



The Evangelist

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Term 2 Week 9

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday St John's celebrated the

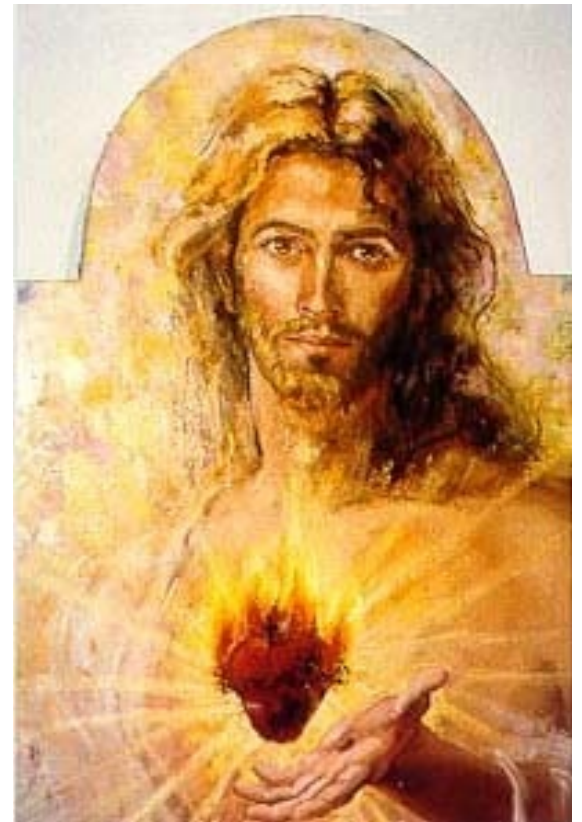
Feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

It is a time for us to think about the love and compassion that Jesus has for all people, especially the poor, suffering and marginalised in our world. It is a time for us to ask God to help us to love like Jesus and to be more generous and kind in our loving. During our liturgy we prayed for God's guidance so that we too can be 'The Face of Christ' to all we meet so we can show Jesus' love in both words and actions.

*We pray for the poor, hungry, homeless and needy.
May they see and experience the true face of God in
those who work to make our world a better place.*

Lord, hear us

All: Lord, hear our prayer



Pyjama Day

As part of our Feast of the Sacred Heart celebration St John's held a 'pyjama day' event to raise much needed funds to support the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal. Through the generosity of our community we raised a total of \$252.00. St Vinnie's Winter Appeal will provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Our donation will help the **Vinnie** volunteers to rebuild lives, support the marginalised in our community and fund new projects. Thank you for your support of St John's fundraising activities. Our student's concept of generosity and selfless service is greatly enhanced by our participation in these type of fundraising events. Photographs of our pyjama day can be found on St John's Facebook page.



Kiss and Drop Update

Johanna Urizar and Johanna Cordina (CEDP WHS officers) were onsite again on Friday 4th June to re-assess our 'Kiss and Drop' procedures. I am pleased to advise that they were very impressed with the impact our changed procedures has had on creating a much safer environment for our community. They commented on how the 'Kiss and Drop' area was now a 'calm' space and more orderly. Our parents and carers are to be commended for their overwhelming support and for their willingness to change their own practices to ensure that our children and all community members are kept safe. The WHS officers made a recommendation to repaint some kiss and drop lane markings with 'yellow paint' to improve visibility. Father Zac has approved this recommendation and this work will be actioned as soon as possible.

The 'Kiss and Drop' procedure which has been trialled for a two week period has now been adopted long term. Two teachers will supervise and monitor the morning 'Kiss and Drop' zone. All parents / carers are encouraged to use the 'kiss and drop' zone which is set up in the parish carpark. For those parents / carers who prefer to walk their children to school or park in McCulloch Street or Wood Street and walk with their children you are required to bring the children to the front gate. From the start of Term Three this gate will be left open for children to enter. A teacher will not be stationed at this gate. Parents are reminded children are only to enter the school site. Should a parent require to enter to go to the office you are reminded to use the QR code before entering. This is in keeping with NSW government protocols. Parents / carers are then required to make their way directly to the administration building where you will be attended to by administration staff. In order to maintain social distancing protocols there is a limited of three adults in the parent foyer at any one time. Thank you for your support in this matter. Parents and carers are reminded that children and parents / visitors are never permitted to walk through the parish carpark of the morning.

Afternoon Dismissal

Afternoon dismissal protocols will not change. Students will be dismissed from two gates: the front gate (gate 1) on McCulloch Street or the top gate (gate 3) parish carpark exit point. To ensure an expedient and safe dismissal parents / carers are asked to use the family name card that was sent home to all families. If, for some reason, you have misplaced your family name card please contact the office for a replacement. ***Starting the first week of Term 3 students whose family name starts with A - K will be dismissed from the front gate (gate 1) and students whose family name starts with L - Z will be dismissed from the parish carpark gate (gate 3.)***



Tell Them From Me

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey HELP US TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE AND PRACTICAL CHANGE AT SCHOOL

I would like to strongly encourage our parents / carers to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to help us work together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St John's Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://www.tellthemfromme.com/7s2r>

The survey will close on Monday 15th June (5pm). If you have any questions regarding this survey please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey and for your continued support.



Semester One Reports

St John's first semester report was sent home last Friday 11th June. The information contained in the report is a summary of your child's achievements in the first part of the year. Parents and carers are asked to use the report to discuss strengths and areas of challenge with your child and assist them in setting individual goals for the second part of the year. As per the Diocesan Reporting Policy parent / teacher interviews to discuss your child's progress are available starting Monday 21st June.

As previously communicated parents and carers are required to arrange either a teleconference or a face-to-face interview to discuss with the teacher your child's progress and achievements made this semester and clarify questions you may raise.

The face-to-face parent / teacher interview will take place in your child's classroom.

If you have selected a Face-to-Face interview please ensure you follow the Covid Safety Procedures. Sign in at the front gate using the QR Code, go directly to your child's classroom and sign the visitors form, sanitise and social distance at all times. If, for some reason you are unable to keep your appointment, would you please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange an alternate time. It would also be of great assistance to the teachers if you arrive promptly for your interview. If you have selected a teleconference please have your telephone with you 5 minutes before your scheduled interview is due to start. Teachers may be calling from numbers without any caller ID.

Assembly: Stage 2 Showcase in Learning

Our assembly last Friday was a fantastic display of the amazing talent at St John's and the wonderful learning that is taking place, especially in Stage 2.

It was interesting to see the science experiments that the students undertook to explore the key inquiry question: What occurs as a result of the interactions between the Earth and the Sun? We were also informed about the corporal works of mercy through song. It was great to have the opportunity to listen to the talented Mr Shields who accompanied the students on guitar. Well done stage 2.

We also congratulated our wonderful school leaders who received a certificate of recognition from Michelle Rowland our Federal Member.

Finally, we recognised our wonderful parents who generously gave of their time to support the students in the Cross Country. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Assembly Friday 25th June Postponed

Please note: As it is the last day of term and we have some additional activities planned for that day we have postponed the assembly to Friday 16th July (week one, Term 3). During this assembly Stage 3 will showcase their learning. We thank you for your understanding.

We continue to pray for our friends, colleagues and community members who are ill and or grieving at this time. May God bless them and shine his light on them.



God Bless Patricia



School Interviews

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW ONLINE

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

enter the code

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1. Enter your details (best telephone contact)
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings will close on Thursday 17th June at 3pm



Please mark these dates on your calendar and make alternate arrangements

Staff Development Days Coming Up

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Monday 13th September

No Students to attend school on these days

LAST DAY TERM 2 - FRIDAY 25/6/21

FIRST DAY TERM 3 - MONDAY 12/7/21



Athletics Carnival Permission Notes

Thank you to the Parents and Carers that have returned their child's permission note to attend the Athletics Carnival.

All Permission/Code of Conduct forms are now overdue, any student that doesn't have a permission note will not be able to attend.

Please remember to also sign the Code of Conduct on the back.

Thank you for your support.



God our Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness in our community.

We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.

Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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