

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

KEY DATES

Week 9
 23rd Drum lessons
 24th Flute/Clarinet/Trumpet Band Lunchtime
 26th Flute/Clarinet/Trumpet Make up class

Week 10
 30th Drum Lessons
 Flute/Clarinet/Trumpet

3rd Bluearth with Gavin

Week 11
 9th Last Day Term 1

Don't forget to wash your hands!!!



THIS SCHOOL IS A



PRINCIPAL'S PARAGRAPHS

Welcome to Week 9,
At this stage schools have been given a clear message from Catholic Schools NSW.

"A Message from Catholic Schools NSW

As at this moment Catholic Schools NSW has indicated that all schools will remain open for the duration of term one. While it is noted some parents and families may wish to keep children home from school, this is their decision."

This week our school is focusing on Being Safe. This is a critical Value and Attitude in any environment but especially for our school Community at this time.

I've also included in our newsletter a piece from Catherine Healy from Centacare as a parent resource for our children around Covid-19.

So what are we doing in our school to be safe?

- * We are practising what social distancing looks like by moving our arms to identify and define the space between each other.
- * We are washing our hands and sanitising regularly including before leaving the classroom to eat and when returning to the classroom, when using the toilets and when touching multiple surfaces.
- * We are spraying door handles and wiping surfaces.
- * We are coughing into our elbows and using and disposing of tissues appropriately.
- * We have separated desks and created a distance of 1.5m between our students.
- * When lining up to class we are practising social distancing.
- * When eating we are sitting on the grass or at tables and practising social distancing.
- * When playing there is to be no physical contact.

Finally, any information that is needed to be shared directly will come through Compass.

5/6 Classroom Item

ROCKETS (Kizzi)

The rockets were amazing and the way they worked were fascinating. They went really high and one even had a parachute on it. We met our year advisors for 2021 and we even saw some of our old friends from St Joseph's.

MICROSCOPES(Matt)

At the microscopes we learned what type of hair a person or animal body is covered with. We watched a video of how and what it is. It was very interesting learning how to use the microscopes. We also did fingerprint testing to see what type of fingerprints we have.

ELECTRICITY(Nic)

When we went to the highschool we tested out electricity. It was so fun everyone held hands and he electrocuted us it was so funny. Everyone was so scared of the electricity.



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 a resource attached that Catherine Healy from Centacare has suggested to help explain the virus for younger students. Thank you to Veronica Braybon for sharing this information.

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

JUST LIKE JOSEPH THE BUILDER WE ARE BUILDING.



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 will continue at this stage as per the information sent out via email & hardcopy to our music students and their families.

Reminder - NAPLAN Cancelled

As publicised there will be no NAPLAN in 2020.

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.



WHITE BIKE FOUNDATION

Last Thursday The White Bike Foundation did a ride by of our school and our students were given the opportunity to wave to Chris(the cyclist) and Les Hawkins as they continued another amazing ride from Mt Martha to Wentworth. The White Bike Foundation exists to educate and drive respect for every person on the road. We thank them for visiting Jerilderie and if ask our families to look them up online if they would like further information.



P&F NEWS

Family Fun Day

Unfortunately as previously notified our Family Fun Day has had to be postponed until further notice due to the Covid-19 situation.

SAVE THE DATE - 8TH MAY

Our Fundraising and Social committee has taken up the generous offer from the Sports Club to host Friday night raffles. This is a great opportunity for an easy fundraiser and we ask each family to please donate a small Mother's Day themed item to contribute to the prizes on the night. eg. wine, candles, giftware, accessories. The Committee will purchase larger items. Items can be left at the school office.

CANTEEN

TERM 1 CANTEEN

30 Mar S Gurciullo
6th Apr Neessen

K&A ORDERS MUST NOW BE COMPLETED EACH MONDAY BY THE PARENT ON DUTY BY 12PM.

IF FOR SOME REASON YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT YOUR CANTEEN DUTY IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE A SWAP WITH ANOTHER PARENT.

Funeral Thanks

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who provided baking or assistance at today's funeral catering. And thank you also to local community members who provided us with extra baking. Your help is very much appreciated.