

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

## WEEK 1, TERM 2, 2024



## This Week at Joeys

Dear parents  
Welcome back to school! I trust your family enjoyed the 2 week break in the beautiful weather we had. Thank you for having your children back at school ready for their Term 2 learning.

We welcome the Layton family and their children to our community – we hope you thrive in the Joeys' village!

On Monday, the teachers attended a professional learning day along with every teacher in our Diocese. Our session was at Sacred Heart Mona Vale with our four neighbouring Catholic primary schools. The teachers valued the input on assessment in our new reformed curriculums, and working with colleagues from other schools to collaborate on planning and assessing learning. This is all aimed at constantly improving and strengthening your child's learning.

Finally, we are very excited about our Friendology Personal Development program which we are launching on a special day next Tuesday May 7th. Please read the information about the Friendology program further in the email.

  
Virginia Outred, Principal

## Uniform Check-In

On Tuesday I visited all classes to say hello and to talk to the students about uniform expectations. It was great to see that most children were wearing their uniform correctly, but there are still students wearing nail polish, jewellery and incorrect coloured socks and shoes. School shoes should be all black and socks navy or the previous grey if you still have them. On sports day, please wear sport shoes with white socks.

One of the great things about our uniform is it is a year-round one, with laying options as the weather cools down. The options are long sleeved shirts with no logo (available from Cowan and Lewis) as well as the long navy pants and navy tights. Please do not wear a skivvy under the summer dress, the school jacket on top is the option for warmth. Please support the wearing of our uniform by checking what your child is wearing when they leave home each day. Thanks for your co-operation.

# What's On at Joeys



## Cross Country NB Zone Rescheduled

This week's planned NB Zone Cross Country was unfortunately rained out – and has been rescheduled to next week on May 8th. Parents of our representatives have been emailed via Compass. This means the Mother's Day Liturgy will now start 15mins earlier (at 9.15am), so our runners can attend and get to the event in time too. Good luck everyone!

## Time Tweak – Mother's Day

Our Mother's Day celebration will be held on Wednesday May 8th. We look forward to welcoming all our Mums, Grandmothers, Aunts and special women. You don't need to buy a breakfast, if you wish you can just join us or even BYO. Hot drinks will also be available and breakfast options are now available to order via QKR. We have slightly tweaked the time of the Liturgy. It now starts at 9.15am, to allow our NB Cross Country runners to attend (as the event was rescheduled due to rain). All else remains the same.

## Calling our Dads!

We would love our Dads to put their hands up to help with this Mother's Day event, so the Mums don't have to do every part of it!

You'll likely be needed between 7.30am–9am (you can do just part of this time). There are a variety of jobs, from set up to assembling food and handing it out.

If you can help, please email Lulu via [lulu.wilkinson@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lulu.wilkinson@dbb.catholic.edu.au) and she can let you know more info. Thank you!

Happy  
MOTHER'S  
DAY

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION  
ON WED MAY 8,  
FROM 8.00AM

ORDER BREAKFAST VIA QKR  
BY 9AM MAY 6

ALL MUMS, GRANDMOTHERS,  
AUNTS & FRIENDS WELCOME

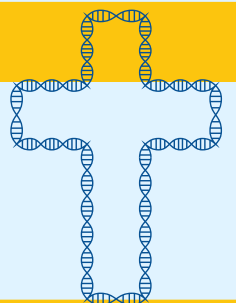


## UR Strong Friendology Program

We are so delighted to be implementing this program at our school this Term! It's a specialist program and you can read all about it below. This has been funded by the school and supported also with funds from the Joeys' Hub, which you have all helped contribute to every time we have a school fundraiser – so thank you and we hope you're soon just as excited about it as we are!

## Congratulations Hunter and Benji

A big congratulations to Benji (Year 4) who completed his Confirmation and Hunter (Year 5) who completed three sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist, in the Church over the Easter break. We're extremely proud of you both!



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# In the News

## Pastoral Discernment – Northern Beaches Community Forum

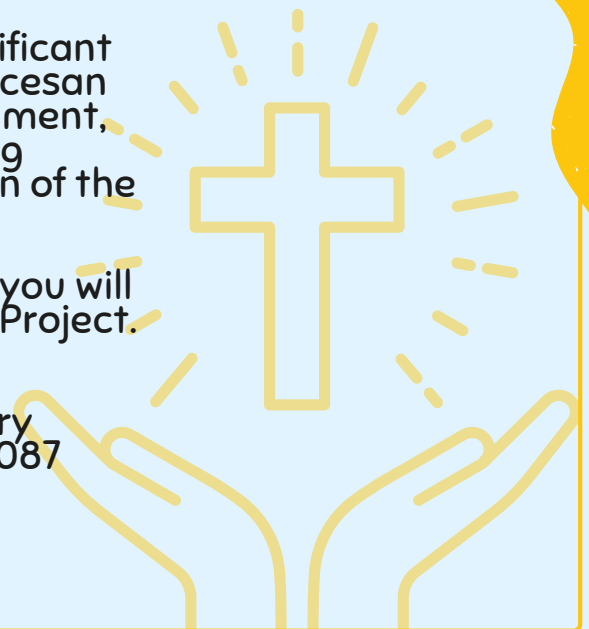
There are just a few days until the CSBB launch a Community Engagement Phase of the Pastoral Discernment project.

Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches is a significant strategic pastoral initiative facilitated by the Diocesan Director of Pastoral Discernment and Accompaniment, Patti Beattie. This initiative aims to foster ongoing conversations as we approach the second session of the Synod of Bishops in October.

Please register your attendance to let us know if you will be joining us for this very significant stage of the Project. Your feedback is invaluable.

It will be held on May 4th, at OLGC Catholic Primary School, school hall 11 Currie Rd, Forestville NSW 2087 11 am – 12 pm.

If you're interested, [you can register here.](#)



## Supporting the Sea Eagles

Jordan P, our Year 6 sports leader, has been responsible for 'raising the flag' to show our school support for the Sea Eagles every time they play at home. This week, we were selected as the top supporters of the round... which earned our school a \$500 sports voucher, 10 double passes to this week's game and a visit from the stars of the team! Needless to say the students were THRILLED!

We put the name of every student into the draw for the tickets and are delighted to announce the winners are: Nash, Hudson, Mya, Ayla, Zack, Noah, Lily, Connor, Huxley.

A very special thank you to the families who won passes but generously passed them on to someone who may enjoy them more. We love that spirit!

Here's hoping Manly gets a win on Friday night with our Joeys cheering them on!



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# Key Dates

## Things to Remember

Tuesday May 7th: Launch of our Friendology program. Students to wear GREEN mufti!  
Wednesday May 8th: Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy. Liturgy time now 9.15am (due to Cross Country zone rescheduling)  
Wednesday May 8th: Postponed Northern Beaches Cross Country zone carnival at Narrabeen  
Thursday May 9th: Term 2 first assembly (then every second Thursday)  
Tuesday May 21st: Broken Bay Cross Country (for those who qualify)  
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

## Canteen in Term 2

Can you help by volunteering for a short or long shift? Please email Nicole at [nicolegleadow@gmail.com](mailto:nicolegleadow@gmail.com) – we really appreciate it!

Monday	Volunteers	Friday	Volunteers
29/4	Closed SDD	3/5	Closed
6/5	Meredith (Short)	10/5	
13/5		17/5	
20/5		24/5	
27/5		31/5	Debbie + Helper
3/6	Meredith (Short)	7/6	
10/6	Closed Public Holiday	14/6	
17/6	Meredith (Short)	21/6	
24/6		28/6	
1/7		5/7	Closed SDD

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# UR Strong Friendology

## What's It All About?

Wouldn't it be great to have a common language and dialogue across St Joseph's that is simple but meaningful and supports your child and their friends in building healthy friendships with each other? Do you often find yourself at a loss for advice when your child comes to you with friendship issues? What advice do you give? How do you help empower your child?

This term, St Joseph's is excited to be launching a new and innovative program called URSTRONG (find out more via the linked text). This program is a school-wide approach and is all about empowering your children with friendship skills! This is a proven, skills-based strategy that teaches kid-friendly concepts, skills and language to help build and maintain healthy friendships.

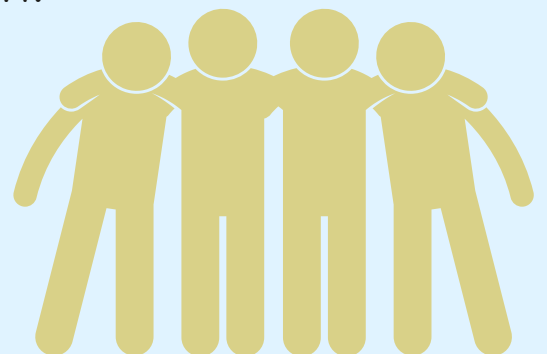
URSTRONG provides our students (and the adults in their lives – both parents and teachers), with a common language to support them. Relationships are the heart of social-emotional wellbeing, and we want to make our school into a community of kindness!

We will become a URSTRONG school and teach Friendology 101 lessons throughout the year. The students are considered to be 'Friendship Ninjas' when they utilise their friendship skills. Throughout this Term, we will share info for families with tips to talk about and reinforce what is happening at school. Parents play a crucial role in helping to build these friendship skills in their children.

We will be launching URSTRONG and the Friendology 101 Program with 'A Day of Friendship' next Tuesday May 7th. We will focus on the colour green as this represents the healthy Friendology colour symbol. Students are invited to wear green-themed mufti next Tuesday. Each class will participate in activities and lessons to introduce the program.

We will be holding a Parent Engagement Session in Week 8 on the June 20th in the afternoon, to give you an insight into the program.

The posters on the next few pages are used as visual aids to help students learn the skills. They will be displayed in classrooms around the school from next week, so keep an eye out for them. Thank you for your support!



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# UR Strong Friendology

## Poster Examples

### THE FRIEND-O-CYCLE

Demonstrates the normal cycle in a healthy friendship. Children learn, step-by-step, how to **Talk-it-Out** to put out their **Friendship Fires** and move towards **Forgive & Forget**.



### THE FRIEND-O-METER

A visual tool used to help children think about the difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships. Students are taught the importance of spending the most time with friendships in the **Healthy Zone**.



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# Mother's Day

Breakfast Orders now available via QKR

## Happy MOTHER'S DAY

**WEDNESDAY MAY 8**

**8.00AM-9.00AM: ROLLING BREAKFAST**  
(SCHOOL PLAYGROUND & PARISH HALL)

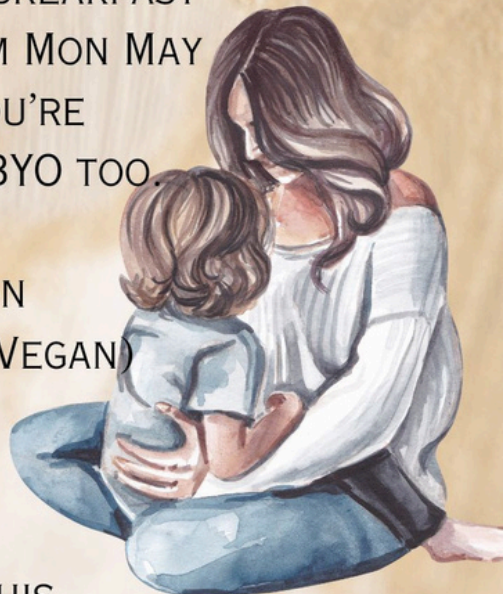
**8.15AM: CLASSROOMS OPEN FOR VISITS**

**9.15AM: A VERY SPECIAL LITURGY (CHURCH)**

PLEASE ORDER YOUR PREFERRED BREAKFAST  
& MAKE PAYMENT VIA QKR BY 9AM MON MAY  
6. PRICES AVAILABLE ON QKR. YOU'RE  
WELCOME TO SIMPLY JOIN US OR BYO TOO.

**DONUT - CHOCOLATE OR CINNAMON**  
(OMG! DECADENT DONUTS, GF & VEGAN)  
**SCONE WITH CREAM & JAM**  
**BACON & EGG ROLL**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THIS  
MORNING WITH ALL OUR SPECIAL MUMS,  
GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTS & FRIENDS



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