

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 4, TERM 1 – 2023



## This Week at Joeys

Yesterday we celebrated the beginning of Lent with a school and Parish liturgy in our Church.

All the students received the ashes on their forehead as a reminder of their commitment to the lessons in the Gospels through the example of Jesus.

This Lent, our students will be gently reminded about preparing for Easter by sacrificing something, giving to others and performing good deeds.

Our Civics and Mission Leaders Lerryn and Maia (pictured top right) will encourage our students at every morning assembly to focus on 40 days of "Goodness and Gratitude", taking regular reminders to stop and focus on the great things we have around us and the ways we can add to positivity.

We'd love you to support this initiative as a family too – there can never be too much Goodness and Gratitude in our community!

Virginia Outred, Principal

## Variety Course

Yesterday our students took part in a disability awareness, inclusion and acceptance workshop held by Variety called 'Just Like You'. The presenter Natalie lives with Cerebral Palsy and really enabled our students to talk and think about the message she was sharing.

Huge thanks to our Head of Learning Support, Mrs Jade Browett, for organising this education and experience for our school.

# Life at Joeys



## Royalty at Joeys!

Last year Miss Britton's Year 4 class and Mrs Appleton's Year 5 class wrote and posted letters of sympathy to King Charles on the death of Queen Elizabeth. Today there was much excitement in Year 5 and 6 as the students received a beautiful reply in the form of a card addressed to 'the pupils', signed by King Charles himself!

**Our P&F**  
make gift buying  
for teachers  
**EASY**  
Here's how.

## P&F Contribution

In QKR, we have a P&F contribution option for each student. It's a stress-free way to make sure you're covered for the whole year when it comes to marking milestones, as your fabulous class parents will take care of all the organisation. It's easy to hop on QKR to make the payment and your contribution covers:

- Gifts for your teacher's birthday
- Presents for special occasions through the year for teachers and families, such as welcoming a new baby or a wedding
- Gifts to mark significant moments, such as the loss of someone special
- A Christmas pressie for your teacher, plus support staff throughout the school, including administration, library, Teacher's Aides and more.

This is defaulted to \$30 per student, however there's an option to donate more if you'd prefer to. Thanks for your support!

## Does your Joey play piano?

Our awesome Senior Ensemble is looking for a piano player who has been learning for at least two years to join the Senior Ensemble which rehearses on Wednesday morning 8.30-9am. They will need to be in either years 4,5 or 6. Anyone interested needs to email our music director Kellye at [info@musiclinks.com.au](mailto:info@musiclinks.com.au)



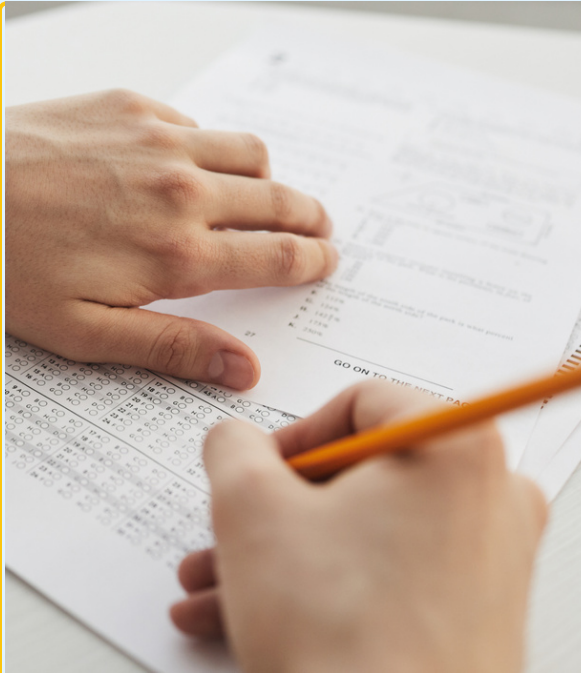
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# Naplan Info



## What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between 15 and 20 March 2023. Any catch ups will occur after that, until the closing date of 27th March. Please ensure you do not plan any family holidays for this time.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the public demonstration site ([LINK HERE](#)) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.



## Goodness & Gratitude

What am I grateful for today?  
What good deed have I done today?

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# Coming Up

FEB 28: Year 3 boys and girls visit to St Paul's, which will be co-ed in upcoming years! More info in the flyer in this newsletter.

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 21: Cross Country for Years 2–6

**NEW** MARCH 27: Parent Engagement Session (more info below)

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

APRIL 24: (TERM 2) Pupil free day

## You're Invited to Join In

For the past two years, as part of our strategy to increase Parent Engagement in student learning, we conducted special sessions each term where parents were invited to come and be part of their child's learning. Each term we cover a different subject, held on a different day and time, to attempt to cater for as many parents as possible. Our Parent Engagement session for Term 1 is on Monday March 27 at 9.15–9.45am (K–2) and 9.30–10am (Years 3–6). The subject focus for this term is the writing component of English. You will be welcome to visit your child's class and join in the learning.

By visiting your child's room, you can have some insight into the learning of that subject, leading to open discussions with your child about their learning, therefore increasing your engagement levels.

We gently remind you it is a privilege to be invited into a classroom in action, so please respect the teacher by not talking when they are giving whole class instructions, and please respect the privacy of other students by not looking through their books. What you will be seeing is not a complete lesson, it is part of a sequence of lessons and tasks to lead to achievement of outcomes. Teachers will try to adapt the learning so that you can participate with your child. We look forward to welcoming you!



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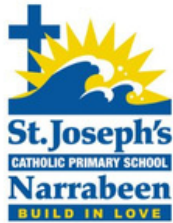


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# Open Days

Our very own Open Day is coming up!



**St Joseph's Catholic  
Primary School**



## OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 29 March 2023  
9.15am-10.15am**



Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.



Discover what it means to be part of a small school - and the power of an individualised learning approach.



Explore our school grounds and hear what makes our village unique.



Learn about our specialised student-focused programs for both enrichment and support.



**Scan Now  
To Register**

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St Joseph's Catholic  
Primary School  
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# Open Days

Priority Enrolment for Joeys – St Paul's will be co-ed in 2025!



# OPEN DAY



**St Paul's Catholic  
College Manly**

**COME AND VISIT OUR COLLEGE**  
A safe and supportive community, focused  
on the learning needs of every student.

- Connect with our Student Ambassadors  
and Teaching Staff
- Meet our College Principal and  
Student Leaders
- Actively engage with all Key Learning  
Area displays
- Discover how St Paul's will meet your  
child's learning needs

**PRIMA PRIMUM: First things First**

**Thursday  
2 March 2023  
4pm – 7pm**

*Co-educational  
opportunities coming 2025*



**Scan Now  
To Register**

**Michael Reid, College Principal**  
St Paul's Catholic College Manly  
124 Darley Road,  
Manly NSW 2095  
9977 5111  
[stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au](http://stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au)



**Principal's Address 5:30pm**



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# Open Days

Mater Maria – Priority Enrolment for Joeys  
(when you enrol in Year 4)



WALK IN NEW LIFE  
MATER MARIA  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## OPEN DAY

Wednesday 8 March | 4pm - 7pm



Stella Maris  
COLLEGE MANLY

## 2023 OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 15 March  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Scan here to register now and find out more



 <p>Start <i>your</i> <b>Stella</b> story...</p>	 <p>Tour the campus</p>	 <p>Listen to the Principal's address</p>
 <p>Meet the students</p>	 <p>Talk with the teachers and staff</p>	 <p>Watch a performance</p>

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# Open Days






**DISCOVER MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
**MERCYCHATSWOOD.NSW.EDU.AU**



# OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023**  
**10AM – 1PM**

-  Mercy Catholic College is part of the Catholic Schools Broken Bay system. It is built on the rich tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. We are an inclusive community that offers girls from Year 7 – 12 an authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.
-  Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses, trains and the Metro.
-  The College is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and families. We have integrated and structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programmes overseen by specialised staff who all work closely with students and families to support learning and flourishing.

-  Recognising that student needs are diverse, curriculum and pedagogy is dynamic and responsive to accommodate different learning styles.
-  Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.
-  Outstanding results in 2022 HSC Mercy Catholic College is ranked in the top 15% in the state of NSW.
-  The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.
-  Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer opportunities for students to participate in over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.



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*If your child is currently enrolled in any CSBB Primary School you are eligible for priority enrolment.*

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