

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 2, TERM 2 – 2023



This Week at Joeys

We have officially begun our 'Sandy Learning Sessions', transforming the beach to a classroom and engaging our students further with fresh air, sunshine and the gorgeous area we live in. This week, I was intrigued by Year 5's History lesson. They did a re-enactment of the ANZACs' landing at Gallipoli Beach in 1915, linked with their learning focus on 'perspective.' The students were split into two – one group who created boats near the shoreline to imagine what it might have been like from the perspective of the ANZACs, and the other group instructed to 'dig in' on the 'cliff tops' (dunes) to imagine what it might be like from the perspective of the Turkish soldiers. The exercise had a profound impact on the students, who articulated their understanding of the battle and empathy for both sides afterwards. We'll share their sentiments on social media soon – and we're so heartened this endeavour is already making an impact.


Virginia Outred, Principal

Parent Courses

There are a number of free courses for parents being run by Catholic Care this term and some of them are absolutely fantastic. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the details.

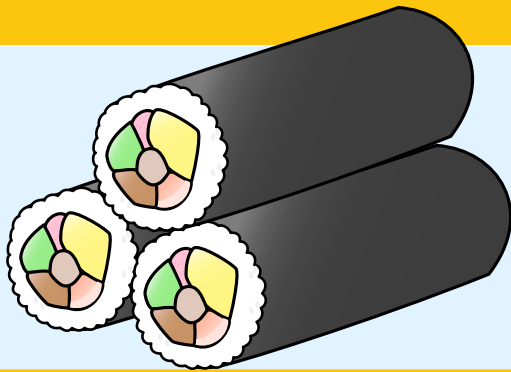
Life at Joeys



Mother's Day – May 11

Mums and Mother figures: You're invited to our special Mother's Day morning, hosted by our Kindy parents! All the details are below and you can place an order via QKR now. Please note, you may feel free to BYO your own breakfast, and don't need to order to attend the celebration. We can't wait to celebrate you!

Want to have a say about the Canteen?



Last year, we did a callout for a Canteen Committee to look at potential changes, tweaks, rostering and more. With Mrs Outred leading this, it went on pause in Term 1, while she was on leave but we will be re-focusing on it again strongly in Term 2. There is still time to be part of the Committee. If you want your opinion on Canteen to count, please email the office to be part of it! The first meeting will be held soon.

Current Canteen Roster

We are now taking volunteers for Term 2! We only need someone for the lunch rush on Monday's this term because Geraldine is doing the full shift each week (thank you!) Please email Nicole: nicolegleadow@gmail.com if you can help.

Term 2	Monday		Friday
April 24	Closed - SDD	April 28	Gen + Peter (Full Day) + Ellen
May 1	Geraldine (Full Day) + Susanna	5 May	Debbie (Full Day) + Sam
May 8	Geraldine (Full Day)	12 May	
May 15	Geraldine (Full Day)	19 May	Daph (Full Day) + Renata
May 22	Geraldine (Full Day)	26 May	Sarah + Amy (Full Day)
May 29	Geraldine (Full Day)	2 June	Angela + Maura + Veronika (Full Day)
June 5	Geraldine (Full Day)	9 June	Geraldine (Full Day)
June 12	Closed - Public Holiday	16 June	Debbie (Full Day)
June 19	Geraldine (Full Day)	23 June	Sarah + Amy (Full Day)
June 26	Geraldine (Full Day)	30 June	Closed - SDD


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Things of Note

COVID, Flu and your child



There has been a spike in COVID, Influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases in NSW recently. With the change of season, it's a good time to have a refresher on the current guidelines around staying safe.

All the latest and specific advice from NSW Health in relation to testing, when to stay home and when to return to school can be found at this link:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/advice-for-parents-students>

In a nutshell, if your child is unwell, please keep them home. We know it's tough missing time off work but we want to try and keep our school community safe as much as possible. As always, if your child comes to school unwell, we'll have to send them home until they're better. Thanks for your support.



Reading Challenge

At Library this week, the students learned more about the Premier's Reading Challenge and they're excited about taking part! More details can be found below, and your child will be supplied their password and login details via their teacher. Happy reading everyone!

FREE Webinar on Online Gaming

This 45-minute webinar provides families with strategies for supporting children and young people to have safe, positive experiences when playing games online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.

When: Tuesday 23 May 7.30pm – 8.15pm

[Register here.](#)



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Coming Up



MAY 11: Mother's Day breakfast and Liturgy

MAY 18: Years 3–6 NRL Clinics commence

MAY 23: Broken Bay Cross Country for those representing

MAY 29: P&F Meeting – 7pm

JUNE 12: King's Birthday Public Holiday

JUNE 13: Wellbeing Week commences

JUNE 15: School photo day (sports day will be swapped, students to wear normal uniform)

JUNE 20: Years 3 and 4 League/Eagle Tag Gala Day

JUNE 22: Years 5 and 6: League/Eagle Tag Gala Day

JUNE 29: Last Day of Term 2

JUNE 30: Pupil Free Day

Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

We will soon share our curriculum newsletter for each class for the Term. This will allow you to get more insight into what your Joey will be learning, with a breakdown specific to each subject. We'll send them out via Compass, so keep an eye out – knowing what they're working on is a great way to start a conversation with your child about school too.



Culture Survey – Now live

The 'Culture survey' run by Catholic Schools Broken Bay is now live. The survey identifies and checks the alignment between our personal values, the values/behaviours currently experienced, and the values that you believe are most important for the development of our school system. There are no right or wrong answers and we'd love your voice to be heard! [You can take the survey HERE.](#)



P&F Meeting: May 29

Please save the date! Our next P&F meeting will be held on May 29 at 7pm. It doesn't matter if you have never been to one before or can't make them continually, everyone is welcome and it's a lovely way to hear plans, support the school and share your thoughts. More details to follow.

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Reading Challenge – Info

Online link: [HERE](#)



Premier's Reading Challenge

Tips for parents and carers for participating in the Challenge

- D Find out the name(s) of your school's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) coordinator(s) and how they plan to administer the Challenge.
- D Familiarise yourself with the new [PRC student website](#). There is a video on the [PRC Support site that you can watch that demonstrates how login, search for books and add them to a Student Reading Record \(SRR\)](#).
- D Visit the [Premier's Reading Challenge Support website](#). It allows you to search for information about the PRC and how to use the PRC website and also how to [contact the PRC team](#).
- D Set reminders for Challenge [opening and closing dates](#) in your and your child's calendar.
- D Find out your [child's logon details](#). For public schools, students' logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school. Non-government students will need to contact the PRC Coordinator at their school if they cannot remember their login details.
- D Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if they are participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- D Help your child to add books to their Student Reading Record **regularly**.
- D Follow The Arts Unit on Facebook and the NSW PRC on Instagram to keep up to date about information about the Challenge throughout the year. We regularly run contests and Author events your child may be interested in taking part in.
- D Contact your child's **PRC coordinator** if:
 - Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
 - You are concerned that your child's name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.
 - If you need to check your child's Challenge history, please contact your child's PRC coordinator.
- D Your child's online Student Reading Record must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the [student closing date](#). School PRC coordinators have an extra two weeks to validate the SRR. **Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.**
- D **In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR.** Contact your child's PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child's SRR has not been validated.

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Mother's Day

Please order via QKR by Mon May 8



Please join us for the St Joseph's

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thursday 11 May 2023
7.30am to 9.00am
School playground & Parish Hall
(followed by Liturgy at 9.30am)

7.30am - 9.00am: Rolling breakfast (Parish Hall)
8.00am: Classrooms open for visits
8.30am: School band performance in playground
9.30am: Special Mother's Day Liturgy in the Church

Please order your preferred breakfast via QKR by Monday 8 May.

Adults: \$7
Savoury: Bacon and Egg roll
OR:
Sweet: 2 x scones with jam and/or cream

Kids: \$7
Savoury: Bacon and Egg roll and juice
OR:
Kids \$5
Sweet: Banana bread and juice

Adults: Complimentary tea/coffee. For safety, there will be no hot drinks for kids.

*We look forward to sharing breakfast with all our special
Mums, Grandmothers and Mother Figures*

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