



# The Evangelist

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## Term 2 Week 5

### Wednesday 19th May 2021



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who were able to bring their children to the **Riverstone Festival** on Saturday to take part in the street parade and to represent St John's. Miss Jeffery, Mrs Paes and Mrs Noden were very proud of our children and were delighted by their enthusiasm. Our Year Six leaders, Jacob Sinka and Cooper Stone were flag bearers, they did a fabulous job. Mrs Cremona has posted a number of photographs on our Facebook for our community to view.

We would like to commend the following students for proudly representing St John's:

*Rabii Bhattarai, Kasia Bartolo, Pardihi Bista, Diksha Vivek, Abigail Binu, Tanita Berle, Aleesha Joshi, Savannah Pantha, Addyson Crosbie, Naksh Patel, Kana Boyd, Mai Orlando, Ajang Anyau, Jaxx Catelotti, Ameliah Paterson, Levi Savage, Isaac Rewi, Zaina Samir, Abigael Herencia, Cayden O'Connor, Matilda Keating, Rubbie Searle, Harnidh Murba, Riley Stone, Mersadiez Symes, Eizabeth O'Neill, Liam Bartolo, Baylie Savage, Marlee Symes, Sia Tahiliani, Reva Borawake, Rajvi Bane, Jacob Sinka, Cooper Stone, Emilia Keating, and Xygelle Aguila*

I also express my gratitude to our teachers for giving up their personal time to attend the festival and for accompanying our students in the street parade. Miss Paes, Mrs Noden and Miss Jeffery enjoyed walking with the children.



I hope all mothers and significant women carers in the lives of our children had a relaxing and enjoyable Mother's Day and were spoilt by their children. They took much pleasure in choosing just the right gift for you at the Mother's Day Stall. Through your support we were able to raise \$584.33 go towards purchasing resources for the students. On behalf of St John's community I extend our appreciation to **Mrs Stone** who organised the gifts for the stall and her wonderful helpers, **Mrs Murray, Ms Fuller and Mrs Maggio** who assisted the children with their purchases.



## **DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

As you would be aware from previous communication we are attempting to improve our morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal procedures at St John's. Changes to our morning drop-off procedures (parish carpark entrance) were communicated to our parents / carers last Thursday via Skoolbag and a parent / carer letter which was sent home. **Please be advised that the changes come into effect on Monday 24th May.** I ask that all parents / carers become familiar with the new procedures and comply with the changes. The current A - K and L - Z distribution of family groups for dismissal in the afternoon will remain the same for now. However, for ease of dismissal children will sit in their stage group to be dismissed by the teachers on duty. Two portable loud speakers have been purchased for use by teachers for afternoon dismissal via the top gate (parish carpark.)

***These changes are necessary for the safety of our students and staff.***

## **FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**

Last Friday we welcomed Early Stage One parents / carers to assembly. During our assembly our kindergarten children shared a prayer and with the support of their Year Six buddies read parts of the story 'Room on the Broom'. This was the children's first presentation at assembly and we were very proud of them. In Week 6 we will welcome Stage One parents / carers to our assembly. The assembly will commence at 2.20pm and conclude at 2.40pm. Invitations which will include our COVID safe protocols will be sent home early next week.



## **BOOK FAIR**

Book Fair is like having an exciting bookstore come to our school and will be arriving at St John's tomorrow. Students will be given time to explore the books on offer and see the latest new releases and be able to purchase books from the fair. For our first Book Fair for 2021 only students will be able to visit the Fair, they will be able to come in before school and at lunch on the days listed in the note that was sent home with all students last week. Please also refer to that note for instructions on

***How to purchase books online.***



## NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 Students completed the NAPLAN tests last week. We congratulate all the students for their perfect attendance over the three testing days and for the positive manner in which they approached both the written and online tests.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of Peace, God of Love, our world is hurting and broken. We pray for those who have lost loved ones this week, please comfort them in their grief and loss, cover them with your peace and presence, as only your Spirit can do. We know that in whatever we face, you are our peace and refuge, an ever present help in times of trouble.

*If we could all live in peace and harmony just imagine how lovely that would be...*

*God Bless Patricia*



*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.*



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

**The following changes will come into effect on Monday 24th May 2021**

There are two options to enter the school in the morning for all students A to Z.

**1) Via Kiss and Drop** – refer to procedure below

**2) Front gate (Gate 1)** for students walking to school or being dropped off by their parents not using the kiss and drop zone. These parents / carers must park their vehicle in McCulloch Street or nearby roads and walk the child to the front gate McCulloch Street (**gate 1**). **Parents / carers are no longer permitted to park in the parish carpark to walk their child/ren over to the school entrance.**

### **Kiss and Drop procedure**

- Parents / carers must remain in their car when dropping children off using the designated drop-off lane in the parish carpark. This lane will be created using bollards.
- Children sitting in the back seat when being dropped off must alight from the driver side rear door.
- Parents / carers must remain in their vehicle.
- Parents / carers must always drive with caution when on site.
- Parents / carers using kiss and drop must enter the site via the McCulloch Street entrance and exit the site via the Garfield Road exit.
- Children's school bags should be in the car for easy access. **Students are not permitted to go to the boot of a vehicle to remove a school bag.**
- **Parents/carers and children must not enter the school site on foot at the McCulloch Street driveway or the Garfield Road entrance and walk through the parish carpark to the top gate. This practice is unsafe.**

**At this stage there isn't any changes to afternoon dismissal; it remains the same. A-K Parish Carpark (Gate 3), L-Z Front Gate McCulloch Street (Gate 1). However, parents / carers are reminded to use the family name sign that was distributed last term. If you have misplaced your name sign, please contact the school office for a new one.**

**Any students that arrive late will need to be dropped off at the pedestrian gate on McCulloch Street (Gate 1) and be 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