



ST. JOSEPH'S  
SCHOOL

HINDMARSH

# FORTNIGHTLY Newsletter



*A Faith Community  
Inspired by Love  
Empowered through Learning to...  
Make a Difference*

RESPECT

COMPASSION

SERVICE

HOPE

FORGIVENESS

## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

TUESDAY 10TH	END OF YEAR MASS
WEDNESDAY 11TH	YEAR 6 GRADUATION EVENING
THURSDAY 12TH	END OF TERM 4 3.10PM FINISH
FRIDAY 13TH	PUPIL FREE DAY—OSHC AVAILABLE

### JANUARY

TUESDAY 21	MEET THE TEACHER—BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
MONDAY 27	PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR AUSTRALIA DAY
TUESDAY 28	TERM 1 2020 BEGINS AT 8.50AM

## Some articles included are:

- LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP
- CLASS STRUCTURES FOR 2020
- ADVENT
- MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS DONATION
- OSHC AND VACATION CARE
- PARISH CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE
- PRESCHOOL NEWS
- JOSIAH MITTON AWARD

Wishing you a  
**Blessed Christmas & New Year**



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## Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a real sense of excitement at this time of the year. Students are busily engaged in end of year activities; excursions and our graduating students are finalising arrangements for their special celebrations!

**The End of Year Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on Tuesday 10 December. Please note that all students will need to be seated by 6:45 pm as Christmas carols will be sung ready for Mass to begin at 7 pm. The graduating class will be acknowledged at the Mass and therefore reserved seating will be allocated firstly to parents of graduating students. Extended family members will need to be seated in 'non-reserved' pews. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated, as this will allow parents to have a good view of their child receiving their graduation certificates. A very important milestone for both students and parents alike.

Teachers have completed reports and are in the process of finalising class lists for 2020!

Students will meet their 2019 teachers on Wednesday 11th December and reports will be issued on this day too along with a staff and class list. Please note that the report envelope will also include information about meeting with the 2020 class teacher on Tuesday 21 January together with a questionnaire that will need to be completed and discussed at the '*meet the teacher*' conversation.

I look forward to being with you all on Tuesday to give thanks and gratitude for another wonderful year of learning and building a community where 'in all things love' is professed and lived!

As this is the last newsletter for 2019 on behalf of the staff I take this opportunity to thank you for working in partnership this year as we strive to realise our vision;

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best

**Blessed Christmas** and **Festive Season** and enjoyable holidays!

God Bless

Maria D'Aloia, Rita Garreffa and Helen Clark

Extending our  
wishes for a



## **CLASS STRUCTURES FOR 2020**

Staffing arrangements are still being finalised therefore a full staff list will be included in the Report Envelope.

Please see below how classes will be organised next year.

**RECEPTION**

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**YEAR 1/2**

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**YEAR 3**

**YEAR 4**

**YEAR 4/5**

**YEAR 5/6**

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### **YEAR 5 AND 6 INFORMATION**

In 2020, we will provide opportunities for children to work in a middle school environment, it is intended that this approach will cater for student's specific individual needs and encourage high levels of engagement.

Whilst the classes are organised into composite year levels, additional staff have been allocated to work in collaboration with classroom teachers for English and Mathematics to facilitate teaching in year level groups.





# Advent

**Advent is the four weeks before Christmas.**

It is a time of joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth as our Saviour.

During this time, we reflect on the story of the birth of our own children.

**What was it like when you were waiting for your baby?**

**How did you prepare?**

**Who was there to support you?**

**How did it change your family?**

As decorations go up in shops and our homes, it is important that we remember what the Christmas season is about.

**One way we can help others to prepare during this time is to give to the**

**St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal.**



# Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

We have extra Vinnies blue bins in the MacKillop Centre of Learning, where donations of clothing items may be left. Food donations may be placed in the baskets in the office. We also have a giving tree set up in the office, where donations of new unwrapped presents may be left.

*While all donations are gratefully accepted, please think about the types of foods you like to enjoy during Christmas when you are donating items. Please also consider donating supermarket vouchers or gift cards so families can purchase and enjoy fresh meat, fruit and vegetables on Christmas Day.*

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

SNACK  
cake  
Special items for Christmas such as puddings, cakes, biscuits or treats  
Baby food and formula  
Cordial, long-life juice or fruitboxes  
Pre-packaged food like pasta, rice, noodles etc  
Tinned ham, tuna, salmon etc  
Christmas crackers or decorations

**VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL  
FOOD DRIVE**

Long-life milk or custard  
Jams, spreads, honey or vegemite  
Tinned vegetables and fruit.  
Tea, coffee or mito  
Preserved fruits





# Out of School Hours Care

## PUPIL FREE DATES, VACATION CARE DATES

### REMINDER:

- All Vacation Care Program forms to be completed by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019
- Pupil Free Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to be completed by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019



## OSHC DATES for End of Year and 2020

- Pupil Free Day on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019
- December: Vacation Care will commence on December 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2019
- No OSHC for the CHRISTMAS BREAK  
December 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 - January 5<sup>th</sup> 2020
- January Vacation Care will commence on January 6<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2020
- First day back at School is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

VACATION CARE BOOKINGS, PUPIL FREE DAY,  
OSHC BOOKING FORMS 2020  
AVAILABLE FROM THE WEBSITE OR FROM OSHC



# Christmas Celebrations 2019

## *Sacred Heart Parish Hindmarsh-Findon*

Sacred Heart Church 252 Port Road, Hindmarsh  
Our Lady of the Manger 176 Crittenden Road, Findon

## *Christmas Celebrations 2019*

### *Reconciliation (Confessions)*

Sunday	1 December		Hindmarsh - (Before AND After 11am Mass)
Wednesday	18 December	6.30pm	Findon - Community Rite of Reconciliation (opportunity for individual reconciliation following Mass)

### *Blessing of Cribs ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Sunday	15 December		At all Mass centres
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### *Parish Christmas Parties - following Mass*

Saturday	14 December	6.00pm	Findon*
Sunday	15 December	9.30am	Hindmarsh*
		11.00am	Findon*

\*Everybody is welcome to join the festivities after Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

### *Christmas Eve*

Tuesday	24 December	6.00pm	Findon (Children's Liturgy)**
		7.00pm	Hindmarsh (Children's Liturgy)**
		Midnight	Hindmarsh (Carols at 11.45 pm)

\*\* All children are invited to dress in their favourite Christmas Costume  
e.g. Angels, shepherds, wise men/women etc.

### *Christmas Day*

Wednesday	25 December	9.30am	Hindmarsh (English/Italian)
		10.00am	Findon - Note time change (English)

### *New Year's Day Mass*

Wednesday	1 January	10.00am	Hindmarsh
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Please Note: The Parish Office will close on Friday 20 December 2019 and  
re-open on Tuesday 7 January 2020

The Parish Office Team wish you and your loved ones a very Happy and Holy Christmas  
and Blessings for the New Year.



# A look at Preschool this fortnight



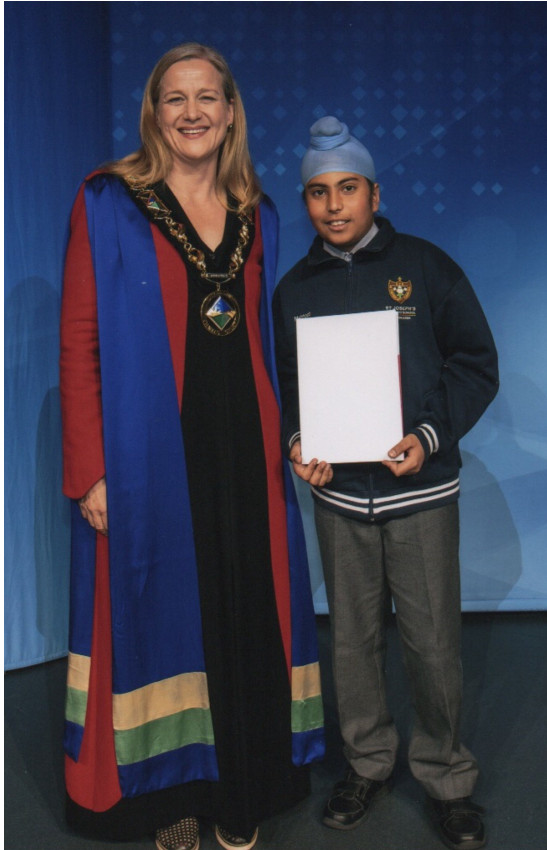
On Friday we had our first excursion with the children from Gold group to Marshmallow park Playground. Part of the Pelzer Park / Pityarilla Activity Hub, it is a unique space for children to explore, be active and engage with nature. With both traditional and nature play elements, it features a hill, sand and interactive water play area, wood climbing frame and play equipment. A great time was had by all!



# A look at Preschool this fortnight



Our advent preparations have begun with the introduction of our advent wreath, stories of the nativity and the message that Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. The children have created a Christmas tree with boxes and have started to make salt dough Christmas decorations. A naughty elf has also made his appearance.



## Josiah Mitton Award

Congratulations to

**Metaab Singh**

who is this year's St Joseph's winner

of the

Charles Sturt Council

Josiah Mitton Award

The award was presented to Metaab

by Mayor Angela Evans

at an official council ceremony earlier this term.

## Instrumental Evening

The Instrumental Evening was a great success. Well done to our talented students on their wonderful performance. Parents, friends, staff and students were all thoroughly entertained. The behaviour from our students was exemplary.

Congratulations to the Instrumental Teachers who have achieved high standards with our students.





# St Joseph's School

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## 2020 Instrumental Program

Instrumental lessons we have available in 2020 are:

Piano/Keyboard	Violin
Cello	Flute
Saxophone	Clarinet
Trombone	Trumpet
Guitar	Ukulele (hire negotiated through the school if needed)

Drums (provided during lessons but hire through dB not available)

French Horn (\*it is recommended students have learnt another instrument prior to French Horn\*)

The cost for this tuition in 2020 will be \$28.00 per half hour. The payment must be forwarded directly to the tutors providing the service by week 2 of each term.

If you do not already have an instrument, they are able to be hired from **dB Music Solutions**. The school will oversee hire and invoicing of instruments. The cost of hiring an instrument per semester (including holidays), is as follows:

**Alto Saxophone** \$135

**Trombone** \$65

**Trumpet** \$65

**Clarinet** \$65

**Flute** \$65

**Piano Keyboard** \$50

**Violin** \$45

**Cello** \$100

**Acoustic Guitar** \$45

**Electric Guitar and Amp** \$70

**French Horn** \$185

**\*PLEASE NOTE: A condition of hire is that all students must pay for and complete a full semester of instrumental tuition once the term has begun.**

*Please return the attached form:*

### INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS Semester 1 (Term 1 and 2) 2020

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in Class \_\_\_\_\_ (2019)

wishes to commence tuition in \_\_\_\_\_ (instrument) in 2020.

**I require an instrument for hire:** Yes / No (please circle)

I give my permission to pass on my personal details below to the private tutors for billing purposes.

I have read and accept the conditions of learning (as attached)

Parent/Caregiver full name: \_\_\_\_\_