



**Dates to Remember
Term Four 2019**

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Term One 2020

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

To Strive for Better Things

Newsletter 26

16 December 2019

**Sunday 15 December 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1: 18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David

End of Year Reflection

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning that have taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed

For the respect and care that have been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

and for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are and we ask you Lord –
bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to

continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



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Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, I thank you for your support and friendship during 2019. I particularly thank you for making me feel so welcome and for your professional trust.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy school break.

We are very much looking forward to 2020 and what it will bring to our school community.

Take good care

Kerrie Basha

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Week 9 was a tremendous week of school spirit and celebrations. Our Special Awards Assembly was an afternoon well spent, recognising some of the outstanding achievements of all of our students.

Our visits to Lee Hostel, Uralba and Littlewood House were well received by the residents and the spread of Christmas cheer was evident and worthwhile for all involved.

Our annual School Presentation Evening was an event that truly sparkled in so many ways. It was a night of celebrations and recognition and an outstanding production of ELTON and BLAYNEY AND JETS! We have such incredible talent in so many areas and this night certainly showcased just that.

Friday morning, staff and students backed up with the Early Stage One and Stage One assembly, the Mini Vinnies Presentation and would you believe it, more awards! Friday afternoon we truly Busted the Dust, kicking up our heels to promote positivity for the mental health of our young people during time of drought. We were honoured to host three levels of Government that afternoon with special guests Mr Andrew Gee, Mr Paul Toole and Mr Scott Ferguson all delighting in demonstrating their dance moves with the students. We also hosted the local SES, Police and Fire Brigade as well as many parents, grandparents and other friends who delighted in joining us for this worthy cause. We were broadcast live from our school grounds on Radio 107.5FM and many students, teachers and community members were interviewed and promoted our community. The Blayney Chronicle and Orange Life Magazine were also in attendance.

Finally on Friday evening approximately 36 students and six staff members represented our school at Carols by Candlelight. Our rendition of Rockin' Little Shepherd certainly caught the attention of the large crowd but it was our Bust the Dust performance that stopped people and made people smile, clap along and sing, with some even dancing along.

It was the week of celebrations and recognition. It was fantastic. We thank you for your support, your joy and your positive promotion of our school.

Mr John Doherty - Due to personal circumstances, Mr John Doherty has decided not to return to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. We thank Mr Doherty for his work this year including his contributions to many successful projects at our school including STEAM and the school website.

Ms Jane Webb will continue with Yr5 for the remainder of this term and a temporary appointment for 2020 will be sought as soon as possible.

Prayer for Rain

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new
heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by
drought;
be with those who support
them.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.
Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.

Nursing Home Visits -

On Tuesday, students from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School enjoyed spreading some Christmas cheer throughout the Blayney Community.

Stage 3 students visited Uralba Nursing Home, Carcoar and Stage 2 visited Lee Hostel and Littlewood House.

We are so privileged to be welcomed to these venues.

Students really enjoyed the opportunity to share

Christmas Carols and some of the songs that they had learnt for Presentation Night.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve –

Tuesday 24th December

6:00pm St James' Church Blayney

7:30pm Immaculate Conception Church Carcoar

Christmas Day –

Wednesday 25th December

7.30am St Canices' Church Millthorpe

9:00am St James' Church Blayney

Boxing Day –

Thursday 26th December

9:30am St James' Church Blayney



Student Leadership 2020

We are proud to announce our Student Leadership Team for 2020.
We are very much looking forward to working with the students next year.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Tyson Lee

Poppie Irlam

HOUSE CAPTAINS



Byamee
Harvey Press & Lexi Henry



Mulwala
Harrison Mackillop & Emily Watterson



Wangary
Jude McCann & Tilly

CLASS CAPTAINS



Year Five
F Lynn Nunn & Charli Nunn



Year Four
Archie Davis & Matilda Miskell



Year Three
Nickolai Owen & Grace Hadlow

Staffing 2020

Principal:	Mrs Kerrie Basha
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Sally Ostini
REC:	Mrs Sally Ostini
PLC Coordinator:	Mrs Kellie Sullivan
Sports Coordinator:	Miss Annika Dicker
Transition:	Mrs Annette Short
Kindergarten:	Mrs Fran Hodson
Stage One:	Mrs Abigail Hawke
Year Three:	Mrs Kellie Sullivan
Year Four:	Mrs Sally Ostini / Mrs Karyn Wills
Year Five:	To be confirmed /Mrs Kerrie Basha
Year Six:	Miss Annika Dicker
Librarian:	Mrs Karyn Wills
Support Teacher:	Mrs Megan Livingstone
Clerical Manager:	Mrs Christine Hobby
Clerical Assistant:	Mrs Gemma Rudgley
Student Aide:	Mrs Gemma Rudgley, Miss Abigail Varian
Music:	Miss Rosemary Fogarty
Grounds and Maintenance:	Mr Paul Coughlan
Canteen Manager:	Mrs Maree O'Dea
Cleaning:	Mr Paul Coughlan



School Information

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 17 Dec End of School Year Mass - St James Church - 9.30am **(tomorrow)**

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2020 - All dates are true and correct at time of printing but are all subject to change.

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Mon 10 Feb Parent Information Evening 6pm at School

Thurs 20 Feb P&F Welcome to St Joseph's BBQ 6pm at School

Fri 21 Feb School Photos

Tues 25 Feb Shrove Tuesday

Wed 26 Feb Ash Wednesday

Sun 1 Mar Catholic Schools Week

Mon 2 Mar Enrolments open for 2021

Wed 11 Mar Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Dubbo

Sat 14 Mar Blayney Show

Fri 20 Mar Diocesan Winter Sports Trials - Yrs 5 & 6

Mon 23 Mar Kids Lit - Orange

Tues 24 Mar Peachey Shield - Cowra

Tues 24 Mar Wed 26 Mar - Parent/Teacher Interviews (tbc)

Thurs 10 Apr - Holy Thursday
Final Day Term One



#bustthedust

School Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2020.

BURSARY

As you would be aware, our school is in a very fortunate position with not one, but two Bursary's on offer to **new and existing families** for 2020.

I am therefore taking the liberty to send each family a copy of the application for a Bursary.

We have on offer ***The St James Parish Bursary for part or full fee relief*** and ***The Michael Powell Memorial Bursary for part or full fee relief.***

Applications and successful recipients can be kept confidential on request but to receive a Bursary is very similar to receiving a Scholarship and should therefore be considered with the same prestige.

I sincerely hope that you will consider applying for a Bursary for 2020. It would be a dreadful shame for the kind offers of those responsible to go unaccepted.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

P & F —Thank you

Many thanks to our out going 2019 P&F committee, who have tirelessly collaborated for the benefit of everyone's child.

Our AGM for 2020 will be held Tuesday 4 February at 6pm.

Please feel welcome to join our team of friendly parents.

THE COST OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

\$8.40 per day.

That is what it costs in school fees to send your child to Primary (Yrs 5 & 6) at our school.

With a 1:7 teacher to student ratio I am sure you will agree that ***\$8.40 per day*** is money well spent.



Reminder —

Please return borrowed guitars, ukuleles that belong to school, by the end of the school year.

Thank you

Birthdays



The school community wishes the following students a very happy birthday.

RUBY DENZEL, MOLLY BYRNES, BROCK LOWE,
MADISON COOK, RHYS BLAKE, ELOISE DAVIES,
CHARLES MATTHEWS, ISAAC BYRNES, TILLY KEARNEY,
GRACE HADLOW.

Canteen

BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY - 2020 AND BEYOND

In 2020, our school would like to commence the reduction of the amount of waste we produce at school. We will be looking at different ways to help our environment, including reducing the amount of packages being brought to school.

Sometimes Santa brings new school supplies and this year we have asked Santa to assist us by trying to include any lunchboxes he brings that might help with reducing waste.

Such lunch boxes are in high demand and Santa may not have any spares for our students, but you just never know!



The Blessings Of
Christmas
PEACE ★ HOPE ★ JOY ★ LOVE



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bursary Program

ST JAMES BURSARY for OUR SCHOOL

I am honoured to join with Fr Paul to offer the *St James Bursary* to a family/families of our school for 2020.

The *St James Bursary* is supported by the CEDB to provide financial support to eligible families aimed to help reduce the cost of school fees, school uniforms, the Diocesan Building Levy and other school costs in order to help them access Catholic education at our school.

The *St James Bursary* is offered to new families to our school, as well as existing families. The Bursary may be a partial or full concession. It is aimed to support those experiencing hardship.

Application forms will be available on our new school website or from the front office from 6 November 2019.

MICHAEL POWELL MEMORIAL BURSARY for OUR SCHOOL

I am honoured to join with Mrs Sue Powell and family to offer the *Michael Powell Memorial Bursary* to a family/families of our school for 2020.

The *Michael Powell Memorial Bursary*, supported by the Powell family, will provide financial support to eligible families aimed to help reduce the cost of school fees, school uniforms and other school costs in order to assist them access Catholic education at our school.

Like the *St James Bursary*, it will be offered to new families to our school, as well as existing families. The Bursary may be a partial or full concession. It is aimed to support those experiencing hardship.

Application forms will be available on our new school website or from the *front office from 6 November 2019*.

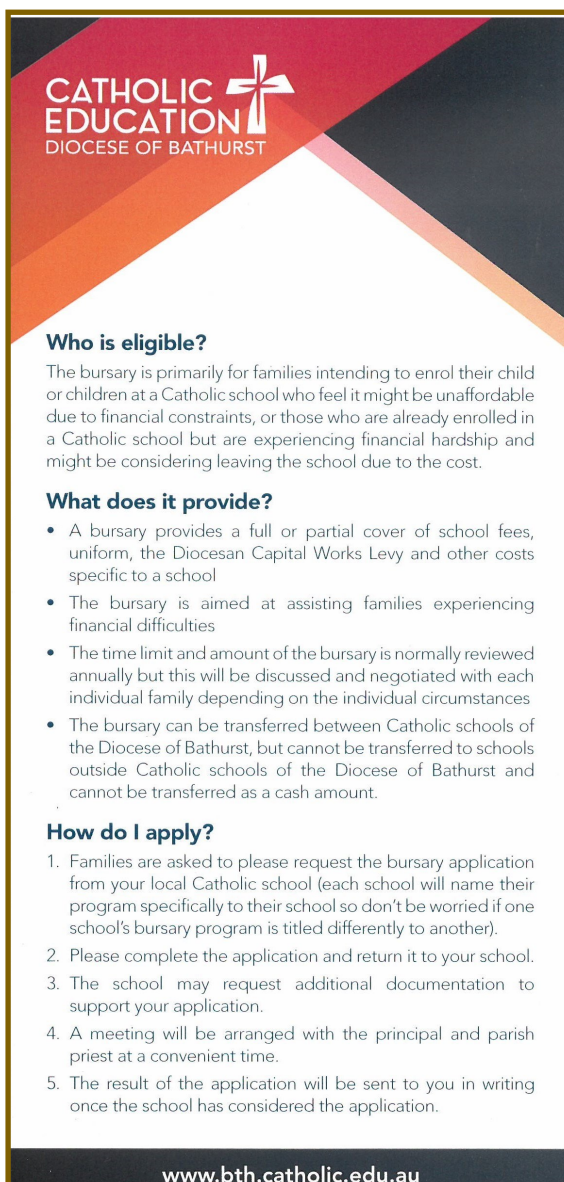


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DIOCESE OF BATHURST

BURSARY PROGRAM

In keeping with our vision to provide high quality Catholic education to all, our 33 schools are
WELCOMING | AFFORDABLE | INCLUSIVE

With a belief that financial considerations should never be a barrier for families seeking to enrol or continuing their child's enrolment in one of our quality schools, we are pleased to inform you about our new Bursary Program now operating in each of our schools.

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Who is eligible?

The bursary is primarily for families intending to enrol their child or children at a Catholic school who feel it might be unaffordable due to financial constraints, or those who are already enrolled in a Catholic school but are experiencing financial hardship and might be considering leaving the school due to the cost.

What does it provide?

- A bursary provides a full or partial cover of school fees, uniform, the Diocesan Capital Works Levy and other costs specific to a school
- The bursary is aimed at assisting families experiencing financial difficulties
- The time limit and amount of the bursary is normally reviewed annually but this will be discussed and negotiated with each individual family depending on the individual circumstances
- The bursary can be transferred between Catholic schools of the Diocese of Bathurst, but cannot be transferred to schools outside Catholic schools of the Diocese of Bathurst and cannot be transferred as a cash amount.

How do I apply?

1. Families are asked to please request the bursary application from your local Catholic school (each school will name their program specifically to their school so don't be worried if one school's bursary program is titled differently to another).
2. Please complete the application and return it to your school.
3. The school may request additional documentation to support your application.
4. A meeting will be arranged with the principal and parish priest at a convenient time.
5. The result of the application will be sent to you in writing once the school has considered the application.

www.bth.catholic.edu.au

Enrolling Now

**We are presently accepting enrollments for
2020 Transition and K-6.**

**Contact the school today for information and to book your
personal tour.**

**ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BLAYNEY**

**ENROLLING
NOW
FOR 2020**

K - 6 AND TRANSITION

Contact us today for information and
to arrange your personal tour.

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Connect. Achieve. Succeed.

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Transition to School Program

YES!! IT IS HAPPENING!! -

Enrolment Forms available at the school office

It is with much excitement that we announce that *Little Joey's* will continue in 2020.

Please contact the school if you wish to find out more about what exciting learning opportunities the *Little Joey* program offers or if you would like to enrol your child into the program.

Joey's is a *free* Transition to School program for children who will be attending school in 2021.



Enrolling Now for 2020

Little Joey's Transition Program

A free pre-Kinder program led by qualified instructors.
Preparing children for successful transition to Kindergarten for 2021.
Contact us today for your personal tour...

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Want to know what is happening at school?

The best way to stay on top of what is happening at school is to regularly read our newsletter and check your emails over COMPASS. This is our main source of communication.

St Joseph's School Facebook and Instagram will not be used for 'what is happening' notices. COMPASS and our new website page will be the places to go for such information. This is where you will find our weekly newsletters and other important notices.

COMPASS can be difficult for some to install. It happens in all schools. But once installed on your phone, iPad or laptop, it is very easy to use.

If you have difficulty setting COMPASS to your device, please call the school or drop in with your device and we will assist you.

Compass Parent Portal for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Blayney

Our school is using the **Compass School Manager** as our Parent Portal.

By using our parent portal you will be able to:

- ◆ Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences
- ◆ Access your child's Student Semester Reports
- ◆ Access information regarding upcoming events and news
- ◆ Absent notes



Please contact our Administration Office for your **username and generated password** or if you need assistance or have any questions, on **02 6368 2243** or email: stjosephsblayney@bth.catholic.edu.au.

Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Search for '**Compass School Manager**' in the store. THEN TYPE IN BLAYNEY, from there you can selection St Joseph's Blayney

Every family receives a separate login to Compass which will be provided to you by our school.

If you are having trouble finding the Compass link you can go to <http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for and find our school's direct URL.

Just type in Blayney



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY Morning
8.45am – 9.15am
THURSDAY afternoon
2.45pm – 3.15pm



FUNDRAISING BOOKLETS AVAILABLE
SCHOOLS, SPORTS CLUB, COMMUNITY GROUPS OR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS
WITH A FANTASTIC REBATE OFFER
PLEASE READ, IT WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE AND THE BENEFIT IS WELL WORTH IT

We are offering a fantastic fund-raising booklet to your School, Sports Club, Community Groups Or Charitable Organisations and this year we are giving even more of a rebate back to you, giving more opportunity to raise funds, and best of all at no cost.
No cost to you, no work required, all you have to do is make sure everyone gets a voucher booklet. Everyone will benefit, the families get to enjoy very discounted Tenpin Bowling games and your organisation will raise much needed funds.
Below outlines how this fund-raising opportunity works.

\$10 REBATE BACK TO YOUR
SCHOOL, SPORTS CLUB, COMMUNITY GROUPS OR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS
FOR EACH VOUCHER BOOKLET COMPLETED

We know how hard it is for families in these tough economic times and also realize families are looking for affordable activities that are fun for all ages.

We as a community minded local business we want to give back to the community by offering a fun activity with major discounts, whilst also rewarding you with a monetary rebate by giving you a Fund-raising booklet that contains 12 x \$7 game vouchers - 45% discount, our way to say thank you to our local community.

Once your students or members have the booklet all they need to do is present the "whole booklet" when they want to play at the Orange Tenpin Bowl during the December/January school holidays.

They can use any or all of their vouchers at a cost of \$7 per voucher. Booklet butts will be stamped as each voucher is used and once all 12 vouchers have been used a \$10 Rebate will be given to your School, Sports Club, Community Groups Or Charitable Organisations, as fund-raising (all rebate dollars sent to you by cheque one month after completion date of fund-raiser.
e.g: You hand out 200 booklets and all 200 booklets are used (200x \$10 = you earn \$2,000 rebate).

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Valerie Irwin on 0412 848 738 or myself Marisa Belmonte on 6362 5466.

Regards,
MARISA BELMONTE
MANAGEMENT
ORANGE TENPIN BOWL

Community

Piano and Guitar Lessons

Enquiry lessons for next year 2020

Please phone Victoria Gascoyne (TMUSA)

63621913

(Accredited by the Music Teachers Assoc. of NSW)

Summer Reading



Open to ALL primary & secondary students K - 12

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
Summer READING CHALLENGE
ENTRIES CLOSE 6 FEBRUARY
READ 10 OR MORE BOOKS TO GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN ONE OF FOUR IPAD MINS

The Summer Reading Challenge is about to begin, so grab some books and start reading!

ALL ENTRIES GO IN A DRAW TO WIN ONE OF FOUR IPADS:

- Download and keep a reading log
- Enter your books read on the online entry form



See the link below for more information

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020

or <http://www.bth.catholic.edu.au>



Summer Reading



EXPAND YOUR IMAGINATION BY READING THIS SUMMER

These summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge will begin and we are encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, book, e-book or graphic novel.

READ TO LEARN... READ FOR FUN... READ TO WIN

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our systemic Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books (5 full length novels for secondary) during the summer holidays to go into the draw to **win one of four iPads**.

HOW TO ENTER

If you would like to keep an informal record of the books you have read over summer, then download and complete the [personal reading log](#) (or print the page below). Once your challenge is complete, [enter your list of read books online](#) to go into the draw for a prize (the link to the entry form is also available on the Catholic Education Office website). A parent or guardian must confirm books read prior to entry. **Entries must be received by 5pm, Thursday 6 February 2020.** The draw will take place on Friday 15 February 2019 and the winners will be published on the [Catholic Education Website](#).

READING SUGGESTIONS

Following are some suggestions for books to read to get the summer reading challenge started. You may also like to refer to the [NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Reading List](#) for some further ideas.

Books for Children Years K-6 (10+ books)		Books for Children Years 7-12 (5+ novels)	
Author	Title	Author	Title
Bryan Evans and Kimberly Moon	Alphabet town	Various authors (32 books)	Our Australia Girl Series
John Bendall-Bruello	Dinosnore	Morris Gleitzman	Once, Then, Now and After
Lynley Dodd	Hairy Maclary & Friends Series	Tim Winton	Blueback
Penny Hall	Alan the Alien Alan the Alien	Jackie French	The Girl from Snowy River
Jane Ray	Can you Catch a Mermaid	Markus Zusak	The Book Thief
Louise Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy	Margo Lanagan	Sea Hearts
Geraldine McCaughrean	The Kite Rider	Neil Grant	The Ink Bridge
Leonie Norrington	Barrumbi Kids	Vikki Wakefield	Friday Brown
Anna Sewell	Black Beauty	Doug MacLeod	The Shiny Guys
Kellie McDounald	Antarctica	Diane Touchell	Creepy and Maud
Joanne Horniman	About a girl	Suzy Zail	The Wrong Boy

Summer Reading



Personal Reading Log

Name			
School		Suburb	
School Year <small>(2020)</small>		D.O.B.	
Total Books Read			

Simply read **10 or more (or 5 novels for secondary) age-appropriate books** during the Summer holidays to go into the draw to win one of four iPads in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

Record each book you have read on this personal reading log. Once you have completed the reading challenge, enter this information online by clicking this link [Entry Form](#). A parent or guardian must verify the books you have read prior to entry.

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Title	Author	Parent/guardian signature	Date