



# St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

17 February 2021

## Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

Following today's announcement ending the Statewide Lockdown we can now confirm that school will recommence as normal for all students tomorrow.

All rules surrounding parents on site are as prior to this lockdown. Please remember that parents are asked to wear a mask when on school grounds as there is a tendency to congregate rather than social distance.

**The following events have been rescheduled:**

**Grade 6 Leadership speeches - Mon 22nd Feb** (Parents are not permitted to attend due to density limits)

**Swimming Trials - Tue 23rd Feb (Students only)** - New permissions will be sought via Operoo

**Parent Teacher Meetings - Wed 3rd & Thur 4th Mar** - Booking information will be e-mailed to parents.

Today is Ash Wednesday, to mark the beginning of the Lenten season we have shared a prayer liturgy via SeeSaw.

It is a time where we give thanks for the good things that God has given us and remember that these blessings are not just for us. We must share them and use them to help other people in the world who do not have enough food, clean water and healthcare. Traditionally, the blessed ashes that marked our foreheads on Ash Wednesday are a sign that during Lent we are growing to be more like Christ and a reminder that just as Christ gave of himself for others, we need to share what we have with others, too.

Canteen will resume tomorrow (18th February). Lunch orders will be available Mondays and Thursdays via CDF Pay only. Over the counter purchases will be limited to icy-poles only due to COVID-19 restrictions. To set up canteen ordering through CDF pay—Visit <https://stjohnskwr.cdfpay.org.au> or scan QR Code below. (Guidelines for setting up your CDFpay account can also be found on Skoolbag in the Parent Info section).

A reminder that all students are required to wear the correct summer uniform and must wear a hat when playing or doing activities outdoors. All hair accessories need to be of the school colours (yellow, navy or white). If your child needs to be out of uniform for any reason, a written note to their teacher is required.

Regards

Chris Dortmans, Principal

# Junior News

Welcome to the Junior Learning Community for 2021! We have had an exciting start to school and have demonstrated our ability to be flexible learners.

The students have enjoyed participating in the PMP program which allows them to develop their hand/eye and foot/eye coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills.

Last Monday, students brought home their first reader of the year. Home reading is an important part of your child's literacy development. It allows them to develop confidence, fluency and comprehension in a comfortable home environment.

Next week the Grade One and Two students will begin our spelling program. On a Monday, your child will bring home a list of spelling words based on a specific sound (phoneme), we will also post these words on Seesaw. The sounds for next week will be 's' and 'm'. We ask that your child practices these words during the week.

The Foundation students will be developing their letter ID, High Frequency Words and letter sound knowledge in class. These skills can be consolidated at home.

# Middle/Senior News

What a whirlwind start to 2021 it has been for the senior school!

Our 5/6 camp to Forest Lodge was a fantastic way to begin the year. The way the children and staff alike bonded together, faced challenges, offered encouragement and support to one another, combined with the laughter and excitement was a truly special way to start the year. The Forest Lodge staff made particular mention of the manners and exemplary behaviour of our students of which we are extremely proud.

The Grade 3/4s were lucky to squeeze in a Kitchen/Garden session before the snap lockdown! We hope to be back to this wonderful program as soon as possible. We do have class sets of aprons and gardening gloves on offer but please feel free to send along your own (named) if your child would prefer.

We have made the most of the short time we've had together in the classroom, beginning our book and author study on Anh Do's highly engaging 'Weir Do' series. We have also started with a focus on Recount writing, as well as whole numbers/place value in maths.

# Foundation Rest Day

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.

- Monday 1st February - to Friday 5th March – Four full days, **no school Wednesdays**
- Tuesday 9th March onwards – fulltime attendance

## Dates

<b>Term 1 - 2021</b>
<b>Mon 22 Feb</b> - Gr 6 Speeches, 2 - 2:30pm
<b>Tue 23 Feb</b> - Swimming Trials (Gr 1- 6 students only)
<b>Wed 24 Feb</b> - Foundation students day off
<b>Fri 26 Feb</b> - District Swimming (Qualified competitors only)
<b>Wed 3 Mar</b> - Foundation students day off
<b>Wed 3 Mar</b> - Parent Teacher Interviews, 3:40 to 7:00pm
<b>Thur 4th Mar</b> - Parent Teacher Interviews, 3:40 - 5:00pm
<b>Tue 9 Mar</b> - Foundation students commence full time
<b>Fri 12 Mar</b> - House Swimming Sports (Gr 1-6 students only)



## Uniform Shop - Open for online orders only

The uniform shop is open 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](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 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.



**Birthdays - 17 Feb to 2 Mar - Tara Van Den Heuvel, Melina Briganti, Levi Towers, Charlotte Hughes, Lucy Banks, Sebastian Mulhall, Maliyah Costa, Jack Topham, Jobe Cooper, Taylor Walker.**

# 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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