



# The Evangelist

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## Term 4 Week 5

### Wednesday 3rd November 2021



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

It was a wonderful to welcome all our students back to school last week. The children were excited and enjoyed re-connecting with their classmates. Teachers were pleased to see our children alight their cars at drop-off time with a smile and cheery 'good morning' to the teachers on duty. Overall our children settled back into school life and routines quite seamlessly. It was good to hear the voices and laughter of children in their classrooms and in the play areas.

A prayer to share for the remainder of this term:

*Almighty God*

*Continue to bless our school. Bless all the teachers and staff who work here,*

*Bless all the children who learn and play here.*

*We pray our school continues to be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.*

*May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,*

*A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.*

*A place where everyone feels safe, protected and happy.*

*We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the remote learning period this year and for your patience and co-operation in responding positively to our ongoing COVID information and procedures.

At this stage our **COVID safe plan and protocols** will not be adjusted as we have not received any further information from NSW Health or the CEDP on managing our site. We will maintain the 'cohort' model for grouping our students in learning spaces and on the playground. Our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedure worked quite well last week. This was due to the co-operation and patience of our parents and carers in complying with school instructions and the additional support from our teacher aides and teachers which assisted in the smooth exit from the school in the afternoon.

## Uniform

This week teachers have facilitated **uniform checks** so that caregivers can be informed, via uniform notes, of uniform issues. Please be aware that St Johns uniform policy not only specifies uniform clothing to be worn but it also addresses the wearing of acceptable jewellery and hairstyles. A number of infringements were noted last week: nail polish, extreme haircuts, incorrect socks and footwear and the wearing of jewellery. Some uniform notes were sent home last week to remind children and care givers about the requirements in our policy. We are aware that some children are still sporting 'lockdown' haircuts and will naturally need a few more weeks to grow out 'shaved' hairstyles and or return hair back to its natural colour. We thank you for your support in this matter. If parents / carers are not familiar with St John's uniform policy it can be viewed on our St John's website or a copy can be obtained from the office.

### EXTRACT FROM THE UNIFORM POLICY

<b>JEWELLERY</b>	<b>HAIR</b>	
<p>Standard watches</p> <p>Plain stud or sleeper earrings permitted (girls only)</p>	<p>Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable. This includes scalp designs (e.g. Lines and patterns), under cuts, colour, foils, streaks, rats tails, mullets etc. Hair is to be tidy and neither grown, cut nor groomed in an extreme or exaggerated fashion. Hair is to appear to be of a natural colour with no contrast.</p>	
	<p>Girls: Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back with a regulation (school colours, Sky Blue/Navy Blue/Maroon) ribbon, band or school scrunchie and off the face so sight is not impeded.</p>	<p>Boys: Short and neat. Cut neatly around ears, back of neck and around face. Any hair longer than collar length must be pinned or tied back so sight is not impeded.</p>
<p><b>Nail polish is NOT permitted to be worn</b></p>		



## SUMMER UNIFORM

### Girls

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

### Boys

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

### Planning for End-of Year activities / events

Currently we are in the process of organising some key events to be held this term.

St John's will be holding a Year 6 graduation celebration on the 9th December to recognise the completion of primary school for our Year Six students. We have been advised that schools planning to conduct these celebrations onsite are required to follow our COVID safe plan and health orders. Please be advised that for any school event, ceremony or function including those held in the church that caregivers, guests or visitors to be able to attend must be double vaccinated and are required to show evidence of full vaccination. The Year Six graduation ceremony will take place in St John's Church on the 9th December commencing at 10.30 am. The ceremony will be followed by a morning tea for our students which will be held in the school hall. Invitations and details of the graduation ceremony will be sent to parents and carers in the coming weeks. We are also planning a 'fun day' for Year 6 so that they can relax and enjoy being together and make some more fond memories of being a part of St John's community. Details of the fun day to follow. In addition we are investigating the possibility of organising an End of Year celebration day for all our students.

*God Bless, Patricia*

## NOTICE WITHDRAWAL OF ENROLMENT

If it is your intention that your child/children will not be returning to St John's Primary School in 2022 now is the time to let us know.

It is a requirement to complete a **'WITHDRAWAL OF ENROLMENT EXIT FORM'**.

Please contact the school office on 9854 3200 or email [riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au) ASAP to request the form be sent to you.

This information is required in order for our numbers to be finalised for 2022, St John's currently has a large number of families on our waiting list.



## **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF STUDENTS**

### **Kiss and Drop–Morning**

**All parents and carers are required to use the 'kiss and drop' zone which is set up in the parish carpark for morning drop-off (A-Z FAMILIES)**

For those parents/carers who prefer to walk their child/children to school or park in McCulloch or Wood Street and walk with their child/children you are required to bring the child/children to the front gate. This gate will be left open for students to enter. Parents/Carers are reminded students are only to enter the school site. Parents are not permitted to congregate in front of or near the school.

### **Student Pick-up – Afternoon (Parish Carpark) (L – Z families only)**

1. Parents / carers are to park their vehicle in the parish carpark and proceed to the collection area by foot holding their family name tag. This area will be marked out with coloured witches' hats.
2. Teachers on duty will call for your child to move to the exit gate to meet their parent / carer. This gate is situated nearer the church. Your family name card must be displayed.
3. Once your child/children have been collected parents/carers are to return to their vehicle and exit the carpark immediately.

***Please be advised that parents / carers are not permitted to congregate in the carpark and must maintain social distancing. It is strongly recommended that parents/carers wear masks as all our parents may not be fully vaccinated at this time.***

### **Student Pick-up – Afternoon (Front Gate) (A – K families only)**

1. Parents / carers are to park their vehicle in Woods Street and enter through the front gate.  
Parents / carers do not need to use the QR code on entry.
2. Parents / carers are to assemble in the staff carpark in the designated area to collect their child/children. Your family name card must be displayed.

***Please note that parents / carers must not congregate at the front of the school and physical distancing must be maintained. It is strongly recommended that parents/carers wear masks as all our parents may not be fully vaccinated at this time.***

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### **Parish**

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

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