



# The Evangelist

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## Term 2 Week 1

### Wednesday 21st April 2021



*Dear Parents/Carers,*



Below is a prayer that our teachers reflected on in our first professional learning meeting of this term. I share this prayer with our community so that you too can think about the ideals and values that are expressed in this prayer.

*Dear Lord,*

*You have entrusted us with so many precious lives. Thank you for all the young minds and hearts that long to learn, respond to fun and learn to share. In my role as a teacher, please help me to work hard for the good of my students, treating each of them with care, love and respect. Please guide our meeting and the decisions we make today and throughout this term. Help us to be aware of your love weaving its way through every part of our school life.*

*Come lead us we pray. May your wisdom and inspiration be our guide as we meet and work together. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

### **School Community Group**

St John's School Community Group Meeting was held on Thursday, 1st April. Topics for discussion included: Role of School Community Group; the increase of our student population and the impact of COSHC on enrolments; organisational matters: snack shack and the second hand uniform shop, yearly parent planner; and community events and fundraising.

Concerns were raised in regard to the following: limited number of volunteers to support the running of the canteen; parents / carers requiring support to complete volunteer forms; unsafe driving practices by parents/carers when entering and exiting through the parish carpark. These concerns will be addressed and some solutions communicated to our parent community.

### **Car Park Safety Concerns**

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are entering the school/parish via the exit gate on Garfield Road and also speeding through the car park. Parents and Carers must enter the kiss and drop/parking area from the gates on McCulloch Street. There have been a number of near misses with students nearly being hit and vehicles coming in the Garfield Road gate while another vehicle was trying to exit. Please drive slowly and exercise extreme caution at all times for the safety of all.



## **Pedestrian Crossing Supervisor**

I would like to advise that a new pedestrian crossing supervisor has been assigned to St John's. Mr David Cook will supervise the crossing before and after school each day. We welcome David to our community.

## **Mother's Day Stall**



The next school community group fundraiser will be a Mother's Day stall to be held on the 7th May, 2021. Mrs Stone has kindly volunteered to coordinate this event. Thank you Jessica. More information about this event will be sent home next week.

*thank you  
for your support!*

I would like to thank Belinda Murray, Jessica Stone, Maria Galatti and Sarah Fuller for their attendance at our SCG meeting and for sharing their thoughts and ideas.

## **Postponed Evacuation Drill**

Due to inclement weather and the water-logged state of our grounds the scheduled and advertised evacuation did not go ahead. In its place we held a 'lockdown drill.' At the conclusion of the lockdown drill I was able to commend our students on the exemplary way they conducted themselves during the lockdown period and congratulated the students on the responsible manner in which they participated. An off-site evacuation drill will be held this term.



*Anzac Day*

## **ANZAC Day**

I received notification from the Riverstone-Schofields RSL Sub Branch that states:

" there will not be an ANZAC dawn service this Anzac Day for schools to participate in. Due to COVID-19 restrictions still in place it is not practical to hold a public service in Riverstone. Hoping we will be able to hold a service in 2022." The students and staff of St John's will participate in a ANZAC Day ceremony at school on Monday 26th April.

## **Cross Country**

This Friday 23rd April, we will hold our Cross Country, thank you to the parents and carers that have volunteered to help out on the day. We still need more volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the event, please respond to Mrs Tolhurst's note that was sent home yesterday if you are able to help out. Your support is very much appreciated.





## Uniform

Uniform change over period Term 2, Week 1 and Week 2, students can wear either full summer uniform or full winter uniform.

Commencing Week 3 (3/5/2021) All students must wear their full winter uniform (this includes ties for both boys and girls.

## School Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

SCHOOL DROP-OFF & PICK-UP TERM 2 (WEEK 1 & WEEK 2)

L-Z FRONT GATE (GATE 1, McCULLOCH ST)

A-K BACK GATE (GATE 3, PARISH CARPARK)

## Building project

I have received official confirmation that we were successful in our application for a minor works building grant. The grant will cover a renovation of the student toilet block and canteen. The scope of the work also includes the painting of the entire Stage 3 building and work on the Stage 3 outdoor learning space. Gould Architects have been appointed the architects for St John's building project. **The project has now proceeded to tender.** I will keep you informed as to the progress of the project.

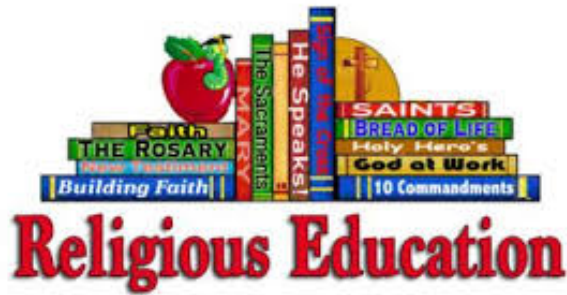


*God our Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness in our community.*

*We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.*

*Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

*God Bless Patricia*



## Anzac Day

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance held in Australia and New Zealand on 25th April every year. The day commemorates the soldiers who served and died at Gallipoli in World War I.

The term 'ANZAC' was originally an acronym for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The Anzac soldiers took part in an Allied campaign to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula. The forces landed at Gallipoli (now known as Anzac Cove). Many soldiers died as they were getting off the boats as the enemies were waiting for them and knew that they were coming. We remember those young men and women who gave their life so that we could live in the free country we have today.

### Prayers of Intercession

*We pray that our world leaders will continue to work for peace.*

*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.*

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

*Lord Hear Us.*

*We pray that we your children live out your greatest commandment to love one another unconditionally.*





# **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY** **MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021**

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Monday 10 May 2021**

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible 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.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)



## **SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TERM 2**

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 the Back Gate (Gate 3 Parish Carpark) and L - Z Front Gate (Gate 1 McCulloch Street)***

***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