



# St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

3 February 2021

## Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

I would like to extend a welcome to all our families especially those who have joined our school community for the first time.

We also welcome Ms Olivia Hunt (Gr1/2) and Mrs Jodi Kennedy (Gr3/4) to our staff. They complement the outstanding staff we already have here at St John's.

Thank you for supporting the arrangements and procedures we have needed to implement for the start of the year, and we understand that this is not the ideal way to transition back to school. 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.

This year we have 10 classrooms with a total student population of 213. We are again able to offer a diverse range of Specialist classes to deliver a comprehensive curriculum, and dedicated support staff to help meet individual student needs.

This week Grade 5/6 are enjoying their Forest Lodge Camp. The days are filled with various outdoor adventure activities; canoeing, ropes course, giant swing, raft building, bush cooking and more. What a great way to start the year and to build friendships.

Canteen will commence next week (8th 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).

Over the next couple of weeks, the Grade 6 students will be vying for the various school leadership positions. Students will prepare a speech to present to their peers and those nominating for school captain will sit an interview with me. We are so proud of all those who accept the challenge of leadership.

Congratulations to Hayley Milner and Justin Vivian upon receiving a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award on Australia Day. We are all very proud.

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

# 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 1 - Fri 5 Feb</b> - Grade 5 /6 Camp to Forest Lodge
<b>Wed 3 Feb</b> - Foundation students day off
<b>Wed 10 Feb</b> - Foundation students day off
<b>Mon 15 Feb</b> - Swimming Trials (Gr 1- 6 students only)
<b>Mon 15 Feb</b> - Gr 6 Speeches, 2 - 2:30pm
<b>Mon 15 Feb</b> - Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 7:00pm
<b>Tue 16 Feb</b> - Parent teacher Interviews 3:30 - 5pm
<b>Wed 17 Feb</b> - Foundation students day off
<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>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 - 1 Jan to 16 Feb - Kai Leontini, Mateja McIntosh, Jayden Pellow, Riley Peck, Justin Vivian, Amber Benwell, Savreet Kaur, Asha Kawalko, Indiana Maloney, Tianna Thornhill, Ava Nicholls, Syieve Smith, Ruby Benwell, Jordan Fraser, Charli Banks, Ava Brooke, Lachlan Chapman, Helayna Pritchard, Jac Monty, Abigail Noone, Lillian Colley-**

## 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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