



# The Evangelist

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## Term 2 Week 8

### Thursday 16th June 2022

#### ***A message from the Principal***

Dear St Johns Families,

This week I would like to acknowledge all of our staff who have worked together to support each other with our school events over the last few weeks.

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Rebecca Tolhurst who ran a fantastic sports carnival. While it was debatable if the weather would allow us to go ahead, Mrs Tolhurst continued with her planning and wonderful organisation to ensure the day ran smoothly and that all of the children had an opportunity to participate. I was certainly pleased when I heard that the weather had held off and that everyone had a great day. Thank you also to the staff who supported Mrs Tolhurst in her preparations. Events like this take a lot of pre planning and paperwork in order to go ahead and we are very appreciative to all those who contributed. We are also very grateful for the parents who helped out with the running of the Carnival and the BBQ on the day. Parent support is an integral part of any special event at school. The children and staff were very happy to have your support and to have a hot lunch on such a cold day.

A huge thank you to Mrs Abbott for her very successful book fair in Week 6. We were overwhelmed with the parent support of this event and will look at holding another book fair later in the year. We raised \$2,900.00 and will receive a commission from the sales generated to purchase books for the school. Great job everyone!

I would also like to thank Miss Judith Murphy, and the leadership team, Mr Philip Margerison and Mrs Pauline Berry, and all of the staff who worked together last week to ensure business as usual at school while I was on my leave. Mrs Berry will also be on leave for the remainder of Term 2. We wish her safe travels with her family.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known by its Latin title: Corpus Christi. At this time we remember with gratitude and celebrate Jesus' gift to us of his Body and Blood. We are also called to give. To give your body is to give your time, your activity, your energy, your work. We are called to give of ourselves. It is the pouring out of one's self in love that is symbolised in the word blood.

Lord we ask that you nourish our spirit, heart, mind and hands... and help us to to be the body of Christ in our world today.





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Next week all children will receive their half yearly report. Schools are required to report on student achievement in Key Learning Areas (subjects), such as English, Mathematics and Religion against a 5 point scale. All children in Years 1-6 will have their achievement shown based on this five point common grade scale. For the children in Year 1 this will be the first time they receive this formal report, as schools are not required to use the five point scale for Kindergarten children. The following provides a descriptor for each grade on the common grade scale according to NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority).

**Extensive** - The student has an **extensive** knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

**Thorough** - The student has **thorough** knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

**Sound** - the student has a **sound** knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

**Basic** - The student has a **basic** knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

**Elementary** - The student has an **elementary** knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

A **sound** achievement indicates that your child has learnt the content and skills required to demonstrate proficiency of this particular syllabus outcome at this point in time. They have sound knowledge, skills and understanding which is an achievement they can be very proud of.

During the last week of this term, you have been invited to attend a Parent/Carer/Teacher conference to discuss your child's Semester One report. Please refer to the Skoolbag post sent out on Tuesday 14th June 2022 for information on how to secure a conference time with your child's teacher. I encourage you to make a time to meet with your child/children's teacher. this is a valuable opportunity to discuss learning progress and to set some future goals for their learning together.

Every child has individual strengths and these should be celebrated. Equally important, every child has areas of challenges and these challenges should be embraced as opportunities to grown and learn. As a school we are committed to work with parents and carers to provide a rich, holistic, quality Catholic education, our Learning Reports are part of your child's educational story and learning journey at St John's.

Have a blessed week.

Jane Misek

**Principal.**





Tell Them From Me

## ***A message from the Assistant Principal***

A reminder that all of our students, teachers and parents are invited to take up the opportunity to provide feedback on their experience of our school using the online Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and well being at St John's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

***We are hoping to have a significant number of parents respond to the survey in 2022.***

You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

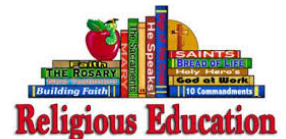
<https://telltthemfromme.com/survey/splash/stjohnsriverstone1>

*If you are unsure of how to access the survey and require assistance, please contact Miss Judith Murphy Assistant Principal.*

Judith Murphy

***Assistant Principal.***

## ***A message from the Religious Education Coordinator***



Next Friday 24th June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To celebrate this feast the school will be taking part in two events.

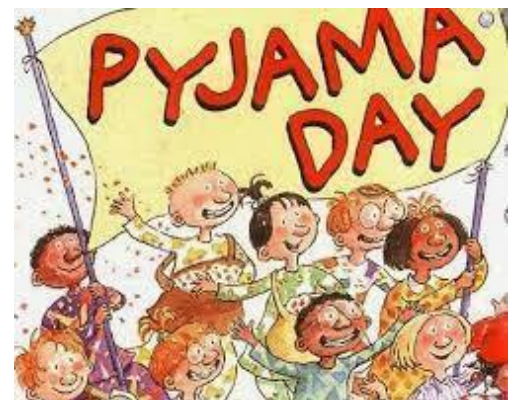
**You are invited on Wednesday 22nd June**, we will be celebrating **Mass in the church at 11:45 am**. Families are welcome to join us for this Mass. As a way of building our parish community, we have also invited members of the parish, who might not have a connection to the school, to join us for this community event.

Traditionally Mass for this feast was often called the 'Poor Man's Mass'. It was a time to remember the less fortunate in our community and to raise funds or make a collection of food to help those in need. (The living reality of Jesus' love.)

Therefore, on **Friday 24th June**, students are invited to wear their **pyjamas** to school. For the privilege of wearing their pyjamas, students are asked to bring a can of food or other non-perishable item that we will donate to Vinnies to help those in need in our community. For safety reasons, please ensure your child wears their normal sports day shoes, no slippers please.

Philip Margerison

***Religious Education Coordinator***





## Staff Development Days 2022

TERM THREE - Friday 23 September 2022

TERM FOUR - **Monday 10th October**, Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December 2022

**Please note that we will be having an additional Staff Development Day on Monday 10th October 2022. This day has been allocated to support the implementation of the new syllabus in 2023.**

## Term Dates 2022

- Last Day Term 2 - Friday 1st July 2022
- First Day Term 3 - Monday 18th July 2022
- Last Day Term 3 - Thursday 22nd September 2022
- First Day Term 4 - Tuesday 11th October 2022
- Last day of Term 4 Friday 16th December 2022



**Compass Parent Portal** - On Monday 23rd May all parents received an email with a link to set up your access to our Compass Parent/Student Portal. This portal will allow you to upload attendance notes, view your child's attendance and importantly view and download your child/children's semester reports. ***This year all semester one and semester two reports will be viewed via the Compass Parent Portal.*** Please take the time to open this email and complete the activation process by setting up your login and password. If you did not receive an email please contact the school via email at [riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**Lunch Orders** - Children are able to place a lunch order on Monday's & Friday's. **New Lunch Ordering System** - Sam's Gourmet Café has partnered with **Spriggy Schools** to manage lunch ordering. Please refer to the Skoolbag post published on the 10th May with instructions on how to download the Spriggy Schools App. **All lunch orders should now be placed via the Spriggy Schools App.**

**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. Donations of secondhand uniform items are welcome, we thank you for your continued support.

**School Photo Day - Monday 20th June 2022.** Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning the order envelope with your payment to the photographer on school photo day. All orders that have already been placed with the original school photo date will automatically be transferred to the new school photo date. **You do not need to re-order.** If you wish to pay by cash and have lost or require an order envelope please contact the school office on **9854 3200** or email [riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au) and we can arrange to send another one home with your child. **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](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter online order code: TMX EXY KJ8**



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## Work Health and Safety Reminders

### Kiss and Drop Safety

A reminder that where possible children should be exiting the car via the driver's side and stepping into the yellow zone once they are safely out of the car and have closed the door. We are encouraging all children to close their own car door - please practise with your child how to close the car door safely.

If your child needs to exit from the passenger side they must walk to the front of your vehicle and cross in front of you rather than behind where other cars are driving into the Kiss and Drop Zone.

Children must also remain seated and with their seat belt on until you come to a complete stop.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe.

### 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.

## ***Parish News***

St John's Eagles Indoor Soccer

**Wednesday 6 July 2022**

Indoor Sports Centre Cnr Hamilton St & Garfield Rd Riverstone

9.30am to 2.30pm



Please refer to the skoolbag notification posted on Tuesday 14/6/2022 or contact the Parish Office for more information on 02 9627 1176

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***Principal: Jane Misek***

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.30pm

## **Parish**

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

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