

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 1, TERM 1, 2024



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

Today we celebrated our new school year with a beautiful Mass presided over by Father Eliseus.

We welcomed our new Kindy students and families, plus our new teachers, and presented badges of leadership to our Year 6 class.

Each class received their class candle for their prayer table, and our Term 1 Class Captains did a lovely job receiving a special blessing too.

We pray that in 2024, our Joeys' community is full of light, love and joy.

Virginia Outred, Principal



Swimming Carnival – Results

Congratulations to the Blue House (Polding) who won the point score for the carnival! Blue Sports Leader Kaiya (pictured) did a great job inspiring her colour house to enter races and leading by example too! Trophies for the winning Blue House and the Spirit Cup will be given at assembly next week.

It was a very hot day, and there was wonderful spirit and courage shown by so many.

Thank you so much to the volunteers who sweltered through the morning! We hugely appreciate it. Thank you to Niki Frost and Tiff Smith for their organisation too.

Mrs Frost will inform those students who are selected for the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools' Zone carnival. This will be held at Warringah Aquatic Centre on Monday 4th March. The representative team will be those students who were 1st and 2nd in all ages (8–12) for freestyle and only U10/11/12 for other strokes. There will also be one swimmer selected for Open 100m and IM and 4 for the junior and senior relays. (Results are based on times, not places.)

What's On at Joeys



Joeys' Hub Meeting – Mon Feb 12th

Joeys' Hub is the name of our Parents and Friends group. Everyone is welcome to come to meetings and find out more about our school. (You don't need to come to every meeting either – you're welcome to attend any, or all!)

Our first Joeys' Hub meeting for the year will be held on February 12th at 7pm, where we decide on our calendar of events. (For the yearly kick off, both class parent representatives should attend, please.) All are welcome in person in the library, or via Zoom. We will send the Zoom link via Compass closer to the evening.

We'd also like to let you know who your Joeys' Hub parent representatives are. These are volunteers who represent you, as parents and carers of our community... and we thank them for taking on the roles!

Secretary: Karina (Mum of Maddie, Yr 4 and Chloe, Yr 1)
Treasurer: Geraldine (Mum of Juliana, Yr 2)
Class Parent Co-Ordinator: Julia (Mum of Amelia, Yr 2 and Annabelle, Kindy)
CSP Rep: Jackie (Pictured left. Mum of Hunter, Yr 5)

Parent Info Night – Tues Feb 20th

Our special Parent Information night is on Tuesday Feb 20th. It's the easiest way to get your head around what's happening at school this Term. There are two sessions: 6.30pm and 7pm (you only need to attend one, they are repeated for parents who have to attend more than one class info presentation.). This is a great session (for parents only, not children), where you visit your child's classroom to hear from the teacher about expectations, curriculum, volunteering, plus get an overview of what's to come more broadly in 2024.

We will also open the Canteen on the night, directly after each session. This is for anyone who is curious about what Canteen volunteering is all about – and last year, most people were surprised by how simple it is! Pop down to the Canteen (near Kindy) and say hi to our awesome volunteer manager Debbie (pictured right, Mum of Benji). She'll explain how it all works, including the difference between the long and short shifts.



Canteen in 2024

Canteen is open next week, thanks to some fab volunteers and Debbie and Nicole getting everything ready! YIPPEE! For those who may not be aware, Canteen is open Mondays and Fridays, when we have volunteers to staff it. If it's open, you'll be able to place an order in QKR (by the cut off, 9am on the day itself). If it's not open, it will be greyed out. You can volunteer by emailing our roster co-ordinator, Nicole via nicolegleadow@gmail.com. If you're new to volunteering, Nicole can match you with an experienced volunteer to learn the ropes. You can find out more about canteen via our website, [here](#). The current roster – including spots that need helpers – is below.



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Safety Reminders – Play Equipment

We don't want to be the playground grinch, but as our playground is on school grounds, we need teacher supervision when children are playing on it. That means we need to respectfully ask you don't let younger siblings play on the equipment before or after school. Thanks for your understanding.

Kiss n Ride Etiquette

We'd like to gently remind you of some Kiss n Ride tips, with the focus always being on safety first. We only have three spots and want to ensure the process is as smooth as possible for everyone. Thank you for your support!

- Please never park in Kiss n Ride to walk your Joey in. If they're unexpectedly distressed, please pop them safely back in your vehicle, park in a suitable spot and walk in.
- Please only exit the vehicle if you have to (IE to help your child safely load or unload.). If you need to leave your car, please stay within 5m of the car and keep things as quick as safely possible.
- There is no teacher to assist in the morning. Our teachers will bring your child to your vehicle in the afternoon, and it helps if you have your name displayed in the window. (If you need a sign, you can ask Kerrie in the office.)
- Please only use one of the spots available. If you don't fit in the allocated spot, do a lap of the block. Don't queue in Wellington Street.
- It helps to remember that Kiss n Ride clears REALLY quickly outside of peak times. In the afternoon, it's very busy between 3pm and 3.10 and completely empty by 3.11pm! Try arriving a few mins after 3.05pm to stagger traffic.
- Please don't honk or shout at other parents. It will only upset everyone and respect is a key value of our community.
- Don't swoop in to an empty spot in front if one pops up and you're driving past. We have seen some nasty accidents happen this way, as the 'behind' vehicle may be moving up into the gap or also exiting. Just take the extra minute to do a lap.
- If it's really busy, and you can, try parking nearby and walking up – it can often be even quicker.

**Drop-off
Pick-up
zone**

**No
parking**



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Whole School Assembly – Starts Next Week



Our whole school Assemblies are held every fortnight on “even” school weeks. That means they start next week (Thursday Feb 15th), as it's Week 2! (Handy tip: Our 'What's on this Week' post on Facebook and Instagram always has what school week it is.)

WHEN IS IT ON? Assembly is always on a Thursday. It generally starts at 2.40pm and finishes at the end of the School day.

WHERE IS IT? It is held in the hall, and led by our Year 6 class. We do various things to showcase our Joeys like present awards, celebrate significant milestones and one class usually leads the prayer.

WHO CAN COME? Parents and carers are always welcome to watch – but it's not mandatory.

Class Captains

A huge congratulations to our Class Captains for Term 1, 2024!

At St Joseph's, the students elect who represents them each term. This allows many students to experience a leadership role, right from Kindergarten.

Being elected is a big honour and very meaningful for our Joeys.

Term 1 Class Captains are:

Kindy: Max
Year 1: Isabella
Year 2: Asher
Year 3: Nash
Year 4: Huxley
Year 5: Hunter
Year 6: Olivia



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Key Dates

Things to Remember

February:

Monday 12th 7pm: Joeys' Hub Meeting

Wednesday 14th 12.30pm: Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the church (everyone invited)

Thursday 15th (and every 2nd week after that), 2.40pm in the hall: Whole school assembly

Tuesday 20th 6.30 and 7pm: Parent information evening

March:

Wednesday – Thursday 6–7th: Years 5 and 6 Leadership Camp

Wednesday 13th until 22nd (entire window, actually competed in four days): NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 & 5

Tuesday 19th: Feast day of St Joseph celebration, liturgy and beach afternoon

Wednesday 20th 9.15am: Open Day for new enrolments for 2025 (senior band playing also)

Thursday 21st: Harmony Day

Tuesday 26th: School Cross Country. (8–12 yr olds only. Optional participation).

Thursday 28th 2.30pm: Holy Week liturgy in playground

Friday 29th: Good Friday (Public holiday – no school)

April:

Monday 1st: Easter Monday (Public holiday – no school)

Tuesday 2nd: Pupil Free Day (no school)

Monday 8th: School photo day

Tuesday 9th: Soccer Gala Day, Years 5 & 6

Friday 12th: Pupil Free Day

Monday 15th–29th: School Holidays

Monday 29th Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 30th: First Day of Term 2.



Canteen Roster: Can You Volunteer?

You can volunteer by emailing our roster co-ordinator, Nicole via nicolegleadow@gmail.com.

Monday	Volunteers	Friday	Volunteers
12/2	Ellen (Full) + Wes	16/2	Clare + Lara
19/2		23/2	
26/2	Volunteer Needed (Full) + Meridith (Short)	1/3	
4/3		8/3	
11/3	Volunteer Needed (Full) + Meridith (Short)	15/3	
18/3		22/3	Debbie + Helper
25/3	Volunteer Needed (Full) + Meridith (Short)	29/3	Closed Good Friday
1/4	Closed Easter Monday	5/4	
8/4	Volunteer Needed (Full) + Meridith (Short)	12/4	Closed SDD

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TERM DATES

→ **Term 1** ←

Jan 31: First day Yrs 1-6
Feb 2: Kindy First Day
April 2: Pupil Free Day
April 12: Pupil Free Day
April 15-29 School Holidays

→ **Term 2** ←

April 29: Pupil Free Day
April 30: First Day Term 2
July 5: Pupil Free Day
July 8-22: School Holidays

→ **Term 3** ←

July 22: Pupil Free Day
July 23: First Day Term 3
Sept 30-Oct 14: School Holidays

→ **Term 4** ←

Oct 14: Pupil Free Day
Oct 15: First Day Term 4
Dec 18: Last Day of 2024
Dec 19: Pupil Free Day
Dec 20: Pupil Free Day
Dec 23: Christmas Holidays Begin!



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Road Safety

From Northern Beaches Council

Bus flashing lights:

Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children. Drivers must slow down to 40 km/h when overtaking or passing a bus displaying flashing lights, unless a lower speed applies.

Motorists can help keep children safe by:

- Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing, unless a lower speed limit applies
- Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in school zones or along bus routes
- Giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic.

Reminder for parents and families:

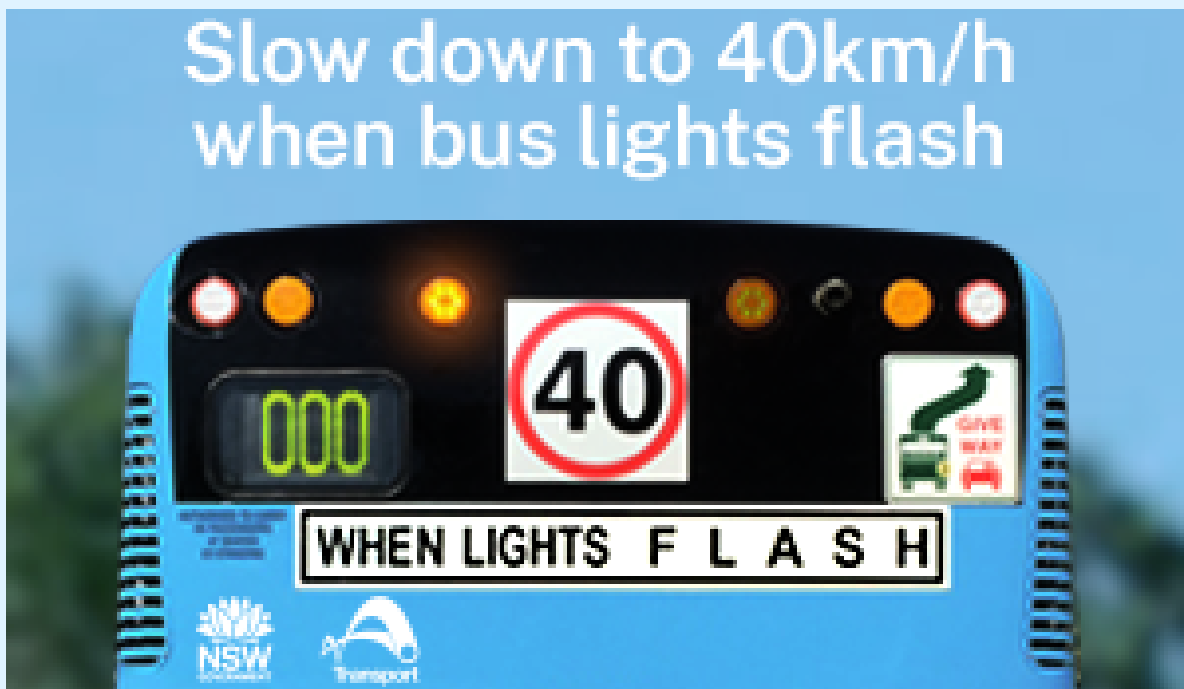
School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand.

Remember:

- Always meet your child at school or the bus stop. Never wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop/interchange and when crossing the road until they're at least 10 years old.
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Talk to your children about using Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time they cross the road:

- Stop one step back from the kerb
- Look continuously both ways
- Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic.
- Think whether is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across.



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School Photos

Info about ordering (Photo Day is 8th April)



St Josephs Catholic Primary School - Narrabeen - 2024 School Photos

Your school photo day is almost here!

We are excited to be capturing your child's memories at **St Josephs - Narrabeen** on **Monday 8 April 2024**

Ordering your 2024 photos is quick and easy! You can order now through the Compass Portal.

Be quick to order and take advantage of the special pricing, when you order through the Compass Portal. But these prices are only available for a limited time.

To place your order, make sure you have your Compass login details handy!

Online ordering Closes Monday 8 April 2024.
Archive fee applies after this date.

Click here for our simple online ordering guide.

Click here to Start Ordering!

If you are having problems logging into your parent portal, click "Can't access your account?" and follow the prompts.

Sibling Photos are also available to order through Compass and must be ordered before midnight **PRIOR** to photo day.

Please note that students hold the responsibility of presenting themselves for their family photo at their allocated time slot.

If you have any questions regarding the photography service or packages available for purchase, please contact our friendly team on

9499 6555 or by email to sydney@msp.com.au

Get your smiles ready!

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