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**St John the Baptist Catholic School
Woy Woy**





Our School Prayer

Loving God

At St John the Baptist School

We pray for the Aboriginal people of this place,
for the Sisters of St Joseph,
for our families and
for all who have guided us to this day.

We give you thanks for
our school and the space it gives us to grow,
and for the spaces in our hearts
which you fill with your many gifts.

We pray that we may always grow
in the spirit of our school values
and with respect for all creation and for all your people.

May your peace bless us this day and always.
We ask this through Jesus our brother and friend
United in your spirit.

Amen.

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Our School Song

Sacred Spaces

1. At St John the Baptist
we all belong.

In this special place
we learn a new song.
Space to grow and learn
our best self to become,
living safe and free
we all feel at home.

**Chorus: Treat one another
with respect and care;
Showing God's
loving face everywhere**

2. Sacred stories from the
past living now
Sacred spaces in our school
Help us grow
Sacred gifts we hold
In each heart they live
Jesus loving ways
We learn to believe

Chorus:

3. Every person's gifts
Give life to our school
In sad and happy times
Our friends all stay true
Everybody has their
Part in our song,
Everybody's dreams
in our school belong.

Chorus:

4. Learning to wonder and to
Open our eyes,
God is watching us
Fill life with surprise,
Lots of space to run
With spirits set free.
At St John the Baptist
We love to be.

Chorus:



St John the Baptist

Born: 24th June

Died: 29th August

Saint John the Baptist is the Patron Saint of our
School

and Parish of Woy Woy.

24th June – St John the Baptist Feast Day – White

John the Baptist was born six months before Jesus. His mother was Elizabeth, and his father was Zechariah and they were very old when he was born. John announced the arrival of Jesus and baptised the people in preparation. John also baptised Jesus in the river Jordan.

Significant Catholic Religious Dates and Explanation

Major Seasons of the Church.

- Christmas
- Lent – 6 weeks leading up to Easter
- Easter – White 50 days
- Ordinary Time – No major Events
- Advent- 4 weeks leading up to Christmas

17th March – St Patrick’s Day – White: *St Patrick brought the faith to Ireland and the Irish were the first Catholics in Australia and kept the faith alive without priests in the early settler’s years of Australia. He used the four leaf clover (shamrock) to explain the Trinity, three persons in one God, The Father, the Son and The Holy Spirit.*

19th March – St Joseph – White: *Joseph was Jesus’ foster father on earth. He was a carpenter. He was a man of trust, patience and obedience. He took Mary as his wife even though she was with child and he loved and cared for Jesus as his own until he died, before Jesus was a man.*

8th August – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – White *St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is our first Australian Saint. She founded the Catholic order of nuns known as the St Joseph’s nuns. She taught many poor children in the late 1800’s and also started orphanages. She started the Kincumber orphanage and regularly visited it. She died at MacKillop place in North Sydney and her tomb is in the Church on that site. There is a museum at the site and it is a wonderful place to visit. It is short walk up the hill from North Sydney Railway Station. Mary MacKillop Place 11 Mount St, North Sydney, NSW 2060 (02) 9929 8244 <http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/>*

15th August – The Assumption – White *A holy day of obligation, all Catholics are expected to attend Mass on this day. This is the day Mary was taken up (assumed) into heaven body and soul.*

1st November – All Saints Day – White *It is a day to honour all the saints, known and unknown. It is a day when we are inspired by the many good*

people who have gone before us and a day when we are all called to be saints of the future.

2nd November – All Souls Day – Violet On this day we remember all the Faithful departed. All Masses on this day are Requiem Masses and the Office of the Dead is recited.

Palm Sunday – The Sunday before Easter– Red: *This was the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowd waved palms and acclaimed him as King.*

Ash Wednesday – White: *46 days before Easter (Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring Equinox. On the day of the Spring Equinox, the Earth's poles are the same distance from the Sun. In Melbourne, the Sun rises due east, sets due west and gets to 52° above the horizon at noon. On this day there are roughly 12 hrs of day and 12 hrs of night.) Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat. (14-59 years of age) On this day we get a sign of the cross in ashes on our forehead and are told to "Repent and Believe in the Gospel." We answer "Amen," which means I agree and I believe. During Lent we are called to Pray, Give to the Poor or do acts of kindness for others (Almsgiving) and to Fast. (give up things we like) It is a time when we reflect on our Baptismal vows and we reject sin and try to get closer to God. It is a time of preparation and cleansing for Easter. There are 40 days in Lent; however the Sundays in Lent are not classified as Lent. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.*

Holy Thursday – White: The feast of Maundy (or Holy) Thursday solemnly commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and is the oldest of the observances of Holy Week. This was the day Jesus washed his apostles' feet and showed himself as servant to all. He also shared the Last Supper with his apostles and so it is the commemoration of the First Eucharist. In Rome and cathedrals around the world the holy oils are consecrated for use in all churches throughout the coming year.

Good Friday – Friday before Easter Sunday – Red This is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat. (14-59) It is the day Jesus was crucified on the cross and died.

Easter Sunday – White There are 50 days of Easter. Easter is the most important feast for Catholics. Jesus rose from the dead and triumphed over death and evil. We are Easter people, because we believe we will live forever like Jesus. We may die in our earthly bodies, but our spirit lives on forever.

Ascension Sunday – White The elevation of Christ into heaven by His own power in the presence of His disciples on the fortieth day after His Resurrection. It is narrated in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Pentecost Sunday – Red A feast of the universal Church which commemorates when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gave them many gifts and the power and strength to pass on the Good News to others.

1st Sunday of Advent – Violet/Purple – Purple candle of Hope or Expectation is lit.

2nd Sunday of Advent – Violet/ Purple – Second Purple candle, candle of Peace is lit with the first candle of Hope.

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) – Rose or Pink – The Third candle, the pink candle of Joy is lit with the other two purple candles.

4th Sunday of Advent – Violet or Purple – The last purple candle is lit, the candle of the angels or love, as well as the other two purple and one rose candle.

25th December – Christmas Day – Birth of Jesus Christ – White: The day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Sacraments

Baptism – the first Sacrament

Occurring during Primary school years:

Confirmation – Offered in Year 3

Reconciliation – Offered in Year 3

Communion – Offered in Year 4

The following three Sacraments are not received by all:

Marriage

Anointing of the Sick

Holy Orders

Prayers

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name:
Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you:
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen



Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Sorry Prayer

O my God, I am very sorry that
I have sinned against you,
because you are so good, and
with your help, I will not sin again.