

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 9, TERM 1 – 2023



This Week at Joeys

We were so proud to welcome a big turnout of prospective new families to our Open Day yesterday. Our Year 6 students were wonderful tour guides too! Thank you to them for being such fantastic role models.

Our Years 3–6 students attended Gala Days this week, which has been so much fun for them (and we were blessed with outstanding weather!). Unlike public schools, all students get to take part in Gala Days and we think it's so important. It's a great chance for our Joeys to learn the ups and downs of competition and learn first hand what it means to be part of a team.

Teamwork really did feel like a common and strong theme this week – with our teachers also coming together for Collaborative Coaching and a Twilight Learning session.

And of course, so many of our parents were able to join us for our Engagement Session, getting a chance to learn more about writing. Thank you for being part of the Joeys' team".

Brenda Paul, Acting Principal



Well done Zack!

Our Joey super fish Zack from Year 3 represented us (and the whole of the Broken Bay Diocese) beautifully at the Polding Swimming Championships today. He came 7th in his heat and according to Mum, he swam really well. We're so proud of this huge effort from Zack, and look forward to continuing to watch him swim over the next few years at Joeys! CONGRATULATIONS!

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Parent Engagement



We loved welcoming parents across all classes to our Engagement Sessions. The writing component takes on so many different forms – some examples include Year 4 plotting a story and turning it into an animation, Year 1 using visual guides to spark imagination and Year 3 taking on a persuasive writing challenge.

We will be gathering feedback about these sessions soon and value your input.

Parking Update



There are a couple of families who have a special arrangement with Father Robert to park in the Church driveway at pick up and drop off time. This is largely because we currently don't have a dedicated Disabled space nearby. Please refrain from parking in this area, as it's required by those families. Thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

Canteen in Term 2

We are now taking volunteers for Term 2! Please email Nicole: nicolegleadow@gmail.com. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers! It was great to have it open so much this term!



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Twilight Learning

Our teachers joined others from the Northern Beaches Catholic Cluster last night to undergo a learning session about the new English Syllabus.

We are proud to say our Year 5 teacher Cara Appleton presented at the session, and was extremely inspiring.

Along with weekly collaborative coaching sessions, our teachers regularly undergo training to upskill, inspire and inform.

They recently also undertook Dyslexia and ADHD courses.

This focus on development ensures our Joeys are always getting the benefit of a consistent and informative teaching approach.



Gala Days

Our students from Years 3–6 took part in Northern Beaches Cluster Gala Days this week. They showed a great deal of skill in either soccer or cricket.

In news fresh from the field – Year 3's Kye won the Boy's High Catch Competition at the cricket today too! Well done!



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Sandy Learning Sessions

We are proud to announce we have just formalised 'Sandy Learning Sessions' as part of our schooling. We've always embraced our beautiful beach, but from Term 2 we will officially take it in turns to hold classes by the seaside. Art, English, Maths, Sport, Religion and more can all be boosted by sunshine, sand and salty air! (For safety reasons, we will have two teachers present during these sessions and students will be monitored closely. Sessions will last for approx one hour max.)



Thank You!

Mrs Outred was very touched when she learned we had donated money in her honour to Lymphoma Australia. She sends her heartfelt thanks and shares her treatment is going very well and she's looking forward to rejoining us in Term 2!

Holiday Support

Headspace are holding a series of free webinars for families that offer tips and advice on how to support young people during the school holidays. You can [register for these here](#). It also includes helpful information about how to also take care of yourself while you have extra responsibilities to juggle.



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Holy Week



Caritas

Project Compassion boxes can be a tangible way for children to learn about donating what we can and helping people in need, particularly in this season of Lent.

Can all boxes please be returned to school by the 31st of March.

Thank you for your support of Caritas Australia.

Whole School Liturgies

Our special Palm Sunday Liturgy will be held on Monday April 3 at 2.40pm under the shade cloth. This will be led by Kindy and St Lucy's. We will also have a Holy Week Liturgy on Wednesday April 5 at 2pm in the Church.

Everyone is welcome to both, to celebrate this special time.



Holy Week Masses

You can find all the details of the St Joseph's Church Masses for Holy Week [at the Parish Website.](#)

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Coming Up

APRIL 6: Last Day of Term 1
APRIL 24: (TERM 2) Pupil free day
APRIL 25: ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
APRIL 26: First Day, Term 2



A special Band offer!

Our school band is shaping up to be truly impressive! They performed at Open Day recently and we were blown away by how quickly they've gelled. They're hunting some brass members and for a limited time, have a special offer for aspiring Trumpet players. If your Joey is keen to learn, it will be \$360 (+ gst) for a weekly group trumpet lesson and band rehearsal for Term 2. You'll also access low cost instrument hire. (Min 3 students required). Contact Kellye: 0405868500 or info@musiclinks.com.au



Job Vacancy – Parish

The Pittwater Parish is seeking to recruit a full-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, property, compliance and Diocesan support. If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to pp@pittwaterparish.org. Applications close Friday, 31 March 2023.



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Easter Raffle

Pls pay via QKR & return stubs to school

This will now be drawn Tues April 4!

ST JOSEPH'S EASTER RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE: BMX BIKE

2ND PRIZE: SCOOTER

3RD PRIZE: NARRABEEN BOAT HIRE

4TH PRIZE: FAMILY CINEMA TKTS

5TH PRIZE: FAMILY MINI GOLF PASS

& LOTS LOTS MORE GOODIES

EACH FAMILY WILL RECEIVE A BOOK OF TICKETS. \$2.50 PER TICKET, PLEASE SELL MIN. OF 10 TICKETS (\$25). RETURN TICKETS BACK TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF EACH TAB BY **FRI 31MAR**. PAYMENTS MADE VIA QKR ONLY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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