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**IMPORTANT DATES:****THIS WEEK (8):**

2/12 - Swimming

4/12 - Swimming

**NEXT WEEK (9):**

9/12 - Presentation Day

9/12 - Semester 2  
Reports to parents  
through Compass

9/12 - Swimming

10/12 - Yr 6 Graduation  
Mass

11/12 - Swimming

11/12 - Semester 2  
Reports printed copies**LAST WEEK OF TERM**14/12 - Kids End of Year  
Party - Dubbo16/12 - Last day of the  
year for students18/12 - Last day of the  
year for staff

Dear families and friends,

Yesterday marked the beginning of Advent in our Catholic tradition. During Advent we spend four weeks preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. During Advent we can personally pray and serve others.

I reminded the children this morning that they only have 12 more school days after today. The days are going by quickly and there is still a lot to be done before the end of the year. It is going to be a hot and tiring finish to the year. Please ensure your children have a hat each day and plenty to drink, frozen drink bottles are a great idea at this time of the year.

Last Friday we got to participate in our first swimming lesson. Thanks to Mrs Schubert who persisted and found another swimming teacher at late notice when the teacher we had lined up was unwell again. Thank you to Tyla Cavallero for helping us out at late notice and running our lessons so capably. Tyla will return again for the remaining swimming lessons. We have decided to extend our swimming program to WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY for this week and next week. Swimming skills and survival techniques are so important and we want to do as much as we can to support our students in learning these skills for life.

Remember next Wednesday, 9th December, will be our Annual Presentation of Awards at 10am on the school grounds. The COVID procedure will be outlined in next weeks newsletter.

For the last 4 weeks K/1/2 have been fortunate to have Mr Mark Nalder in their classroom as a practicum student. Mr Nalder has been very caring and fun to have in our school.

Best wishes for a great week,  
Regina

Our final liturgical celebration for the year will be our Year 6 Graduation Mass on the 10th of December at 10am. We have decided to make our celebration earlier this year to avoid as much of the heat as we can. Everyone is invited to join us for Mass at St James' Church. Please ensure you follow the COVID sign in and seating procedures. Following this, we will host morning tea in the school playground for the students and John's family only.



### *Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent*

God of hope,  
who brought love  
into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope,  
who brought peace  
into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope,  
who brought joy  
into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope,  
the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre,  
the focus of our lives always,  
and particularly this Advent time.  
Amen.

## PARISH NOTICES



**Tridentine (Latin) Mass Sunday 6th December at 2pm.**

**Christmas Day Mass** will be celebrated at St James Church 9.30am.

Catholic Weekly Available collect paper and place money in container provided.

**New Roster** is being organised if anyone would like to go on the roster please indicate to Jan, a member of the parish council or Denise.

### **Important Dates in November**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Memorial: St Francis Xavier.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Memorial: St Ambrose.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Memorial: St John of the Cross.**

**25<sup>th</sup> Holy Day: Christmas Day.**

**26<sup>th</sup> Feast: St Stephen, The First Martyr.**

**27<sup>th</sup> Feast: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.**

**28<sup>th</sup> Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.**

## HOME READING:

Thank you to everyone for the way you have prioritised reading at home with your children this year. This week will be the final week that children will be expected to take home their home readers for the year. We would like to encourage children to continue to read each day over the holidays. We will celebrate our reading success with a reading party before the end of the year!



Our raffle winners were:

Mila Harris, Tylah Hinton, Sam Martin & Marley Knight

Well Done!

# 100 CLUB

**We still have many tickets to sell, please tell your family and friends!**

**St Joseph's P & F  
100 Club**

**\$20 per number**

**1st prize = \$500  
5 x prizes of \$100**

**Send your cash with a preferred number in an envelope to the office or message the school.  
Good luck!**

## SWIMMING CHANGES

School Swimming will be on:

Wednesday 2nd December, Friday 4th December  
Wednesday 9th December, Friday 11th December

Children will need to bring a separate swimming bag with: swimmers, towel, sunscreen, rashie (compulsory), goggles (own choice) and a water bottle.



## A Letter From Veronica

The following is an email we received from our dear friend Veronica in India. As you would recall, we have been fundraising to assist her in continuing her dentistry studies. It's wonderful to hear she's in good health and studying hard for her next lot of exams. We'll be keeping her in our thoughts and prayers in January!

Respected principal Regina Goodridge, teacher Brooke Hanns, staff and all the students.

With due respect, I would like to thank you all for sacrificing your time, energy for raising funds for my studies. You all are such a blessing for me. Though we are from different countries, we do not know each other but your trust, love and generosity is a very big blessing which I will never forget in my life.

Because of your help I could study properly without worrying for my fees and in return I will do my best in my studies and will surely upgrade my performance in exams.

A special thanks to teacher Brooke Hanns for taking such initiative to organise a fundraiser for my studies. And also thank you Rev. Fr. Manoj for introducing me to such good people like you all, who are ready to help me in my struggles for studies for my good future.

I feel very lucky and blessed to be one with you all. I feel like studying more and more and will do better seeing your love, concern, generosity and help.

I'm going to write my final exam on 4/01/2021 for my first year course. Please remember me your prayers. Today I reach here because of you all.

May the good Lord bless the good people like you all and your family members.

Greetings from my family members too. Thank you all once again.

Yours lovingly,  
Veronica (Ichoheulie) Hinglak.



# St Joey's P & F Christmas Cookie Fundraiser 2020

## ORDERS DUE:

**TOMORROW 1/12/20 for Presentation Day pick up on  
9/12/20 or**

**7/12/20 for pick up at the school on 16/12/20**



# Swimming For Sport



St Joseph's students had fun learning swimming skills. Thank you Miss Tyla for instructing our children.



**Bring out your trunks and bikinis**

# IT'S PEAK HILL'S ANNUAL BOORI CHRISTMAS POOL PARTY!

Saturday 12th, 2020 at 12:00 PM to 3.00pm

Peak Hill Memorial Pool

Children under the age of 13 must be  
accompanied by an Adult.

Dont forget to Slip-Slop-Slap

**FREE EVENT, BLACK SANTA, LOLLY DROP, SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE, PRIZES AND MORE!**

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS APPLY**



## **Attendance on Student Reports**

The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes will be reporting on student attendance in Semester Two Reports in the following way:

The Attendance Period and number of Attendance Days which are being reported upon will be displayed.

The report shows Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Explained) and Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Unexplained).

Please note that a partial absence is counted as anything that is not a full day at school e.g. arriving to school 15 minutes late is counted as a partial absence.

## Celebrating Christmas & COVID-19



1

500 people (Not including the Celebrant & Workers) may gather outdoors to celebrate Mass, strictly subject to:

2 square meters on pre placed seats

4 square meters on picnic rugs and BYO Chairs

300 people (Not including the Celebrant & Workers) may gather indoors to celebrate Mass, Strictly subject to; 4 square meters.

2

A Choir of 30 people may sing subject to; 2 square meters outdoors and 4 square meters indoors.

Congregational signing is permitted OUTDOORS subject to wearing facemasks.

Congregational singing is NOT permitted INDOORS regardless of facemasks.

3

All parishes MUST have a booking system and tick off those attending to ensure the numbers are capped and records kept to ensure contact tracking.

All attending MUST sanitise their hands prior to entering the place of worship as per norm.

4

Due to number, all parishes MUST have appointed COVID-19 marshals to ensure that all regulations are kept.

5

Nativity plays during Mass are prohibited

Handing out of lollies, chocolates and treats after Mass are prohibited.

6

Collections may be taken up by allocated members of the parish subject to collectors wearing face masks (if social distancing cannot be maintained).

In addition as per norm, collection plates cannot be passed person to person (Only 1 person can go to each person)

\*Please note that your Parish may have a system that works subject to current regulations.

A reminder that Holy Communion is to be given under 1 kind (The Body of Christ)

7

The Celebrant and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wear face masks due to the larger numbers at Christmas.

Hymn books are not to be used although pew/carol sheets may be used but they are not to be reused.

8

A COVID-19 plan will be provided for each Parish prior to Christmas from the Chancery.

Christmas is a time of JOY and HOPE in welcoming the Christ Child who is the image of Charity. Ensuring the safety of others during the current pandemic is our act of Charity. Let's work together to keep one another safe this Christmas.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas

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