

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

TERM 3, WEEK 4



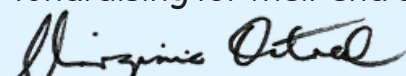
This Week at Joeys

Public Speaking began this week for several classes, and will continue through next week too. Students have clearly been putting in a lot of work, researching and rehearsing. The top 2 students from each class will speak at a whole school presentation on Mon 22 and Year 6's finalists will go on to represent St Joseph's at a Cluster Schools public speaking event. Very exciting! The themes so far have ranged from inspiring to heartwarming and I look forward to hearing from more students!

We have a big few weeks coming up! Details on Book Week are further in the newsletter and we welcome everyone to watch the Parade on Tues 23 at 9.15am.

This coming Monday 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. This a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church, a day that honours Mary the mother of Jesus. Years 4-6 will attend the Parish Mass at 9.30am. K-3 will conduct special liturgies in their classrooms.

Don't forget to order your sausage sizzle on QKR (it's next Wednesday). It's the tasty way Year 6 are fundraising for their end of year gift to the school.


Virginia Outred, Principal

Assembly Awards

At this week's Assembly, students learned about 'stewardship', which is one of our school's core values. Year 3 explained what it actually looks like on a daily basis. Put simply, 'stewardship' means respecting and caring for the world and others around us. Our Joeys will focus on this value over the next few months. One student from each class that best represents the value will receive an Award at the end of Term. We also recognised our hardworking Students of the Week and those who demonstrated Positive Behaviours for Learning and Kindy was awarded the most attentive class at Assembly. Congratulations! Photos are now on our school Facebook page and you can view them even if you don't have an account - facebook.com/joeysnarrabeen



What's Happening

Upcoming Key Dates

August 18 – NB Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
August 20–26 – Book Week: Parade 9.15 Tuesday 23
August 22 – School Public Speaking Finalists to present their speeches
August 22 – P&F Meeting 7pm, via Zoom (details to come via Compass)
Sept 2 – Father's Day Breakfast (Orders now open!)

Sept 6 – Parent Engagement Session 2pm (Religious Ed)
Sept 22 – Students' Last Day of Term
Sept 23 – Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day for students.
October 21 – Colour Fun Run for students
October 22 – Trivia Night for parents and carers
November 14 – Pupil Free Day

Year 6 Fundraising Sausage Sizzle

Year 6 are fundraising for their end of year gift to the school. They're holding a sausage sizzle next Weds August 17. Sausages are just \$2.50 and you can order now on QKR! (Orders close on Mon Aug 15, so don't miss out!)



**Drop-off
Pick-up
zone**

**No
parking**



Have Your Say: Road Safety/Kiss n Ride

If you've ever felt frustrated in the Kiss n Ride line, if you've ever worried about road safety around our school – THIS is your chance to be heard! The council have opened a survey and would like parent feedback specific in order to potentially make important changes. It takes a few minutes and it's essential they get thoughts from as many parents as possible. [Click here](#) and thanks!

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Life at Joeys

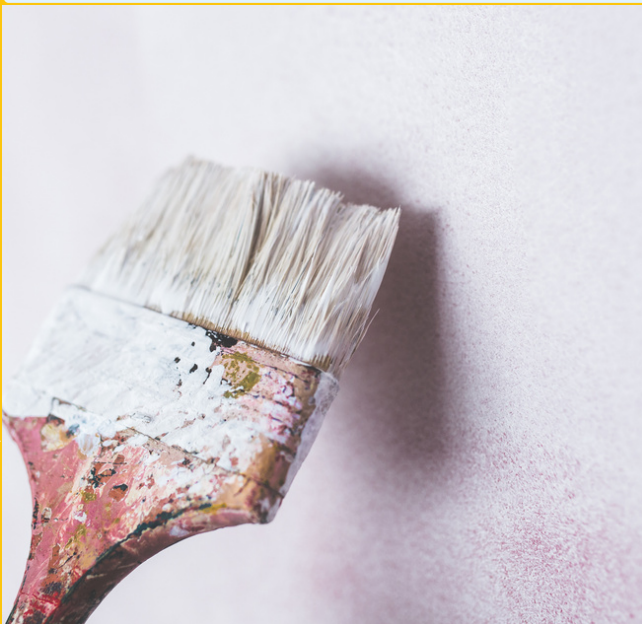


Father's Day Photos

In preparation for our upcoming Father's Day celebration, please email a picture of your Joey and their father/father figure to lulu.wilkinson@dbb.catholic.edu.au

NEW: Beanies are now available!

No-one would argue that the mornings have been very frosty! Our Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders Milla, Evie, Jess and Abbey had the great idea to get an official St Joseph's school beanie. They presented their reasoning to Principal Mrs Outred and wrote up a list of guidelines for students (hats are still essential for sun safety during recess and lunch). Mrs Outred thought it was a great idea and gave it the thumbs up! The beanies are optional for any student who would like one. They are \$12 and are now available to purchase via our uniform shop Cowan and Lewis: <https://cowanlewis.com.au/product/beanie-4/>



Repairs and Maintenance

Catholic Schools Broken Bay have embarked on a large scale repairs and maintenance project in all our schools across the Diocese. There are six main items which will form part of the scope for this project including; carpet replacement, painting, gutter/downpipes repairs, replacement of window coverings, review of electrical compliance and replacement of wet areas. Our school will have some of these items completed as identified by an audit. Works will likely commence next week or the week after and be completed by September 30. There will be some changes to classes. This may mean a class moving to a temporary learning space for 2-5 days, depending on the scheduled work in the room. As part of this project, there is a project partner from the CSBB and the buildings project manager who will inform me and I will be keeping our community informed of progress of the work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

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BOOK WEEK AT JOEYS

AUG 20-26 (WEEK 6)
'DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN'

Mon: Our Joeys will focus on their dreams with a special all-school project
Tues: Book Week Parade at 9.15am! Dress up as your favourite book character.
Parents & carers welcome to watch.
Weds: Wellbeing & Fun! Craft and activities related to reading and wellness.
Assembly at 2.40pm (all welcome)
Thurs: Special visit and talk from author/illustrator Matt Stanton. Year 6 presenting Shortlisted Books to the school
Fri: Joeys take on the Library Leaders' Kahoot Book Quiz!



It's just under two weeks until the magic of Book Week sweeps us away. This year's theme is 'Dreaming With Eyes Open'.

If you're hunting for something special for your Joey to wear to the Parade on Tuesday 23rd, our friends at Costume Box have generously offered all our students a 15% discount using the code STJOSEPHS (and they have a huge range of Book Week costumes)

This code will work for the next three weeks, you just need to enter it at the checkout! Visit <https://www.costumebox.com.au/>

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JOIN US FOR A

FATHERS DAY

Breakfast

FRIDAY 2ND OF SEPTEMBER
7AM-8:45AM

PLEASE ORDER BREAKFAST VIA QKR BY
FRIDAY 26TH OF AUGUST

Adults: \$15 Bacon & Egg Roll OR Egg & Haloumi + Donut includes Coffee
or Tea.

\$7.20 Kids: Incl Donut, Juice & Fruit Stick OR Cheese & Bacon Roll, Juice &
Fruit Stick. Order extra doughnuts for \$3.



Supplied from OMG Decadent Donuts

Vegan, gluten, nut, yeast, dairy, egg, wheat & sulphite free with
no artificial flavours or preservatives.

CLASSROOMS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8AM
PHOTO BOOTH WILL BE SET UP FROM 7AM
EGG & SPOON RACE 8:20AM

We look forward to sharing this special day
with all Dads, Grandfathers and Uncles.



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Life at Joeys



Volunteering

As always, we'd love your help if you have a window to volunteer at Canteen. That extends to Grandparents too! To sign up: nicolegleadow@gmail.com and find out more [at our website here.](#)

COVID-Smart Measures at School

Please note the change to close contact rules and mask wearing:

Staff and students identified as close contact must advise the school. They can continue to attend school if they test negative every day for five days, have no symptoms and must wear a mask when indoors.

Please note that mask wearing at school cannot be enforced for children under 12. However, we highly encourage children who are close contacts to wear one.



Parent Survey

The Catholic Schools Parents of NSW (CSPNSW) are conducting a survey for parents about wellbeing. Here is the link for anyone who would like to take part:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CSPAParentSurvey>

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Important Info

Communication with School & Teachers

Last week we shared links to our updated [Sustainable Relationships Policy](#), with an added appendix about communication. The communication section from the [Parent Handbook](#) has a section about emailing teachers, which is copied here for ease:

To arrange a meeting to discuss particular concerns: While smaller concerns can often be dealt with over email, bigger challenges linked to social, emotional, or behavioural concerns are best talked about in a meeting and your child's teacher is available for this. Please email a brief outline of your concerns to your child's teacher and arrange a face-to-face or Zoom meeting to ensure there is enough time and focus to address the matter thoroughly and work towards a positive outcome.

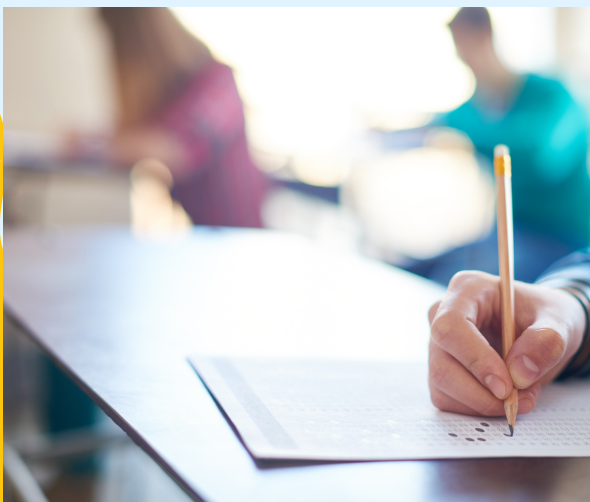
Please ensure your child knows pick-up arrangements before they come to school each morning. This helps them to feel settled and at ease during their school day. Please communicate any unforeseen changes of pick up arrangements directly with the office.

Please also note our policy on students' use of smart watches which states that these are to be used outside school hours only.



Please note that it is extremely difficult for teachers to check and respond to email during the day due to teaching, playground and other responsibilities. A call to the office is the most reliable way to communicate an urgent message.

Teachers will respond to email within 2 working days, between the hours of 8am and 5pm.



ICAS Assessments

Thank you to all the parents who went online to register their child for the (optional) ICAS exams. 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. Next week (Week 5) we will be sitting the English exam on Wednesday 17th August at 9.15am. The Maths exam will be held in Week 7 on Thursday 1st September, time TBC. – Brenda Paul – Assistant Principal

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High School Open Days



PRIORITY FEEDER SCHOOL

**IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN ANY
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BROKEN BAY (CSBB)
PRIMARY SCHOOL YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
PRIORITY ENROLMENT AT
MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHATSWOOD**

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OPEN MORNING TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST 9-11AM

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