

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 1, TERM 1 2023



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents
Welcome back to the 2023 school year. I trust you all enjoyed a summer break without lockdowns and restrictions, how refreshing was that?

We have begun school in a calm and positive way. Most children seemed eager to return and be at school with their classmates again. Thank you parents for having your children ready and prepared both materially and more importantly mentally, to begin the school year.

A special welcome to our eight new children across grades 1-6 this week and their families; the Isles, Rea, Pattendon, White and Hatch families. We also had a very exciting Wednesday morning when we welcomed 18 new Kinders, with 12 new families to our community. These Joeys have settled in very quickly and are impressing us all with their positive, smiling faces. We hope you all feel very welcome at our school, and we look forward to a long-term relationship with you.

Virginia Outred

Virginia Outred, Principal

Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow we have our Swimming Carnival for Years 2-6. The buses leave school at 8.15am, so please get your child to school at 8am.

Make sure your child is wearing sunscreen as it will be a hot day.

They'll need to wear:

Swimmers
House coloured t-shirt and school sports uniform bottoms

And bring:

House coloured Cap
Towel
Goggles
Healthy drink (water) and recess, lunch and snacks (pls note there is no canteen.)

If you're keen to volunteer on the day, make yourself known to Miss Britton on the ground.

It should be a fantastic day! [You can find all the details on our website here.](#)

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P&F and Class Parent Meeting

This coming Monday Feb 6 we will have a combined P&F and Class Parents meeting (via Zoom and/or in the Library.)

We will discuss and allocate the P&F events for the year. All parents are invited to join this meeting in the school library or via Zoom (we will share details via Compass on the day).

We are still looking for someone to be the secretary for the P&F. The role involves some administration work (typing up agendas and minutes) and being part of the P&F exec team. It's a great way to be across what's happening at our school. Let the school know if you're interested!



Assembly Day Has Changed!

This year we will be having our whole school assemblies on Thursday afternoons, 2.40 pm in even weeks (week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) each term. Our first whole school assembly is Thursday 9th February. Everyone is welcome to attend! These are held in the Hall and we ask you don't take photos, to respect the privacy of students who have not elected to be photographed. We'd love to see you there!



Hair Guidelines

The reason we have guidelines around hair includes head lice prevention and also practicality. When a student is learning and puts their head down, their hair can be distracting and irritating as it falls in their face. For both girls and boys, long hair should be tied back. (The school is not opposed to long hair for boys but it must be tied up and out of the eyes, the same expectation we have for girls.) Otherwise, boy's hair should be neat and not in an extreme style such as cutting in or shaving to the scalp. Chemical colouring is not permitted. Hair ribbons must be in the school colours. Please ensure if your child's hair needs attention, they come to school with it neat and tidy by Monday. Thanks for your co-operation.

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Staff News and Updates

We warmly welcome new staff member Miss Anthea Nicholls as our Year 3 teacher!

We also warmly welcome Mrs Rachel Cernecca (pictured) to our Learning Support Assistance team for 2023.

We have two staff weddings coming up this year, with both Miss Britton and Miss Nicholls getting married.

Lu Wilkinson's role has been expanded to include the role of Parent Engagement Co-Ordinator (PEC). She is now our SMOPEC! (School Marketing officer/Parent engagement co-ordinator). Lu will be working between school and parish community on various initiatives and part of a team of PECS across our Diocesan schools.



Joeys Team for 2023

Introducing your team for this year!

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 (M-T) Mrs Carmel Sekulich (W-F)

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)

Collaborative Coaching release teachers- Mrs Sam Carolan, Mrs Kim Pearce (Wednesdays)

Learning Support Assistants- Mrs Kim Marlin, Mrs Andrea Fitzpatrick, Mrs Sam Greig, Mrs Taryn McCready, Mrs Rachel Cernecca

Office administrator- Mrs Kerrie Andrews, Mrs Karen Calleia (Fridays nightly)

Promotions and Marketing officer/Parent Engagement - Mrs Lu Wilkinson (3 days)

Find our more about our teachers, [here](#)



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Useful Info



Mobile Device Policy

Our parent handbook ([linked here](#)) has our policy around mobile phones and personal devices (such as smart watches). It's timely to revisit this at the start of the year.

"Children should not have mobile phones at school. If there is a reason why a child needs a mobile phone, a letter explaining the reasons ought to be directed to the Principal who will make a determination to vary the policy in each case. Mobile phones are to be left in school bags or on the teacher's desk during the day and not accessed by the student. The school accepts no liability for mobile phones that have been granted permission to be at school."

Many primary and high schools (including Mater Maria) now have a school rule that mobile phones and devices are left in bags. This enables students to focus on learning and socialising face-to-face. At primary schools, there is no reason why students would need to contact parents, we can make that contact if needed. In recent years there has also been the addition of personal smart wristwatches that can be used to communicate or play games and the same rationale applies. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school or wear their wristwatch to be able to communicate with you after school we request that it is set to 'school mode' between the hours of 9-3pm.

Connecting

This newsletter is one of the main forms of communication between school and parent. It is emailed via Compass every Thursday. Please take the time to read it as the primary source for parent info.

Other forms of communication include;

- The [school website](#) for general information and forms and policies
- Compass for notifying the school of your child's absence, general permissions, school reports in semester 1 and 2 and emails and important news from the school
- The school FB, Instagram and Vimeo channels for fun news, tips, photos
- Class FB pages administered by your class parents and P&F class parent co-ordinator – Julia Lamb
- Check out the image to the right for more.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Bringing our school to life. Facebook, Instagram and Vimeo give you a look at life at Joeys through videos, words and images.

WEBSITE

Our website has all our policies, handy reference info, teacher advice and how-to tips. It also has information and insights into school life for those who don't use Facebook.

Released every Thursday, this is a one-stop-summary of what's happening and what's coming up. It is full of handy info and reminders to help streamline all school information

NEWSLETTER

For Kindy-Yr 2 we use the SEESAW App to showcase your child's learning and send messages directly from the teachers. In Years 3-6 we use Google Classroom for all class and home work.

CLASSROOM APPS

COMPASS

This is fact-based info about school - the nuts and bolts. Permission slips, absences, forms, reports and more. It's also used for important ASAP updates.

DIRECT COMMS

EMAIL: MEET: CALL
In a very short nutshell, urgent communication should always be via phone. Email your teacher as a first step for any important concerns or issues (they'll respond within 48 working hrs) and a meeting can be set up to ensure a positive and productive result. More specific info is on our website under 'Student Wellbeing'

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Key Dates for Term 1

For your Diary

FEB 3: School swimming carnival for Years 2–6 only at Manly Boy Charlton outdoor pool. 9:00am–12:00pm. Please refer to the information in this newsletter and on our website.

FEB 6: P&F and Class Parents meeting – 7:00pm school library and via Zoom.

FEB 9: First all school Assembly in the Hall at 2.40pm. All welcome!

FEB 15: Parent Teacher Information Evening. There will be two repeated sessions, 6:30pm and 7:00pm. This is an excellent chance to hear from your teacher about what to expect this term, ask questions and support your child's learning. We'll send more details soon.

FEB 16: Beginning of School Mass at 9.30am. All welcome. This is a special Mass where we will make some special presentations including giving Year 6 their leadership badges.

FEB 28: Year 3 boys and girls visit to St Paul's, which will be co-ed in upcoming years! Specific information will be shared with Year 3 parents.

MARCH 9: Northern Beaches Cluster swimming carnival (for those Joeys who progress to the next level. Held at Warringah Aquatic Centre.

MARCH 14 and 15: Year 5 and 6 Leadership Camp.

MARCH 15–21: NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5. (Year 3 only on 15 March, as Year 5 at Camp).

MARCH 28: Gala Day for Stage 3: Years 5 and 6

MARCH 30: Gala Day for Stage 2: Years 3 and 4

APRIL 6: Last Day of Term 1



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