



# The Evangelist

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## Term 2 Week 8

### Thursday 15th June 2023

#### *A message from the Principal*

Dear St John's Families,

In the last newsletter I announced that I would be on leave from this week until the end of the term. Unfortunately this week my father in law passed away after a long illness and we have decided to postpone our holiday. I will now be at school until the end of the term.

In week 10 this term our Semester One reports will be available via the COMPASS portal. 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).

<b>Extensive</b>	The student has an <b>extensive</b> 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.
<b>Thorough</b>	The student has <b>thorough</b> 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.
<b>Sound</b>	The student has a <b>sound</b> knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
<b>Basic</b>	The student has a <b>basic</b> knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills
<b>Elementary</b>	The student has an <b>elementary</b> knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.



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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.

This week all parents were sent an invitation to book an appointment on the School Interviews website to meet early next term with your child's teacher. This is a valuable time to discuss your child's learning and to set some learning goals for the second half of the year. I encourage all parents/carers to take advantage of this opportunity.

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 grow 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.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the Sacred Heart, we see that God's heart is consumed with love for us—so much so that he was willing to suffer and die for us. The Sacred Heart teaches us that true love, while sometimes difficult, is life giving. Hence why we often focus on those less fortunate than ourselves during this Feast Day.

*O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, and I love you.*

*I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure,*

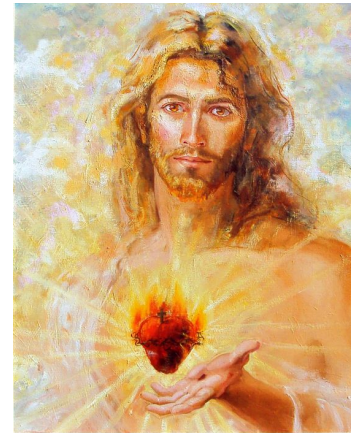
*and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.*

Have a wonderful week.

Jane Misek

**Principal**

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



### **Fun Maths Game**

The NSW Government Education website has some great ideas for maths games students and families can do. This idea is for any grade with a range of possible numbers to use.

#### **Mind reading magic?**

Magicians are often mathematicians who wear fancy capes.

There are plenty of fun tricks you and your child can work on to amaze your family and friends. Try this one out with your child before using it to surprise and amaze a larger audience.

#### **The Challenge**

1. Ask your child to think of a number, any number.
2. Then ask them to double it.
3. Now add 10.
4. Halve it.
5. Take away the original number.
6. Now tell them that you're going to read their mind using all of your amazing magical powers. Tell them you know the number that they're now thinking of is... 5!





## The Conversation

Many magic tricks are rich in mathematics. After amazing your child with this trick, explore the number magic further by:

- working with your child to do this trick with a few different numbers. The answer is always 5.
- asking your child to figure out how and why this trick works
- creating your own trick that leads to a different solution.

Save the Date: On Tuesday 8 August we will be holding a Mathematics night at school for all parents and carers. More information about this will come out early next term.

Judith Murphy

**Assistant Principal**



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

*Congratulations to Mai, Naina, Nathia, Noah, Zoey, Beryl, Khate, Elina and Isaac who made their First Reconciliation over the weekend.*

All parents and carers are warmly invited to celebrate the Feast of The Sacred Heart with us at Mass on Friday 16th June at 11.45am. Students are required to wear their full winter uniform including tie.

A reminder that there is just over a month until registration for First Holy Communion will close in the parish. Register by 17th July 2023 for children who are in Year 4 and have been Baptised and received their First Reconciliation.

## ***Learning in Religious Education***

Further to the information provided in the previous newsletter around inquiry learning, below is some further information around the learning process led by the Mission Team in the diocese.

### **Clarity**

Clear expectations motivate learning. It is important our students are able to answer the following questions at all times:

Where am I going in my learning?

Where am I now?

What next steps am I going to take in my learning?

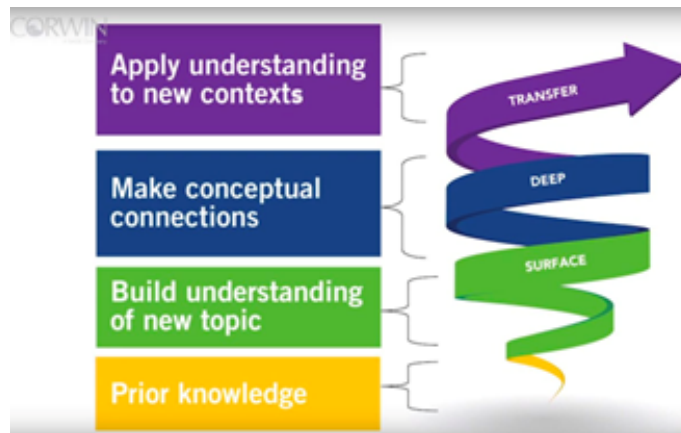
How do I improve my learning and that of others?

### **Challenge**

Teachers align instruction, feedback and learning strategies with levels of understanding (surface, deep and transfer).



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*Visible Learning - John Hattie*

The process of identifying students' current progress and aligning teachers' actions is fluid and requires continual monitoring of learning and adjusting instruction.

## Culture

To enable all students to have a voice and choice in their learning and support others in their learning, teachers focus on the following questions: How do I improve my learning and that of others?

- Establish agreements and protocols that focus all students on learning
- Provide tools for students to determine their level of progress and proficiency
- Create the conditions for students to engage with failure in their learning
- Establish processes for students to offer, receive and use feedback to improve learning



Angela Rowley

**Religious Education Coordinator**



## St John's School Library News

### NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to the following children who have completed this year's Premier's Reading Challenge

**Aarush, Lily, Katelyn, Amerie, Beryl and Ainah**

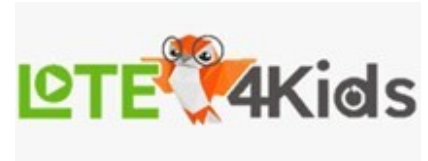
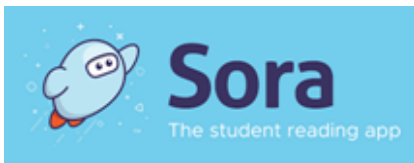
Mrs Abbott will be handing out a paper hand to the children once they have completed the challenge. The children need to write, colour, draw or decorate them to show "why they love books".

Once completed please return to Mrs Abbott.

These will be displayed in the library for all those who complete the challenge.

### Digital Resources

The Premiers Reading Challenge will close in August , if you are having trouble getting to a library please remember the children do have access to digital resources via E-Library on classmate



Go to your school's e-library either via [Classm8](#) or our website [St John's Primary](#) and follow the prompts.

### CBCA BOOK WEEK - August 19-25 2023

2023 Theme is ..... **Read , Grow and Inspire**

Matt Ottley is creating the official artwork around the theme.

There is something special about the artwork !!

Keep an eye out in Term 3 for more information around our Book Week activities.



Karen Abbott

**Library Assistant**





## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN STAGE THREE

In Stage 3, students have been engaging in various mathematics topics to expand their understanding and problem-solving skills.

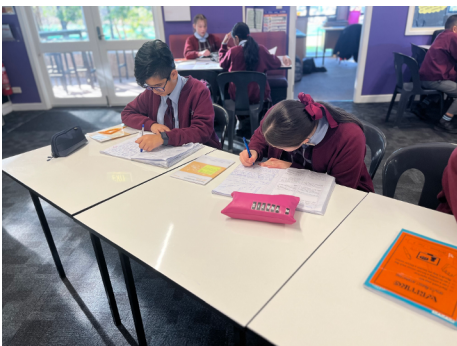
One key area of focus has been 2D and 3D space, where students explore shapes, angles, and spatial relationships. Students have enjoyed learning about shapes and objects. Towards the end of the term students will construct a 3-Dimensional artwork using our new Splats! which assists children to draw 3D objects. Another topic covered this term is volume and capacity, where students investigate the measurement of liquids and solids, including conversions between different units.

Additionally, Year 6 have begun exploring patterns and algebra, where they have analysed number sequences, identified rules, and solved equations.

Parents can actively engage their children by asking questions like:

- Can you find the capacity of \_\_\_\_? (juice container, milk jug)
  - How would you measure the volume of a box?
- Can you identify the pattern in this number sequence and predict the next number?"
  - Can you write an equation to solve this problem?

*These questions foster critical thinking and reinforce the mathematical concepts learned in Stage 3.*





## ***A message from the Sports Coordinator***



On the 26th May, Tyga travelled to Goulburn to compete in the 2023 MacKillop Football trial. Tyga reports he had a great time and was close to the final selection for the next team. He represented himself, his family and his school with pride and a desire to get better with his football.

He is excited for the opportunity to go through the process again next year and hopefully go one better and be selected in the MacKillop team.

Tyga is one of a small handful of students from St John's to get to this level so please join me in giving him a big congratulations from our whole St John's community.



This week Giovanni represented our Diocese at the Catholic Schools NSW Cross Country and placed 34th. This is a great achievement and something he can be very proud of. Congratulations Giovanni!



***Our annual Athletics Carnival is next week and we have some wonderful volunteers who will help run our carnival and BBQ. Thank you for volunteering your time. Our helpers should have received an email with details about the day this week. We thank you for your continued support, events like this could not go ahead with out you.***

Thank you to all the parents who have nominated their children for the 800m event. [Nominations have now closed.](#)

***Many thanks to Bush's who have very generously donated the sausages for the sausage sizzle to be held at the Athletics Carnival.***







## WINNERS are GRINNERS!

Congratulations to our S3 Girls Soccer Gala Day representatives who went out to Penrith on Friday 2nd June and were Pool D winners.

The girls all had a fantastic day and played with true St John's spirit. Some of the girls had not played soccer before and were very nervous about the day. I am so proud of how they tried their very best and did what they needed to for our team. One of these students even scored a goal in one of the games. Amazing effort by all.

A big thank you to the wonderful Mrs Murray for coaching our team on the day. Without her effort and time running training sessions at school before the day we would not have had such great success.

Our S3 girls team.

***Sienna M, Jelena, Marlee, Jacinta, Elizabeth, Rubie, Sia, Makenna, Sienna K, Francheska, Breanna and Baylie.***



*Yours in sport,*

Rebecca Tolhurst

***Sports Coordinator***





Please note change of sports day for Kindergarten and Year 1 & 2

**MINI ROOS FOOTBALL PROGRAM - STUDENTS WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM ON THESE DAYS AS WELL AS THEIR USUAL SPORTS DAY**

**Week 9 -**

**Friday 23rd June - S2 and S3**

## 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 TERM 2

**Kindergarten - Tuesday's**

**Years 1 & Year 2 -  
Wednesday's**

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

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

## Upcoming Events:

- **Friday 16th June** - Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
- **Friday 16th June** - Sacred Heart Mass 11.45am - **FULL WINTER UNIFORM**
- **Monday 19th June** - Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 23rd June** - Assembly presented by Stage 2
- **Wednesday 28th June** - Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
- **Friday 30th June** - Last day of Term 2
- **Monday 17th July** - First Day Term 3 - Staff Development Day - No Students at school on this day.
- **Tuesday 18th July** - Students return for Term 3

## SAVE THE DATE

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS - MONDAY 17TH JULY (T3 - Note this is the first day of Term 3), FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER (T3 - Note this is the last day of Term 3), MONDAY 9TH & TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER (T4 - Note these are the first two days of Term 4) No Students at school on these days**

**Stage 3 Overnight Excursion 30th -31st October (Monday/Tuesday)**





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## SCHOOL FEES

**Instalment two payments were due on 31st May and are now overdue unless you have an active arrangement in place. If you are experiencing difficulties or would like to create an arrangement please contact Natalie on 02 9854 3200 or [sjhn-rivrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjhn-rivrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au)**



## Lunch Orders are back



*Lunch orders can be placed via the Spriggy Schools App on Mondays and Fridays*

Sam's Gourmet Café has partnered with Spriggy Schools to manage our canteen ordering system. Spriggy Schools is very user friendly and available for child caregivers to use on an iPhone, Android and desktop.

The cut-off time to order lunch for students will be 9am on Monday & Friday. If for any reason it is past the cut-off time, caregivers can contact Sam on 02 9627 1634 and if there is reasonable time to prep the order, Sam can place the order for the student via the back end of the Spriggy Schools app. Sam will be requesting sufficient details to ensure the correct student account is being charged. Caregivers can request a refund and cancel the order via the app prior to 9am, if it is past 9am, the caregiver must contact Sam and if the order hasn't been made, Sam will issue a refund back onto the students account.

If the caregiver has any questions regarding the app and its functionality, please direct them firstly to the customer support popup on the bottom right hand of the Spriggy Schools app, alternatively you can direct them to Sam and we will help to the best of our ability or pass the question onto our Spriggy Schools account manager.

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**Principal: Jane Misek**

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.30pm

### Parish

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Riverstone 2765 Tel: 9627 2276

Email: [stjohns10@bigpond](mailto:stjohns10@bigpond)

**Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed**

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