



# St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

18 November 2020

## From the Principal

### Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

**NAIDOC Week:** Last week was NAIDOC Week. Throughout the week, the focus was on the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Classes were involved in art/craft activities and listening to Dreamtime stories. The senior classes read and watched news articles about historical and cultural events.

**Remembrance Day:** The Grade 6's lead our Remembrance Day liturgy last Wednesday with respect and reverence, providing an opportunity for us, as a school, to reflect. Congratulations to Charli Kruizinga for being awarded the RSL 'Junior Citizen Award'

**Book Week:** The theme this year was '*Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*'. Thank you for putting in the efforts to help your children with their costumes, it is always wonderful to see the whole school getting involved. The playground and classrooms were filled with excitement and laughter.

**New Foundation Children:** Over the past couple of weeks, we have held our Foundation Orientation sessions. We have 34 students enrolled and due to COVID restrictions, we split them into 4 smaller groups. Next week, groups will be combined into 2 groups of 17. It has been wonderful to meet these very excited and enthusiastic children.

**Early Arrivals:** For the safety of your children, we remind you that children must not be dropped off before 8:30am as there are no teachers on duty. If your child/ren need to be dropped off earlier, please book them into before school care. OSHC 0428 768 674

**Staggered Dismissal:** I would like to thank you for your patience with the staggered dismissal process. Can I please remind you of the importance of completing the end of day form via Operoo as early as

**possible before 12noon each day to avoid the necessity for reminders and followup.** Can I also ask that the form be completed even if your child is absent.

**Appearance:** We have always prided ourselves on how well our students present themselves in public, both their behaviour and appearance. We understand that during COVID restrictions, it was difficult to shop for appropriate footwear etc and many children did not have access to a barber or hairdresser. Now that restrictions are lifted, we ask for your support in re-establishing our standard of appearance by ensuring your children are wearing the correct uniform and that their hair is in keeping with school expectations. (Long hair must be tied up, only natural hair colourings and no extreme hairstyles) We thank you for your understanding and support.

**Play equipment:** Basic play equipment is now returning to the playground. This equipment is sanitised each day before use. For hygiene reasons, we still ask that NO toys from home be brought to school.

**Class Lists 2021:** Our classroom structure will remain the same as this year.

- 2 x Foundation
- 3 x Gr1/2
- 2 x Gr3/4
- 1 x Gr4/5
- 2 x Gr5/6

We are beginning the process of planning our class lists for 2021. Whilst this is a difficult and time-consuming task, we are blessed to have such a knowledgeable staff who are aware of student needs and work collaboratively to make professional judgements in relation to class planning and student placement.

When deciding our individual class structures, a number of factors are considered, which include:

- Student's social, emotional, academic and physical development
- Student's cognitive development
- Student relationships
- Family dynamics, eg sibling placement
- Teacher knowledge, skill and expertise
- Enrolment numbers at the various levels

If your child has a particular need or there is important information that we should be aware of when considering class placement for the 2021 school year, we ask that parents put this information in writing and submit it via email to [principal@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 20th November.

**Good News:** Sarah and Ben Manelski are expecting their 3rd child in April 2021. We wish Sarah good health over the coming months.

Regards

Chris Dortmans, Principal

# Junior News

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through our last term in 2020!

In Mathematics, we have been revising and deepening our knowledge of place value and counting. We have also been exploring the measurement of mass, capacity, time and location.

In English, we have continued our work with fairy-tales, exploring their purpose, audience and structure. We are looking at the language the author uses in these types of text to build interest and describe characters.

Our afternoon sessions focus on student wellbeing and reconnecting after such a long time apart.

Please keep an eye on Seesaw as your teacher will still be using this platform to connect and relay any important information over the coming weeks.

**Teddy Bear Picnic:** Yesterday the Foundation - Two students participated in a 'Bear Hunt' and 'Teddy Bear Picnic'. It was lovely to see all of their smiling faces as they squelched through the mud, skipped through the swishy swashy grass and crawled into the bear's cave. They then enjoyed a relaxing picnic on the oval.

# Senior News

We have well and truly settled back into school and remote learning now feels like a distant memory!

We have been busy making up for lost time, celebrating Book Week this week with wonderful participation from the senior students in the various activities, such as the Book Character dress up parade, Zoom shared reading, a hotly contested grade vs grade 'Book Trivia' contest and our whole school story writing.

In English we have continued our reading focus and have started exploring the elements of speech writing and public speaking.

In Maths, we have been looking at geometric reasoning, including measuring angles using a protractor.

Keep an eye on upcoming dates (particularly for our Grade 6 students) and Seesaw, as we will still be sharing plenty of pictures and student's work from the classroom!

# Dates

<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>Fri 4 Dec</b> - Whole School Sports Day - Full details to come	
<b>Wed 9 Dec</b> - Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy & Presentations (see letter for full details)	<b>Thur 10 Dec</b> - Grade 6 Break-up Evening, 3:00 - 6:30pm (see letter for full details)
<b>Fri 11 Dec</b> - Grade 6 students finish	<b>Fri 11 Dec</b> - Reports sent home
<b>Mon 14 Dec</b> - Meet your teacher day	<b>Wed 16 Dec</b> - End of Year Mass, 9:15am (Details to be confirmed)
<b>Wed 16 Dec</b> - Students final day (3:10pm finish)	



## Uniform Shop - Open for online orders only

The uniform shop is open for online ordering only - orders are processed on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Orders will be sent home with your child (if they are attending on-site) or pick up from the office can be arranged by e-mailing the uniform shop to request this.

If you need to exchange an item please e-mail Belinda at [uniform@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au](mailto:uniform@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au) with details and return the item via the office (please ensure it is unwashed with tags still attached) and your name is attached to the item returned. Exchanges will be processed on the next uniform shop day.

For general uniform enquiries please email Belinda - [uniform@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au](mailto:uniform@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au)

For Uniform ordering through CDF pay—Visit <https://stjohnskwr.cdfpay.org.au> or scan QR Code

(Guidelines for setting up your CDFpay account can be found on Skoolbag).

## Canteen - Term 4

The canteen is open on Mondays and Thursdays for lunch orders only.

**Please note:** There will be no over the counter sales and orders **must** be placed **before 8:45am** via CDFpay on the day required.

## 2021 Enrolments

If you have a child to enrol at St John's for 2021 please contact the office a.s.a.p. We are currently finalising our structure and enrolments for 2021.



Birthdays - 18/11 to 1/12 - Aaliyah Bertuna, Amelia Knight, Chloe Bertuna, Goamar Chol, Jazmyn Foster-Miles, Cody Wlazly

# Koo Wee Rup Catholic Parishes in Partnership

Including the communities of: St Joseph's Iona, St James Nar Nar Goon, Holy Family Maryknoll, St John's Koo Wee Rup and St Mary's, Lang Lang

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:** **ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

St Joseph's, Iona - Sunday 11 am	Holy Family, Maryknoll - 2nd Sunday, 8am
St James, Nar Nar Goon - Saturday 6pm	St John's, Koo Wee Rup - Sunday 9:30am
St Mary's, Lang Lang - 3rd Sunday, 8am	



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