

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 5, TERM 2 – 2023



## This Week at Joeys

Last week I attended the NSW Catholic Principals Conference for three days. We were privileged to hear some brilliant speakers from the world of educational leadership.

It was insightful, inspiring, and helped me to reflect on leadership in Catholic schools in our current world and local climate.

The Principal from St Joseph's at Wee Waa in regional NSW told us his story about maintaining education and community in the face of drought, floods and mice plagues over the last three years. It certainly puts some things in perspective!

I feel very fortunate to be in the Principal's chair at St Joseph's Narrabeen, with our great community.

  
Virginia Outred, Principal



## Simultaneous Storytime

Yesterday, Yr 6 students Jessica, Abby, Lerryn, Aksel, Mitch and Seb visited the Narrabeen Children's Centre preschool to read 'The Speedy Sloth' book. The preschoolers were very attentive to our Year 6 leaders who enjoyed being the 'teachers'. Our Joeys have also all had a chance to take part in this wonderful initiative!



# Life at Joeys



## Broken Bay Cross Country Results

Well done to our runners (Leo, Kaiya, Abby, Poppy, Jonah, Cody and Sam), who not only represented Joeys but also the Northern Beaches Cluster at the Broken Bay Cross Country Carnival. There were some really impressive examples of growth across the board and a special mention goes to Kaiya S in Year 5, who finished 5th in 10 years girls. Kaiya will now represent Broken Bay at the Polding Cross Country carnival. Such an achievement!



## NRL Clinics are under way!

Our NRL Clinics are held on grass ovals, run by the NRL and teach our Joeys more about this engaging sport. It also means when the Gala Days come around, they're ready and raring to apply their skills!

## Current Canteen Roster

There are only two days left to fill! Please email Nicole: [nicolegladow@gmail.com](mailto:nicolegladow@gmail.com) if you can help.

An extra note: SUSHI is unavailable for three weeks, from May 23–June 8. We apologise for any inconvenience – all other options are still available.

<b>May 15</b>	Geraldine (Full Day) + Sarah	<b>19 May</b>	Daph (Full Day) + Renata
<b>May 22</b>	Geraldine (Full Day) + Peta	<b>26 May</b>	Sarah + Amy (Full Day)
<b>May 29</b>	Geraldine (Full Day) + Susanna	<b>2 June</b>	Angela + Maura + Veronika (Full Day)
<b>June 5</b>	Geraldine (Full Day) + Tara	<b>9 June</b>	Geraldine (Full Day) + Tara
<b>June 12</b>	Closed - Public Holiday	<b>16 June</b>	Debbie (Full Day) + Sam
<b>June 19</b>		<b>23 June</b>	Sarah + Amy (Full Day)
<b>June 26</b>		<b>30 June</b>	Closed - SDD

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## Walking to School – Tomorrow

If you'd like to join us, we will be doing a 'Walk and Talk' again tomorrow morning as a nice way to catch up and get some exercise on the way to school. We'll continue to do this on the last Friday of every month. (If raining, walk is off).

**WHEN:** Last Friday of the month (this term May 26 and June 23 (as 30th is a pupil free day))

**TIME:** 8am

**WHERE:** At the "Pelican" statue, at the small carpark at Lake Park Rd. We will walk towards Pittwater Rd, then along the 'Pelican Path' by the lake, towards the new bridge and Woolies, for anyone who wants to join in along the way. Bikes, scooters and pooches on leashes are all welcome.

## Handball Olympics is coming!

The Handball Olympics was an initiative of the Year 6's of 2022 and quickly grew into an inter-school challenge against Maria Regina Avalon and Sacred Heart Mona Vale. It's back in 2023 and this year, our Year 6 leaders are determined to take the crown as the top school! Registrations will open soon (we'll send more info including the rules) but be prepared for some serious handball obsession over the next few weeks!



## P&F Meeting – Monday

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. Specifics will be sent via Compass.



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# Coming Up

MAY 29: P&F Meeting – 7pm

MAY 30: Parent Engagement Session – Maths Focus

JUNE 12: King's Birthday Public Holiday

JUNE 13: Wellbeing Week commences

JUNE 15: School photo day (sports day 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

## STEM Challenge

Six students from Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Ellie, Jeremiah, Louis, Benji, Kye and Ciara participated in a STEM day this week, along with other students from our three neighbouring Catholic schools. These students were identified by their teachers as showing a high aptitude for STEM, an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The students worked on challenges involving coding drones and spheros and then designing and constructing a tower from pasta and marshmallows. They were extremely engaged and enjoyed it immensely. Our thanks to the Principal at Maria Regina for organising this initiative.



## Labelling jumpers

There are so many jumpers landing in Lost Property at present and we are doing our best to reunite them regularly with their owners. Please take a second to check your child's name is clearly marked on their jumper so it can find its way home!

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# Maths at Joeys

Our Term 2 Parent Engagement Session will be held on May 30 and the focus this time is on Maths. Many parents have found that the way students learn Maths is vastly different than when we were at school, so this session has proven to be an enlightening one when we have held it previously! If you can make it, we would love to see you there.

TIME: Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2: 9:15 – 9:45am

Years 3–6 9:30– 10am

WHERE: Your child's classroom

WHAT: You'll actively work alongside your child, as they take part in a Maths lesson.

## Supporting your child with Maths – by Assistant Principal Brenda Paul

Many of our classes are currently focusing on the Multiplication and Division component of the Number and Algebra strand in Mathematics (in the new K–2 syllabus it is called 'forming groups').

The progression for students is that in the younger years, they look at 'lots of', 'groups of' and 'rows of' objects and numbers, moving onto multiplicative thinking as this develops.

Working with concrete models and representations is important in the early stages. We begin with the idea of repeated addition ( $3+3+3$  or  $\dots \dots \dots$ ) and we then move to using the abstract ideas of working with mental images and other strategies that don't rely on using or visualising physical objects ( $3 \times 3 = 9$ ). This is the development of multiplicative thinking.

As students begin to solve more complex tasks, it is highly advantageous for them to have quick recall of their multiplication and division facts (what we would have called the times tables). In fact, it is a requirement of the NSW curriculum that in the primary years, the students can recall the multiplication facts and their related division facts. Strong multiplication skills enhance critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. It teaches children to break down complex problems into manageable parts, allowing them to tackle challenges effectively.

Multiplication is a fundamental skill that enables children to calculate quantities quickly and efficiently. It is used in daily life, such as determining the cost of groceries, the amount of medication to be administered, or the number of items needed for a recipe. As students get older, multiplication is a crucial tool in higher-level mathematics, such as algebra and calculus. Without that strong understanding, your child may find these subjects more challenging, leading to a lack of confidence.

To support your child's learning, there are various fun and engaging resources to help them practice multiplication. These include online games, worksheets and flashcards. You can also incorporate multiplication into daily activities such as cooking, shopping, and sports to make learning fun and engaging.

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