

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

Principal Mission Statement

I will work with the St Joseph's Jerilderie parent community and teachers to provide all students with an opportunity to grow and succeed. I will work to articulate the Values and Attitudes that St Joseph's Jerilderie is known for and support the professional growth of our teaching staff in 2020. John Carey

PRINCIPAL'S PARAGRAPHS

Dear Parents

On behalf of St Joseph's Jerilderie School Community I would like to acknowledge the Passing of Serge Rorato, Grandfather to Charlie, Zavier, Milla & Harry. We recognise his work in our community and Pray to our School Patron, St Joseph the Worker and Husband of Mary, for the Repose of the Soul of Sergio Rorato.

"The New Normal"

As we move into what some education commentators are calling "The New Normal", I want to emphasise how quickly and sensibly our student and parent community has adapted to this New Normal. Not only are our teachers and students working to learn independently within our online community, but they are sharing their journey together as a class group. This sense of belonging to the St Joseph's Jerilderie online school community is important to me. I am asking all parents to ensure that your child is on time and ready to go each day as directed by their Teacher in their online setting. Our students should know what time they are meeting by Zoom with their teacher and be ready when called upon.

Value for the Week - Be Brave, Be Your Best.

For all students, the challenges we face when working from home are new opportunities to Be Brave and to Be Our Best.

When you are asked to work independently, do your best. When you have to contribute to the group, be brave. Sometimes being brave simply means doing something you don't want to do. And we can't ask for more than your best.

Staffing at St Joseph's

From Week 10 Mrs Eliza Robertson will be working from home. She will conduct all her planning and online teaching from home.

Mrs Robertson will commence Maternity leave Friday Week 1 Term 2. Applications for this position will be closing tomorrow. I hope to be able to make an announcement before the end of the Term.

As the final two weeks progress towards the holidays the remaining school staff will be rotating and trialling at home administration and lesson delivery. I will be onsite daily until directed otherwise.

Peace be With You, John Carey

2/3/4 Classroom Item

The 2/3/4 digital classroom has had an interesting week. All students have shown great perseverance and determination moving to a digital platform. The students should be incredibly proud of how they have conducted themselves during this tricky time.

This week we have continued our narrative writing unit planning a setting, characters, complication and resolution which will help the students when they come to writing their story. In maths we have also continued our multiplication and division unit where children have found objects around the house to support them with their learning. This week we have been trying lots of new ways of learning and interacting with one another. On Friday we read a book together during our Zoom catch up, where everyone participated in reading. We also tried some interesting new ways of exercising thanks to 'P.E with Joe'. I look forward to continuing to learn and engage with all the 2/3/4 this week and explore lots of exciting new things!

Pippa had fun exercising, thanks to P.E with Joe.



Lexie's fantastic work at creating arrays with objects she could find around the house.



Some of the students finished their donuts. They look delicious!



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Talking to your Child about Covid-19

I know that students may be feeling a little confused about all the things they are hearing. During this time parents may need to support their children as they are exposed to lots of information in the media. Here are some possible strategies to consider for parents/carers.

- Minimise exposure to discussions about the virus. Be mindful that the radio, tv and social media sites are saturated with it. Also, watch how we speak about it with other adults when kids are around. They take in more than we realise.
- Normalise any feelings the kids may have about it. Reflect what they say. eg "oh you're feeling nervous. We are here to look after you and we're all really good at washing our hands, coughing in our elbow etc."
- Talk about missing events/activities using words like "for now we can't go to soccer. When it starts again, we will be there." If kids ask why - respond with something like "you know the bug/sickness that we spoke about? Staying away from soccer means it can't travel as far. It won't be forever. Just for now."

You will also find two links below. The first one from Catherine Healy from Centacare and the second one from Mrs Marshall to help explain the virus for younger students. Please read through yourself before showing to your child to make sure they are appropriate.

<https://www.easterseals.com/michigan/shared-components/document-library/coronavirus-downloadable-book.pdf>

https://worldsloweddown.weebly.com/uploads/3/7/4/7/37472353/when_the_world_slowed_down_-_charlie_cristi.pdf

KEY DATES

Week 10

School open for those students who need to be at school.

Week 11

School open for those students who need to be at school.

9th Last Day Term 1

Term 2

Wed 29th April
Term 2 Res

Reminder: Attendance Notes

Please remember to submit an attendance note for any absences from school. These can be done in the Compass App or in the Compass portal online.

Any note added without comment or details of why will be made an unjustified absence.

Please ensure you provide all the relevant details for why students are not at school.

The user of the Natural Disaster reason is only for bushfire, floods or similar situations and should not be used at present.

Music Program

The Music Program in its normal format will no longer continue at schools. CEDWW is trying to arrange google classroom lessons but will be in contact with parents when this is arranged.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



**NUT
FREE
ZONE!**



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

School Canteen

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Dear Students - re ZOOM

As the rest of Australia starts to get online, you will experience times when it doesn't work. This happened today at school, and we just keep trying until we get access. If this happens to you, just be prepared to work independently (personal projects) until back online.

Catholic Education Wagga Wagga has released a statement that I shared through our Parent Compass Portal. Please read when you get the chance.

KEEP CALM & WASH YOUR HANDS!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Finley High School Year Six to Year Seven 2021 Information Evening

Finley High invite all prospective parents & students to attend an information session;

Wednesday 6th May at 5:30pm
Finley High School Hall
Year 5 parents & students also welcome.

Phone: (03) 5883 1344 Email: finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

We are currently monitoring the current COVID - 19 situation and will provide an update if dates change. Thank you for your understanding.

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