



# The Evangelist

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## Term 3 Week 10

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

### **Wednesday 21st September 2022**

Dear St John's Families,

As we come to the end of this busy term I am also coming to the end of my role as a school Mum. My son Angus will finish Year 12 this week and while we still have the HSC to get through, life in our household is going to be very different. It seems a strange thing to admit but I will miss the last minute washing and ironing of school uniforms, the morning scramble to find something to make school lunches and the hours spent driving to school activities or proof reading school assignments. It seems like only yesterday that we sent him off to school in a pair of shorts and a shirt that were two sizes too big and a school bag that weighed more than he did and now he is taller than me and drives himself to school. When I reflect on the last 13 years there have been many tears as we struggled through the normal family challenges and the ups and down of both primary and high school but also many good times as we connected with so many other families who were part of our Catholic learning community.

Life really does go past in the blink of an eye and it is so important to make the most of every minute we have to be with our families. I hope that these coming school holidays will give you time to slow down and spend some quality time with your children. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 11th October 2022.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing school break.

I know you will join with me in keeping all of our Year 12 students across the Diocese in your prayers and thoughts at this very important time in their life journey.

*Dear Lord*

*We pray for our Year 12s as they begin their journey to graduation.*

*God, we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this time.*

*Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge  
that you hold them in the palm of your hand.*

*Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.*

*We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen*



First day of school 2010



## Walk-a-thon

Last Friday we held our walk-a-thon which was our first major fundraiser in some time. I am very pleased to let you know that we have raised \$6,800. Days like this don't just happen, a lot of hard work has gone on behind the scenes and on the day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event such a success. A reminder that pledges can be paid online via Qkr! until the 14th October (end of week 1 term 4). Ten percent of all money raised will be donated to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Jane Misek

**Principal**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Staff Development Days 2022

**TERM THREE - Friday 23 September 2022**

**TERM FOUR - Monday 10 October,**

**Monday 7 November,**

**Friday 2 December,**

**Monday 19 December and Tuesday 20 December**



### Term Dates 2022

- Last Day Term 3 - Wednesday 21st September 2022
- First Day Term 4 - Tuesday 11th October 2022
- Last day of Term 4 Friday 16th December 2022

## WHAT'S COMING UP IN TERM 4

Tuesday 11th October -	First Day Term 4
Wednesday 19th October -	Stage 3 Parent Puberty Information Session
Monday 24th October to -	Swimming Program
Friday 4th November	
Wednesday 26th October -	Kindergarten 2023 Transition Session Group 1
Thursday 27th October -	Kindergarten 2023 Transition Session Group 2
Monday 31st October -	Kindergarten 2023 Transition Session Group 3
Tuesday 1st November -	Kindergarten 2023 Transition Session Group 4
Wednesday 9th November -	Kindergarten 2023 Parent Information Session
Wednesday 15th November -	Kindergarten 2023 Whole Group Transition Session
Friday 18th November -	Swimming Carnival

**All dates for  
End of Year  
Events will be  
confirmed at  
the start of  
Term 4.**