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Term 2 Week 2

Thursday 5th May 2022

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mother's Day

For many, our Mothers are one of the most precious gifts that God has given to us. From a very early age we start to learn from the role modelling and care our mums give us. Mothers and Mother figures in our lives teach us about hard work, patience, humility, kindness, perseverance, tolerance, forgiveness, and understanding. As a child, Mothers walk beside us, always setting a good example. As teenagers, our mothers walk behind us to be there should we need them and when we are adults and perhaps mothers ourselves, our mothers walk beside us so that as two friends we can enjoy life together. I am very appreciative of my mum and of her unending love, support and encouragement and am blessed to still have her here with us to celebrate this Sunday. The unique qualities of our mothers, whether by God's side or with us, are indeed special and we give thanks to Our Lord for their committed care and love in our lives. This Mother's Day, I hope you take the opportunity to recognise what a blessing mums, and those who are like mums to us, are.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and to all the special women in our lives!

Good and Gentle God,

We pray in gratitude for our mothers.

*Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return,
not perfectly, but humanly.*

*Give them the faithful support of family and friends as
they care for the physical and spiritual
growth of their children.*

*Give them joy and delight in their children
to sustain them through the trials of motherhood.*

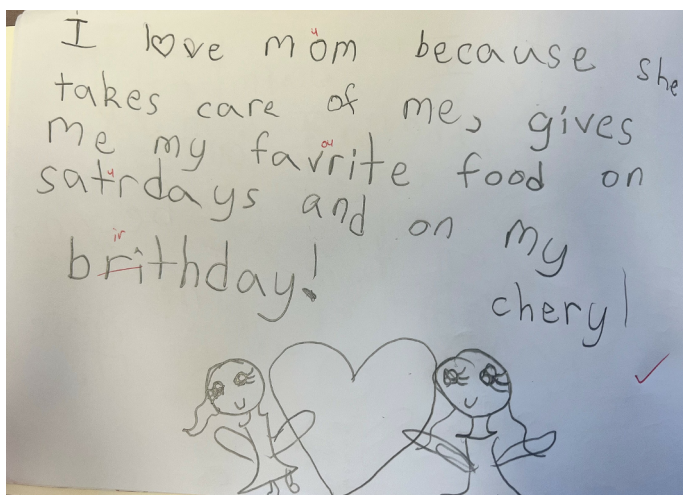
*Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to
you for help when they need it most.*

Amen





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Mother's Day Raffle

Thank you to the following businesses and families for their generous support with donating prizes for the Mother's Day Raffle:

Aces Tennis Academy

33 RE Buyer Agency Real Estate - Pavnjay & Family

Sam's Cafe

Sofia, Antoinio, Francesco & Family

Nathanial & Family

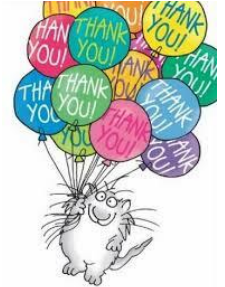
Blend @ Grantham Cafe

Galati & Associates - Giovanni & Family

City Cave Rouse Hill

Coffee Traders Rouse Hill

Summer & Family



2023 Enrolments

We are currently in the process of accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. To date we have accepted 25 new enrolments for Kindergarten 2023 and we still have many more applications to consider. Our second round of offers will be sent out next week. If you have a child ready to start school next year contact the office asap for an enrolment pack.

Have a blessed week.

Jane Misek

Principal.

World of Maths Incursion at St John's

On Monday 2nd of May 2022, St John's had an incursion which every class was able to participate in. We had World of Maths come out to have some fun and teach us about maths! We were split up into groups and got a chance to do whichever set tasks we had. There were some mazes and area tasks and even estimating tasks and many more.

When it was Early Stage One and Year One's turn, the Year Six students got to go with their buddies and a few Year Ones in a group and rotate around to different tasks. There were weighing tasks to figure out the secret frog name, counting how many times the light turned red when racing little things and other physical fun games that included students to work together and solve the task as a team.

Years 2,3 and 4 also got to complete some fun tasks which were the same as the ES1 and Year One and they had so much fun. We hope that World of Maths can come to our school again!

By Sofia Maggio



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A Message from the Assistant Principal

NAPLAN 2022



Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN. Most of the assessments are completed online, however Year 3 writing is a paper test. The NAPLAN assessments follow consistent rules and procedures across all schools.

As children progress through their school years, it is very important that checks are made along the way to see how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults.

NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress. NAPLAN online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, providing better assessment and more precise results.

NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to advise them to simply do the best they can on the day.

To see the types of questions and functionalities in the online tests, visit the [public demonstration site](#) page.

The schedule for NAPLAN at St John's is below:

Tuesday 10th May – Year 3 and Year 5 Writing

Wednesday 11th May – Year 3 and Year 5 Reading and Conventions of Language

Thursday 12th May – Year 3 and Year 5 Numeracy

If your child is absent due to illness, please contact the school office on 02 9854 3200 before 8.50am on the day.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher or Miss Murphy.

Have a great week, Miss Judith Murphy.

A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

With the celebration of Easter and Jesus' resurrection during the holidays the focus of our Church year changes. In the lead up to the school holidays it was about turning back to God and the notions of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

We now turn to the joyous thought that Jesus is risen and truly alive in our lives. The challenge for us as parents and teachers is how do we bring the risen Christ alive in the hearts and minds of our children.

Project Compassion

Thank you to all those families who have returned Project Compassion boxes to the school. Those boxes have been handed on to the Parish for forwarding to Caritas Australia. If anyone still has boxes which they wish to return, it would be appreciated if they could be sent to school in the next few days.

Philip Margerison REC.





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Staff Development Days 2022

TERM THREE - TBC

TERM FOUR- Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December 2022

Term Dates 2022

- Last Day Term 2 - Friday 1st July 2022
- First Day Term 3 - Monday 18th July 2022
- Last Day Term 3 - Friday 23rd September 2022
- First Day Term 4 - Monday 10th October 2022
- Last day of Term 4 Friday 16th December 2022



Mother's Day Morning Tea and Mass - Friday 6th May 2022 commencing at 10.45am. Please use the form on Skoolbag to RSVP, thank you.

School Uniform - As the weather can still be warm in May, students may wear either their full winter uniform or full summer uniform. All students must wear full winter uniform from Monday 16th May 2022 (Term 2 Week 4)

School Fees - School Fees have now been issued via mail from the Catholic Education Office. Please contact Miss Natalie Hurst (school finance officer) should you wish to discuss your fees or make a payment plan.

Communication from School - To keep up to date with the latest news and important announcements parents and carers are advised to install the skoolbag app on your mobile devices. Subscribers are reminded to select the class/classes their children are in this year to receive specific notifications for that particular class. This needs to be updated at the beginning of each year to ensure you are receiving the notifications for your child/children's class. General notifications are received by all subscribers. For more information visit skoolbag.com.au Please note that from time to time skoolbag pushes out communication to all families who have signed up. The recent information about online coding workshops is not something the school wishes parents to sign up for.

Qkr! Preferred Payment Method - Moving forward our school will be cashless, please refer to the instructions on Skoolbag on how to download the Qkr! App to make school purchases. If you require assistance please contact the school office, thank you.

Lunch Orders - Children are able to place a lunch order on Monday's & Friday's. Please write your child's name, stage and order on a lunch bag with the correct money enclosed.

Second hand Uniform Shop - The uniform shop will open each Wednesday from 8.30am to 9am, please come to the front gate GATE 1 - McCulloch Street and see the staff member on duty.

Sports Day - Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 sports day is Friday each week - full sports uniform to be worn.

Student in Stage 3 (Year 5 & Year 6) sports day is Wednesday each week - full sports uniform to be worn.



School Photo Day POSTPONED to Monday 20th June 2022

School Photo Day - All online payments will be transferred to the new date. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning the order envelope with your payment to our photographer on school photo day. **NEW** Advancedlife now offers Latitude Pay! To take advantage of LatitudePay and split the cost of your order into 10 small easy payments, simply order your school photos online as usual, set up a Latitude Pay account in just a few clicks and pay no interest or fees when you pay according to your payment schedule; it's that easy.

3 easy ways to purchase:

LatitudePay– Using the link below, set up an account during the online order process and split your payments across 10 weeks with no interest or fees, if you pay on time.

Visa, MasterCard or PayPal.

Cash– complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day.

Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: TMX EXY KJ8



Work Health and Safety Reminders

Building Child Safe Communities

Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers

At St John's we see parents as partners in your child's educational experience. Parents are encouraged to become involved in our school in a variety of ways such as canteen helpers, coaches of sporting teams, supporting classroom learning, providing general assistance around the school and much much more.

We are looking forward to being able to welcome Parents and Carers back onto our school site and invite you to complete the Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers by visiting: <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Go to **About Us/Building Child Safe Communities**

COVID 19 Back to School Safety

A reminder that if your child tests positive to COVID-19, it's important to let the school know as soon as possible and to notify NSW Health through the Service NSW App. For safety, schools will also be monitoring students' health and asking families to collect students who display COVID-19 symptoms. If they display any symptoms they should take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) or a PCR test. If the test is negative but symptoms continue, your child **MUST** stay home and take another RAT or PCR test in 24 hours. Please note that if there is a case of COVID-19 in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school if they have no symptoms, in line with NSW Health advice. Please let the school know of the absence and when it is expected they will be able to return.



2022 St John's Parish Riverstone Youth Group

All school-aged children and their parents are invited to attend a get-together for the Youth Group. Fun activities for both children their parents. You are most welcome to bring a friend.

6pm in the Church Hall on these Fridays: May 20, 17 Jun, 19 Aug, 16 Sept, 21 Oct and 18 Nov (Christmas Party)



Driving and parking safely in and around school

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- **Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.**
- **Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.**
- **Always park and turn legally around the school.**
- **Never double park as it puts children at risk.**
- **Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.**
- **Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.**
- **Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.**
- **At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.**
- **Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.**



Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed

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