

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 2, TERM 2, 2024



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

It's been a week of exciting events and uplifting Joeys' community spirit.

On Tuesday we launched our URSTRONG Friendology learning with a Friendship Day. All classes participated in the introduction lessons for their grade. We are aiming to become friendship ninjas, making and maintaining positive relationships and spreading kindness. Each week in the newsletter we will share a parent tip or information from the website.

We will have a free parent session online with the Friendology people on Tuesday June 4th at 6.30- 7.45pm, more info on that to come. There will also be a parent engagement session in Week 8, Thursday June 20th at school, when you are invited to participate in an activity from the program with your child.

Today and tomorrow, the school leadership team; myself, the Assistant Principal Mrs Paul and Religious Education Co-ordinator Mrs Fogwell are attending a leadership Faith Formation retreat led by the Mission and Evangelisation team from Catholic Schools Broken Bay. We look forward to communing with other leaders in our Diocese, learning and reflecting on our faith and growing spiritually.

Finally, the Premier's Reading Challenge is firing up! There are more details about this below, and every child will go home with their login details. We can't wait to hear what you've been reading - and want your child recognised for their effort, so make sure you log their books. Thank you!

Virginia Outred, Principal



Mother's Day

Yesterday we celebrated the wonderful mums, grandmothers, aunts and significant women in our lives with our Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy.

Thank you to Year 3 class parents Daph and Jess and their team of volunteers for organising a wonderful breakfast, the band for playing, Sam M for the great sign and Mrs Smith and Year 1 for leading a beautiful Liturgy.

A very special shout out to Yvette, mum of Nellie in Year 6 (pictured), who attended her 12th and last Mother's day Liturgy! There weren't many dry eyes as the mums and grandmas walked up the aisle through a guard of honour, with all the children clapping them.

Mums, we so appreciate you! Happy Mother's Day.

What's On at Joeys



Cross Country NB Zone Results

What a massive effort from our runners on Wednesday (and scramble for parents – thank you!). They did us VERY proud running under difficult conditions. Congratulations to them all! Well done to the following students, who will now represent us at Broken Bay level – champions! Yr 3: Finlay and Mia, Yr 4: Matti and Charlie, Yr 5: Remi, Yr 6: Jonah, Abby, Sam and Kaiya.

Sports Uniform and Netball Clinic

Starting Wednesday next week, our Years 2–6 classes will participate in weekly Netball clinics with a coach from Netball NSW. These skills sessions will prepare our Years 3–6 students for the Northern Beaches zone gala days later in the term.

All students take part in specialist sport lessons on Fridays with Mrs Frost.

That means, this term students should wear their sports uniforms as follows (effective immediately):

Kindy: Mondays and Fridays
Year 1: Thursdays and Fridays
Years 2–6: Wednesdays and Fridays



Mobile Devices at School

A reminder about our school policy for mobile phones, smart watches and other personal communication devices. Children should not have mobile phones, personal smart wrist watches and other communication devices at school. If there is a reason why a child needs a mobile phone or wrist device, a letter explaining the reasons ought to be directed to the Principal who will make a determination to vary the policy in each case. Mobile phones are to be left in school bags or on the teacher's desk during the day and not accessed by the student. Wrist communication devices are to be set to 'school mode'. The school accepts no liability for mobile phones that have been granted permission to be at school. This enables students to focus on learning and socialising face-to-face. At primary schools, there is no reason why students would need to contact parents, we can make that contact if needed. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school or wear their wristwatch to be able to communicate with you after school we request that it is set to 'school mode' between the hours of 9–3pm. All communication with your child during the school day must come through the school office. You may be aware that these same rules are applicable in all NSW high schools now. This is further detailed in the parent handbook, [linked here](#).



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Key Dates

Things to Remember

Tuesday May 21st: Broken Bay Cross Country (for those who qualify)
NEW: Monday 27th May. Term 2 P&F General meeting. (Via Zoom – details sent via email)
NEW: 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

Awesome news – Canteen is now open tomorrow! 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!

Canteen in Term 2

6/5	Meredith (Short) Closed	10/5	Clare + Lara
13/5	Ellen + Short shift needed	17/5	
20/5		24/5	Maura + Ang
27/5	Rochelle + Experienced Volunteer needed	31/5	Debbie + Helper
3/6	Meredith (Short)	7/6	
10/6	Closed Public Holiday	14/6	
17/6	Rochelle + Meredith (Short)	21/6	
24/6	Ellen + Meredith (Short)	28/6	
1/7		5/7	Closed SDD

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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 (this is being sent home again with your child today). 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!

UR Strong Friendology

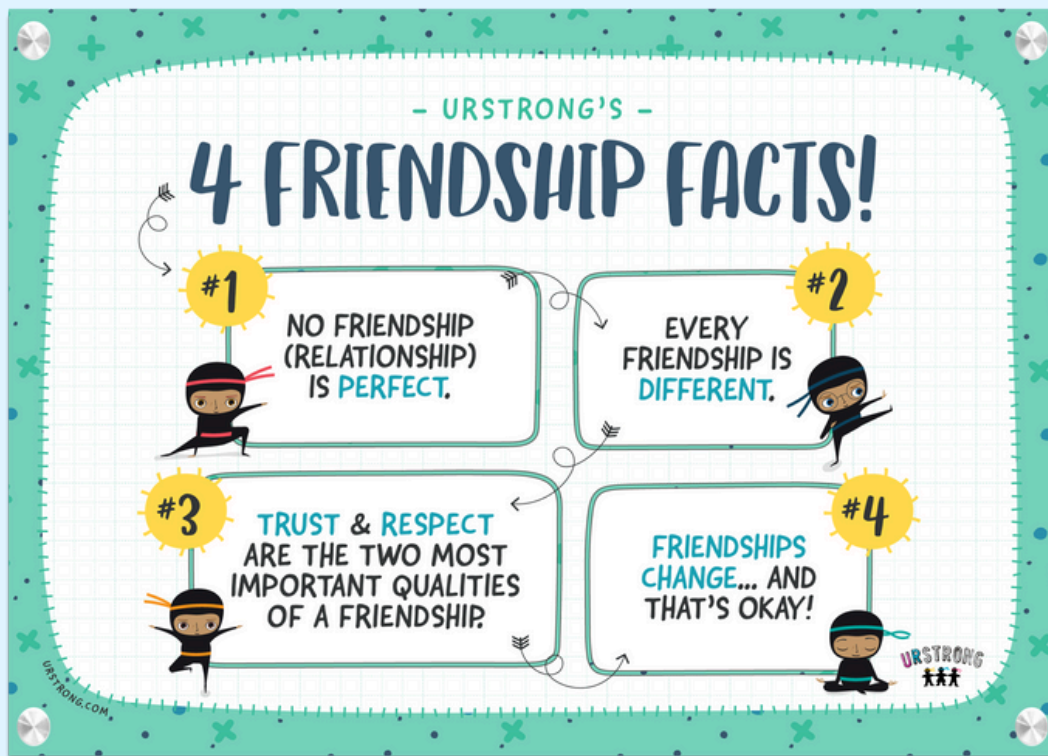
What's It All About?

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). We officially launched this program on Tuesday this week. It 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.



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