

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 7, TERM 1, 2024



This Week at Joeys

I'm back! I had a busy and exciting two weeks holidaying with friends. Thanks to Brenda Paul for stepping up to the Principal position and Kath Fogwell for stepping up to Assistant Principal position. Brenda is now on leave and Kath is still Acting Assistant Principal.

Today we celebrated Harmony Day by wearing orange to school and learning about the origins of the day and completing activities in class. Thanks to the school wellbeing team for organising this for all of us.

On Tuesday March 19th we celebrated the feast of the patron Saint of our school, St Joseph. Year 2 led us in a beautiful liturgy in the Church, then we had some fun at the beach in the afternoon.

Over the past few weeks there has been an increase in inappropriate behaviour in the toilets. Some children are using the toilets as part of their play and making mess with soap and paper towels. Besides not being a good place to play, it is also wasteful of the resources. We have stepped up our teacher supervision and the Year 6 leaders have also volunteered to help monitor too. I'm making a request that all parents please back us up by speaking to your child at home about appropriate use of the toilets.

Finally, there are so many lunchboxes with no names in lost property! Please check at home and ask your child to check in the lost property box if you are missing some items. Don't forget to label everything!


Virginia Outred, Principal



Our Open Day

We welcomed prospective new families to our school with our Open Day yesterday! We were very proud to show off our grounds and our students. Our amazing band welcomed them in and their playing was just fantastic. We were treated to delicious cupcakes from Cake Me Up (baked by a Joey Mum, Veronika) and our Civics Leaders Nellie, Cody and Grace (above) spoke very well about life as a Joey. Our Year 6 leaders acted as tour guides, showing them around the classrooms. Well done everyone!

What's On at Joeys



Canteen Info

You can contact Nicole Gleadow, our roster co-ordinator, via nicolegleadow@gmail.com. if you can lend a hand Thank you to all those who have volunteered so far. We would love to open on March 25th if anyone can help!

We aim to open every Monday and Friday but we can't without 2 volunteers (1 long shift, 1 short shift). If the canteen is closed QKR is closed for ordering for that day.

18/3	Geraldine (Full) + Daph (Short)	22/3	Debbie + Chrissy
25/3	Volunteer needed (Full) + (Short)	29/3	Closed Good Friday
1/4	Closed Easter Monday	5/4	Daph + Lara
8/4	Ellen (Full) + Meridith (Short)	12/4	Closed SDD

Holy Week at St Joseph's

This is the most significant week in our Liturgical calendar. Holy Week (Palm Sunday 24th March to Easter Sunday 31st March) is the commemoration of the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, through to His death on Good Friday and Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Our students have been learning the whole story and over several upcoming events, each class will focus on one main event. Details are below:

Monday March 25th: Kinder and St Lucy's classes enacting Palm Sunday, 2.30pm in the hall.

Thursday March 28th: Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 to enact the Holy week story up to Good Friday, 2.30pm in the Hall.

Thursday April 4th: Year 3 will lead us in a Resurrection liturgy, 2.30pm in the Hall.

During this special time, you can also attend our Parish Masses and events at the Church. The Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass this weekend is a Palm Sunday Mass for children.

Please note, due to the Holy week liturgy on Thursday 28th March, there will not be a regular assembly in the Hall.



Last Reminder: Cross Country - March 26th

The school cross country is a great (non-compulsory) event, held at Narrabeen Lakes walking track. It is open for all students from Years 2-6. Students have the opportunity to be chosen to represent our school at the Zone event in Term 2 and they will be notified if that's the case!

Registration is now open on Compass and closes today, Thursday March 21st at 3pm.



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Key Dates

Things to Remember

March:

Monday 25th: Kindy and St Lucy's will be presenting a liturgy on Palm Sunday in the hall at 2.30pm.

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

Thursday March 28th: Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 to enact the Holy week story up to Good Friday, 2.30pm in the Hall. (Please note: No assembly this week).

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

April:

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

Tuesday 2nd: Pupil Free Day (no school)

Thursday April 4th: Year 3 will lead us in a Resurrection liturgy, 2.30pm in the Hall

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

Joeys' Hub Parents' Night Out



Our first Parents' Night Out in a long while was by all reports, a great community event! Thank you to the P&F Hub Executive Team and Daphne, for the exquisite set up in the hall and their hard work in putting this event together!

Volunteer Help – Two Jobs Available

We are on the hunt for some volunteers to assist with two jobs!

UNIFORM SHOP: The first is to oversee our second hand uniform sales. This could be shared between two people, if that's easier. Contact the office if you'd like to find out what's involved.

SIGN: The second is to update our manual sign. This happens approx twice a term and you'll be given the materials (and ladder), Timings are very flexible. However, you will need to be relatively tall (coming from the person currently doing it, who is five foot tall and struggles!) Please contact that person (aka Lulu) if you're keen: lulu.wilkinson@dbb.catholic.edu.au



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Easter Raffle

A friendly reminder ticket stubs are due in tomorrow and payments made via QKR! The raffle will be drawn next Wednesday at 2.40pm. Thank you and congratulations to our Kindy parents, for organising such a great fundraiser for our school!

A colorful poster for an Easter raffle. The background is light blue with stylized white clouds and a green grassy field at the bottom. Several large, colorful Easter eggs with various patterns (zig-zags, stripes, polka dots, wavy lines) are scattered around the text. At the top center, there is a small black silhouette of a rabbit. The title 'THE JOEYS' MEGA EASTER RAFFLE!' is written in large, bold, teal and orange letters. Below the title is a small teal branch with leaves. The text is arranged in several paragraphs, providing details about prizes, ticket prices, and the drawing date.

**THE JOEYS'
MEGA EASTER
RAFFLE!**

**DELECTABLE CHOCOLATE HAMPERS &
AWESOME PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!
FOR A FULL LIST OF PRIZES, PLEASE VISIT
THE NEWS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE.**

**TICKETS: \$2.50 EACH (\$25 A BOOK)
PLEASE WRITE NAMES & PHONE
NUMBERS ON EACH STUB AND RETURN
TO SCHOOL, AND PAY VIA QKR
BY FRI 22ND MARCH**

**RAFFLE DRAWN AND WINNERS
ANNOUNCED: WED 27TH MARCH**

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Premier's Reading Challenge



The 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge is now open to all our students! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Your child should use the login they got last year (and Mrs Paul can provide this during library time if they've forgotten it). New students will receive theirs soon but can start reading while they wait! You/they can log the books they read [via this website](#).

At the conclusion of the challenge, eligible Joeys will receive a special certificate from the Premier... and a wide appreciation of reading too!

We'd love you to register your child and encourage them to get reading!

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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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