

# NEWSLETTER

Term 4 (Week 9) – December 3, 2019



## ST JOSEPH'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUARRY HILL

*Building Communities of Faith*

The care and safety of children and young people is fundamental to Catholic Education.  
St Joseph's Primary School is dedicated to building "Communities of Faith" and therefore we are committed to providing a child safe environment.

Dear Families,

Last Thursday, the students donated money to assist rural communities who are struggling with challenging weather conditions. A total of \$410.00 will be donated to the Vinnies from the school. I would like to thank all the families for their support for this worthwhile cause.

### National Prayer for Farmers

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought;

Be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary Help of Christians – Pray for us  
St. Mary Mackillop – Pray for us



### Orientation Day

Next Tuesday, December 10 will be the Orientation day for all our students. The Year 6 students will be at their new school and the current students will be with their teacher and classmates for 2020 from 12.00pm – 1.00pm. The new Foundation students will be at school from 9.15am – 10.45am.

### Invitation to Sharon Carroll's Assembly – Friday December 13

We would like to invite all members of St Joseph's community to our assembly on Friday December 13 at 2.30pm. During this assembly there will be chance to acknowledge the long contribution Sharon has made to St Joseph's. There will also be a shared afternoon tea with Sharon from 3.00pm.

Warmest regards,

Joan Coldwell, Principal

St Joseph's Primary School would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is situated.

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# Only one week to go!

## VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year, St Joseph's School helps St Joseph's Parish and the St Vincent de Paul Society with supporting many families and individuals who are experiencing difficulties at this time of year. Donations can be sent into your child's classroom.



This  
year we  
ask for the  
the following items:

*Foundation – Christmas Goodies –  
shortbread, lollies, decorations, fruitcake*

*Gr 1/2 – Breakfast & Desserts - cereal, vegemite, jam, honey,  
tinned fruit, jelly, long-life custard*

*Gr 3/4 – Cleaning Products & Toiletries – detergent, washing powder, toothpaste,  
shampoo, soap*

*Gr 5/6 – Drinks – long life milk & juice, tea, coffee milo, soft drink*

Our school has always been very generous with this appeal and all of your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.  
Your gifts will be collected  
on Wednesday December 11  
for distribution.  
Julie Cornwall  
Catholic Identity Leader

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sally, Gary, Indyca and Erlina Grima (3/4MR) on the safe arrival of Chelsea Skye born on November 19.



## PLANNING FOR 2020 - Reminder

A reminder that we are in the process of planning for 2020. If your child is not returning to St Joseph's next year, please advise the office as soon as possible.

## 2019 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4		
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday December 2	Bendigo Health Dental Service visiting
	Wednesday December 4	Instrumental Concert 6.30pm in Hall
	Thursday December 5	Foundation 2020 Transition 9.15am-10.30am
	Friday December 6	Bendigo Health Dental Service visiting
		Fete 2020 meeting 9.00am in school hall
		Advent Liturgy (Grade 5/6) 3.00pm
		Assembly 3.00pm
<b>Week 10</b>	Tuesday December 10	Orientation Day
		PFA Christmas gathering -
	Thursday December 12	Christmas Concert 6.00pm
	Friday December 13	Advent Liturgy (Grade 1/2) 2.30pm
		Sharon Carroll's Special Assembly 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea at 3pm
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday December 16	Netball dresses to be returned by today
	Tuesday December 17	End of Year Mass and Graduation 6.00pm
	Wednesday December 18	Grade 6 lunch
		Advent Liturgy (Foundation) 9.15am
		Last day of school year for students – finish at 3.30pm
	Thursday December 19	Planning Day for teachers
	Friday December 20	Last day of school year for teachers
2020 – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
TERM 1		
<b>Week 1</b>	Monday January 27	Australia Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday January 28	Teachers start the 2020 school year
	Wednesday January 29	Students start

## SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES

### Statements

School Fee & Levy statements to the end of November were emailed to families yesterday. If you did not receive a copy of your statement please let me know. Please check your statement, it will include an opening balance from October, transactions for November and a closing balance as of November 30, 2019. Please keep in mind that school fees and levies are due now and should be paid in full as soon as possible.

If you will be unable to finalise school fees and levies in full prior to the end of the school year please contact Mrs Coldwell to make a time to discuss this with her. This is very important as outstanding school fees and levies have an impact on the school's financial obligations.

### Direct Debit

Many families paying by this method will have already finalised payments for 2019. A few may find that there will be a payment of two this month. Payments will continue over the holiday break for families who have chosen this option.

A letter outlining direct debit payments for 2020 will be sent to families next week. If you wish to commence paying via direct debit in 2020 please complete a direct debit request and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the payment of school fees and levies.

*Julie Chaplin*

*Administration & Finance Officer*

## LIBRARY NEWS – remember to return your library books!

Please return all school library books via the classroom library baskets by the end of this week.

So ... it is time to check your book cases at home, under the beds etc. because you never know where a St Joseph's library book may turn up.

*It is never too late to return a book!* Even if a book has been damaged we would love it back (no questions asked) that way we know that we need to replace it or remove it from our catalogue.

*Yes, it is a BOOK AMNESTY.* If a book has a St Joseph's barcode on the back of it, it belongs in our library.

*Roslyn Wright-Rossi, Library Support*



## MARONG CUP – Saturday February 15, 2020 (save the date)



The Marong Cup is a major fundraising event on the Catholic Primary Schools Calendar. Each year, in return for the provision of volunteers to help run the event on the day, our school receives a share of the proceeds from the day averaging **\$6,000.00**. This is our school's largest fundraiser for the year, apart from the years we have a fete. For 2 hours of your time you can add significantly to our school so please save the date!

It is a great fun filled family day, with many volunteers choosing to attend with their families in addition to volunteering their time. It is not always possible to assist as a volunteer on the day but coming along and enjoying the day as a family is also contributing to our school fundraising.

Tickets can be purchased from the school office when school resumes in 2020.

## STUDENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Ben Carter** (F/EW) – 'Be Your Best' for working well during class time and concentrating to complete all set tasks. Keep up the wonderful effort! Well done, Ben!
- ☺ **Paddy Treanor** (F/EW) – 'Be Your Best' for always being such a polite and friendly classmate who approaches each day with a happy smile. Thank you Paddy!

## ST JOSEPH'S SPORT

### Junior Swimming Program

What a fantastic week the students had at the Gurri Wanyarra Swimming Centre. All involved learnt some new skills in the water and came away with more water confidence.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and families who were able to support the students with this program.

*Aimie Brown, PE Coordinator*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Patrick Jackson (3/4SC), Ava Beck (5/6JW), Emily McKelvie (Foundation), Michael Andre (Foundation) and Hudson Samuel (3/4SC).

*Hip! Hip! Hooray!*



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

For more information about Scholastic Book Club, visit [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)

Glenice Gronow, Scholastic Book Club Coordinator 0409 538 854 or [glenicegronow@gmail.com](mailto:glenicegronow@gmail.com)

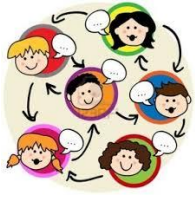
## 'HATS ON' @ ST JOSEPH'S

For more SunSmart information

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/default.asp>



## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



### Focus: Using a variety of language genres - Tell Me How

As much as it is important for your child to understand instructions and follow directions, your child will also need to use and understand how to give advice. Give your child a chance to share about something they are good at and give advice to others who might be trying that activity for the first time.

Give your child five minutes to explain how to do something that they know how to do. It may be something recreational like skateboarding or something professional like examining a specimen under a microscope or even something silly like how to become a superhero. Have a go at the activity they are explaining and then encourage your child to give you advice. What should you do? What should he not do?

## ST JOSEPH'S PFA NEWS ...

### 2020 Fete – Friday March 20, 2020



New and old parents are most welcome as we would love as many helpers as possible. If you would like to be involved and can't make the meeting, please touch base with Aimie Brown – Fete Coordinator for 2020 -

[abrown@sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:abrown@sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au)

**Next meeting – Friday December 6 @ 9.00am in the school hall.**

## PFA Annual General Meeting

At the PFA AGM last week the following positions were filled:-

**President** – Vickie Watters

**Secretary** – Barbara Lomas

**Assistant Secretary** – Isabella Camm



We are however still looking for the following positions to be filled as soon as possible. Please contact Vickie Watters if you are interested or would like to discuss the positions.

- **Assistant President** – this position is an essential backup for the President (Vickie Watters)
- **Treasurer** – as per the current Catholic Education Office Guidelines, we require someone with experience in finance/accounting to be involved
- **Assistant Treasurer** – to support the Treasurer
- **Tuckshop Roster Coordinator** – this position coordinates the Tuckshop Roster each week. There is a Facebook page which makes things very easy to communicate with our helpers. Samara Finch, the current coordinator, is finishing her time at the school. Thank you Samara.
- **Marong Cup Volunteer Coordinator** – this position coordinates the Marong Cup volunteers once allocation of our roles on the day have been given. Roslyn Wright-Rossi, the current coordinator, is also finishing her time at St Joseph's. Thank you Roslyn.

More hands make light work ...we would love some new faces involved with the St Joseph's PFA as the parents who usually attend these meetings will be moving on from St Joseph's over the next two years. They would love to hand over their wealth of knowledge and know their hard work will continue to benefit the community of St Joseph's when they leave the school.

The 2019 PFA Breakup will be held on Tuesday December 10 at the Golden Square Hotel from 7.00pm. This is a social event to reflect on our work over the 2019 school year and looking forward to what is to come in 2020. All welcome!

The first PFA meeting for 2020 is Tuesday, February 18 at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

*Vickie Watters, President – St Joseph's PFA*

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## GRADE 6 GRADUATION

**End of Year and Graduation Mass** – Tuesday December 17 @ 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church.



## Grade 6 Gathering after Mass

If families of Grade 6 children would like to join in a meal at the All Seasons after the Graduation Mass, they are welcome. This gathering is not organised by the school and all families must pay their own way. A note has been sent home to all Grade 6 families so if you would like to attend please return the slip or contact Vickie Watters. Thank you.

## Graduation Lunch – Wednesday December 18

On Wednesday, December 18, there will be a Graduation Lunch organised by the parents of Grade 6 children.

Lollies and other donations can be left at the office.

Please contact Vickie Watters (0407 687 873) if you have any queries.

## ST JOSEPH'S NETBALL NEWS

### Netball 2020

We are looking for expressions of interests from all players wishing to play at Golden City next year. Students in Grade 3 to 6 can play in the competitive section on a Saturday morning.

All coaching positions are also open. Any parents interested in coaching in 2020 please let us know.

Please email Aimie Brown – [abrown@sqquarryhill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:abrown@sqquarryhill.catholic.edu.au) if you are interested or wish more information.

### Netball Dresses

All St Joseph's netball dresses need to be returned by Monday December 16 to receive your bond. Any dresses not returned or damaged, the bond will not be paid. Dress hire for 2020 will continue to be \$60.00.

Please return to Vickie Watters, Samara Finch, Aimie Brown or Jane Tydd.

Thank you. *Aimie Brown and Jane Tydd*



## LOST PROPERTY – please check lost property box!

Please remember to check lost property on a regular basis. We ask you also name all items worn to school as well as containers used at school so they can be returned. Thank you.

## FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Any parents, from the weekly rostered class, who are able to give 10-15 minutes of their time on a Friday morning between 8.30am – 9.00am, please meet in the Tuckshop to assist with the cutting up of fruit. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Fresh Fruit Friday Roster 2019		
<b>TERM 4</b>		
Week 9	December 6	F/JC
Week 10	December 13	5/6JW

## ST JOSEPH'S TUCKSHOP

### Tuckshop Roster Coordinator needed for 2020

The position of Tuckshop Roster Coordinator will be available at the end of the year as Samara Finch is finishing her time as a St Joseph's parent – thank you Samara.

If you are interested in helping out next year or would like some more information, please contact Samara Finch (0408 571 754).



St Joseph's Tuckshop Roster 2019				
<b>Term 4</b>				
6/12/2019	Week 9	Megan Kealy	Kim Chalkley	Alison Clarke
13/12/2019	Week 10	Linda Berry	Nicole Kelly	Cathy Thorpe

If you would like to be added to the roster or help with the Tuckshop please contact Samara Finch (Roster Coordinator) on 0408 571 754. If you have questions regarding the Tuckshop you may contact Cathy Thorpe (Tuckshop Coordinator) on 0400 069 939.

## TUCKSHOP MENU

The Tuckshop Menu can be found on the school website or by clicking on the following link - [/www.sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au/downloads/school-tuckshop/207-tuckshop-menu/file](http://www.sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au/downloads/school-tuckshop/207-tuckshop-menu/file)



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## WE WANT YOU



### COME AND TRY FOOTBALL DAY

**WHO:** U12, U14, U16 BOYS AND U12, U14, U16 GIRLS

**WHERE:** HARRY TROTT OVAL, KENNINGTON

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER, 2019

**TIME:** 5PM - 7PM

**BRING:** COMFORTABLE CLOTHES, FOOTY BOOTS OR RUNNERS, A DRINK AND A FRIEND!

**FREE BBQ AND DRINK!**



For further information contact: Shaun Langdon on 0413 922 625



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#### Engineering



#### Food Science



#### Trampoline Parks

#### Ice Skating



Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

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**HOLIDAYCLUB**

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT ST JOSEPH'S – CAMP AUSTRALIA

So we can care for all students at your school, we recommend families register an account with us and always book in advance. Families can register for free at <https://pp.campastralia.com.au/account/register-contacts>

Why register? To attend our care, parents/guardians must register their child with us by completing an online enrolment form via our parent portal. It is very important that parents/guardians fill out all compulsory enrolment documentation for their child and notify us of any medical conditions, illnesses and other, to ensure the health and safety of all children in our care.

