

St Raphael's Catholic School

Term 4, Week 10/B Newsletter 16 December 2019





Dear Parents.

HSC results are circulated tomorrow and I want all to know that we are very proud of our Year 12 students. That every Year 12 student finishes their schooling already placed in work, training or studies is wonderful but even moreso are we proud of the calibre of character the fine young adults have developed. We pray that each of them is richly blessed as they make their way into adulthood and shape their lives around strength and gentleness.

Presentation Day today had the whole school on display for the community. What we choose to recognize and award says a great deal about our school and we appreciate the parental support and presence on these special days in the school's calendar. We recognize excellence, we recognize hard work, we recognize fairness and compassion – these are pivotal skills for a good life.

Semester Reports and Awards Day provide the pleasant duty of looking back over the achievements of the year. Stepping back gives a wider and better perspective. The daily grind of little problems actually diminishes alongside the excellence of achievements and growth.

Reports give an account of formal learning in school, person by person, for the last two terms. Documentation is a massive and very important task that we take very seriously. We aim to provide a comprehensive picture that will be a source of pride and satisfaction as well as a platform for planning learning in the new semester. Reports will be circulated this week.

Staff members of our school invest hugely and personally in the lives of your children. The time, the commitment, the personal investment is extraordinary and I am privileged to work daily alongside such wholesome people. To aid learning is an investment in the future and, between the works of good families and good staff members, our children here have a very sound foundation. Come and pray with us at the end of year Mass on Wednesday at 9:30am.

Mrs Inel Date and Mrs Chloe Brooks are both taking leave for twelve months and I want to acknowledge with gratitude the extraordinary work and influence of the two

powerful professionals. I wish them every blessing in their endeavours in 2020.

I want to specifically acknowledge the extraordinary work of the School Leadership Team this term. They both taught and carried out their own executive duties with professionalism, energy, thoroughness and good will.

Thank you for the support you parents have given to the school in 2019. There isn't a school anywhere that survives without active support of parents. Our school continues to grow due to your good will and help.

Finally, our patron Saint, Raphael, is also patron saint of travellers, physicians and young people. I pray that this Christmas Jesus will be brought to life in your family and in our world and that St Raphael protect our travellers and our young people and bring healing through Christmas to those who suffer.

Michael

Michael Gallagher Principal

Third Week of Advent

Dear Jesus,
Help us focus on you during
this busy season.
May we stay aware of the joy
you bring into our lives.
We want to find you in the everyday
moments and come with hearts of
gratitude to your manger on Christmas.
Amen.





Monday 16

Happy birthday to Kaiden Bischof Presentation Day Awards K-11 – 9:30am @ St Raph's Church

Tuesday 17

Happy birthday to Melissa Mood Yr 8 - Parish Anointing Mass @ 10am Primary Class Parties K-10 Reports Distributed HSC Results Circulated

Wednesday 18

Happy birthday to Ava Allan & Flynn Bennett End of Year Mass - 9:30am @ St Raph's Church Secondary Trivia Day Students Last Day

Thursday 19

Pupil Free Day

Friday 20

Summer Holidays

Happy birthday to Grace Callaghan, Max Holmes, Ryder Muddle & Melody Nelligan

Happy birthday to Olivia Finn & Olivia Parrish who celebrate their birthday's this weekend,

and to the following students who celebrate their birthday's over these Christmas holidays: Sienna Huntington, Noah Campbell, Toby Woodhouse, Brianna Goricki, Sarah Myers, Christian Nzungu, Poppy Starr, Ryan Clarke, Mekisha Anderson, Ashton Anderson, Angus Anning, Jack Graham, Jack Webb, Zach Smith, Olivia McNamara, Jazmine Millar, Lawson Morgan, Charlize Skelton, Grace Whittaker, Caitlin Brodbeck, Georgia Buchtmann Charlie Harris, Jack Ousby, Hayley Parakkal, Tianna Azzopardi, Will Cranney, William Harris, Charli Hubber, Imogen McCormick, Layla Callaghan, Imogen Ousby, Tobie Hubber, Darcy O'Neill, Hollie Orford, Samantha Young, Isabelle Doorey, Caleb Healey, Claudia Orford, Jacob Cranney, Ruby Lazanski, Kate Statham, Lizzie Heilman, Ali Haider, Patrick Twigg, Joe Broad, Lexie Kennedy, Hannah Fahey-Doolan, Max Osborne & Ned Osborne.

Faith & Life

Altar Servers' Roster

Sat 21 - Tobie Hubber & Darby Hubber

Sun 22 - Hannah Fahey-Doolan & Janice Lawrence

Sat 28 - Hayley Parakkal & Volunteer Please

Sun 29 - Jamie Zarb & Cassandra Zarb

2019 Christmas Mass Times CHRISTMAS EVE



Eugowra – 6pm Vigil Mass Canowindra – 8pm Vigil Mass

Gooloogong – 7pm Vigil Mass Cowra – 7pm Vigil Mass (Childrens Mass)

Cowra - 10pm Mass CHRISTMAS DAY

Canowindra - 8.30am Mass Cowra - 9am Mass

(NB No Services at Woodstock or Wyangala)

Curriculum News

2020 Australia Day School Literary Competition

This year's topic for the literary competition was Australian Agriculture. Well done St Raph's students who composed some fantastic reports about Australian Agriculture. Of special note are the prize winners for 2020.

Kinder: Tilly Gundersen 1st

Year 2: Erin Rutledge 1st, Miller White 2nd,

Ruby Lazanski 3rd

Year 3: Abbie Partridge 1st, Colton Cartwright 2nd

Year 4: Laura Bennett 1st, Taylia Penyu 2nd

Year 5: Jayden Azzopardi 1st, Lachlan Partridge 3rd

Year 6: Flynn Hindmarsh 1st, Kate Proctor 2nd

Library News

Thank you for the effort students have made to return books promptly. The library has been a centre of research, reading and many activities throughout the year. Have a great holiday.

K. Skinner – Library



Class Parties

It's time to celebrate the end to another fantastic year of learning! All infants and primary students will be holding their end of year parties tomorrow, Tuesday 17th December and they are invited to come to school dressed in a Christmas theme.

Teachers will have already been organising the celebrations with the children. Infants students will dance the afternoon away at their annual Infants disco which will be held in St Brigid's Hall.

Year 2 Water Quality Investigation

On Thursday of Week Nine, Year Two finally had the opportunity to do some water quality testing in the Lachlan River. After our findings, Year Two can happily confirm that the water flowing in the Lachlan River near the Low Level Bridge is relatively clean. We made these discoveries after testing the water for sensitive, water bugs. We found a variety of bugs, some very tolerant, some tolerant and thankfully some sensitive bugs.

Year Two also decided that leaving nappies, food packaging and allowing dogs to leave their droppings on the river bank is very harmful to the river system. This saddened us to see the pollution on the banks.

On a happier note, Mrs McGoldrick was driving past and thought she'd join in with our investigation. She was greeted with great excitement from the children. We were also grateful for the help from Mrs Clarke, Emma Wilkinson and Mrs Doolan.





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Website: <u>www.straphaelscowra.catholic.edu.au</u>







Yr 9 Religious Education

Congratulations to our Year 9 Religious Education students on their efforts at Bilyara Retirement Village last Thursday. It was wonderful to see them engage in conversations with members of the village. Bilyara was grateful to receive Christmas cards from our students and they enjoyed conversing with them.





Administration

Starting Dates Term 1 2020

Jan 29 (Wed): Year 1-6 + 7 & 11 begin Jan 30 (Thu): Years 8-10 & 12 begin Jan 31 (Fri): Kindergarten begin

Primary Class Teachers 2020

The teacher / class allocations for 2020 in the primary department of the school are as follows:

Kindergarten: Therese Johnston, Jodie Colemane,

Amanda Edwards

Year 1: Renae Downes, Karla Slaven,

Amanda Edwards.

Year 2: Kylie McNamara, Davina Smith,

Kathy English

Year 3: Jenny White, Luke O'Reilly

Year 4: Laura Moodie, Nicole Twohill-Scott, Year 5: Darrel Colemane, Anna Farley,

Kathy English

Year 6: Grahame Statham, Carolyn James,

Staff Changes 2020

Chloe Brooks: St Mary's Orange 2020

Nicole Twohill-Scott: Family Educator 2020-2021 +

Year 4

Melissa Morrison & Meg Jobson: working elsewhere

Inel Date: On leave for 2020

Introducing new staff members and new roles:

Cassie Bennett: Assistant Coordinator

Curriculum

Therese Johnston: Assistant Coordinator

Curriculum

Melana Pearce: Secondary HSIE

Michelle Coombes: Secondary Creative Arts

David Lette: Future Pathways & Career

Education (Careers)

Peta Bischof: Future Pathways & Career

Education (VET)

Fee Schedule 2020

The St Raphael's Catholic School Fee Schedule 2020 is attached for your information and planning.

Wellbeing

Canteen Update

This week's roster is as follows:

The week erector is de fellene.						
Tues 17	Wed 18	Thurs 19	Fri 20	Mon 23		
Lisa Mallon Karen Campbell	CLOSED	PUPIL FREE DAY	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS!	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS!		

Donna Stokes - Canteen Manager

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Orders have now finished for the year. Thankyou to all families and friends for your continued support of our Book Club orders. Your purchases have allowed the school to obtain many wonderful resources for our classrooms and library. Thankyou once again. Merry Christmas, and see you again next year!

Chris Webb - Book Club Coordinator



Community onnections



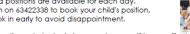
Cowra Early Childhood Services OOSH (Out of School Hours Care)

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Vacation Care Program for December-January 2019-20 Bookings for the upcoming school holidays open on Monday 25th November 2019.

Limited positions are available for each day.

Call Admin on 63422338 to book your child's position. Book in early to avoid disappointment.



A variety of arts & craft, dramatic and physical play experiences will be on offer to the children throughout each day with the following highlights-

- Week 2
- Monday 23/12/19
 - Christmas silhouette painting, Styrofoam bauble

Tuesday 24/12/19 Christmas party lunch CHRISTMAS BREAK SERVICE CLOSED 25/12/19 TO 1/1/19 INCLUSIVE

- Thursday 2/1/20

- Friday 3/1/20
 Week 4
 Monday 6/1/20
 Tuesday 7/1/20
 Wednesday 8/1/20
- Thursday 9/1/20
- Friday 10/1/20

- Thursday 16/1/20 Inursday 16/1/20
 Friday 17/1/20
 Week 6
 Monday 20/1/20
 Tuesday 21/1/20

- Monday 27/1/20 Tuesday 28/1/20

Thursday 19/12/19 White clay decorations, Hula hoop relay Friday 20/12/19 Christmas craft, water bucket relay

Begin the process of making an OOSH movie DIY bubbles & wands Outdoor water play

DIY and traditional board games
Mulyan school playground excursion, 2020 birthday chart
Build a cubby - giant waffle blocks,
Painting technique experimenting
STEAM – water colour painting – Ice magic – marble races
Sport day in the park – shot put, long jump, egg & spoon,
three legged races & more

Week 5

• Monday 13/1/20

• Tuesday 14/1/20

• Wednesday 15/1/20

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Moke pizza for lunch with our solar ovens, Div hase wary wrans.

DIY bees wax wraps, Tie dye t shirts, sock wrestling, heat activated beado: Salt art, balloon pop

eek 6 Monday 20/1/20 Beyblades competition. craft with natural loose parts Excursion - Forbes biscuit factory, water park & sausage sizzle lunch
Wednesday 22/1/20 Inursday 23/1/20 Friday 24/1/20 OOSH Comedy show, Physical challenge circuit Friday 24/1/20 Australia day party- backyard cricket fairy bread & lamingtons

Public Holiday Service Closed Pupil free day Vacation care will be provided if viable Technology and movie day



SUMMER FUN STARTS HERE

SCHOOL AGED VACATION CARE NOW AVAILABLE LET US HELP WITH THE JUGGLE OF PLANNING SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE.



Our vacation care program offers:

- · Age appropriate activities for school aged children.
- · A program which offers daily variety with a focus on fun and learning.
- · A mix of in-centre activities and visits within the community.
- · Indoor and outdoor play.
- · Convenient pick-up and drop-off hours for working parents.
- Delicious meals provided.
- Affordable daily or weekly fees our fees are also eligible for child care subsidy payments.



PLAN YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CARE TODAY **BOOK NOW 1800 517 027**

North Cowra Children's Centre | 51 Comerford Street, Cowra, NSW, 2794





TFRM 4 2019 **GROUPS AND SEMINARS**

Women, Choice & Change

Women: Choice and Change is a 6-session group for women who have experienced family violence. women who have expensive lampy valued women with the skills and understanding necessary to help them move forward in their lives. During the group, participants will have a chance to connect with others who have had similar experiences, to talk through their issues and to consider positive choices and strategies for the future.



Managing Strong Emotions - Men Only

Managing Strong Emotions is a 6 week course. It is for people who are seeking support to better deal with strong emotions that may be causing issues in



Managing Strong Emotions - Women Only

Managing Strong Emotions is a 6 week course. It is for people who are seeking support to better deal with strong emotions that may be causing issues in their relationships.



Relationships Australia Tel: 02 6333 8888



JOIN THE PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FRIENDLY, ENJOYABLE 5K EVENTS

Every Saturday morning

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY Prams and dogs can take part

Be active in the open air

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART No need for special equipment or clothing

YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN

Walkers are always welcome

BE PART OF A COMMUNITY Make new friends and socialise

Track progress and achieve new goals

Register at parkrun.com.au

Come join us every Saturday 750am for 8am start on Evans Street and Sakura Avenue on the walking path adjacent to the FOW campaite.

Or more information-



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2020



GAME OF STONES

Tuesday 14 January | 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Arrange your natural elements using a game process involving time, space and landscape. Help fiona devise your own game of stones. For ages 8+



Wednesday 15 January | 10.30am - 12.30pm

Be inspired by the Thancoupie story pots in the Void
exhibition. Ana will show you how to create your own ceramic pot using either





FAB PHOTOS

Wednesday 22 January | 1.30pm - 3.30pm Taking inspiration from the artworks by James Tylor, create some Fab Photos with Ana using old photographs and fabric to create new meanings and stories in the images. For ages 6+

ALL WORKSHOPS COST \$10 BRAGS MEMBER/\$12 NON-MEMBER

ADVANCE BOOKINGS & PAYMENT ARE ESSENTIAL

CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER REDEEMABLE*

*please call the gallery on 6333 6555 for more information.

Each child must be signed in by a parent or carer at the Gallery desk. Please take note of the age limits when booking - these are set to ensure the enjoyment of all participants. In order to ensure these workshops can remain as affordable as possible payment must be made at the time of booking. Refunds are only given if notice of the cancellation is given 24hrs before a workshop is due to run.

BATHURST REGIONAL ART GALLERY

70-78 KEPPEL ST, BATHURST NSW 2795 | (02) 6333 6555 | bathurstart.com.au





BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY



WEP IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES TO HOST EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM COUNTRIES INCLUDING ITALY, FRANCE AND BELGIUM, ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA IN JULY 2020!

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN OTHER CULTURES, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! REMEMBER, SOMETIMES THE GREATEST REWARDS IN LIFE COME FROM DOING THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

CONTACT WEP ON 1300 884 733 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR EMAIL INFO@WEP.ORG.AU. CAN YOU HOST ME? CALL 1300 884 733 SMS 'HOST' TO 0428 246 633



AURA from Italy

anything and anyone and I perceive every life event as a lesson. I love spending time outdoors, swimming, valking, participating in team sports taking photos and meeting with my

My family is relatively small, but we are very close, I respect and admire my parents.

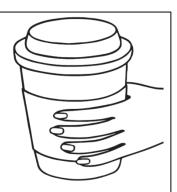
I can't wait to meet my Australian family!

> **MORE PROFILES AVAILABLE AT** WEP.ORG.AU/HOST

Join us at the

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Cowra Summer Breakout 13th-17th January 2020 @ Cowra Showground



Coffee Corner //

Every day: 9:30am-12pm

Cowra Summer Breakout's own café with free coffee. An excellent and child friendly place to gather for conversation and caffeine.

Music Time //

Every day: 10am

A time for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to dance, sing and play together with their parents and friends

Bible Study //

Every day: 10:30am

Casual group discussion, all welcome!

Ladies Craft Night //

Thursday $16^{\rm th}$ January: 7pm-9pm @ Cowra Baptist Church

Bring an old T-shirt (or two!) to be upcycled into something new! You may also like to donate the craft to charity!

Family Fun Show //

Saturday 18th January: 4pm @ Cowra Showground A family friendly event for the community with a BBQ!



[Cowra Showground, 32 Grenfell Rd, Cowra NSW 2794]



KIDS &



JOIN US AT 9AM-12PM ON THE 13TH-17TH JANUARY 2020! @ COWRA SHOWGROUND

Concert Time // Kindergarten - Year 5

In an ancient kingdom far far away, two blind master swordsmen set out on a journey to find an emperor who has gone missing. Why is the emperor missing? How will our blind master swordsmen know who the emperor is? Come join Concert Time on this epic quest with lots of singing and dancing along the way to find out!

Jumping Beans // Kindergarten - Year 2

Are you ready to have some fantastic fun? We're going to be making some amazing crafts, playing fun games and watching some wonderful skits where we'll learn about who Jesus is! So what are you waiting for? We can't wait to see you here in Jumping Beans!

Club 35 // Year 3 - 5

Come join Club35 for 5 days of excitement filled with games, fun stories and some creative crafts. We will be seeing who the real Jesus is and what it means to follow the real Jesus. We are so excited to see you, so come join us!

KLUNK & ZED // Year 6 - 8 & Year 9 - 12

Join us for a week of fun games, singing, craft, skits but most importantly learning about who Jesus is! We've got plenty of fun night events organised as well so get excited for that too! Bring your friends along and we can't wait to see you all there!

COWRA SUMMER BREAKOUT 2020

NIGHT ACTIVITES Monday 13th January

KLUNK & ZED// Wide Games: 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Showground

Tuesday 14th January

ZED // Silent Library: 7pm-9pm @ Presbyterian Church

Thursday 16th January

KLUNK // Pool Night: 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Cowra Aquatic Centre ZED // Myth Busters: 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Presbyterian Church

[Cowra Showground, 32 Grenfell Rd, Cowra NSW 2794]





ADMISSION AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT FREE

- . Dunking Pool
- . Pony Rides
- . Beach Volleyball
- . Tug-o-War
- . Mud Pit
- . Water Slides
- Jumping Castle
- Local Band
- . Food Stalls
- . Local Entertainment
- . Fireworks; and
- MUCH MORE

31st December, 2019
6pm—9.30pm
Cowra Showground
ALL
ENTERTAINMENT
FREE
Giant
Bring a

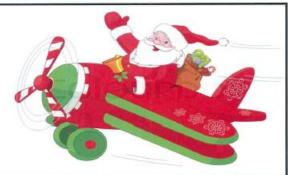
Bring a chair, rug and towell

Ray 0419 279 929 (President)

Peter 0413 488 477

"SANTA FLY IN"

Cowra Aero Club Wednesday 18th December at 6:30pm





Leave a small present at Ray White Emms Mooney Cowra, 45 Kendal Street with your child's name labelled clearly before 4pm on the 18th December. For more information contact 6342 3422.

Please note: '\$5.00 donation per family would be appreciated'



St Raphael's Catholic School Cowra





Year Group School Fee	Annual Total	Additional Information	Term Total	Weekly Direct Debit*
Kindergarten	\$1,212.00		\$404.00	\$27.55
Year 1	\$1,257.00		\$419.00	\$28.57
Year 2	\$1,257.00		\$419.00	\$28.57
Year 3	\$1,344.00		\$448.00	\$30.55
Year 4	\$1,272.00		\$424.00	\$28.91
Year 5	\$1,344.00		\$448.00	\$30.55
Year 6	\$1,554.00		\$518.00	\$35.32
Year 7	\$1,758.00		\$586.00	\$39.96
Year 8	\$1,725.00		\$575.00	\$39.21
Year 9	\$2,136.00		\$712.00	\$48.55
Year 10	\$2,199.00		\$733.00	\$49.98
Year 11	\$3,066.00		\$1,022.00	\$69.69
Year 12	\$2,784.00		\$928.00	\$63.28

The 2020 "School Fee" covers all compulsory and curriculum based charges for your child's specific year group and will include costs of excursions/retreats for the year group and year group activities.

The 2020 "School Fee" includes a base elective fee.

*Please add \$12.69 per week for eldest child (Capital Works Levy). Weekly direct debit is based on 44 weeks covering from the date of the 1st billing instalment up to the last week of term 4.

Sibling Discount:

The sibling discount is only applicable to the "School fee".

2nd Child 15% discount 3rd Child 30% discount 4th and over 45% discount

Other Charges:

Diocesan Capital Works Levy:

The Diocesan capital works levy will appear on the invoice of the eldest child.

2020 Levy	Annual Total	Additional Information	Term Total	Weekly Total
Capital Works Levy 2020**	\$558.00	per family	\$186.00	\$12.89

^{**}There is no increase in the Capital Works Levy for 2020

These fees do not include optional and ad hoc activities such as music and representative sport. These will be charged separately.

Elective specific materials and excursion costs are additional as per the table below.

Elective/Other Specific Costs					
	Year 11	Year 12			
Hospitality Consumables	\$159.00	\$159.00			
Hospitality Equipment (optional)	\$160.00				
Construction	\$264.00	\$114.00			
Visual Arts	\$87.00	\$87.00			
Year 11 Textbook Bond	\$100.00				

School Fee Changes from 2019 to 2020:

There has been no CPI increase in the School Fee from 2019 to 2020. Please contact School for further information.

Instalment amounts are billed over the first three terms of the school year.

Payment plans are available as indicated on your invoice.

Direct Debit payment plans are recommended - please contact school administration for information on how to set up a periodic direct debit.