

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 5, TERM 2, 2024



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

It's been a very sad week here for the staff as we come to terms with the sudden passing of Brenda Paul's husband Tony, last Friday afternoon. Brenda obviously is still in shock and trying to deal with the trauma and loss. She will be on leave for the rest of Term 2. Kath Fogwell will be acting Assistant Principal in this time with her days off class covered by Kath McCamey. Sam Carolan will be in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays to cover this position. The funeral is next Thursday at 1pm. Brenda has requested that the students do not attend, she is so appreciative of your support and loving messages, but the venue is not a suitable place for a lot of children.

As you would understand, most of the staff would like to attend the funeral to be with Brenda. Our neighbouring Catholic schools are rallying around to 'lend' us some staff from 12pm to supervise the students. However, to help with this we invite you to collect your children at 12pm that day (only if you can) so that we can organise the supervision with a skeleton staff. Of course, the school is still open from 12pm if you cannot collect your children and OOSH will be open that afternoon as per usual.

If you can inform your class teacher if you intend to collect your child at 12pm, that will help us to organise numbers. There will be NO usual fortnightly school assembly that Thursday afternoon. Thanks for your understanding.

This week has also seen an increase in absenteeism amongst children and staff with the dreaded flu or Covid. Please monitor your children and keep them at home if they are unwell, to keep us all as healthy as we can be.

Virginia Outred

Virginia Outred, Principal



Congrats to our Band!

Last night the senior band participated in the Northern Beaches Instrumental Musical festival and the junior band will perform at the same festival on Saturday. What a wonderful experience for the bands to perform for a wide audience. Congratulations to all the band members, both bands are sounding great! Interested in lessons or your child joining the band? Find out more via the flyer below.

What's On at Joeys



Joeys P&F Hub wrap up

We had a well attended Joeys HUB meeting on Monday night where the events were reported on and future events discussed. Lulu Wilkinson shared with us her enquiry into an alternative solution to our canteen service that would not require parent volunteers, involving outsourcing the ordering and delivery of lunches from local food suppliers. The attendees at the meeting were keen to trial it. We really appreciate the volunteer roles that Debbie and Nicole take on, along with all our amazing volunteers every week, which keep our canteen functioning as a community service. But we are also aware it's a big ask and everyone is busy, so we want a solution that alleviates pressure and helps parents most. Watch this space for further updates!

Friendology: Parent Tip

Encouraging your child to stand up for themselves: When our child talks to us about her friendship problems, our default response can be to say to the things that were said to us. "Just ignore them", "Walk away", "They're just jealous" are the kinds of phrases that instantly spring to mind. But these responses can be too passive and minimising. Instead, take some time to listen and empathise, and then follow up by asking "Did you stand up for yourself?"

Rather than retreating, we should encourage our kids to confront their problems and not simply put up with bad behaviour. Ask kids what they could do differently next time and role play different scenarios, so they feel practised and more confident.



Friendology: Parent Session

If you've been hearing about 'Friendship Fires' or 'Friendship Ninjas', that's because our UR Strong Friendology program is now well under way and it's making a big impact! If you'd like to know how you can support your child with friendships, how to navigate challenges and more about the program, we have a special parent-only session via Zoom this coming Tuesday night. Join us on Zoom at 6.30pm – you need to register using the details we will email you tomorrow. More info via the flyer below.



Donut Day Fundraiser – June 5th

So many of you have snapped up donuts! We really appreciate you supporting our school and our Year 6 class as they continue their End of Year gift fundraising! If you'd like to buy one and haven't already, you have until this coming Monday at 3pm to make your selection via QKR. Donuts will be feasted on next Wednesday! Thanks to Year 6 Mums Mimi and Jane for organising.

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Key Dates

Things to Remember

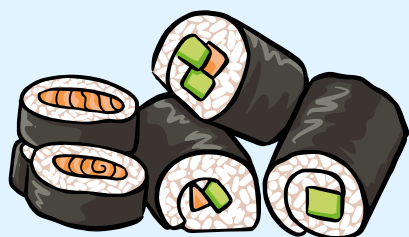
Wednesday June 5th: Donut Day Year 6 fundraiser
 Tuesday 4th June. Friendology parent Zoom session at 6.30pm.
 Monday June 10th: King's Birthday public holiday
 Tuesday June 19th: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Netball Gala day
 Thursday June 20th: Friendology Parent engagement session at 2pm (no usual school assembly)
 Friday June 21st: Semester 1 student reports published to Compass
 Monday June 24th: Parent Teacher interviews commence
 Tuesday June 25th: Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Netball Gala day
 Friday June 28th: Joeys' Hub event: Student Disco! Details to follow
 Thursday July 4th: Last day for students Term 2
 Friday July 5th: Pupil free day. Staff development day

 Term 3: Thursday July 25th: Grandparent's Day. Details to follow

Canteen in Term 2

Thanks to our volunteers. Can you help by volunteering for a short or long shift this Term? Please email Nicole at nicolegleadow@gmail.com – we really appreciate it!

Monday	Volunteers	Friday	Volunteers
20/5		24/5	Maura + Ang
27/5	Rochelle + Daph	31/5	Debbie + Helper
3/6	Meredith (Short) + Experienced full shift needed	7/6	Daph + Lara
10/6	Closed Public Holiday	14/6	Amy + Sole (Short) + Full Day Volunteer needed
17/6	Rochelle + Meredith (Short)	21/6	Sara + Experienced Volunteer needed
24/6	Ellen + Meredith (Short)	28/6	Sara + Experienced Volunteer needed
1/7	Meredith (Short)	5/7	Closed SDD



Sushi on Pause

Also, please don't panic – but sushi will be unavailable for a short time while our supplier is on holidays: May 23 to June 5. Then it'll be back as usual!

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Band Info

Lessons, Fees and more

Learn an
instrument and join
the Joeys School
Band!



**JOIN TODAY, DON'T
DELAY!**



*Which instruments
can I play in the
Joey's Band?*



flute, clarinet,
saxophone, trumpet,
trombone, percussion,
keyboard, bass guitar



**MusicLinks is running their renowned School Band
Program at Joeys!!!!!!**

**Weekly Band rehearsals and the choice of private or
pair lessons held on site at school*

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Friendology

UR Strong Program: Parent Session



Creating a kinder world by
empowering kids with **friendship skills**

URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, & teachers with a common language of friendship.



THE LANGUAGE OF

FRIENDSHIP!



YOU ARE INVITED!

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

in the

URSTRONG CLASSROOM ONLINE

START TIMES BY

TIMEZONE:

6:30pm AEST

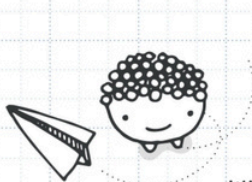
6:00pm ACST

This 75-minute workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents at URSTRONG SCHOOLS will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

Tickets are generously paid for by your school.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

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CSBB News

The Eileen O'Connor School Parent & Student Survey

Eileen O'Connor Catholic School will provide quality Catholic education for students with a disability from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Collaborating in the Mission, focusing on human flourishing, using Christ's example to serve, we believe that every child is a unique individual created by God and valued as an individual learner with strengths, gifts, and talents.

Eileen O'Connor Catholic School (EOCS) will provide a flexible and responsive model of education for students with disability through the structure of a Base School located in Tuggerah and a network of Support Classes in local parish schools across Broken Bay.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay currently has Eileen O'Connor Support Classes for students with a disability at St Martin's Catholic School at Davidson, St Brendan's Catholic School at Lake Munmorah and Prouille Catholic Primary School, Wahroonga.

Engaging with our schools and wider community has and will continue to be a priority to ensure we seek feedback, gain further insights and give opportunity to update as we progress to fulfilling our vision of providing an inclusive model of education for students with disability focused on strengths to promote engagement, enable learning growth and flourishing.

We now seek further engagement and consultation and would appreciate your time in completing this brief survey.

[Please fill it in here.](#)

For more information, please visit www.eocsdbb.catholic.edu.au.



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