

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

TERM 4, WEEK 9



## This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,  
This will be the final newsletter for 2022 as we finish school next Friday 16th December.

I would like to take this moment to thank you all for your commitment to your children's education, your passion for the community and your support of the staff.

To all those parents working away quietly in their roles I say, 'I see you and I thank you!'. To the exceptional staff at St Joseph's I say, 'I see you and I thank you!'

At this time I would also like to thank Father Robert Borg, our parish priest and Fr Aldrin, assistant priest, for their support for our community and a listening ear and advice for me over the past year.

Wishing you all a very blessed, safe and restful Christmas and holiday break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Virginia Outred".

Virginia Outred, Principal

## A Special Farewell

At this time we also bid a sad farewell to those families who will move on from our community as their last child finishes up at St Joseph's or they move on to new places. We wish you all the best as you join new school communities and take your memories of Joey's with you. We will farewell these families formally at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass (Friday Dec 16th @11.30am)

Best wishes and farewell to these families:

- Olivares
- Polito
- Casey
- Clarke
- Coulton
- Lang
- Lawson (Milla)
- Littler
- MacKenzie
- Massey
- Perry
- Picello
- Robson
- Stafford- Brown

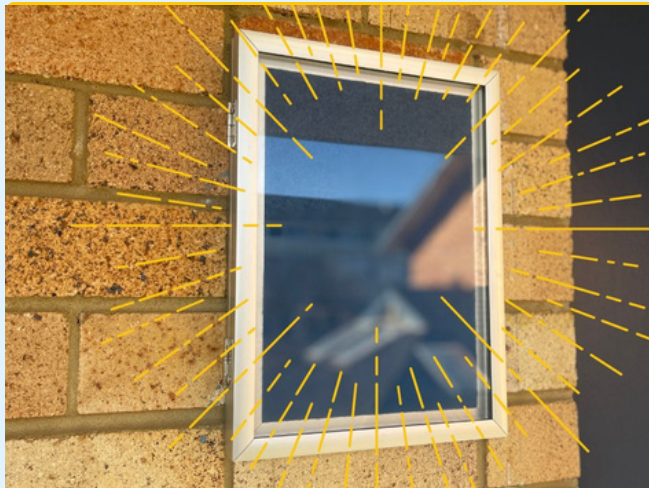


# Life at Joeys



## Advent – Kindness Calendar

It is now Advent, the time of year in the church calendar to be prepared and 'get ready' for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Our students have been learning about how to 'get ready' in their Religious Education classes. The Year 6 Wellbeing team created an Advent Kindness calendar which they open each morning at Assembly, with a daily focus such as 'smile at someone today.' It's a beautiful way to begin a school day and our students have been really embracing it!



## Thanks Year 6!

As is the tradition at St Joseph's, the leaving year 6 class of 2022 have purchased a gift to the school. They have purchased frames for classroom signs for every classroom. Thank you to the year 6 students and their parents and especially the class parents, for their organisation of fundraising events.



## Semester 2 Reports

End of Year Reports available on Compass on Friday 9th December from 3pm.

The Semester 2 report reflects your child's learning and application to learning during Terms 3&4.

You are welcome to contact the class teacher if you have questions about your child's report.

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# Things to Know

## Bring Your Own Device

A reminder that we have an optional Bring Your Own Device program for students in Years 4–6. Parents of students can read the information about the requirements and the new purchasing option [on our website here](#).



## Teachers for 2023

Drumroll please.... introducing your teachers for 2023!

Kinder– Mrs Alison Jarman  
Year 1– Miss Tiffany Britton  
Year 2– Mrs Kath Fogwell (our Religious Education Co-Ordinator, 4 days) Mrs Anita Brooks (1 day)  
Year 3– Miss Anthea Nicholls (new to St Joseph's in 2023!)  
Year 4– Mrs Kath McCamey (2 days), Mrs Carmel Sekulich (3 days)  
Year 5– Mrs Cara Appleton  
Year 6– Mrs Lisette Calleja  
Assistant Principal /Collaborative Coach/Library Teacher– Mrs Brenda Paul  
Creative Arts– Mr Michael Warby (1 day)  
PE– Mrs Nicola Frost (1 day)  
Learning Support Teacher– Mrs Jade Browett (4 days)  
Micro Teaching program– Mrs Anita Brooks (3.5 days)  
Learning Support Assistants– Mrs Sam Greig, Mrs Kim Marlin, Mrs Andrea Fitzpatrick, Mrs Taryn McCready  
Senior Admin officer– Mrs Kerrie Andrews  
Promotions and Marketing officer– Mrs Lu Wilkinson (2 days)

On Tuesday, the students will visit their new classrooms and get to know their 2023 teacher a little more.

To find out more about our teachers, [you can visit this page](#)

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# Last Week of 2022

## All the Key Happenings

Event	Date and Time	Location	Who?
Semester 2 student reports available on Compass	Friday 9/12. After 3pm	Compass portal	Parents to access on Compass
'Meet your 2023 teacher' transition afternoon for students	Tuesday 13/12 2-2.45pm	2023 classrooms	Students to their 2023 teacher and class for a transition session
Traditional Teachers vs Yr 6 Students Netball game	Thursday 15/12 Time TBC	School Netball court	Students and staff
Year 6 Graduation Liturgy	Thursday 15/12 6pm	St Joseph's Church	Year 6 students and families only
End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy and assembly.	Friday 16/12 11.30am  Last day for students	Church of St Joseph	Students and all parents/families welcome
Year 6 students traditional 'clap out' from the school through tunnel of students	Friday 16/12 Approx. 12.30-12.45pm	School playground to Lagoon St gate	Students only. Parents can wait outside in Lagoon St to pick up

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# Supporting our Friend

## Time for us Joeys to rally!

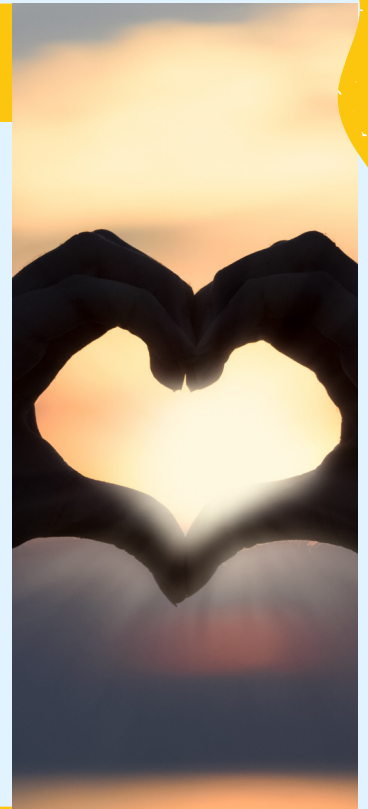
One of the special things about Joeys is our village and right now, one of our own needs our help. John is the father of Year 6's amazing Jacinta, and her and her family are a much-loved part of our community. Over their time with the school, John has been involved with a huge number of sports carnivals, and is always the first to put his hand up to help out. He's a very proud and very special man but right now, he's going through a really rough time, tackling a big health challenge, and he needs and deserves our support. We know Christmas is a tricky time but it's also a time where we really recognise just how important family and friends are.

You can help in two ways:

- 1) By donating anything that can be used for the upcoming fundraiser
- 2) By attending the fundraiser on January 14 at Nth Narrabeen Surf Club

More details [via this link](#) and on the flyer below.

We are sending all our love and prayers to John and his family.



## Lend John a Hand

JANUARY 14,  
FROM 5PM

📍 NTH NARRABEEN SURF  
LIFESAVING CLUB  
Food, drink, raffles and auction  
to support John Perry and his family



Can you help? Donations for the raffle can be made to:

Rob Kaines: 0418 642 504

Graeme Jephcote: 0418 232 947

Brian Adams: 0418 290 777

Darren Marshall: 0423 781 445

Cash Donations: BSB 062 208 ACCT 1014 0464 Ref: J Perry

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# Looking Ahead



## Liturgy – Friday Dec 16

Our End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy is on Friday December 16th at 11.30 am and you are welcome to attend!

This is a celebration of a year of learning and growth, together as a school community. We will be making various presentations and farewelling one of our Learning Support assistants, Mrs Justine Spiteri and our leaving families at the completion of the Liturgy. We will also 'clap out' our leaving Year 6 students through the school gate for the last time. Year 6's will go home at this time to be ready for their graduation party later that evening. As this is the last day of school you may collect your children early from school after the Liturgy for an early start to the holidays if you wish. This will be around 12.30– 1pm.

The class teacher needs to be informed so that the class roll can be marked accordingly.

## Swimming Carnival

This will be held on Friday Feb 3rd, 2023 (Years 2–6 only). Yes, our carnival is the first week back at school, so we are preparing now!

A compass message went home yesterday inviting you to fill in the Microsoft form to enter your child.

You can also find out more info via [this web page](#).



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## MAI Bookings: Open Monday

You can book your child in for their MAI for 2023 from Monday, via the Compass app. What is MAI and why is it important? In the Diocese of Broken Bay, every primary school conducts the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) annually at the start of the year. This is a one-on-one assessment conducted by the class teacher in interview format to determine a child's level in the number strands in maths and to measure the growth each year.

'The Mathematics Assessment Interview and associated Growth Point Framework is a highly innovative form of assessment that is based on extensive research conducted during the Early Numeracy Research Project. The MAI is task-based, interactive, designed for young children, and enables progress to be measured in mathematical domains against a research-based framework of growth points.

There are four whole number domains; Counting, Place Value, Strategies for Addition and Subtraction, and Strategies for Multiplication and Division.

A critical role for the teacher throughout the interview is to listen and observe the children as they engage with a task, noting their responses, strategies and explanations. These observations are recorded on a detailed record sheet and then analysed to determine whether or not a response was correct; to identify the strategy used to complete a task; and to determine the growth point reached by a child overall in each domain. This growth point information can be further analysed at a student, class or school level in order to plan and develop curriculum and instruction, and to measure student progress over time.'

It is very important that you book a time with the teacher for next year and then keep that appointment. The results of the assessment are analysed, and each teacher plans the maths program accordingly.

## NB Council Traffic Audit Results

This audit was conducted last term – thanks for your feedback about our Kiss N Ride zone and surrounding streets. At the P&F meeting I shared some of the results, which included answers to queries on the survey. The council will consult with us and the community in February on a new plan to change our kiss and ride zone to Ocean St! Stay tuned for more info.



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