

St Joseph's Primary School

Final Newsletter for 2019

Term 4 Week 10

16th December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
16/12 Walk to School	17/12 Students Final Day	18/12 Staff PD	19/12 Staff PD	20/12	21 & 22/12
27/1/2020 Australia Day PH	28/1/2020 Staff Return	29/1/2020 Pupil Free Day Staff at School	30/1/2020 Year 1 to Year 6 Students 1 st Day for 2020 Best Start for Kinder	31/1/2020 Best Start for Kinder	1/2 & 2/2
3/2 Day 1 for 2020 Kinder	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2

From The Principal, Mrs Helen Whale

Welcome to the last week of the 2019 school year, the last school week of the decade!

The students have achieved great reading success this year with most students exceeding their reading goals. Don't let the good work slide. Research has shown that there can be quite a setback when students come back from school after the long summer holidays, if they have not kept up their reading practice. Please make reading an enjoyable and shared experience with your child these holidays.

I would like to thank every parent for the contribution you have made to the life of St Joseph's Denman this year. It has been a very busy year and a productive one as outlined in the Principal's address at Presentation night. A special thanks to the active members of the Parents and Friends, you have been amazing in ensuring that SJD is ticking along as a great learning place for everyone's children now and into the future. Some volunteers came to the volunteer afternoon tea. Thank you to those who were able to come. To the rest of our volunteers, please know that we all appreciate the effort you have made this year, no matter the size or the frequency – every little bit helps and is appreciated.

The High Tea on Friday afternoon was a sensational celebration to farewell Mrs Lyn Moore after 35 years at our school. Thanks to Jo Ryder and helpers for all the cooking and preparation. Lyn was very grateful for your efforts.

Reward for the latter half of Term 4 was held on Friday. Water fun was enjoyed by many thanks to our school bore water supply. The students had a ball! Congratulations to all reward recipients. Well done to those who came to school on Friday knowing they were missing out on reward. You are learning resilience!

Today was a special reward day for students who have not had a base all year. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done!

School holidays start this Tuesday afternoon. The students will resume classes in Years 1-6 on Thursday 30th January. We hope every student has the opportunity to relax and reenergise over the lengthy summer break.

Christmas Mass will be celebrated at the following times:

- St Bernard's Church Denman at 6pm Christmas Eve.
- Gungal at 9pm Christmas Eve
- St Anne's Merriwa at 8.30am Christmas Day
- St Joseph's Cassilis 10.15 am Christmas Day.

Everyone is warmly welcome to these Masses.

Farewell 2019 Year 6

To David, Samson, Isabella, Addie, Diesel, William, Toby, Matthew, Noah & Iviran I wish you all the very best for the next part of your life journey as you head to high school.

A Christmas blessing to you from all the staff at St Joseph's!

This Christmas, let hope warm your heart, love enfold your family, and the Holy Spirit strengthen all of mankind. May the special Christmas blessings stay with you and your loved ones all year round.

Happy Holidays!

God Bless.

Helen Whale



From the Assistant Principal, Mrs Michelle Lovegrove

Wow what a busy and productive year we have had! In the wellbeing space we have now officially finished our Visible Wellbeing training with Lea Waters with the support of Where There's A Will. We've implemented many initiatives in 2019 to improve the wellbeing of staff, students and our school community, including



- The Grow Your Mind program taught K-6
- Whole school performance based on the Grow Your Mind program
- Weekly Walk to school
- Weekly dance on assembly
- Parent information meetings for Positive Education and Grow Your Mind
- Displaying gratitude to our many wonderful volunteers with an afternoon tea
- Food for the Soul twice a term for staff
- Completed See, Hear and Feel activity to identify positivity at SJD
- Staff participated in Self-Care September and Steptember
- Grow Your Mind Puppet making for class resources
- Participated in Colour Your Threads for Pos Ed day
- Participated in the Where There's A Will Art competition – with Yr 2 winner of the class section
- Character strengths taught and identified for all Kindergarten students
- Character strengths of all students K-6 recognised in school reports and on presentation night
- Dress up as a Character Day and identify the character strength of the person
- Mindfulness practised in all classes
- Emotion regulation charts and resources in classrooms

We now break for the holidays to refresh and know that we will return next year with an action plan in place based around the Visible Wellbeing SEARCH framework. 2020 will see many of this year's initiatives continued and will bring many new ideas as well!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for your support of the wellbeing initiatives at SJD. In order to flourish we need to fully embrace a balanced approach to wellbeing.

I wish you all a very happy and Holy Christmas and safe travels to you and your families if you are on the road. Enjoy this time with your families to refresh, reflect and be grateful for all you have, I know these three things are at the top of my list these holidays! I look forward to seeing you all in the new school year!

God Bless,

Michelle

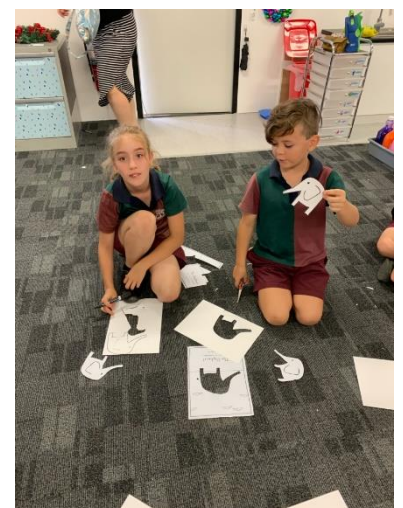
Flourishing goes beyond happiness, or satisfaction with life. True, people who flourish are happy. But that's not the half of it. Beyond feeling good, they're also doing good – adding value to the world."

Barbara Fredrickson



Grow Your Mind Puppet Making!

Last Friday we were privileged to have Kimberley Vincin join us to help make puppets for class resources for the Grow Your Mind program. The students had a great deal of fun making the templates for the animals and then tracing and cutting out felt to create the puppets. In the new school year we will be sewing these puppets so they can be used in each classroom. Thank you to Kimberley for giving up her time to help the students.



From the REC, Miss Natalie Walters

Sunday Gospel (Third Advent)

Jesus said, 'Truly, I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he'.

(Matthew 11: 11)

Questions of the Week

Adults - What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?

Young People - How can following Jesus make your life more meaningful and help you change the world? What doubts do you have about committing yourself to him?

Children - What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

As we come to the end of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for the support you have given to the school's social justice fundraising activities.

This year we have reached out and helped fundraise for Catholic Mission, Caritas and St Vincent De Paul. This fundraising has assisted under privileged children and families living in countries where basic needs do not exist. It has also supported the homeless within the Upper Hunter. Thank you for caring and helping instil in our students a desire to be of service to others just as Jesus was.

Thanks also you to the many students who were part of our Mini Vinnies group this year. The fact that you willingly gave up your time to model Gospel values, such as helping those in need, is a reflection of the compassion and dignity for all that you all have. You should be very proud of yourselves!

I would like to wish you all a safe and Holy Christmas. Enjoy the break with your families and I look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

God Bless,

Natalie

Aussie of the Term



Voting took place last week & we would like to congratulate David Caruana on being awarded our Aussie of the Term for term 4 2019.

Students who receive 'Aussie of the Term' display values such as:

- Care
- Compassion
- Respect
- Integrity and
- Responsibility

This is a fitting award for David in his final term at St Joseph's Denman



Presentation Night 2019

Thank you to all of our families who attended our 2019 School Presentation last Tuesday evening.

Thank you to all of the local business's who continue to support St Joseph's & congratulations to all the student award recipients on a fantastic year of achievement.

KINDERGARTEN

Achievment – Samuel Brewer

Most Improved – Blair Garland

Class Spirit – Annabel Carter

Most Improved – Quinn Peek

The Nanna Marie for the Love of Reading – Clayton Hunkin



YEAR 1

Achievement – Isabelle McKenzie

Most Improved – Beau Johnson

Class Spirit – Digby Hunkin

Most Consistent – Henry Jacobs

YEAR 2

Achievement – Kaija Falvey

Most Improved – Ayla O'Connor

Class Spirit – Matilda Gardiner

Most Consistent – Annie Nebauer

YEAR 3

Achievement – Charlotte Head

Most Improved – Sofia Sardoma

Class Spirit – Jemma Paull

Most Consistent – Ivy Hagan

YEAR 4

Achievement – Olive Cushan

Most Improved – Ben Caruana

Class Spirit – Cianan O'Connor

Most Consistent – Danielle Henley

YEAR 5/6

Year 5 Achievement – Henri Thurston

Most Improved – Layla Rieck

Class Spirit – Will Hejduk

Most Consistent – Diesel Hagan



SJD Library Awards

K – Carter Jones

Year 1 – Novalee Meyer

Year 2 – Patrick Ward

Year 3 – Alani Moon

Year 4 – Zoe Hejduk

5/6 – Samson Evans



SJD Science Awards

Junior – Brendan LeBrecq

Senior - Samson Evans

SJD Mathematics Awards

Junior – Annie Nebauer

Senior – Diesel Hagan

Christian Living Awards

Junior – Stella Medhurst

Senior – Olive Cushan

SJD Sports All—Rounder Award

Caoimhe Bray & Diesel Hagan

SJD Citizenship Award

Will Hejduk

SJD DUX AWARD

Isabella Falvey



SJD Literacy Awards

Junior - Jesse Neville

Senior – Isabella Falvey

SJD Creative Arts Awards

Junior – Digby Hunkin

Senior – Savannah Jones

SJD Encouragement Award

Layla Rieck

Michael Moore Scholarship

David Caruana

Sporting Champions

Cross Country

Juvenile Boy – Chanon Saenphot

Juvenile Girl – Stella Medhurst

Junior Boy – Ben Caruana

Junior Girl – Caoimhe Bray

Senior Boy – Diesel Hagan

Senior Girl – Sophie Paull

Swimming

Juvenile Boy – Archie Medhurst

Juvenile Girl – Stella Medhurst

Junior Boy – Harry Thompson

Junior Girl – Olive Cushman

Senior Boy – Diesel Hagan

Senior Girl – Scarlett Hagan

Athletics

Juvenile Boy – Chanon Saenphot

Juvenile Girl – Stella Medhurst

Junior Boy – Harry Thompson

Junior Girl – Caoimhe Bray

Senior Boy – Will Hejduk

Senior Girl – Isabella Falvey



Regional Swimming Carnival 2020

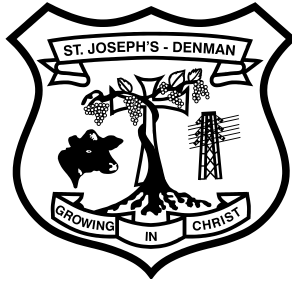
We have not yet been provided with a date for the Upper Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival, however we would like to announce & congratulate the students who have been successful in achieving a position in the team. A permission note confirming date, location and what events your children are competing in will be sent out early Term 1 2020.

Girls

Stella Medhurst, Ayla O'Connor, Ivy Ryder, Jade Vincin, Charlotte Head, Danielle Henley, Claudia Medhurst, Scarlet Hagan, Olive Cushman, Tash Stocks, Caoimhe Bray, Sophie Paull.

Boys

George Thompson, Archie Medhurst, Riley Stocks, Archie Johnson, Harry Thompson, Emmitt Medhurst, Henri Thurston, William Jacobs, Ben Caruana.



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DENMAN

Student Requirements 2020

EARLY STAGE 1 - KINDERGARTEN

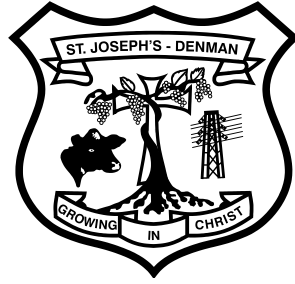
PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Glue stick (not Bottle) each term1 Long Sleeved Paint Shirt – with name attached1 School Library Bag – with name attached1 x Headphones – labelled with name |
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All coloured pencils and lead pencils will be supplied by the school.

Please note that Kindergarten students will not use textas in class

School Starts Monday 3rd February 2020



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DENMAN

Student Requirements 2020

STAGE 1 (YEARS 1 & 2)

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Year One

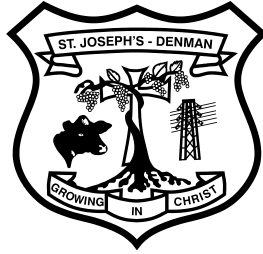
- 1 Glue Stick (not bottle) each term or as needed
- 1 Long Sleeved Paint Shirt – with name attached (from previous year)
- 1 Set headphones for computer skills- in snap lock bag- labelled (from previous year)
- 12 pack coloured pencils –preferably jumbo triangular
- 1 Library bag with name attached
- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 1 x Homework folder (from previous year)

Year Two

- 1 Glue stick (not Bottle) each term or as needed
- 1 Sharpener
- 1 Long Sleeved Paint Shirt – with name attached (from previous year)
- 1 Library Bag with name attached
- 1 set of headphones for computer skills – in a snap lock bag (from previous year)
- 12 pack coloured pencils
- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 1 x Homework folder (from previous year)

*The above list may need to be replenished throughout the year.
Please label all items.*

School Starts Thursday 30th January 2020



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DENMAN

Student Requirements 2020

STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 & 4)

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Year 3

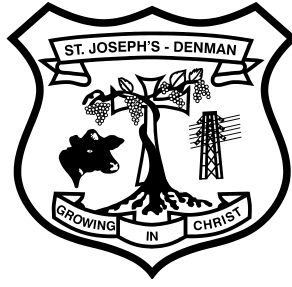
- 2 Red Biro (medium point) – Year 3
- 4 HB Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- 4 Glue Stick (not bottle) per year
- Highlighter Pack of 2
- 1 USB stick
- 1 Long Sleeved Paint Shirt – with name attached
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 School Library Bag
- 1 Set of headphones for computer skills- in a labelled snap lock bag**
- 1 Homework folder (from previous year)

Year 4

- 2 Blue & 2 Red Biro (medium point) – Year 4
- 2 HB Pencils (per term)
- Pencil Sharpener
- 4 Glue Stick (not bottle) per year
- 4 Pencil Erasers (1 per term)
- Highlighter Pack of 2
- Ruler with mm and cm markings
- 1 USB stick
- 1 Long Sleeved Paint Shirt – with name attached
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 School Library Bag
- 1 Set of headphones for computer skills- in a labelled snap lock bag**
- 1 Homework folder (from previous year)

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ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DENMAN

Student Requirements 2020

STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 & 6)

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

2 Blue & 2 Red biros (medium point) 4 HB Pencils Pencil/Ink Eraser Pencil Sharpener 2 Glue Sticks (not bottle) 1 Senior Wooden Ruler – mm and cm 2 Highlighter Pens Pencil Case 1 pair of scissors Paint Shirt

4 Boxes of Tissues
1 large Reader bag (at least A4 size)
1 School Library Bag
1 Memory stick 256MB (Flash drive)
headphones

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