



St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

17 March 2021

From the Principal

Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

Congratulations to our Social Justice Leaders for 2021; Amber Benwell, Inay Chol, Chloe Borthwick and Charlotte Topham.

They have already been busy organising the school's first outreach program. Project Compassion is run by Caritas Australia for 6 weeks leading up to Easter. 'Project Compassion' boxes were sent home to all families last week, we encourage you to fill these with your loose change. Boxes should be returned by the end of this term.

Our classroom SRC Representatives have also been selected, congratulations to: Keira Mulcahy, Oscar McGeachin, Maliyah Costa, Xander Peterssen, Asha Kawalko, Jai Milner, Tahlia Dixon, Jayden Pellow, Emelia Scamporlino and Ethan Stewart. Our first SRC meeting will be around creating a child friendly version of the school's Child Safety Policy.

Well done to all of our children for taking part in house swimming sports last week. It was great to see their water confidence and enthusiasm coming through. Congratulations to MacKillop on winning this year. It was wonderful to be able to welcome parents to the sports.

We can be very proud of our children who competed at the Division Swimming Sports. Although no one will be going onto the next level, there were a number of third placings and personal best achieved.

Congratulations to those Grade 3 and 4 children who made their First Reconciliation last Thursday evening. It was a beautifully, reverent liturgy and was wonderful to be able to share the moment with families in our Parish church. We are looking forward to celebrating Class Masses with families in the future.

It has been wonderful to have the freedom of not needing face masks whilst outside, before and after school. Thank you for your diligence with maintaining social distancing and pedestrian movement. I do need to remind parents that after school, the playground and carpark need to be cleared by 3:20pm. The Carpark gates will be closed at 3:20pm to allow staff to attend meetings.

A reminder to all families that correct school uniform is required to be worn at all times, if your child is out of uniform for any reason this should be for a short time only and a note must be provided.

Jewellery - Students are not permitted to wear visible jewellery other than one pair of plain small silver or gold sleepers or studs.

Hair - Hair must be neatly styled and tied back if long. Hair accessories must be navy or gold.

For further clarification of our uniform guidelines please see the Parent Information section of Skoolbag.

Next Tuesday we are holding our Foundation Open Morning for prospective families considering enrolment for Foundation 2022, please see flyer below. Enrolment packs are now available from the school office or can be downloaded from our website.

Regards

Chris Dortmans, Principal



Foundation Open Morning
Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 9:30am—11:00am

**Meet the Principal
Discuss enrolment requirements
Book your enrolment interview
Uniform on display
School tours**

Alternatively, please contact the office on 03 5997 1653 to book an enrolment interview.

Junior News

The Junior School has been hard at work over the last few weeks showing incredible teamwork, following our WALK with St. John Expectation of Learning Together!

The students have been engaging in a new writing topic on Narratives.

Foundation students have been exploring the beginning, middle and end of narratives through an author study. The authors they have covered so far include Lynley Dodd, author of the Hairy Maclary series and Matthew Cosgrove, author of the Macca the Alpaca book series.

Grades One and Two are beginning their narrative writing topic by looking at character descriptions and narrative structure. They are developing descriptive language using adjectives, adverbs and the 5 senses.

This week Foundation students also began their first full five-day week and are doing extremely well adjusting to coming to school every day.

Middle/Senior News

We would like to extend a very big congratulations to the Grade 3 and 4 students who were finally able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. We had two very beautiful and reverent services. A big thank you to Mrs Hance for all her hard work in making it happen.

Also in Religion, don't forget that during Lent each year we raise money for Caritas Australia. Our newly elected Social Justice Leaders shared this message in the classrooms last week and boxes were sent home.

We have had an eventful few weeks in the senior school with lots of extra-curricular activities, such as swimming, as well as keeping busy in the classroom! In Maths, our focus has been on Addition, Subtraction and Length, incorporating Place Value. Our English lessons have centred around Narrative Writing as well as continuing our work in Sound Waves spelling and we are really enjoying reading Anh Do's books.

Our Inquiry focus for the next couple of weeks is our personal and social capabilities including Harmony Day, which will take place on the 21st of March. Children will participate in lessons based on diversity and harmony in our community.

An invitation to all Grade 5 & 6 Students and Parents to take our virtual tour

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College Transition Information

Virtual Tour

Log on to our website www.kwsc.vic.edu.au to view our virtual tour and see our Transition Handbook



Due to current COVID 19 advice and restrictions we will not be running our regular Open night at the College please contact the College for a tour

CONTACT US



For further information please contact:

Todd Slater (Assistant Principal)
or
Lauren Harvey (Y7 Learning Community Leader)

KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

Aims to provide a quality education for all students for all futures.

- Friendly, caring environment
- Supportive Learning Communities complemented by a strong House system
- SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) for gifted students.
- Cultural and sporting excellence, with extensive Sport, Music and Performing Arts programs
- State of the art Year 7 Learning Centre plus Learning Centres for other year levels
- Bring your own device program (BYOD)

FIND OUT INFORMATION REGARDING

- Transition
- Our Learning Communities and facilities
- SEAL applications
- School bus transport
- Inclusive Education program
- Extra-curricular programs
- Instrumental music program
- View messages from the staff and students



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Winter Uniform Term 2



A reminder that all students are required to wear

winter uniform in Terms 2 & 3.

Please ensure orders for any winter uniform are lodged as soon as possible to ensure stock availability.

Canteen Closed Thursday 1 April

The final canteen day for Term 1 will be Monday 29th April.



Easter Raffle
Free Dress Day
Friday 19th March
Please bring an Easter item with you on this day (chocolate egg or an Easter themed toy). This item will be used to make up our Easter raffle.
(Please note: Closed toed shoes must be worn - no thongs)
Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 1st April.
3 prizes per class
3 whole school prizes

Dates

Term 1
Thur 18 Mar - Class Mass 9:15am - FD, FK, 5/6M & 5/6S (Parents welcome)
Fri 19 Mar - Free Dress Day (Easter Egg donation to go towards Easter Raffle)
Tue 23 Mar - Foundation Open Morning 9:30 - 11:00am (For families wishing to enrol for Foundation 2022)
Thur 25 Mar - Class Mass 9:15am - 3/4H & 3/4K (Parents welcome)
Thur 1 April - Easter Raffle Draw
Thur 1 Apr - Term 1 ends, 2:10pm finish
Term 2
Mon 19 Apr - School Closure Day
Tue 20 Apr - Term 2 commences
Tue 20 Apr - School Photos
Fri 30 Apr - Mothers Day Stall
Fri 7 May - Mother's Day Breakfast
Fri 14 May - House Cross Country
Mon 24 - Fri 28 May - Swimming Lessons (Whole School)

Mary MacKillop Leongatha - 2022 Enrolments

<https://www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment/>

NOW OPEN!

Enrolments Year 7 2022

Due by 31 May 2021

Follow the link above to visit the Mary MacKillop College website for Application for Enrolment form and other information and videos.

Any questions, please contact the College Registrar 03 5662 4255 or ckitchingman@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au



Uniform Shop - Normal trading resumes

The uniform shop is open on Monday and Thursday 2:30 - 3:15pm, parents may now attend the uniform shop in person, due to density limits only one person will be allowed in the shop at a time.

Online is still the preferred method of purchasing uniform unless you need to check sizing.

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.



School Banking & Scholastic Book Club

School Banking - Banking day is Wednesday's - banking should be handed in through the classroom and will be returned the same day.

If you are wishing to set up a new school banking account please visit:

www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Scholastic Bookclub - Scholastic Bookclub orders are due by Friday 19 March - Late orders cannot be accepted.

Orders can be placed online: Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. You do not need to complete the order form. Payments are made via Credit Card.

Alternatively, your completed order form can be returned with payment to the school by Friday 19 March.



Birthdays - 17 Mar to 30 Mar - Ryan Fraser, Bradley Thurling, Natasha Boland.

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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Baptism Enquiries: Carmelina De Cesari Mob: 0401 911 092 carmelinadecesari@gmail.com

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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