

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS



This Week at Joeys

- The open classrooms/Parent engagement session on Monday afternoon was well attended. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see learning in action and have follow up learning conversations with your child at home afterwards. [See photos here.](#)
- Congratulations to Jacinta P and Sadie J in Year 6. They are both through to the next level of competition, representing the diocese at the Polding carnival for swimming after outstanding results on Tuesday night. Jacinta- 3rd 100m freestyle, 2nd 12yrs 50m freestyle and backstroke, 3rd Senior IM. Sadie- 3rd 12 yrs 50m breaststroke
- Our Open day for prospective families for 2023 was well attended on Wednesday morning with our exceptional Year 6 class impressing all as tour guides. Thanks Year 6!
- We had our first whole school assembly in the hall since the Covid outbreak. It was great to be 'back to normal'!
- ACARA- the governing body for the NAPLAN assessment identified our school as a 'high growth' school for the results of the Year 5 2021 NAPLAN which indicated a very high percentage of students with above average growth from their Year 3 2019 results. We scored a mention in the SMH on Wednesday. Great work students and teachers.

What's Happening Next

Monday 21st March. Combined St Joseph's Day/Harmony day/Anti Bullying awareness day celebration

- St Joseph's Day Liturgy in the church at 9.30am. All welcome
- For Harmony Day, students can wear mufti (play clothes) with an orange colour theme (even a little) [link to Harmony day website](#) Please ensure children wear covered shoes for the day
- Students will participate in activities with their wellbeing group about harmony day and kindness culture
- Jack Bern ([Fiver for a Farmer](#)) will be our guest speaker for the school. Jack began his own charity when he was in primary school.
- Students can bring a gold coin to donate to Jack's charity to help the farmers in the floods
- Weather permitting, we will visit the beach for the afternoon. Students can bring buckets and spades and change into their thongs.

Cross Country Trials - Tuesday 22 March - Yrs 2-6 - refer to Compass messages sent to parents

30 March 2022 - [Hot Dog Day - Yr 6 Graduation Fundraiser](#)

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St Joseph's Feast Day

Saturday 19 March marks the Feast Day of St Joseph, the patron saint of our school. We will be holding a school liturgy in the Church on Monday 21 March at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.

NAPLAN 2022 for years 3&5.

- Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between 10 and 13 May 2022.
- Please ensure you do not plan any family holidays for this time.
- The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.
- Next week students in Years 3&5 will participate in practice sessions online to become familiar with the online set up.

[Parent information sheet for NAPLAN 2022](#)

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Announcements



Class Awards Week 8

Kinder – Zac D, Juliana C

Year 1 – Mya Mm Ryder M

Year 2 – Zack H, Oli G, Tara S

Year 3 – Paddy W, Manaia E,

Year 4 – Poppy G, Mason W

Year 5 – Adam L, Will O, Aksel K, Maia P

Year 6 – Rory L, Lenny B

Finch – Axl M, Lennox P

Robin – Matheus K, Levi R

Special Award - All Yr 6 for being amazing, respectful and confident leaders at our Open Morning!

See full details on our [FB page!](#)

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Links for Parents

[Uniform Information](#)

[OOSH Northern Beaches](#)

[Roar Music Northern Beaches](#)

[Canteen Roster and News](#)

Co-vid information, is on the NSW govt site. Use the link below:

[NSW govt healthsite information for families at schools](#)

If your child has to stay at home as a close contact you can access the NESA digital learning modules appropriate to their grade for 'self paced learning' at home . Your child's teacher will be in contact with you via email if this is the case <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home>

RAT surveillance

Schools will now align with community settings of 'symptomatic testing'. RAT Kits were sent home in students bags yesterday, 1 box per student.

Students and staff can use their allocation of RATs at their discretion, such as if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

- If a student has even mild COVID-19 symptoms, they must get tested with a RAT or PCR (nose and throat swab) test.
- They must isolate until they receive a negative test result, in line with health protocols.

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