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TERM 2, WEEK 7



This Week at Joeys

Polding Cross country team members, Isaac and Jacinta from Year 6 both placed 11th in their respective races! They also received gold medals, as the Polding team in their age groups won the points. Congratulations – we are so proud of you for competing at this very high level.

Kerrie is back! Thank you for your patience during the time she was off – it's been lovely having her smiling face and efficiency in our school again.

I met with the Northern Beaches Council Traffic Officer this week – check out the update to the right for more info.

Stay warm!

Virginia Outred, Principal

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Kiss n Ride Update

This week the Northern Beaches Council Traffic Officer spent some time with Principal Virginia Outred observing the afternoon pick up.

She had some great suggestions about the use of the zone. One thought was to ask, as a parent, do you really need to use it every day? Now COVID restrictions have eased and you are welcome back on grounds, possibly parking nearby and walking can help alleviate congestion and queuing and develop a healthy new habit.

New corflute signs were also hung on the poles. The basic rules are: You are only permitted in this zone for 2 minutes, and you can only move 3 metres from the car if you have to get out to help children. A more detailed guide to using the zone is within this newsletter.

The council will send us their updated brochure and there will be a formal audit process around the zone later in the year.

What's Happening



Secured your snag yet?

Year 6 are fundraising for their end of year gift to the school. They are holding a Sausage Sizzle on Comfort Day next Wednesday June 15 – making the day even tastier! Hop on QKR! to place your order – perfect for a chilly day!



Upcoming Key Dates

June 15 – 2.30pm Band performance at Assembly (all welcome)

June 17 – Walk Safely to School Day (rescheduled)

June 30 - Last Day of Term 2

October 21 – Colour Fun Run for students

October 22 - Trivia Night for parents and carers

Wellbeing Week: Comfort Day

Next week is Wellbeing Week and that means we will focus on happiness, comfort and peace all through the week with a range of activities. Your Joey will also take part in initiatives with their Wellbeing Group, which is made up of students across all grades.

On Wednesday June 15 we invite all students to dress up in cosy clothes to feel a lovely warm sense of wellness and comfort. (Bonus points for parents – it should make for a relaxed start to the day for you too!)

On Comfort Day your Joey can wear their PJs, Oodie, trackies, onesies, uggies etc to be warm and comfortable.

Please pop some suitable sneakers in their bag to change into if they have sport that day.







Up Next



Band and Music Survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the quick survey about extra curricular music lessons and band at school. if you haven't yet done so, you can complete it here. The band will be performing at Assembly this week at 2.30pm – all welcome!



Gala Days Yrs 3-6

Years 3–6 have Gala Days coming up, where they compete against other schools. You can fill in the permission form here plus get more info.
Years 3&4 Eagle Tag is Tuesday June 21 and Years 5&6 NRL/Eagle Tag is Thursday June 23

Reports & Parent/Teacher Interviews

Half yearly reports are coming next Friday – what a way to wrap up Wellbeing Week!

Semester 1 reports are delivered online via Compass. They will be ready for you to open on Compass on Friday June 17 from 3pm.

There will also be an opportunity for you to book a parent/teacher interview in Term 3 from June 20–24. The schedule will open on Tuesday next week, with an email incoming to explain how to secure your preferred time.







Join in at Joeys



Walk Safely to School Day - Rescheduled!

Wellbeing Week is the perfect time to reschedule the previously rained out Walk Safely to School Day.

We will meet at the Pelican Path (near the caravan park) at 8am on Friday June 17.

For those who would like to join in along the way, the walk will go along the path towards Pittwater Rd, then along Pittwater Rd towards the main Narrabeen Bridge and up to the school.

We would love you to join us but the focus is on walking – so please no wheels. Children need to be in the company of an adult.
Thanks and see you then!



Canteen: Term 3 volunteer spots now open

Thanks to those who have put their hand up to fill in some of the gaps. It's been GREAT having Canteen up and running!

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.

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





Life at Joeys



Vinnies Winter Appeal

We are again collecting for Vinnies to help others stay warm and fed during these very cold days. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter for what your class specifically can donate. We appreciate your compassion.



This is a lovely P&F initiative! Students will design their own cover for a card in class (Christmas or general) and you can order them printed as professional cards. More details on ordering will be shared shortly.

Devices and your Joey

We understand that some older children require a form of communication for after school activities etc, whether that's a phone or smart watch.

However, during the school day the school has duty of care of your child and all contact with your child should be through the school office.

As per our school policy, mobile phones are to be left in bags during the day. This is outlined <u>in</u> the Parent Handbook.

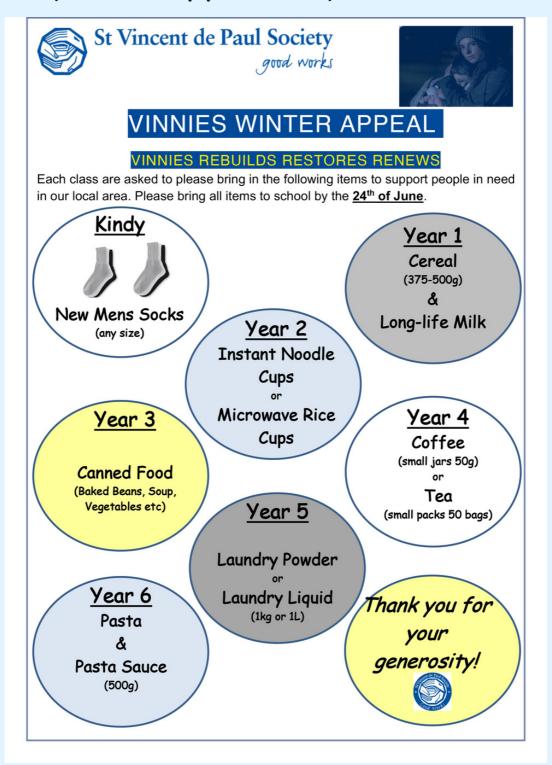






Vinnies Winter Appeal

We believe in Community and Compassion at Joeys – and appreciate your kindness







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 WITH 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. As the signs say, you need to remain with the vehicle which means maintaining a 3m distance only.

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.





