

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

TERM 2, WEEK 6



This Week at Joeys

I appreciate all parents for making a huge effort with Kiss n Ride safety of late. This week, I have had a conversation with a road safety officer at NB Council. She will be working with us to audit and then improve the safety of traffic around our school. As a start, there will be new corflute signs for the poles, a brochure about the correct use of the Kiss n Ride zone and rangers have been invited to attend at drop off and pick up times. Later in the year, there will be an opportunity for community engagement about the issues.

A huge thanks to Jenny Saggus and Karen Calleia (usually with us Friday fortnightly) for stepping into the admin roles in the office whilst Kerrie Andrews was away! Thank you for your flexibility and smiling faces. Kerrie is back in the office from Monday next week.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Outred".

Virginia Outred, Principal

Disco Action!

What a fun night the VIVID Disco was last Friday! [Check out a video of the action here.](#)

Thank you to Year 3 class parents, Kelly and Christina and all the other parent volunteers for your time. The children really do appreciate it.

Parent Engagement Session: Info

Tomorrow, Friday 3rd June at 2pm to 2.40pm is the Parent Engagement Session for this Term. This time, the subject is Creative Arts.

Year 5 and 6 students will be enjoying music lessons with Mr Warby at around this time. Year 6 from 2pm and Year 5 from 2.25pm.

If they prefer, parents may take their children home after the session.



What's Happening



NRL Eagle Tag Gala

Years 3-6 will soon take part in an NRL Eagle Tag Gala Day. They have been participating in clinics leading up to this Gala, so it should be a lot of fun!

Years 3 and 4's day will be held Tues 21st June (reminder to wear sport uniform) and Years 5 and 6 will be on Thursday 23rd June.



Upcoming Key Dates

- June 3 – Parent Engagement Session at School
- June 15 – Band performance at Assembly
- June 30 – Last Day of Term 2
- October 21 – Colour Fun Run for students (details to follow)
- October 22 – It's back! Trivia Night for parents and carers (details to follow)

Positive Communication

Home Learning changed the way we all communicate and right now, teachers are finding the volume of emails they receive daily are carving into the valuable time they spend preparing and evaluating the teaching and learning program for our Joey's.

We value our interaction with parents and we're currently looking at more effective ways to streamline communication, along with the right ways to do so – for example, what's best shared by email and what would be better as a meeting in person. We'll update more on this shortly, including a clear pathway that ensures valuable communication remains open, and respectful parameters are maintained.



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Join in at Joeys

May 30	Closed	Jun 3	Beatriz + Daph
Jun 6	Brooklyn Troy + Ash + Linda	Jun 10	Debbie Carter + Claire Clowes
Jun 13	Public Holiday	Jun 17	Renata + Daph
Jun 20	Brooklyn Troy + 1 volunteer needed	Jun 24	Maura Stewart + Angela Boyle + Veronika Bowring
Jun 27	Brooklyn Troy + Hannah Marsh	Jul 1	Closed SDD



Canteen at Joeys: How you Can Help

Thanks to those who have put their hand up to fill in some of the gaps. If it says CLOSED and it's red, it means we need volunteers that day.

We now have a new 'busy window' helping position, which only goes from 12–1.15pm on Mondays. You'll be teamed with an experienced volunteer. Is there anyone who can team up with Brooklyn on June 20?

We are now also taking volunteers for Term 3. If you can help, please contact Nicole Gleadow to add your name to the roster: nicolegleadow@gmail.com

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Kiss n Ride – Quick Tips

A few friendly reminders to keep us all safe!

A Kiss n Ride system operates in the No Parking zone on Lagoon Street from 3.05pm and in the mornings before school. The bulk of the problems we are having are in the afternoon.

PATIENCE: It is busy from 3.00pm until approx 3.15pm – a period of 15 minutes that we can all work together to exercise patience and respect.

PLANNING: Parents should tell their child if he or she is to use Kiss n Ride. That helps the Joey line up, get ready to go and alleviates delays. If your child is not present at Kiss n Ride, you will be asked to drive around the block whilst your child is located.

SIGN: A sign with your family last name should be displayed in the front left window. If you don't have one, please ask at the office and we will have one printed and laminated.

HANDOVER: Children will be escorted to the cars by a member of staff. Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles.

QUEUING: Please do not queue in Wellington Street, it interferes with traffic flow and often creates a dangerous situation. You can also potentially be fined by rangers.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR: Ideally, bags will be in car for drop off and pick up, to avoid the driver having to get out and attend to the boot.

TIMING: Consider arriving a few minutes later to collect your child to avoid the 3:00pm congestion. Supervision is provided at Kiss n Ride until 3.20pm, after which parents need to park and collect children from the bus duty teacher in the playground.



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