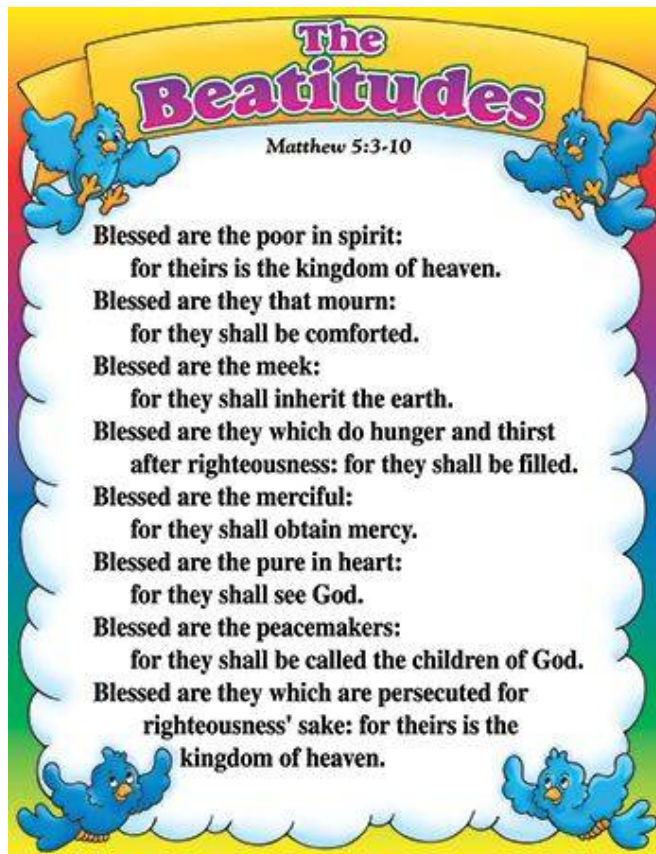




St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

4 November 2020

From the Principal



Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers

Last week the Catholic Community celebrated the feasts of **All Saints and All Souls days**. All Saints Day is a special feast day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. While most saints have a particular feast day on the Catholic calendar (usually, though not always, the date of their death), not all of those feast days are observed. And saints who have not been canonised, but whose sainthood is known only to God —have no particular feast day. In a special way, All Saints Day is their feast.

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The Beatitudes is a very fitting prayer/scripture for the feast of All Saints and Souls. We all know people who live their lives like this – who really follow Jesus in their lives. It might be someone well known, who lots of people have heard of, or it might be a friend or a family member. Take a moment to think about someone you know who has died and showed in their lifetime a true commitment to the message of the Beatitudes.

Cyber Safety - Teaching your child to be **cybersafe** will help them to engage with the online world responsibly, and can assist to protect them from online risks. Common cybersafety issues for children include cyberbullying, accessing or sharing inappropriate content and protecting their personal information.

What You Can Do:

- Keep devices out of bedrooms;
- Monitor their online usage;
- Become familiar with games and apps your child is using;
- Set time limits and explain your reasons why.
- Build the trust with your child around online platforms.
- Please, also read the attached Social Media & Your School Parent Factsheet - link provided below.

House Athletics - This Friday would have traditionally been our Grandparents Day, however due to restrictions we cannot celebrate as we have in the past. We will still recognise how special Grandparents are on this day via our Liturgy:

- Whole School Liturgy (with a focus on Grandparents) at 9:30am via Zoom - all families have received an invitation via Seesaw, please feel free to share this with Grandparents.
- Athletics and novelty events - will occur during the day, children should wear sports uniform with a "House Color" top and accessories.
- Sausage sizzle lunch provided for all students.

We thank all Grandparents for the wonderful support and love they give to their grandchildren.

Socktober & Rice Day - Thank you for your support of Socktober & Rice Day last week, it was wonderful to see socks worn in a multitude of ways such as in the hair, decorated socks and socks as shoe laces to name a few. It was a way for our community to share a simple cup of rice to acknowledge the suffering of so many people around the world who only receive 1 cup of rice a day. Donations totaled approximately \$500. Thanks also to our very capable Social Justice Leaders who took this on with lots of enthusiasm.

End of Day Operoo Form - A quick reminder to ensure that the Operoo End of Day Form is completed before 12noon daily.

Regards

Chris Dortmans, Principal

Social Media & Your School Parent Fact Sheet

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/parentsocialmediaschoolcommunity.pdf>

Book Week

Dress Up Day

Monday 16 November

Theme:



Dress as your favourite book character.

Prizes for best dressed.

Dates

Term 4	
November	
Fri 6 - Whole School Liturgy via Zoom with focus on Grandparents - families invited via Zoom link provided in Seesaw	Fri 6 - House Athletics Sports - Whole School (Sports uniform with house color shirt and accessories may be worn) Spectators not permitted.
Mon 16 - Book Week Dress Up Day	Mon 16 - Fri 20 - Book Week (activity schedule to come)
December	
Wed 9 - Grade 6 Graduation (Details to be finalised)	Fri 11 - Grade 6 students finish
Mon 14 - Meet your teacher day	Wed 16 - 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 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

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 Monday and Thursdays for lunch orders only.

Please note: There will be no over the counter sales and orders **must** be placed **before 8:45am** 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 - 4/11 to 17/11 - Harper Hill, Oscar McGeachin, Phoenix Ferguson, Oscar Wilson, Oliver Emanuelli, Samuel Emanuelli, Hudson Delaney, Lacie Blackley, Indy Brady, Tilly Smith, Layla Borthwick, Aaron Stewart

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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