



# The Evangelist

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## Term 1 Week 9

### Wednesday 24th March 2021



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Next week the students of St John's will prepare for Holy Week. Each stage will lead the school in prayer each morning. A prayer service has been developed and shared with each stage to practice and present to the whole school. The following is the order of prayer services for St John's Holy Week celebrations:

Monday 29th March - Palm Sunday presented by Early Stage One

Tuesday 30th March - The Last Supper presented by Stage 1

Wednesday 31st March - Garden of Gethsemane presented by Stage 2

Thursday 1st April - The Crucifixion presented by Stage 3

### You are the Resurrection

How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back

You suffered death but conquered it

You laid in the tomb but on the third day

You rose again

It was a joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned

You are the resurrection, our hope and our life

Glorious and victorious Redeemer

Help us not to be afraid of death

For we must pass through it to see you face to face

And on the last day we will rise again

For you said so

Let us rejoice and praise you

Our Blessed and triumphant Lord

On this happy, joyful feast.

Amen.



At the conclusion of the prayer service Stage 2 and Stage 3 will then pray a decade of the rosary. These students have been praying the rosary this term for Mrs Shields who is undergoing treatment for a serious illness. At the conclusion of our prayer services our students will reflect on the events of Holy Week and complete some activities in class to deepen their knowledge and understanding of these significant events in the life of Christ.

### **Evacuation Drill**

This Friday (weather permitting) an evacuation drill has been scheduled for St John's. This will be an off-site drill. Each stage will assemble on the parish site - corner of McCulloch Street and Garfield Road. At the conclusion of the emergency drill staff will evaluate the effectiveness of our evacuation drill and make recommendations for improvements.

### **School Community Group Meeting**

The first School Community Group Meeting for the year will be held next Thursday morning at 8.30 am in the library. Thank you to those parents and carers who have indicated their interest and intention to attend.

Parent and Carers are asked to use the intercom at the front gate on McCulloch Street to gain entry to the school office. Check-in using the QR Code at the gate and then sign in via the visitors kiosk at reception. **Anyone attending must continue to comply with the gathering limits prescribed by the Public Health Orders, and physical distancing and hygiene measures following Covid-19 safety protocols.**

### **Cross Country Postponed**

As advised this week by Mrs Tolhurst the St John's 2021 Cross Country event was postponed due to the inclement weather. The Cross Country has been rescheduled to take place in Week 2, Term 2. Thank you to parents and carers who have volunteered to support the school in running this event.

### **Catholic Schools Week Celebrations**

Our Catholic Schools Week celebration and activities were a great success due to the commitment, generosity and support of St John's staff and parents. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to especially thank **Belinda Murray** and **Lisa Maggio** for cooking and packaging the sausage sizzle orders for staff and children. Our new BBQ certainly had a good workout.

*God Bless Patricia*



# **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY** **MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021**

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Monday 10 May 2021**

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)



## **SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TERM 1**

MORNING SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.20 AM and AFTERNOON PICK-UP IS AT 2.50 PM

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR AFTERNOON PICK-UP

PARENTS / CARERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK OR WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK

Drop off and pick up areas (A - K) - (L - Z ) maintained

***A - K students are to be dropped off and picked up at the Front Gate (McCulloch Street) and L - Z Back Gate (Parish Carpark)***

***Any students that arrive late will need to be dropped off at the pedestrian gate on McCulloch Street and signed in by their parent/carer (A partial absence will be recorded)***

**STRICTLY NO ACCESS THROUGH THE TOP GATE (PARISH CAR PARK) BETWEEN 8.50am and 2.50pm**

***THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS PARAMOUNT AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR CO OPERATION REGARDING THIS MATTER***

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***Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed***

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am