

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

TERM 3, WEEK 1



This Week at Joeys

We began Term 3 with a bang at our Athletics carnival on Tuesday. Despite the on/off drizzly rain we managed to hold all the running events and the long jump. The children stayed positive and smiling, supported by our exceptional Year 6 leaders. Big gratitude to Niki Frost and Olivia Windon, who organised and set up the event and to the awesome parent volunteers who did their various jobs in the rain. Thank you to the parents who came along to cheer and add to the positive atmosphere for the day. As we were unable to complete all events, we cannot yet announce the team winner or inform students if they are representing at the next carnival. Mrs Sam Carolan is running high jump, discus and shot put over the next few days. Hopefully we will have results by assembly on Wednesday next week. Meanwhile, congratulations to Jacinta Perry who broke the 12 years girls 800m school record!

Virginia Outred

Virginia Outred, Principal

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

We are so looking forward to celebrating Grandparents & Grandfriends day next Thursday, 28th July.

Grandparents & Grandfriends are welcome to the library at 11am for morning tea.

They can visit classrooms of their grandchildren from 11.30am.

They can then join us in the Church for our liturgy at 12pm.

For the safety of our older guests, masks are highly recommended in the library and Church and must be worn if visiting classrooms.



What's Happening



Upcoming Key Dates

July 28 – Grandparents and Grandfriends Day
August 18 – Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
Sept 6 – Parent Engagement Session at 2pm. (This term will be Religious Education)
October 21 – Colour Fun Run for students
October 22 – Trivia Night for parents and carers

2022 ICAS Assessments – Optional Competition

This year we will once again give students from Years 2 to 6 the option of participating in the ICAS Assessments.

ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years of experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in various subjects. These assessments are a competition level of assessment, available to students of high ability in Years 2–6.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision. The assessments can be challenging, going beyond the expected year level, unlike NAPLAN assessments. Learn more by visiting [icasassessments.com](https://www.icasassessments.com).



Last term we emailed all families in Year 2 to 6 to give students the option of the ICAS English and Mathematics assessments. You will need to sign up your child and pay for the assessment on the online links that will be provided for you. This will need to be done by August 1, 2022.

– Brenda Paul
Assistant Principal

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COVID Safe Measures at School

This week, the start of Term 3, the government updated advice to schools re: COVID safe practices.

Our system is part of Catholic Schools NSW and we take our advice from their instructions, which come from the same government source.

I quote:

"With COVID-19 and the flu circulating in the community, we will continue our layered COVID-smart measures for Term 3 to prioritise student and staff wellbeing, while keeping schools operational. The layered measures include strongly advising mask-wearing, rapid antigen testing (RAT), strongly encouraging vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation, hygiene and cleaning."



MASKS: The wearing of masks is not mandatory for primary aged students, however some of our staff are choosing to wear a mask when inside. If you are entering our classrooms as a visitor, we ask that you wear a mask.

HYGIENE: We are asking the children to wash hands and use sanitiser regularly, ventilation is being monitored in our rooms and our hygienist Maeve is continuing her job cleaning high touch surfaces throughout the day.

TESTING: More RAT tests will be arriving at school in the first 3 weeks and we will distribute to families when we receive them here.

CLOSE CONTACTS: The rules for close contacts have changed. If a member of your household is diagnosed with COVID, the other household members can attend school if they return a daily negative RAT test.

We ask your support to keep all members of our community safe and healthy by monitoring your child's health and not sending them to school if unwell. [This link gives advice about managing COVID.](#)

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Life at Joeys

Little Library

We now have our very own Parent Library at Joeys, thanks to our P&F Co-President, Sarah Reid! Due to the rain, this has been placed just outside the Staffroom, which is next to the school library. We welcome ALL parents to come and grab a book to read, as well as donate great books for others to enjoy.

How it works:

If you see a book you would like to read, take it!

If you have a book you'd like to pass on, leave it!

This Library is for adults only so no children's books please, as the children have their own school library. Please also be mindful of the nature of the content of a book when donating. Thank you and enjoy!



Sharing Photos

We love you taking and sharing photos of our school, and your Joey's achievements and adventures. But please be mindful that not all parents feel the same way about having their child (or themselves) on social media. It's also very important to us that every child's privacy is protected and sometimes, there are very important reasons why students shouldn't be featured digitally, which you may not be aware of.

- If you're sharing videos or photos of school events, please get the OK from other parents before uploading vision of their child too.
- As a general rule, if there's a photo or video on our school's social accounts or website, it's OK to be shared.
- Thanks for your understanding and co-operation in respecting each other's feelings and needs.

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Join In at Joeys

Canteen Volunteers are Needed for Term 3!

We have two volunteer positions for each day – a full shift and a short window for the busy rush from 12–2pm approx. Please contact Nicole via email if you can help – we really appreciate it (and your Joey will love it!)

SIGN UP: nicolegleadow@gmail.com

Currently, canteen will not be available much in Term 3.
We really value your assistance!

TERM 3 CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	MONDAY		FRIDAY
18 JUL	Closed – No Volunteers		22 JUL Closed – No Volunteers
25 JUL	Closed – No Volunteers		29 JUL Debbie Carter + more volunteers needed
1 AUG	Closed – No Volunteers		5 AUG Closed – No Volunteers
8 AUG	Closed – No Volunteers		12 AUG Closed – No Volunteers
15 AUG	Closed – No Volunteers		19 AUG Closed – No Volunteers
22 AUG	Closed – No Volunteers		26 AUG Closed – No Volunteers
29 AUG	Closed – No Volunteers		2 SEPT Closed – No Volunteers
5 SEPT	Closed – No Volunteers		9 SEPT Debbie Carter + more volunteers needed
12 SEPT	Closed – No Volunteers		16 SEPT Closed – No Volunteers
19 SEPT	Closed – No Volunteers		23 SEPT Closed – No Volunteers



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High School Enrolment Info



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APPLICATIONS OPEN

Year 7 2025

(current Year 4 students)

Enrolment Applications close 5 August 2022

Year 7 2024

(current Year 5 students)

Limited spaces available, please act quickly

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