



St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

15 December 2020

From the Principal

Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

It's difficult to find the words to describe the 2020 school year; it has presented us with our own set of unique challenges as we adapted to a changing world dominated by COVID-19. If COVID taught us anything, it highlighted even further the value of school; the importance of being together with classmates and teachers, to learn and laugh together.

The extensive school closures prevented us from spending time with friends, families and colleagues. It was a time that students and staff experienced new challenges as we transferred to the online classroom. Thanks to the support of families, the resilience of students and the professionalism and care of staff, we were able to enjoy some positive moments during lockdown.

Last week, our Year 6 students celebrated their primary school graduation; we are very proud of this cohort and thank them for their contributions to St John's. We wish them all the best as they move on to secondary school.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

- Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Award: Lily Daly
- Sportsmanship Award: Cody Wlazly & Tiani Johnson
- St John the Baptist Award: Erica Condron & Jai Parsons
- Men's Shed Encouragement Award: Lucius Di Pietro
- St John the Baptist Academic Award: Olivia Aulich
- St Sofia Committee Award: Lily Banks & Mitchell Ventura

Grade structures and teacher placements for 2021 are as follows:

FD	Miss Chantelle Davies
FK	Miss Danielle Kemp (3 days) & Mrs Anna Hughes (2 days)
1/2B	Mrs Brooke Baker (3 days) & Mrs Sarah Manelski (2 days)
1/2H	Ms Olivia Hunt
1/2W	Miss Georgia Williamson
3/4H	Mrs Bernadette Hance
3/4K	Mrs Jodi Kennedy (3 days) & Mrs Louise Hennessy (2 days)
4/5M	Mrs Rhiannon McFarlane (3 days) & Mrs Jacqui Dennis (2 days)
5/6M	Mrs Alycia Matthews
5/6S	Mr Daniel Stark

Physical Education: Mrs Jacqui Dennis

Italian: Mrs Simone Vanderputt

Visual Arts: Mrs Simone Vanderputt

Performing Arts: Mrs Rhiannon McFarlane

STEM: Mrs Simone Vanderputt

Library: Mrs Amber Ventura

Tomorrow at our End of Year Mass, we will sadly farewell Ms Leah Missen who is taking up a teaching position at St Angela of the Cross in Warragul. I would like to thank her for her dedication and care of the children she has taught here at St John's and wish her well at her new school. Mrs Claire Bird is taking leave for the 2021 year; we look forward to her return the following year.

Finally, wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and a safe holiday period.

Regards

Chris Dortmans, Principal

Commencement Dates 2021

- **Commencement of Classes - School begins for all students on Friday 29th January 2021.**
- **Foundation students:** In order to allow the Foundation children to ease into the school routine, they do not attend school on a full-time basis until after the Labour Day weekend in March.
 - Commence Friday 29th Jan, from week beginning Monday 1st February - to Friday 5th March – Four full days, **no school Wednesdays**
 - Tuesday 9th March onwards – fulltime attendance

Dates

Term 4 - 2020

Wed 16 Dec - End of Year Mass, 9:15am (Students only)

Wed 16 Dec- Students final day (3:10pm finish)

Term 1 - 2021

Fri 29 Jan - All students Commence

Mon 1 - Fri 5 Feb - Grade 5 /6 Camp to Forest Lodge

Wed 3 Feb - Foundation students day off

Wed 10 Feb - Foundation students day off

Mon 15 Feb - Swimming Trials (Gr 1- 6 students only)



Uniform Shop - Open for online orders only

The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 28th January between 2pm and 3:30pm – this is only for collection of orders placed over the holidays via CDFpay. If you are unable to collect on this day please contact the uniform shop via e-mail: uniform@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au prior to this day.

The uniform shop will re-open on Monday 1st February for online ordering only at this stage - orders are processed on Monday and Thursday afternoons and will be sent home with your child.

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 Uniform ordering through CDF pay—Visit <https://stjohnskwr.cdfpay.org.au> or scan QR Code. (Guidelines for setting up your CDFpay account can also be found on Skoolbag).

As we are a 'Sun Smart School' we also require the children to wear a school hat from September to April with the 'No Hat-No Play' policy strictly enforced during 1st and 4th terms.

School uniform guidelines are available in the Parent Information section of Skoolbag, on our website or a hard copy can be obtained from the office.



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:

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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