



St John the Baptist Koo Wee Rup Newsletter

3 March 2021

From the Principal

Principals Report

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

Last week we wished Sarah Manelski well as she commenced maternity leave. Simone Vanderputt will be taking over Sarah's teaching role in 1/2B. I would like to welcome Rebecca Taylor as our new Art and STEM teacher. Rebecca is an experienced teacher having taught for many years across all levels, most recently as the Visual Arts teacher at St Jude's in Langwarrin.

Congratulations to our school leaders:

- School Captains: Levi Towers and Hayley Milner
- Cremin House: Chad Bethune and Charli Harris
- Mackillop House: Riley Peck and Emily George
- Wood House: Kooper Herbert and Savi Kaur
- Scott House: Jett Evans and Pheobe Neill

Social Justice Leaders and SRC positions will be announced next week.

Last week we held our **Swimming Trials** at KWR pool. I would like to commend the children on their resilience and determination to 'have a go'. Twenty five students represented St John's at District with 11 moving through to Division on Wednesday 10 March. Good luck to Tianna Thornhill, Oscar Wilson, Chelsea Williams, Jordan Fraser, Alex Elliott, Jai Milner, Emelia Scamporlino, Riley Peck, Pheobe Neill, Hayley Milner and Maddison Charles.

SeeSaw App - Teachers are now utilising the SeeSaw app to provide information to parents, please ensure that you check this daily. **Please note:** advice of absences etc should be advised via the Skoolbag App.

Visitors onsite -

- Visitors/parents are no longer required to wear a face mask when on school grounds, except when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- A density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres indoors remains. With this in mind, parents still CANNOT attend Whole School Assemblies.
- Parents will be able to attend Class Masses, however must sit in the back pews to maintain social distancing. Please sign in via the QR code at the Church entry.
- Visitors on school grounds - We must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who are on school grounds for more than 15 minutes. Therefore, I remind all visitors to sign in at the office on arrival.

Parent Teacher Interviews - This Wednesday and Thursday we are holding Parent/Teacher interviews. Although these are later than usual, it still provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to share information about the start of the year. Your registration/booking of an interview time serves as a record of your time on site. Please remember to maintain social distancing and to wear a mask when this is not possible.

Foundation students commence school on a full time basis next week.

House Swimming Sports - We are currently investigating the capacity and practicalities of having parents at House Swimming Sports next week, and whether the pool operators can provide designated spectator areas and signage. We will let parents know next week.

Our **Parish Sacramental Program** has started for 2021. Because children missed the opportunity to complete their sacraments last year, we have twice the number preparing for each sacrament this year. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 11th March, Confirmation during Term 2 and First Eucharist in Term 3. More information and dates will be sent out once confirmed with the Parish. I ask you to keep those children in Grade 3 &4, who are preparing for Reconciliation, in your prayers.

The School Advisory Board - Along with discussions on matters concerning education in the school, the Board provides feedback on, and reviews school policies. At our meeting last week we reviewed our "Codes of Conduct," both the codes of conduct for staff and parents can be found on our website. As we enter into a year of 'School Review' we will continue to review other policies throughout the year.

School Review - Every 4 years the school undertakes a Review Process. During 2021, staff will be completing a number of modules in regards to; The Organisation of the school, Teaching and Learning, Catholic Identity, Leadership and Child Safety. This is an opportunity for all members of the school community to have a say and help form the Strategic Intent for our school moving forward. Students will be consulted during the year on areas that are directly related to them. A sample of parents will have an opportunity to complete a survey in Term 2. The information gained is extremely valuable for making decisions regarding the Strategic Intent of the school over the coming 4 years.

School Closure Days 2021: Ongoing Professional Development and Planning is vital for teachers as it allows us to improve our knowledge and also reflect on current practice and trends in education. Throughout 2021 we will have a number of closure days focusing on improving our teaching and

learning practices. Please note the following school closure days:

- Monday 19th April
- Friday 25th June
- Monday 12th July
- Monday 17th September
- Monday 1st November
- Friday 17th December

Regards

Chris Dortmans, Principal

Dates

Term 1
Wed 3 Mar - Parent Teacher Interviews, 3:40 to 7:00pm
Thur 4th Mar - Parent Teacher Interviews, 3:40 - 5:00pm
Tue 9 Mar - Foundation students commence full time
Wed 10 Mar - Division Swimming (Qualified competitors)
Thur 11 Mar - Class Mass 9:15am - FK & 5/6M (Parents welcome)
Thur 11 Mar - Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm & 7:00pm
Fri 12 Mar - House Swimming Sports (Gr 1-6 students only)
Thur 18 Mar - Class Mass 9:15am - FD & 5/6S
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
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 April - School Photos

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

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.kwrsc.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)

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- 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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School Banking Returns

School banking will recommence next week.

Banking day will be Wednesday's - banking should be handed in through the classroom.

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

www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



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.



Birthdays - 3 Mar to 16 Mar - Cooper Cox, Maddison Charles, Rithul Timothy, Summer Topham, Ranit Timothy, Mackenzie Humphries, Max Murphy, Lace James.

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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