

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 9, TERM 1, 2024



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

Happy Easter! As I explained to the children on Wednesday, the Easter season in the Church is more than Easter Sunday. We celebrate the joy of Easter for 50 days, up to Pentecost Sunday on May 19th. I hope you all had time to enjoy the 4-5 day break with the beautiful weather.

Today the Year 3 class led us in an Easter Resurrection liturgy in the Church to conclude our Holy Week story and remind us what Easter is all about.

What were the teachers doing on Tuesday? We joined with the staff from three other neighbouring Catholic primary schools to participate in professional learning around the NSW reformed curriculum in English and Maths. Teachers valued the input from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) liaison officer and the opportunity to work with other teachers on their grade level to look at work samples, outcomes and the NSW A-E reporting standards. All Catholic schools in our Diocese participated in the learning across other centres in our Diocese. Part two of this learning will continue on Monday April 29th.

A BIG congratulations to our Joey swimming star, Evelyn in Year 2, who competed at the Polding carnival in 8 years girls freestyle. Evelyn did us proud, achieving a personal best time, 3rd in her heat and 12th overall. Incredible!


Virginia Outred, Principal

Photo Day – Monday

A friendly reminder that our whole school photo day is coming up this Monday, April 8! Plan that haircut, bust out the iron and polish those shoes!

You can order photos from MSP now, following the link on Compass. It shows up when you first open up the App. Please take a second to update your Compass app too.

What's On at Joeys



Years 5 and 6 Soccer Gala Day – Tues 9th

Years 5 and 6 (Stage 3) have a soccer gala day against other Northern Beaches schools this coming Tuesday April 9th. Permission is now open via Compass and needs to be completed by Monday please. Compass has all the details on what's required. Boots are not allowed to be worn – sneakers only. Bring shin pads if you have them, or the school has some available to borrow. For those wondering why Year 3&4 aren't having a Gala Day this term, the CSBB Sport team has reorganised the scheduling for Gala Days this year to alleviate the current issues with bus hire and ground availability. Year 3&4 will have a soccer gala day in Term 4.

It's Official: We've Got Worms!

Welcome to our newest members of the community... our worms! Bunnings generously donated a worm farm to us, and our Year 6 environment team were only too eager to get the low down. Year 5 will be assisting with collecting suitable scraps for the farm and we can't wait to eventually extract some worm juice for the goodness of our garden! A big thanks to Mrs Smith for organising this, and to Bunnings for their donation. Well done to our Environment leaders too – Archie, Abby and Mason.



Mother's Day: Save the Date

We'll be celebrating Mother's Day soon, with lots of details incoming shortly. For now, please save the date of May 8th (times TBC). It will be in the morning, starting with a breakfast, followed by a liturgy which will run for about 30mins. May 8th is the second week back from holidays. All Mums and mother figures are welcome.



Cross Country – Zone Round

Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Zone Cross Country will be held the first week back of Term 2 on Wednesday May 1st. If you received an email about this, then your child has qualified for this next level in Cross Country. Please read the information and tick the permission by Wednesday next week. Good luck to all our runners!



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Key Dates

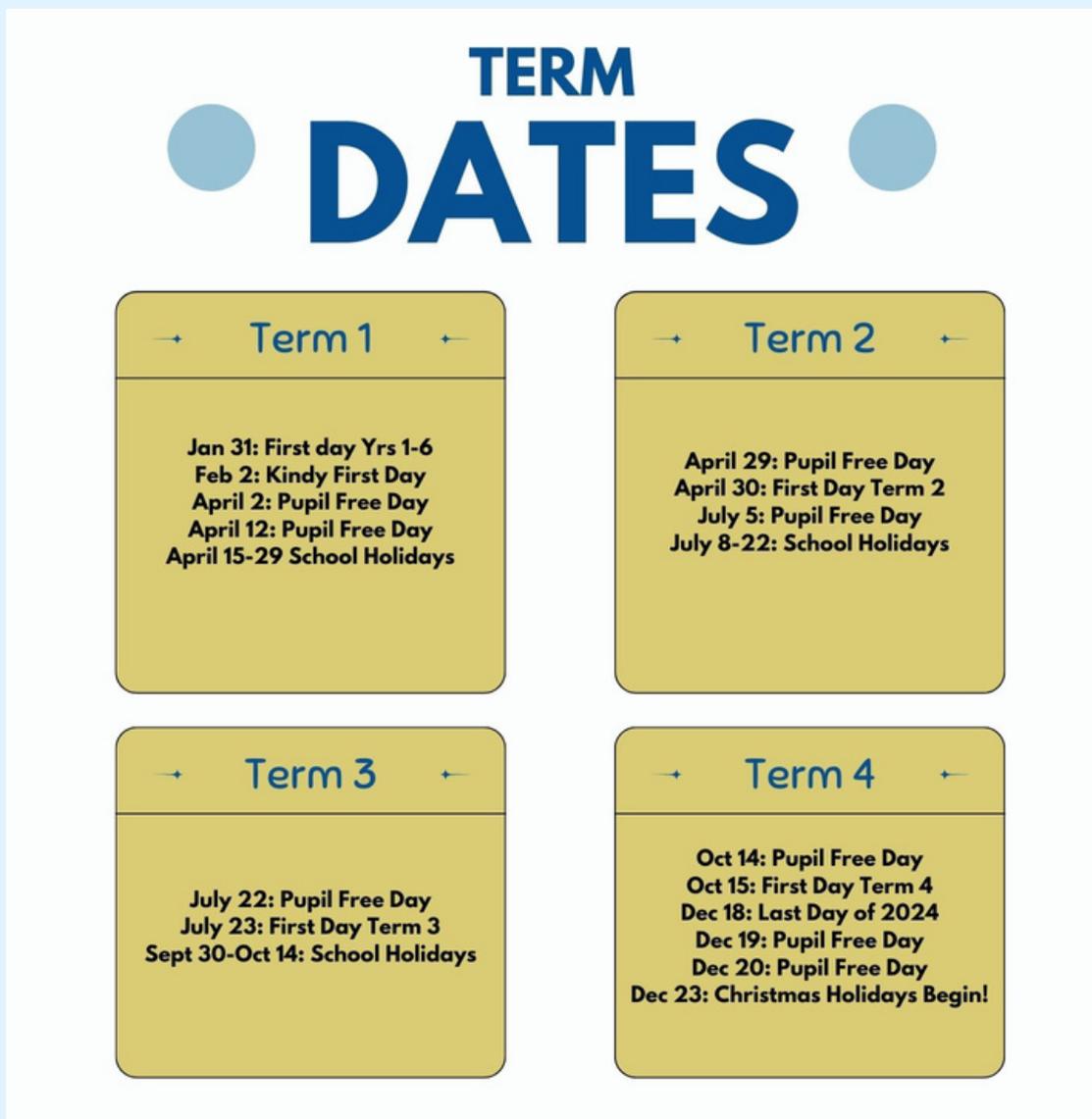
Things to Remember

April:

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

May:

Wednesday 1st: Northern Beaches Cross Country carnival
Wednesday 8th: Mother's Day liturgy and celebration



TERM DATES

Term 1	Term 2
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	April 29: Pupil Free Day April 30: First Day Term 2 July 5: Pupil Free Day July 8-22: School Holidays
Term 3	Term 4
July 22: Pupil Free Day July 23: First Day Term 3 Sept 30-Oct 14: School Holidays	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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