyau ES1, Leo DeGuzman Year 1, Shane Tolmie Year 2, Jacinta Bird Year 3, Xygelle Aguila Year 4, Ankita Thande Year 5 and Mirko Filipovic Year 6.**

Term Four Week Two

**Mai Orlando ES1, Ishana Biju Year 1, Avi Menon Year 2, Shreya Phatak Year 3, Ryan Bentley Year 4, Alexander Hills Year 5 and Alisha Xerri Year 6.**







*Leo DeGuzman  
15th October*

*Raphael Vaz  
27th October*

*Ryan Parajuli  
22nd October*

*Hayden Jones  
22nd October*







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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](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

### Contact the school office

on 9854 3200 or email us at  
[riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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*



## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents and Carers,

To keep up to date with the latest news and important announcements we strongly advise that you install the SkoolBag app on your mobile devices.

It is imperative that you are able to receive the latest most up to date information straight to your mobile phone anytime/anywhere.

Please see the instructions on how to install the app and if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school on

Telephone: 02 9854 3200

Or

Email: [riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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## 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](https://skoolbag.com.au)





## **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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***Principal: Patricia Charlton***

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### **Parish**

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***Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed***

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