



The Evangelist

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Term 4 Week 7

Wednesday 17th November 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Thursday 11/11/2021 our students celebrated 'Remembrance Day' with a prayer service which was held in each stage cohort.

The eleventh day of November has been known as Remembrance Day in Australia since the end of World War II, but was originally called Armistice Day in 1919. At first, it was meant to specifically honour the heroes and fallen of World War I, but today, it is aimed at honouring all soldiers who fought and died for their country in years gone by. The focus of our school prayer service is Peace. As Australians we remember the men and women of Australia's armed forces who dedicate their lives to protecting our borders, our freedoms, our liberties and each and every one of us. For this we remain eternally grateful.



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

(We will remember them)

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

In past years St John's has supported the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. This yearly appeal endeavours to make someone's Christmas a little happier and financially easier by providing Christmas fare. This year we would like to once again support this worthwhile appeal. We are intending to make Christmas hampers to be distributed in our parish community. If you are able to donate a food item to your child's class hamper it would be very much appreciated. Items of non-perishable food, Christmas paper plates, decorations and special Christmas treats (nuts, sweets, Christmas cake, etc) would be a reflection of the love and compassion we all have for those who are in need. We will commence accepting donations next week; week 8. Students are asked to bring in their donation and place in their stage hamper. I thank you for your generosity of spirit.



New Principal Visit

Mrs Misek visited St John's last Tuesday to meet the teachers and children. Mrs Misek was very impressed with how well the children were settled in class and the polite and thoughtful responses to her questions. When asked what the children liked about St John's the students talked about the kindness of others, friendship and care of one another. Mrs Misek will visit St John's again on the 25th of November.

Farewell Mrs Kim Roffmann

At the end of the year we will farewell Mrs Roffmann. Mrs Roffmann has been a valuable member of St John's for close to 5 years. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank Mrs Roffmann for her many significant contributions to the St John's community. She has been a valued member of the St John's leadership team, the leader of Religious Education; Year 6 class teacher and she has also trained as a Reading Recovery teacher at St John's. It is with sadness we say goodbye to Mrs Roffmann but she has accepted a teaching position at Santa Sophia in 2022. We wish Mrs Roffman every success in this her next step of her teaching career.

End-of-Year events / activities

As we are unable to take students off site to participate in fun activities held at public venues we will be holding some events / activities at school this term.

Whole School BBQ / Activity Day will be held on Friday 3rd December. Each stage will participate in organised outdoor fun activities and partake in a BBQ lunch. Children will also be provided with a drink and an ice-block on the day. As it is a Friday the sports uniform will be worn.

A Year 6 Fun day to mark the end of Primary schooling and to celebrate the students transition to secondary education will be held on the 7th December. This will be an exciting day of festivities for our Year 6 students.

God Bless, Patricia

Extract from the Uniform Policy

JEWELLERY	HAIR	
Standard watches	<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>	
Plain stud or sleeper earrings permitted (girls only)		
Nail polish is NOT permitted to be worn		



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

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 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.



HAPPY HEARTS



This term, St John's began our new positive behaviour program entitled 'Happy Hearts'. This is based on St John's values and brings to life the Charism of Values that we follow here at St John's. Each week there is a new value and that value is shared with students on a Monday and explained by teachers at a stage level as expectations of what the value on the playground would like will be different across the stages.

In Term 2 as a school the students were spoken to about the need for a change in the name of our behaviour program. The students put forward ideas of what they thought our program could be named. This was then voted on by staff. We believe that it is important to have a student voice as the students own the program and know what is expected of them.

Like the old program, the students still receive congratulations cards for displaying the desired value on the playground. Once they receive 3 congratulations cards they will receive a bronze award. The students then continue to work on the values and once obtaining 3 more congratulations cards they receive a silver award and after receiving 9 congratulations cards they receive the gold award and have the opportunity to have a special morning tea with Mrs Charlton. This will be socially distanced as we are being covid safe.



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