

# Joey's Journal



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Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2014

## ADVENT

### A Background Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate the first *Sunday of Advent*.

The *Church's Liturgical Calendar for 2015* begins with the Advent season, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. During Advent we prepare for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas. As we wait, we use this time to look at our lives and make sure we are ready for the coming of the Lord at Christmas and in the future.

The greater part of the liturgical seasons of ADVENT and CHRISTMAS falls during the school holidays, but such is the importance of this time that we give time focussing on these seasons earlier than usual, within the school year. In this way students are given an opportunity to experience the scriptures and traditions of this time.

The *Advent Wreath* and *Jesse Tree* symbols help us to remember during Advent that all people of all times have awaited the coming of the Messiah.

### THE JESSE TREE

In Christian tradition the Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus. Beginning with Abraham, the names we see decorating the tree are characters listed in the genealogy of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, characters who waited and prepared for the coming of Christ.



### ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is conventionally, a circle of greenery to which are attached four candles, three purple and one rose coloured. The candles are lit separately for each of the Sundays before Christmas.

The symbolism of the Advent Wreath is as follows,

Circle - for love without end - God's love is eternal Love.

Greenery - life without end - eternal life now and forever with God.

Purple Ribbon - indicates sorrow for past failures to love.

Four candles - 3 purple, 1 rose.

Each week we light one more candle to represent the idea that the coming of Christ is closer. The four Sundays before Christmas remind us that Jesus brought light and the warmth of love into the world - to us.

*At Advent we should try the key to our heart's door. It may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas time!*

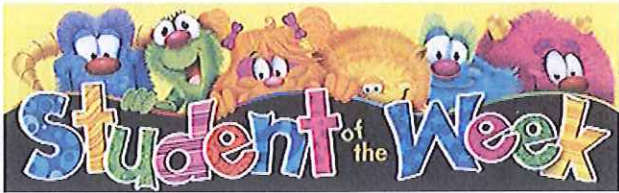
*Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.*

*Peace and best wishes,*

*Anne Marshall on behalf of Leadership Team.*







**Prep P Susie Sun**

Well done Susie for settling back into the classroom routine after your big holiday.

**William Kay**

Well done William for sharing your thoughts and ideas during classroom discussions.

**Prep R Amber Jenkins**

For always making good choices and being a friend to everyone. Well done Amber.

**Douglas Webb**

For always being a well-mannered and helpful member of the class. Well done Archer.

**1B Charli McClanachan**

For your impressive work with digital time in maths. Wow.

**Indiana Hill**

For fabulous participation in reading groups each day. Well done.

**1E Brook Scheeres**

For always being willing to help her peers and friends.

**Zoe Wardrop**

For amazing show and tell and speaking loudly.

**2D Beau Byrne**

For the tremendous effort you put into your homework each week.

**Jules Smith**

For an outstanding results in spelling each week.

**2WM Chanel Prentice**

For her accuracy in number facts. Well done.

**Kort James**

For persevering to complete difficult tasks. Keep trying.

**3C Zane Ward**

For working extremely hard in all classroom activities this week. Keep up the great work.

**Anna Zhang**

For your brilliant explanation of our science experiment results. Well done.

**3H Eli Sorensen**

For the pride you take in your work presentation and always being organised. Well done.

**Melody Uttana**

For trying hard to complete all set tasks this week. Your work is always beautifully presented.

**4D Kadence Fricke**

For always offering to help out those around you. Well done.

**4FP**

**Kyan Murphy**

For working well to complete all class activities. Great work.

**Nick Cuthbertson**

For participating in all class activities and discussions in a positive manner. You have been trying very hard.

**Liam Heywood**

For you friendly greeting every morning this year, and for being an awesome classroom helper. Thank you.

**5B**

**Ryan Bundesen**

For super work in class this week. I'm so impressed, keep it up!

**Jesika Lett**

For fantastic work in class, finishing all tasks. Well done I'm proud of you!

**5R**

**Addison Emmert**

For your fantastic presentation in our assembly and all of your help in setting up for it.

**Jasmine Read**

For working so hard on your assessment tasks and your fantastic efforts in our assembly!

**6D**

**Henry Wells**

For his impressive persuasive writing piece titled 'No More Homework'.

**Jai Hottes**

For his well-written exposition 'Stop the Whales'. Excellent effort Jai.

**6GG**

**Jett Sherry**

For being so creative with your Art activity this week.

**Jack Cornish**

For always being so respectful and appreciative.

**7B**

**Ruby Choy**

For the wonderful effort you have put into your writing this year. I have enjoyed reading all your work.

**Johanna Bundesen**

For the work ethic you displayed when completing your assessment tasks last week. Great effort.



**NOVEMBER**

27 Graduation Mass & Dinner

**DECEMBER**

3 Carols Evening

4 Closing Liturgy 9am

4 Reports available on Parent Lounge



# APRE NEWS



## Liturgy News:

27/11: Graduation Mass 6pm

2/12: Advent Liturgy 5R

4/12: Closing Liturgy 9am

*(At this liturgy we will be farewelling all those who are leaving the St Joseph's community at the end of this year and announcing student leadership positions for the 2015 year. Please join with us if you are able as we farewell our year 6 and 7 students and departing student and staff members.)*

## PRAYERS PLEASE

We remember all those in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness. We ask for prayers for Mr Barry Waddington, Mrs Julie Rowen, Mrs Belinda Downes and James Warrington Love.

*Dear Lord bless all who are sick,  
especially those in our school community.  
May they experience, in a special way,  
the great love and concern Jesus has for them.*

## The Giving Tree Appeal

Many of us are in a position this year to reach out to help those who are finding it difficult to give their children a "Merry Christmas". As Jesus is the reason for the season, we are called to reach out more than ever to those less fortunate than ourselves. During the lead up to Christmas, St Joseph's School will once again be supporting a **Giving Tree Appeal** through encouraging families to make or donate a gift to be placed under the Giving Tree during the last two weeks of school.

Next week, in the foyer of the office our **Giving Tree** will be waiting to be adorned with gifts – gifts from us to those who are in a less fortunate position than ourselves this Christmas. Gift tags are available from the office. The gifts that are donated will be distributed by the St Vincent De Paul to families in need. If your family would like to make a contribution feel free to select a gift tag from under the tree in the office area, purchase or make an appropriate gift, wrap it, attach the gift tag securely and deliver it to the office. Help make this Christmas a time of happiness, by reaching out to those in need and by celebrating the love of your families.

## Saint Vincent De Paul Hamper Appeal

As in past years we will be collecting donations for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Our Year 7 students will be talking to the school community in assembly to explain how these donations are distributed locally.

St. Joseph's School community has been asked to bring in any of the following items:

1 x 450 tinned beetroot

1 x 2 litre cordial (any size will do)

1 x large tinned fruit (pineapple, two fruits etc.)

1 x plum pudding

*Thank you once again for your great support of this appeal.*

## FAMILIES LEAVING

As our total enrolment drives our school staffing, budget, class sizes and structure, it is important that I have the most accurate numbers of predicted enrolments for the 2015 year. It would greatly assist us in my planning for next year, if parents who know they will be leaving notify the office staff.

## SCHOOL FEES

All school fees have now been issued with a due date of 20<sup>th</sup> November.



BPAY facilities are now available. Please refer to your parent statement for User Codes and payment reference numbers.

**WHEN PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR PARENT CODE AS THE REFERENCE NUMBER SO MONIES CAN BE PAID TO YOUR ACCOUNT.** Without the reference it only shows as a deposit and we cannot trace who has made payment.

**Families who are leaving at the end of 2014 are to settle their fees prior to leaving.**

Attached to this newsletter are the fees for 2015 and a family information sheet.

Please complete this form and return it to the office by **3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

If you have any concerns after fees are issued, please contact Di Wilson on 49573355.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

### TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Judy Kay, Lisa Hackney, Donna Byrne
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Kylee Kister
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Lida Ospana

### HOMEBAKE ROSTER

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Judy Kay, Camille Ford, Sharlene Sherry
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Pam Johnstone, Aimee Joynson
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Lauren Nord, Melanie Kay

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST DAY OF TUCKSHOP FOR 2014 WILL BE WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER. NO TUCKSHOP ON FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER\*\***



# VACATION CARE

Vacation Care bookings can now be made through the OSHC office. Forms must be collected and returned by 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.



Parents Please Log In

Username:

Password:

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## PARENT LOUNGE

<https://301sjnm.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge/>

or log on to our school website – [sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au](http://sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au) and click on the quick link to Parent Lounge located on the left hand side of the site.

Parent Lounge provides access to:

- View your current online information eg. Address details etc
- Access your child/ren's Academic Report Cards – Available end of Semester 2, 2014.

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Further information will be sent home towards the end of the term.

Login details were sent home at the end of Term 1. These details were used to access Semester 1 reports and again recently to book interviews. Remember you can change your password to one you will remember once you have logged in. If you have misplaced your details, please **EMAIL** us at

[sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you.

## CAROLS EVENING



This year our Carols Evening will be held in the school grounds in front of the hall from 5.30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Each class will be presenting a carol and parents are encouraged to attend. Seating will be provided on the night, but feel free to bring your comfortable chair from home. The night will be BYO picnic.

**We look forward to seeing you all there!**

## VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON

The 2014 Volunteers luncheon will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon at Sorbellos. If you would like to attend please supply name, area in which you volunteered and meal preference (menu available in office) by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to Mel in the office.

## TERM DATES 2015

### PUPIL FREE DAYS

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Bishop's In-service Day  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### SCHOOL TERMS 2015

Term 1 – Tuesday 27 January – Thursday 2 April  
(10 weeks)

Term 2 – Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June  
(10 weeks)

Term 3 – Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September  
(10 weeks)

Term 4 – Tuesday 6 October – Friday 4 December  
(9 weeks)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2015

- Australia Day – Monday, 26 January 2015
- Good Friday – Friday, 3 April 2015
- Easter Saturday – Saturday, 4 April 2015
- Easter Monday – Monday, 6 April
- Anzac Day – Saturday, 25 April
- Queen's Birthday – Monday, 8 June 2015
- Labour Day – Monday, 5 October 2015
- Christmas Day – Friday, 25 December

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