

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 8 TERM 4 – 2023



This Week at Joeys

It's an exciting newsletter today as I announce the teaching team at St Joseph's in 2024.

Over the next few weeks, we'll continue introducing you to the new faces so you can get to know them a little before they join our community next year.

We will also, of course, farewell some valuable team members who will be missed!

All students will have the opportunity to move into their 2024 classroom space and meet their teachers for a one hour session on Tuesday December 12th at 2pm.

Next week we celebrate Carols and the excitement is buzzing. Our students will perform a special version of Carols, with senior students acting as narrators and every class performing too! Thanks for your support of our Year 6 class as they do some final fundraising via the Mega Christmas Raffle and Hot Dogs too!

We also want to say a big thanks to Narrabeen Woolworths, who donated bags to help transport the items you all so generously brought in. Thank you!


Virginia Outred, Principal



Santa Photos

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING... TO JOEYS! If you'd like your Joey to have their photo taken with Santa, here's how to make it happen! This is a Year 6 fundraiser and is entirely optional. (Note: We have changed the day of Santa photos from the Carols to accommodate more snaps.)

Cost: \$5 via QKR (siblings/individual). Order now.
Timings: These will be taken during the day at school (students and Santa only).
Day: Monday 4 December (from 9am)

These are just a fun and informal style photo as the final part of Year 6's fundraising for a farewell gift to the school. You'll receive a digital copy via link within 5 days of the photo being taken. Bookings are open until Sunday night.

For students with siblings, we will assume you want all featured with Santa. If you require these individually, please email the office.

Teachers for 2024

Announcement of Staff and Classes

Next year we have some changes to our staffing.

Mrs Cara Appleton has accepted a position as class teacher and co-ordinator at Sacred Heart Mona Vale, a deserving promotion for her many talents as a teacher and leader of staff professional learning. I thank Cara for her dedication to her position here at Joeys for the last two years. We have benefited from her compassion, talent for innovative teaching and genuine love and care of the students in her class and our whole school. We wish her all the best in her new position and know she will continue to make a positive difference to all the students and families she encounters in her continuing career.

Mrs Carmel Sekulich has decided to have a year of leave from her position for 2024. We wish her well for her year connecting with family and thank her for many years of uninterrupted teaching at Joeys. We shall miss her dedication to her class and organisation of our PBL processes and leading the staff wellbeing team.

Mrs Olivia Windon will extend her maternity leave for 2024 to be with her beautiful Billy full time for another year.

Miss Caitlin Nelson, who has so ably stepped into the position of Year 3 teacher since Term 3 this year is planning to move out of Sydney sometime next year. Hopefully she can be with us as a casual teacher until that time. I thank her for stepping in so quickly and efficiently to continue the learning for the Year 3 students in a calm and engaging way.

Mrs Kim Pearce will finish her role with us too. She has been with us for one day a week, releasing teachers for Collaborative Coaching time and teaching PDH units to various classes. Kim's smiling sunny nature and positive attitude has been part of our team since Term 2 last year. We will miss her and wish her all the best continuing her teaching at Dee Why.

We also farewell Hannah Trussell, who has been working at our school as an ongoing casual in 2023 and wish her the best in her teaching career at her new school next year.

Teaching Team for 2024

Principal – Mrs Virginia Outred

Assistant Principal/Collaborative Coach/Librarian – Mrs Brenda Paul

Kindergarten – Miss Tegan Greig (new to our community)

Year 1 – Mrs Tiffany Smith

Year 2 – Mrs Kath Fogwell (4 days), Mrs Kath McCamey (1 day when Kath is Religious Education Co-Ordinator)

Year 3 – Miss Chloe Murray (new to our community)

Year 4 – Mrs Alison Jarman

Year 5 – Mrs Cassie Cook and Mrs Alix McKittrick (job share, five day fortnight split.) (New to our community)

Year 6 – Mrs Lisette Calleja

Head of Learning Support – Mrs Jade Browett

Micro Teaching Program Teacher – Mrs Anita Brooks

Collaborative Coach Release Teachers – (One hour lesson per week on each class) Mrs Sam Carolan and Mrs Kath McCamey

Marketing Officer – (Two days per week) Lu Wilkinson

Admin – Kerrie Andrews

PE – Niki Frost

Music – Michael Warby

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Rachel Cernecca, Mrs Taryn McCready, Mrs Sam Greig, Mrs Kim Marlin, Mrs Andrea Fitzpatrick, Mrs Jenny Cox (welcome back to our community!)

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What's On at Joeys

Band Performance

Our band is performing at Assembly today and their skills are just fantastic! It's amazing they have only been together for such a short time, and can produce the sound they do! Next year, there will be a Senior and Junior band. The Junior band will be all those students just learning their instrument this term. Give them a year and they too will sound fantastic!



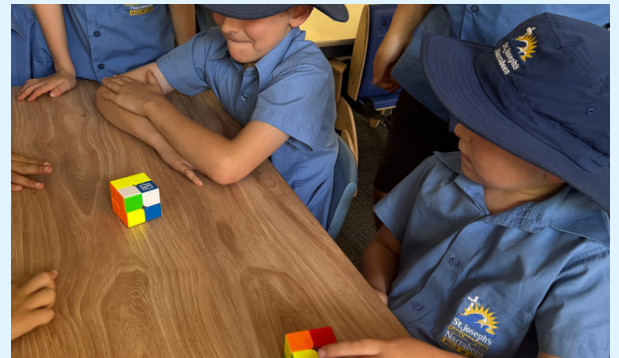
Congratulations Jonah!

A huge congratulations to Year 5's Jonah, who has been selected to represent Broken Bay at next year's NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Basketball Trials in February, in Coffs Harbour.

Jonah plays point guard and we're extremely proud of him!

Cubing Comp Results

Our students really enjoyed competing and watching the Speed Cubers of St Joeys! They've been working on their skills over the last few weeks, and two of our Year 4 boys (Louis and Jaxon) also demonstrated some exceptional talent and mentored the younger Joeys during the comp. Well done to Year 6's Olly P, who came up with this idea and executed the competition. Amazing initiative! The students used a 2x2 speed cube and competed in a Senior (Years 4-6) and Junior (Years K-3) comp.



The honours go to...

SENIOR COMP

WINNER: Jaxon RN (Yr 4 - with a blistering time of 14 seconds!)

SECOND PLACE: Louis P (Yr 4)

THIRD PLACE: Jonah P (Yr 5)

RUNNER UP: Cody C (Yr 5)

JUNIOR COMP

WINNER: Charlie G (Yr 2)

EQUAL SECOND PLACE: Dominic MD (Yr 2)

EQUAL SECOND PLACE: Jack M (Kindy)



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Key Dates

2023

Monday Dec 4: Year 6 fundraiser: Santa photos. Book now via QKR – just \$5!

Thursday Dec 7: End of year celebration – Christmas Carols, 5.30pm start time, ARRIVALS from 5pm. All Joeys seated and ready by 5.20pm.

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



2024

Wednesday Jan 31: Years 1–6 first day back for 2024!

Friday Feb 2nd: First day for Kinder 2024!

Monday Feb 5th: Swimming Carnival for Years 2–6

Monday Feb 12th: Term 1 Joeys' Hub meeting at 7pm.

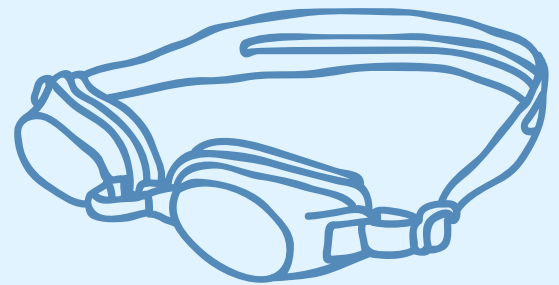
Saturday Feb 17th: Joeys' Hub Event: Parent Night

Monday March 4th: Zone swimming carnival

Wednesday and Thursday March 6th and 7th: Year 5 and 6 leadership camp

Wednesday March 13th: NAPLAN assessments begin for Years 3 and 5

Wednesday March 20th: Open Morning for 2025 Enrolments



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Joey's Got Talent



Our Joey's Got Talent heats begin next week. Thank you to the fabulous students who have entered our talent show. The auditions have been excellent and very entertaining, please see the timetable below to see if your child has made it to the next round of heats.

Heats will be held at lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Students performing will have time to get dressed prior to lunch time and will have a quick run through of the performance order and see the stage etc. Please go through your child's act over the weekend and ensure they are ready for their heat. All students are welcome and encouraged to watch the heats and cheer on their friends.

Those who move through into the finals will perform again on Wednesday 13th December starting at 2pm sharp in the school hall. Finalists will be announced in next week's newsletter and parents are invited to the finals.

Any questions/queries please contact Jade Browett: jade.browett1@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Good luck and have fun Joeys!

MONDAY 4th Dec 1:10pm-2pm	Performance Category	TUESDAY 5th Dec 1:10pm-2pm	Performance Category	WEDNESDAY 6th Dec 1:10pm-2pm	Performance Category
Ciara, Iris, Rasmus, Austin	Song and instrumental	Paddy & Louis	Magic Show	Boyd and Josh	Dance
Sia, Willow, Sophie, Tara	Dance	Julia	Dance	Lexi	song
Rasmus, Charlie, Matti	Comedy Act	Ben and Jordy	Dance	Riona, Amelia and Madison	song
Millie, Skye, Maddie	Dance	Dylan, Jackso, Jonah, Cody, Sam	Song	Hudson, Luca, Asher, Levi, River, Archie	Ball skills
Sia, Willow, Sophie, Tara, Iris Ciara	Dance	Leryn and Jessica	Comedy act	Edmund and Noah	Magic Show
Ashni, Mia, Flo	Original Song	Oliver R	Comedy act	Chloe, Indi & Isla	Dance
Ava Isobel, Skye	Dance	Guilly & Leo	Bay blade show	Isabella, Anabelle & Serena	Dance
Charlie and Jay	Comedy Act	Nash	Pogo stick	Jack & Andy	Magic Show
Mya	Dance	Piper, Georgia, Gracie, Audrey, Juliana, Mia W	Dance		

Joey's Carols

🎄 **TOPLINE:** We're thrilled to be bringing this event back to Joeys next Thursday Dec 7. All our Joeys will take part in performing on the evening and have been working hard at rehearsing.

🎄 **TIMING:** The performance starts at 5.30pm, but please aim to arrive from 5pm, so you can settle yourself in the playground (BYO picnic rugs) with all Joeys seated with their class and ready by 5.20pm. (If you need to bring a chair, please be mindful of positioning, so everyone can see.)

🎄 **OUTFITS for students:** Denim 'bottoms' (skirt, shorts or jeans) and red, white or green t-shirts (printed Ts are fine – please don't buy anything new!). Christmas headwear (headbands, hats) may be worn.

🎄 **FUNDRAISING:** The Joeys' Christmas Carols are free, but our Year 6 class have some optional fundraising initiatives on the night which you can also take part in, if you like – Hotdogs and the Mega Christmas Raffle!

🌭 **Hotdogs:** Available for collection at the end of the evening (dinner, sorted!). You can order now via QKR (if you'd like one for yourself, simply add an extra under your child's name). Orders close 6pm Wed 6th.

🎅 **Mega Christmas Raffle:** There are loads of special Christmas hampers up for grabs, drawn live at Carols! Tickets are available for \$2.50 each (\$30 for a complete book of tickets). Please submit all funds electronically via QKR. Write contact details of purchaser on both sides of ticket stubs. Please return tickets to school by next Wednesday Dec 6.

🎄 We can't wait to see you there!

THE 2023 JOEYS'

Christmas

CAROLS

THURSDAY
7
DECEMBER
5.30PM

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
BYO RUG
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
HOT DOGS AVAILABLE AT CONCLUSION
MORE DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE