

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 3, TERM 2, 2024



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

We are into our third week of Term 2 and very settled into our learning.

You may have heard us reference that the NSW English and Maths syllabuses have been through a reform over the past few years. In 2023, K-2 classes implemented the teaching of the new syllabuses and this year, Years 3-6 are learning from the new curriculum.

The teachers have been participating in professional learning about the NSW reform and the new curriculum over the past three years, both as a school team and with our system.

NESA (New South Wales Education and Standards Authority) is the body that governs our syllabus creation, reform and implementation for all school systems in NSW. They have created parent guides for the new curriculums.

This week I share with you the Parent Guides for English (linked below). These may help you to understand better the essential skills and concepts of the English Curriculum and in turn help you to understand the areas we assess and report on. Semester 1 reports for 2024 will be published to Compass on Friday 21st June.

Kindergarten
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3-6)

Thanks,


Virginia Outred, Principal

Joeys' Hub News

Our Parent and Friend committee is called the 'Joeys' Hub' and in Term 2, we will meet on Monday 27th May at 7pm via Zoom (we will send a Compass link directly). We'd love you to join us, to learn more about events and the workings of the school.

In QKR, we have a Joeys' Hub contribution option for each student. It's a stress-free way to make sure you're covered for the whole year when it comes to marking milestones, as your fabulous class parents will take care of all the organisation!

It's easy to hop on QKR to make the payment and your contribution covers things including:

- Presents for special occasions through the year for teachers and families
- Gifts to mark significant moments, such as the loss of someone special

This is defaulted to \$25 per student. You can pop on now to make your contribution. Thanks for your support!

What's On at Joeys



National Simultaneous Story Time

Wednesday 22nd May at 12pm is National Simultaneous Story Time! This initiative from the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) invites all school and libraries to participate in the reading of a chosen book at the same time on the same day. This year's book is *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. Our librarian, Mrs Paul, has once again organised a visit by some of our Year 6 students to the Narrabeen Childrens centre to read the story to the preschoolers too.

Sport at School

This week Years 2-6 classes began their weekly Netball skills sessions with a Netball NSW coach. These will continue for 6 weeks and ensure our Year 3-6 students are ready for the Zone Netball Gala days at the end of term where all students will play in a team against our neighbouring Catholic schools.

The Broken Bay Cross Country is being held in Gosford next Tuesday. A record nine of our students were successful in making it to this next level. Good Luck to: Yr 3: Finlay and Mia, Yr 4: Matti and Charlie, Yr 5: Remi, Yr 6: Jonah, Abby, Sam and Kaiya.



Respect: Our Core Value

Our core value for this term is Respect. Respect for ourselves, for others and the place you're in.

We are currently focusing on respectful behaviour in our classrooms and in the playground. Sadly, as a staff we have noticed a deterioration of respectful behaviour from the students to all teachers and adults in the school community. Some students choose to respect their classroom teacher, but are then disrespectful to a specialist teacher, the teachers on playground duty or the teacher's aides. This disrespect manifests as poor behaviour, not listening, speaking when the teacher is or answering back in a disrespectful way.

We have always prided ourselves on the respect that is shown between the adults in our school and the students. Indeed, it was what endeared me to this school when I first came.

In class, we will be talking and learning about respect and the expectations for all students. I ask that you support us to improve this aspect of behaviour by speaking with your children about what respect looks like. Teachers will contact you if your child repeatedly shows disrespect to others.



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Friendology Program: Parent Tip

Should parents get involved in their kids' friendships?

The message that we want to give our children is, "You've got this!" not, "Don't worry, I've got this for you!"

Try thinking of yourself as a "Friendship Coach." Coaches don't go out there and play the game for their players. Instead, they give them advice and send them to play. Then, they stand back on the sidelines and watch. When they call their team in, they point out what they saw and give the players some tips and guidance. It should work that way with parents too, coaching your children through their friendships.

Rather than acting as lead negotiator in our children's relationships, we should support them and coach from the sidelines.



Class Captains – Term 2

A huge congratulations to this Term's peer-voted Class Captains! It's a big honour to earn the support of your class, and we know you will represent them well.

Kindy – Lily M Year 1 – Jack M Year 2 – River B Year 3 – Ashni L
Year 4 – Alfie L Year 5 – Jaxson R.N Year 6 – Archie S



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Key Dates

Things to Remember

Tuesday May 21st: Broken Bay Cross Country (for those who qualify)
Monday 27th May: Term 2 P&F General meeting. (Via Zoom – details sent via email)
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
NEW: Term 3: Thursday July 25th: Grandparent's Day. Details to follow

Upcoming: Pastoral Discernment Forum

On behalf of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, we would like to invite you to participate in the Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches Project Community Consultation Forum. This forum presents an opportunity for open dialogue and reflection on the unique challenges and opportunities within the Northern Beaches region. Together, we will explore how our community can further engage in the Mission of Jesus Christ. Your presence and insights are invaluable as we shape a Pastoral Discernment Submission for Bishop Anthony's consideration. We will keep you updated through the newsletter on details for this forum– place and time to be determined.

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 nicoleleadow@gmail.com – we really appreciate it!

13/5	Ellen + Emma	17/5	Theresa + Daph
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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