

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 4 TERM 4 – 2023



This Week at Joeys

It's been a while since we had the chance to have a Family Mass at Joeys, and we are very happy to once again kick this initiative off. We'll be sharing Family Mass on November 11 at 5.30pm, and welcome everyone to join us. It's a more casual, child-friendly style of Mass and our Kindy and Year 1 classes are all learning a song that they will sing at the start. Our former student and current Mater Maria captain Ava will also be singing a solo – and her voice is absolutely beautiful! We would love for you to join us.

Part of the service will involve our Joeys acting out the Gospel. We are looking for volunteers to be involved, so if your child would like to join in please email Kath Fogwell, our Year 2 teacher and Religious Ed Co-Ordinator via kath.fogwell@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Our Years 5 and 6 classes returned from their Canberra Camp over the weekend and represented the school beautifully. Well done to these students!


Virginia Outred, Principal

NSW Parliament Reps

Mitch and Lerryn, two of our fantastic Year 6 leaders, headed to the Parliament House of NSW this week. They were invited by Rory Amon – Member for Pittwater and joined selected others in the community to learn about Parliament, be inspired about leadership and share morning tea.

Life at Joeys



P&F Annual General Meeting

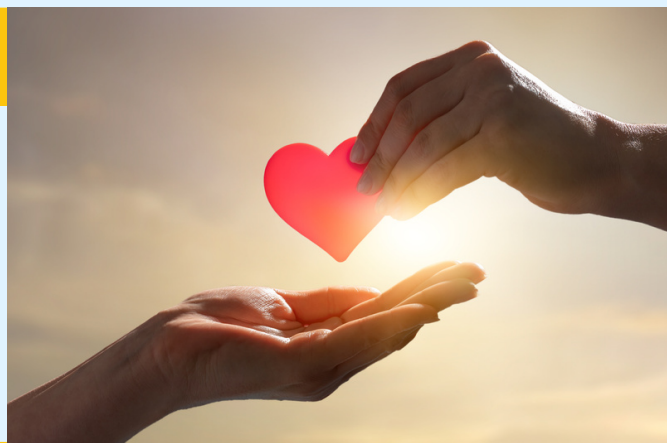
Our P&F AGM is on Monday November 13 in the library and on Zoom.

There are some important positions vacant; president (or co-presidents like Amy and Sarah, pictured) and Treasurer and rep to the Catholic school parents (CSP) council. If you are interested in any of these roles, please reach out to Mrs Outred and she can share more info.

These are really rewarding and beneficial roles in keeping our community connected and maintaining our special village feel.

Love and Prayers for St Lucy's

St Lucy's have two satellite classes at St Joseph's and they are a valued part of our school community. We are devastated to hear the tragic news of the death of one of their students at their Wahroonga campus yesterday. All of us at Joeys have this student, their loved ones and the St Lucy's village in our hearts and prayers.



New English and Math Syllabuses

Last week, most of our staff attended a professional learning day, organised by CSBB with Dr Lorraine Hammond. Dr Hammond is a leading Australian educator and researcher in the Science of Reading theory and practice.

Over the past few years, NESAs, the governing body for education and curriculum in NSW has researched, consulted, planned and implemented big changes to the syllabuses for English and Maths. In 2023, K-2 classes implemented the new syllabuses and in 2024, 3-6 will also implement them. This has meant a lot of professional learning for teachers about the theory underpinning these changes.

For the past two years, we have been working with colleagues from our neighbouring schools to pool and share our knowledge. The day with Dr Hammond affirmed what we have learned, and gave us more knowledge, practical tips and skills to implement the syllabus. This will continue into 2024.



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Key Dates & Details

Overview – Term 4

NOV 11: Family Mass at St Joseph's Church at 5.30pm

NOV 13: P&F AGM in Library and on Zoom at 7pm. Details will be shared via Compass.

NOV 14: Our Annual Book Fair begins.

NOV 16: Band performance at St Kevins Dee Why

NOV 30: School Band performing at Assembly at 2.30pm – all invited!

DEC 7: End of year celebration – Christmas Carols (more info to come) 5.30pm

DEC 15: Last day of school. End of year Thanksgiving Mass at 11.30am and early dismissal/Year 6 clap out after Mass at 1pm

BYODD for Year 4 2024

Current Year 3 parents have received a separate Compass message re: our Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) program which applies to students in Years 4–6. [This link](#) gives you all the information about the program, as well as the specs for the device a student can bring to school.



Carols at Joeys

We are very excited about our Christmas Carols event at St Joseph's, on December 7 at 5.30pm.

The festive spirit has hit our students and rehearsals have already begun!

This event will be held in our playground and we invite all our village and their loved ones to join us for an sunset singalong to get into the festive spirit!

All Saints' Day

We enjoyed a beautiful liturgy on Wednesday to honour All Saints Day. Year 4 did a great job leading us in prayer. Thanks to the parents and loved ones who could join us.



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