



St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

2 December 2020

From the Principal



*God of light and life, Give us hope
as we wait for your coming again.*

*When we are tempted to be grateful
to have found you while others are lost,*

Send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most.

Amen

Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

It is very difficult to get my head around the fact that there is only two weeks left of the school year and Christmas is fast approaching! The decorations appearing around the community are a constant reminder though. In the Christian Church, we have entered into the season of Advent, a time of waiting

and prepare for the coming of Jesus.

St John's House Athletics Carnival; On Friday 4th December we are holding our whole school Athletics Carnival (weather permitting). Students will participate in a variety of athletic sports and an overall winner will be announced at the end of the day.

Students are to wear their house colours and appropriate footwear for the day.

Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents onsite for the sports due to outdoor gathering restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

Graduation: Wednesday 9th December; Next Wednesday evening is our Graduation Mass, 7pm in the Church, followed by the awards presentations. Unfortunately, due to restriction, the Grade 5's will not be able to part of the evening, the church capacity will only cater for 2 guests per Grade 6 student. The Grade 6's will hand over the 'Light of Leadership' to the Grade 5's during a special ceremony the following day.

Colour Run; To celebrate the end of the year and to farewell our wonderful Grade 6's, we holding a Colour Run on Friday 11th December.

The children, in their grade levels, will run through an obstacle type course where at teachers will spray Indian Holu colour powder on the children's clothing.

(NB: This is not compulsory and children may opt for the NO colour run)

Children wishing to participate, are encouraged to wear eye protection (swimming goggles work well) and a white or light coloured t-shirt to show-off the colours.

The Hulu colour powder is non-toxic, non-flammable, skin safe, biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Made of corn starch and food grade colours, it is safe for all.

An example can be watched: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyGDsS3DzWw&feature=emb_logo

Reports will go home with all students on Friday 11th December.

This semester will again see a report that is different, as determined by the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority), the Victorian Department of Education and the CECV (Catholic Education Commission of Victoria). These directions are a result of the extraordinary circumstances during the semester. If you have any queries regarding your child's report please make an appointment with their teacher to discuss.

Meeting the Teacher Morning: On Monday 14th December, we will be holding our 'Meet Your Teacher Morning'. After recess students will find out who their 2021 teacher/s are and spend time with their 2021 classmates.

End of Year Mass: On Wednesday 16th December, Fr Peter will celebrate Mass starting at 9:15am for students only.

Regards

Chris Dortmans, Principal

Junior News

2020 has certainly been a very different year for our Junior students. Full of many highs, lows, success and challenges. The last nine weeks at school have been so special and we have cherished every minute we have had together.

Here are some of our Junior students' reflections on the year:

'I enjoyed the Teddy Bear picnic and seeing all my friends again.' - Ben, Foundation K

'I have loved counting to 100 and doing the actions to the funny videos. I like writing sentences about pictures.' - Abigail, Foundation M

'My name is Phoenix and I am in 1/2M. This year I have enjoyed watching the remote learning videos that the teachers posted when we were learning at home. I also enjoyed learning about Capacity in Maths. We made popcorn and got to eat it as well. It was so much fun, the popcorn went everywhere!' - Phoenix, 1/2M

'The best thing about this year has been playing with my friends at snack and lunch.' Noah M, 1/2B

'My favourite part about this year was going outside and drawing with chalk so that we could practise our directional language. It was really fun to give our partner directions.' Jackson H, 1/2W

Thank you all for your support this year and we wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Senior News

The senior students have reflected on the year that has been...

A highlight for this year would be spending more time with our families during remote learning.

Everyone is now enjoying talking with each other back at school. Everyone loved doing their projects and presenting them to the class. **Charlotte 3/4H**

2020 has been hard year because of Coronavirus and Remote Learning. But even though it's been hard, I have been able to build up friendships with people I didn't normally get to play with and still have some fun. I'm looking forward to Grade Five and going to Forest Lodge. I'm also looking forward to getting my own iPad. **Sophie 3/4M**

I've really enjoyed seeing my friends again after Remote Learning! **Jayden 4/5B**

Although we haven't spent much time at school this year I have had lots of fun. One of my highlights of the year was when we got to go to the fete, we saw all the fruit and rides getting set up and we also got to be in free dress! It was so fun walking around the stalls and going on rides with your friends, thank goodness it got to go ahead. **Star 5/6H**

The highlight of my last year at St. Johns was being Social Justice Leader. I enjoyed going to each of the classes to explain our new projects. - **Lucius 5/6D**

Canteen—End of year

The last day for lunch orders will be Thursday 10 December.

CDFpay accounts—please try to use any credits in your CDFpay by the end of next week.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Festive Food Hampers

We are seeking Donations of NON-PERISHABLE food items and toiletries to be donated up until:

Friday 11th December

Donation baskets are in each class.

Festive food, plum pudding, chips, bon-bons, tinned food, pasta, sauces lollies etc

Many, many thanks in advance for your donation.

Library—End of Year Dates

This week is the last week for borrowing through the Library

Week beginning 7th December

Returns only.

Please ensure all books are returned at your earliest convenience to allow for end of year processing.

Dates

Term 4	
Fri 4 Dec - Whole School Sports Day (see Skoolbag & SeeSaw for full details), Spectators not permitted.	Wed 9 Dec - Grade 6 Graduation Mass & Presentations (see letter for full details)
Thur 10 Dec - Grade 6 Break-up Evening, 3:00 - 6:30pm (see letter for full details)	Fri 11 Dec - Whole School Colour Run - full details will be provided via Operoo permission
Fri 11 Dec - Grade 6 students finish	Fri 11 Dec - Reports sent home
Mon 14 Dec - Meet your teacher day	Wed 16 Dec - End of Year Mass, 9:15am (Students only)
Wed 16 Dec - 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 Mondays and Thursdays for lunch orders only.

Please note: There will be no over the counter sales for the remainder of the year 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 - 2/12 to 15/12 -Willow Hnatiw, Peyton Dillon, Xander Peterssen, Lucas Richardson, William Neill, Charlotte Topham, Chad Bethune, Kooper Herbert, Chloe Borthwick, Maddison Banks, Lilly Mackey, Scarlett Benwell

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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