



The Evangelist

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Term 1 Week 9

A message from the Principal

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Dear St John's Families,

Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle is now underway and we ask that you support this initiative. As always any money raised goes back into supporting our children with the purchase of resources for all to use. Last year we were able to raffle many Easter bags full of eggs and chocolate from the generous donations from our families. We also sold \$566 worth of tickets. This year all extra funds raised will go into purchasing new equipment for our playground. On our wish list at the moment are some desperately needed new soccer nets.



An Important Safety Message

As St Johns continues to grow it is important that we are all mindful of the procedures and practices that keep our children safe at all times. Of particular importance is our morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

In the morning the gates are opened at 8.20am as the teacher comes out to duty. This includes the McCulloch Street Gates and the Kiss and Drop Gate. There are teachers on duty at both gates to ensure that children are entering the school safely. If using Kiss and Drop please try to have your children exit the car via the drivers side so that they are able to come straight into the gate. Please be mindful of your surroundings as you leave the Kiss and Drop area. Children, should where possible be seated in the back seat when using Kiss and Drop.

If you are parking and walking children in please do not use the parish car park as this is not the safest option and there is limited pedestrian access. We are currently investigating an alternative way to enter the school for parents with prams.

In the afternoon children may be collected from either the parish gate or the McCulloch Street gate. Both of these gates are opened by the supervising teacher at 2.50pm when the bell rings. Children in Years 3-6 wait outside the Snack Shack and children in Years K-2 wait in the area outside Stage 1. Children may be collected between 2.50 and 3.20pm. Please feel free to arrive after 3pm in order to ease some of the congestion.

When leaving the school in the afternoon please walk with your child/ren so that the teachers are aware of who the children are leaving with.

For the safety of all we ask that parents do not park in the teacher's carpark or use this as pedestrian access into the school.





Learning

Over the term the children have been bringing home their work books. Please take the time to talk to your child/ren about their learning, focus on what they are proud of and what their next steps as a learner are. Remember all children learn in different ways and at a different pace. Try to focus on the positives.

This week I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our wonderful staff who have gone above and beyond over the last few weeks to help rebuild many of the community events that we were unable to enjoy over the last few years. Our Cross County Carnival, St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day activities and of course our wonderful community night with our picnic and disco. Ensuring all of these activities are successful takes time and effort but they are all an important part of our children's primary school experience. Over the coming year we look forward to being able to involve our parents in the organisation of more of these events. Please come along to our Cuppa and Chat next week to see how you can be involved or to share your ideas.

O Christ, our Teacher, We thank you for the gift of our Catholic schools where the message of your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed, discipleship is modeled, worship of you is cultivated, and community is experienced.



Jane Misek

Principal

Principal's Cuppa & Chat

Tuesday 28th March 2023



Parents and Carers are warmly invited to a Cuppa & Chat with the Principal to be held in the Library at 9am

Everyone is welcome to attend!



A message from the Assistant Principal

Numeracy Learning!



St John's numeracy learning goal for Term 1, 2023 is for students to be exposed to a wider range of numbers to support place value learning in warm up time.

Over the past eight weeks the staff and students have been focusing on improving skills and knowledge in place value. The staff have been co-planning and co-reflecting on warm up tasks during their Professional Learning Meetings.

The students have been engaging in a Mathematics "warm up" every day for ten minutes - the warm ups are a mental starter to "tune" into the Mathematics of the lesson. During this time the teacher has opportunities to observe the students and is listening to what students say, observing their actions and analysing their written work.

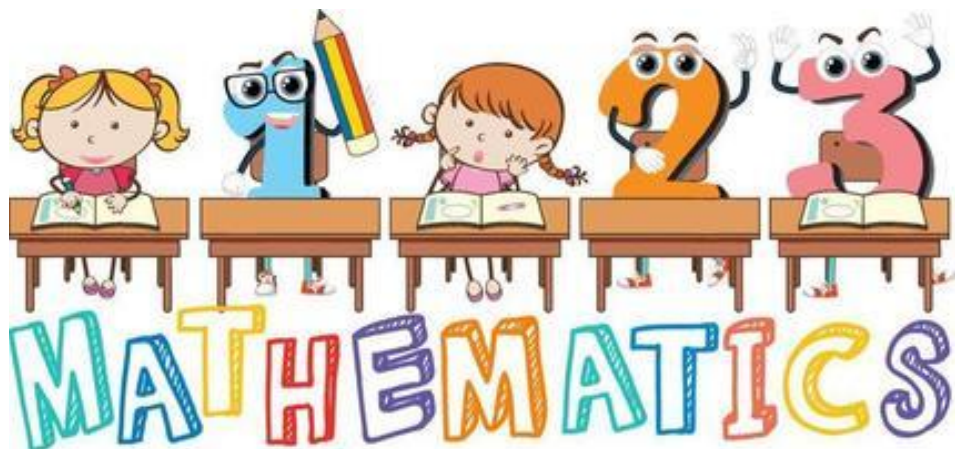
The same warm up task continues for a week or more for students to build up knowledge. Place Value refers to the position of a digit in a number that determines its value. For example, in the number 46 the '4' has a value of 4 tens but in the number 24 the '4' has a value of 4 ones. In our number system, every time we collect 10 of something, we regroup and rename it. For example, 10 ones is renamed as 1 ten; 10 hundreds is renamed as 1 hundred.

Learning in place value for students involves:

- Connecting number names and numerals with the collections they represent
- Understanding the terms more/less
- Interpreting the place value and total value of each digit in a numeral
- Placing numbers on a number line and explaining why they placed numbers in that position.
- Using a mental number line

Understanding of place value is essential for understanding of Mathematics.

If you would like any more information please contact me or your child's teacher via the school office.



Judith Murphy

Assistant Principal



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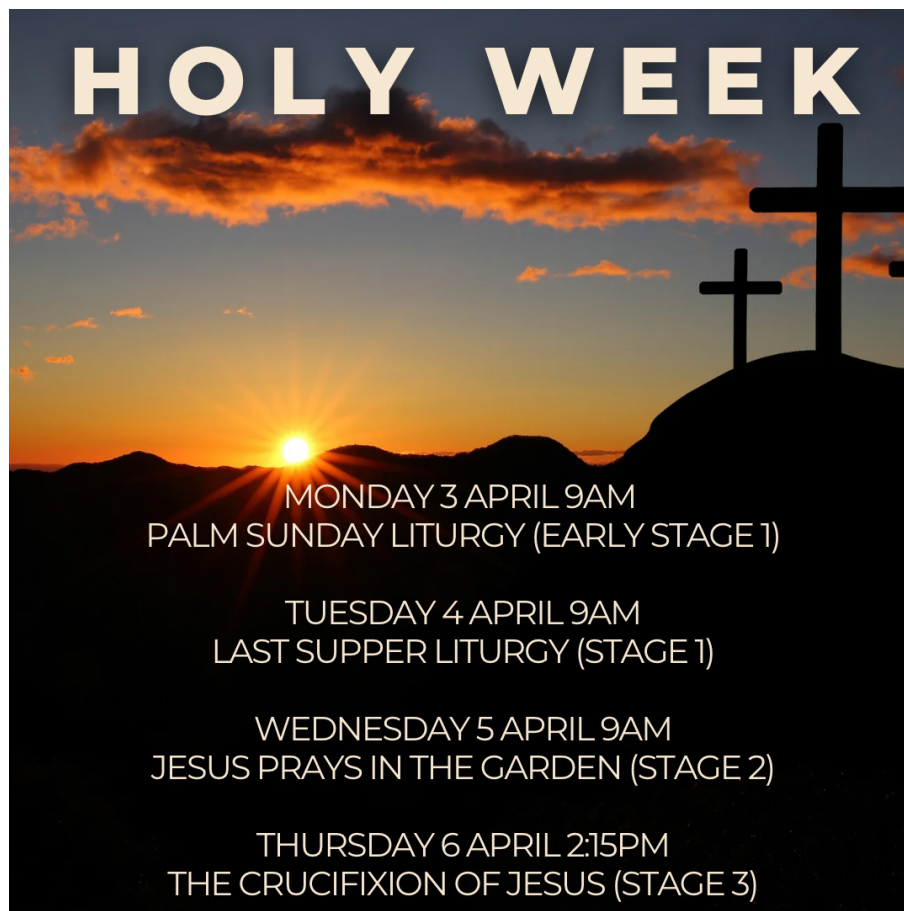
A message from the Religious Education Coordinator



Thank you for your support this term as I settled into the St John's community. Term one always feels like a busy term however it has been so nice to start the year as a community through our range of celebrations.

Looking ahead to the end of term and early term 2, feel free to add the following dates to your calendar.

- Holy Week (See below) Everyone is most welcome to attend. These liturgies will take place in the playground.
- Risen Christ Liturgy Monday 24th April 9:00am
- Riverstone ANZAC Day Dawn Service - All Students welcome to attend, meet Mrs Rowley at 5.30am (more information next week)
- ANZAC Day Service Wednesday 26th April 9:00am
- Mother's Day - Friday 12th May *Time and Details to be confirmed*
- Sacred Heart Mass - Friday 16th June *Time to be confirmed*



Angela Rowley

Religious Education Coordinator



A message from the Leader of Learning

At St John's we are working together to develop successful, independent, assessment capable learners.

Assessment capable learners are students who know. They **understand what they are supposed to learn, monitor their own progress, set goals, and reflect on their learning.**

The students reflect on the following Learning Goals and, with the guidance of their teachers, work towards understanding and identifying where they are and where they need to go next.

2023 Student Learning Goals

- I am challenged by, and engaged in, my learning
- I can explain what I am learning about and why
- I know what my next steps as a learner are
- I know who, or where, I can go to get help with my learning.

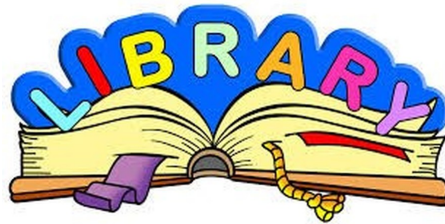


Each child is able to learn and improve at their own pace, feeling successful and supported. This in turn increases motivation and engagement and creates successful learners.

Pauline Berry

Leader of Learning

Library News



St John's Primary is committed to involving our students in as many activities as possible to enhance their learning and to foster a love of reading. During the year we will engage the children in Premier's Reading Challenge, CBCA Book Week, National Simultaneous Storytime, Book Club and Book fair's. As each event draws closer we will provide further information for these events via the Newsletter and Compass.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again St John's Primary students will have the chance to participate in the **Premier's Reading Challenge**. The aim of the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student, to read, to read more, and to read more widely. In 2022 we had 63 students complete the challenge, let's see if we can improve on this in 2023.

Family Tree was the most read book across NSW in 2022 **by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh**



The Challenge opened on **Monday the 27th February** and closes on **Friday the 18th August**.

What's Involved: The challenge requires children to read a set number of books (depending on their age) that are on the Premier's Reading Challenge List. As your child reads books (or 'read to' for Kindergarten to Year 2 children) **you or your child will need to enter the books on the PRC website using the child's unique login and pass code.**

Children in Early Stage 1 will have the challenge completed for them in 2023, as a teacher will read the books to them in class. However parents are also welcome to join in.

Please complete and return the form that will come home with your child on Friday 24th March if you would like your child to participate in the challenge in 2023.



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While you cannot enter the books until the challenge opens and a login is supplied to you **(these should be distributed by the start of Term 2)**, you can keep a record of the books completed and enter them once challenge commences.

For more information please refer to this website: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

If you require more information please contact **Mrs Abbott** via the school email address.

Karen Abbott

Library/Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator



School Fees

Installment one fees were due on Wednesday 15th March unless there was an active arrangement in place. Thank you to those who have paid.

If you are experiencing hardship or require any support with your account please contact Natalie on 02 9854 3200 or sjhn-rivrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au



ENROLLING NOW . . .

FINAL CALL FOR 2024 ENROLMENTS

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2024 ARE DUE BY 31/03/2023

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE 31/3/2023 WILL GO ONTO THE WAITING LIST

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD THE ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM A, FORM B AND FORM C.

www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au ENROL > HOW TO ENROL

YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED IN THE ENROLMENT INSTRUCTIONS OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND WE CAN ARRANGE FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK TO BE SENT TO YOU.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN STAGE THREE

Stage 3 has been enjoying their Drama Literacy activities on Wednesday's with Mrs Armour. This term, we have used our imagination and participated in a variety of drama activities to explore Oliver Jeffers' book, 'A Child of Books.' Take a look at our Picture Postcard that each class created to demonstrate either a view of the ocean 'above the waves,' or 'below the waves.' We can't wait to see what's in store as we continue to extend our creative and imaginative thinking throughout the year.



Year 5 working on their small group tableau
'Quiet or Loud'



Year 6 and their 'above the waves' picture postcard

Year 6 has also been participating in digital photography lessons with Mrs P. We have been learning about techniques to create interesting images in photography. So far we have taken pictures that focus on the rule of thirds, macro photography, miniature people and reflections in our photography. We have begun creating digital portfolios to display our work. We are looking forward to learning more about the techniques involved in photography.





EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

Help support our school by donating Easter Eggs. School will then use these donations to make Easter Egg baskets to raffle. The more donation we get the more prizes we will have. We will also donate some baskets to St Vincent De Paul for families in need.

All children who donate Easter eggs will receive 1 ticket in the raffle. Raffle tickets will be available from Monday 13/3/2023 for \$1 each and can be purchase through the Qkr! App.

All tickets purchase through the Qkr! App will go into the draw to be held on

Friday 31st March 2023 at the Easter Hat Parade at 9.30am

There will be prizes for each grade as well as the whole school

Please send Easter egg donation to school with your child's name and class clearly labeled

The last day for donations will be Wednesday 29th March 2023

Thank you for your continued support



EASTER HAT PARADE

**St John's will be having an Easter Hat Parade
on Friday 31st March 9.30am**

All students are invited to participate by making an Easter Hat at home and bringing it in on the day of the parade.

Everyone is welcome to attend!





END OF YEAR DATES

Term 4/2023

The last day for students in 2023 is Friday 15th December

The 18th & 19th December will be Staff Development Days

SPORTS DAYS

Kindergarten - Wednesday's & Thursday's

Years 1 & Year 2 - Tuesday's & Thursday's

Years 3 & 4 - Wednesday's & Thursday's

Years 5 & 6 - Tuesday's & Thursday's



Mark your
Calendar

- **Friday 24th March** - Assembly Stage 1 (Presentation SRC Badges) 2.20pm
- **Tuesday 28th March** - Cuppa & Chat with the Principal 9am
- **Wednesday 29th March** - Last Day for Easter Egg donations
- **Friday 31st March** - Easter Hat Parade and Raffle 9.30am
- **Friday 31st March** - Last day to submit Kindy 2024 Enrolment Applications
- **Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April - HOLY WEEK**
- **Monday 3rd April** - Palm Sunday Liturgy 9am
- **Monday 3rd April** - Bucket drum display for Y3 parents at 11.30am
- **Tuesday 4th April** - Holy Thursday Liturgy 9am
- **Wednesday 5th April** - Garden of Gethsemane Liturgy 9am
- **Thursday 6th April** - Good Friday Liturgy 2.15pm
- **Thursday 6th April** - Last day of Term 1
- **Monday 24th April** - First day of Term 2/Resurrection Liturgy 9am
- **Tuesday 25th April** - Anzac Day Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 26th April** - Anzac Day Service 9am
- **Thursday 4th May** - School Photo Day



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Donations for the Mother's Day Raffle Term 2

In term 2 we will be having our Mother's Day Stall and Raffle. We require your support in the form of donations for the raffle. Money raised from the raffle will go towards purchasing valuable new equipment for our playground. More information will be communicated next term with dates and details. Donations can be left at the school office. We thank you for your continued support.



Secondhand Uniform Shop

The secondhand uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8.20am to 9am. Please see the staff member on duty at the gates. We thank our parent volunteers Mrs Belinda Murray and Mrs Jessica Stone for their support in offering this service for our St John's families. Payment for all secondhand uniform items are made via the Qkr! App.

Snack Shack (school canteen)



We are very appreciative of our parent volunteers who offer this service to our students twice a week on Monday and Wednesday at recess and lunch times. **Please email the school if you are able to volunteer for Term 2.**

Please note: in accordance with CEDP guidelines our Snack Shack is cashless and we are using a school issued **prepaid card** purchased via the QKR app.

Students will be able to purchase a variety of items at the snack shack in the price range of 50c - \$2.00 using a school issued prepaid card that can be purchased via Qkr!

Parents can purchase either a \$5 or \$10 card. This card will be punched at the snack shack each time a student purchases an item according to its cost.

LUNCH ORDERS UNAVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY 31/3/2023 TO THURSDAY 1/6/2023

SAM'S CAFE will be unable to provide lunch orders from Friday 31/3/2023 to Thursday 1/6/2023. Spriggy Schools will be turned off during this time to ensure orders do not go through. Sam's Cafe passes on their sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause parents and carers. We are working with one of our parent volunteers to try to provide an alternative at least once a week from the start of Term 2. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

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Principal: Jane Misek

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Parish

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Riverstone 2765 Tel: 9627 2276

Email: stjohns10@bigpond

Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed

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



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Ambrose
School Age Care

**St Joseph's
Schofields**

Vacation Care Program APRIL 2023 WEEK 1

Early 'Bee' – bookings requested before 6pm 17th March 2023 receive the discount of \$10 per day.

Monday 10 April  PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE CLOSED	Silent Disco Glow Party Tuesday 11 April Early 'Bee' \$85 Standard Fee \$95  A high energy dance party without the Noise! Move and groove to the best rocking playlist. Kids will be provided with a set of high quality sounding wireless headphones. With two music channels available there is something for everyone. Workshop - Additional Authority Form Required.	360 Allstars Riverside theatre Wednesday 12 April Early 'Bee' \$100 Standard Fee \$110  BMX, basketball, breakdancing, acrobatics, drumming and more! Come along as we go to Riverside Theatre to see the 360 ALLSTARS, a spectacular fusion of the extraordinary artistry that emerges from street culture. Excursion - Additional Authority Form Required	Easter Party Thursday 13 April Early 'Bee' \$75 Standard Fee \$85  Join us in celebrating Easter! We will test your searching skills in our fun easter egg hunt with your friends! We will also be doing traditional Easter activities such as egg & spoon race, Easter hat parade, plaster painting & decorating cross necklaces. <u>We welcome you to bring in your own bunny ears, decorated easter hat or plain hat to be decorated at the service!</u>	Camp at Joeys! Friday 14 April Early 'Bee' \$65 Standard Fee \$75  Pack your tents and adventure shoes because today we will be setting up camp. Let's imagine we need to test our survival skills and live outdoors. We will have lots of fun doing camp style activities and making snacks! <u>We welcome you to bring in your tent to build and sleeping bag</u>
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Vacation Care Program APRIL 2023 WEEK 2

Early 'Bee' – bookings requested before 6pm 17th March 2023 receive the discount of \$10 per day.

Movie Monday Monday 17 April Early 'Bee' \$65 Standard Fee \$75  We will be watching all your favourite movies, munching on some homemade popcorn and make our own pizzas.	Footy Fever Tuesday 18 April Early 'Bee' \$80 Standard Fee \$90  What better way to embrace our nation's love of sport and football with a workshop jam packed of all things NRL or AFL. We encourage children to come along in their footy colours and really get in the spirit no matter what teams end up in the big games! Workshop - Additional Authority Form Required.	Hijinx Hotel and Holey Moley Wednesday 19 April Early 'Bee' \$100 Standard Fee \$110  We are combining Holey Moley's biggest 9-hole golf with an immersive experience called Hijinx Hotel. The children will learn about teamwork as they work together to finish 5 interactive game rooms. Excursion - Additional Authority Form Required.	Kidz Mobile Zoo Thursday 20 April Early 'Bee' \$95 Standard Fee \$105  We are bringing the farm to Joeys! Get excited as we are going to see Alpacas, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Chickens & Ducks. Everyone gets to go inside the enclosure with the animals to feed, pat, walk amongst them and ask questions. Workshop - Additional Authority Form Required.	Art Day Friday 21 April Early 'Bee' \$70 Standard Fee \$80  Feeling creative? Bring your artistic skills as we learn how to tie dye clothing and paint pour on canvas.
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Children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, enclosed sports shoes, socks & a sun-safe hat (legionnaire or bucket hat with wide brim) for all outdoor play and excursions. The service will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day and is an allergy aware service—please do not bring nuts or eggs. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site.



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Availability is limited. Bookings will be processed on a first in, first serve basis. Book early to avoid missing out.