



The Evangelist

St. John's Primary School, Riverstone

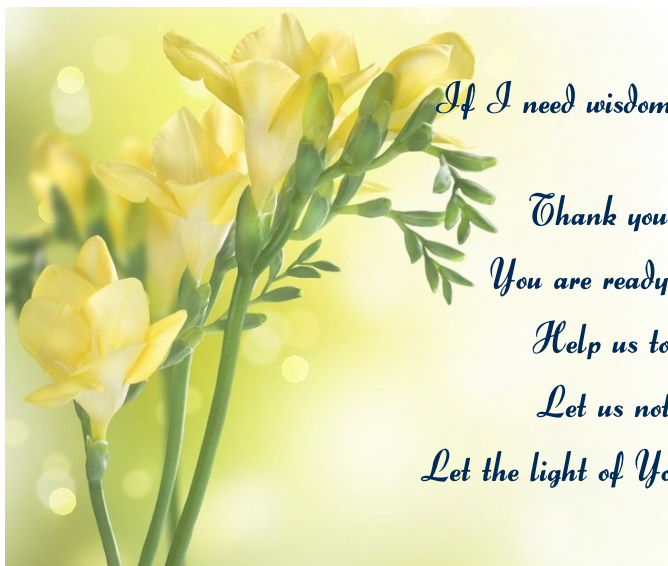
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Term 4 Week 1

Wednesday 6th October 2021



A Prayer to start the new term - Wisdom

If I need wisdom, I will ask my generous God. He will give it to me. He will not rebuke me for asking.

Thank you, Lord that when we need wisdom, all we have to do is ask.

You are ready and willing to pour out Your wisdom for those who seek You.

Help us to walk in Your wisdom as we navigate the new school term.

Let us not just be hearers of Your Word, but doers of Your Word.

Let the light of Your Word shine brightly through us, that others may see You in us.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new term: Term 4, 2021. As you would be aware the NSW Government announced changes to the schedule for students returning to school later in Term 4. Students will be welcomed back to school a week sooner than previously scheduled by the Government. **The new plan will see Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 12 students return to face-to-face learning on Monday 18th October.**

Years 2, 6 and 11 will follow on Monday 25th October. Years 3, 4 & 5 will return on Monday 1st November. With the safety of our community as our highest priority, we will continue to follow the health orders and the CEDP guidelines. Return to face-to-face learning - Restriction Levels Under the NSW Department of Education COVID-19 school status level advice, all CEDP schools will fall under Level 4 restrictions from 5 October 2021.

From Week 3, the NSW government has advised that our schools are expected to move to Level 3 Plus which is the staggered approach to return to school. **The exception to this is where Local Government Areas (LGAs) and suburbs of concern operating under Level 4 restrictions will continue under those restrictions and continue learning from home until they are removed from the LGAs of Concern.**



In the last week of Term 3 an updated plan that outlined changes to our routines, protocols and procedures at St John's was sent via Skoolbag and Facebook to all parents and carers. This information sheet explained the additional orders that St John's is obligated to follow because St John's is in the **Blacktown Local Government Area**. I ask all parents to re-read this advice so you are fully aware of how we will be operating in Term 4. If there is any change to health / CEDP orders that impacts on St John's return to school roadmap, parents and carers will be advised. Please note until further notice the majority of staff are working from home with a very limited number of staff onsite to provide supervision to those small number of students whose parents / carers are essential workers.

Remote learning recommenced yesterday Tuesday 5th October; parents are asked to notify class teachers if there are any concerns. Students are required to engage in the learning provided by their teachers to be marked as present in our attendance records.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Organisation of school events

The last term of the year is usually a time of a number of school and community events; eg swimming program, swimming carnival, excursions, Kindergarten orientation, Year Six graduation, Christmas concert etc. However, many of these events have either been cancelled or suspended due to the COVID virus and subsequent health restrictions. When in this position last year we were able to create other ways to hold some of these events. We are now working towards some other ways to organise events / activities in a COVID safe environment. Parents and carers will be informed of the arrangements for these social activities if and when they are organised.



I am pleased to inform our community that enrolment numbers continue to increase at St John's. For the first time we have a waiting list for Early Stage One, Stage One and Stage Two for 2022 and we have received many enquiries for other stages. **For staffing considerations it is important to know the expected student numbers for 2022, therefore I ask that you please contact the school office if your child / children are not returning to St John's in 2022. An 'Advice of Withdrawal of Enrolment Exit Form' will need to be completed and signed by a Parent / Carer and returned to school asap.**



Student Leadership

This term the Year 5 students will take part in St John’s student leadership program. Students and care givers will receive a copy of St John’s leadership policy which outlines role descriptions and essential criteria for the positions and expectations of student leaders to read and discuss. Students will be asked to put themselves forward if they are considering a leadership position by completing a nomination form. Candidates will then be required to write a speech to deliver to peers about their understanding of leadership and their personal qualities that would make them positive role models and responsible and inclusive student leaders. The next part of the process involves voting for our 2022 student leaders which takes place later in the year. The successful candidates will then be announced to our school community.

Building Project Update

The building project at St John’s is still underway. There have been considerable delays due to COVID restrictions on building sites. During the holidays the external painting of Stage 3 was completed, the stage 3 outdoor learning space is near completion and a considerable amount of work was done on the canteen. It is anticipated that the student toilet facilities will be completed by the end of week 4.

Uniform

When students return for FACE to FACE learning this term on the designated dates outlined in my opening paragraph they are required to wear their full summer uniform.

Girls	Boys
Blue checked dress with tab tie. Black traditional style school shoes which can be polished. Plain sky blue ankle length socks with fold over top (not anklet). Maroon Jacket with zip and school emblem. Maroon hat with school emblem (available from the school office).	Sky blue short sleeve shirt and grey school shorts. Black traditional style school shoes which can be polished. Grey with blue and maroon stripe ankle length socks with fold over top (not anklet). Maroon Jacket with zip and school emblem. Maroon hat with school emblem (available from the school office).

God Bless, Patricia



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Before and After School Care

St John's Riverstone



Catholic Diocese
of Parramatta
Services Limited



Catholic Out of School Hours Care operates in 36 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Fully accredited, we provide quality **before and after school** care plus fun and stimulating **vacation care programs** through the school holidays. Services are conveniently located on school grounds in a caring, professional, child-focused Catholic setting.

We employ **qualified** and **experienced** educators who are supported in their ongoing professional development and industry specific training to enhance their provision of quality education and care. All educators working directly with the children hold a valid working with children check and there is always an educator rostered who is qualified in first aid, asthma, anaphylaxis and CPR.

We welcome and celebrate **diversity** and our educators are experienced in caring for children's needs and requirements.

Enrolments & Enquiries

Please contact the service directly for any enquiries or to enrol. They can be contacted at:

Email: stjriverstone@cdpsl.org.au

Phone: 0427 565 455

Service Coordinator: Sarah Osei

Address: 5 McCulloch St, Riverstone NSW 2765

Our menus are guided by Nutrition Australia and continuously reviewed to support all children. Breakfast is provided each day for before school care and afternoon tea and snacks are provided. Every effort is made to ensure your child is catered for in an inclusive manner. All of our services are allergy aware and cater for dietary needs or requirements.

Current 2021 Fees

Before School Care	\$18.00 per session
After School Care	\$28.00 per session
Pupil Free Day	\$55.00 per day
Vacation Care in-centre	\$55.00 per day
Vacation Care workshops and excursions based on pricing of programmed activity	

*Additional \$2 charge for casual bookings

Our programs qualify for the childcare subsidy (CCS). You may be eligible for up to 85% rebate.

For more information visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/who-can-get-it>

Operating Hours

- Before school care (BSC): 6:30am-8:30am
- After school care (ASC): 2:30pm-6:30pm
- Pupil free day: 6:30am-6:30pm

RESPECT

ENCOURAGEMENT

CARE



^aFor a list of vacation care services please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cdpsl/>

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Principal: Patricia Charlton

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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