

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 7, TERM 2, 2024



This Week at Joeys

Dear Parents and Carers

In response to New South Wales curriculum reform, Catholic Schools Broken Bay has reviewed student reporting processes. This review aims to align reporting with updated outcomes in NSW Syllabuses and promote consistency within and across schools.

Recognising the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers, CSBB reporting practices include:

- providing written reports that inform parents and carers about their child's learning progress.
- providing opportunities to engage with parents and carers about their child's learning.

Reporting of student achievement is a legislative requirement. Schools are required to use the A to E Common Grade scale which summarises the standard of achievement for each grade, indicating the depth of knowledge, understanding, and skills expected from students at that level. A standards-referenced approach promotes consistency and clarity in assessing and reporting student learning against the agreed set of standards. Evaluating each student's progress against these standards, allows for transparent and consistent feedback to both students and their families. [You can find the A-E grade scale here](#) (and further below in this newsletter).

This semester, your child's written report will reflect learning from the first two terms. Grades are allocated based on student achievement of the learning in which they have participated during Term 1 and 2.

Teachers use quality assessment data and their own observations to make professional judgments regarding student achievement against the state-wide syllabus standards, focusing on specific outcomes and content outlined in the syllabus.

Reports will be sent home via Compass on Friday June 21st.

Your ongoing support in your child's education journey is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Virginia Outred, Principal





Parent Session June 20th

Our Friendology sessions are going well and we have a special parent engagement session on Thursday June 20th at 2pm (meet in the library). This will be held at school and is a fantastic way to see first hand what your children have been learning about healthy relationships. We'd love it if you could attend!

Our Sympathies

We are sending our heartfelt sympathies to the Romano-Nichols family on the loss of their Mum and Grandmother. You are in our prayers.

What's On at Joeys

Theme: Dress as your sporting hero		Tix on QKR: 1: \$10 2: \$18 3: \$24	<h2>The Joeys Disco is coming!</h2> <p>It's the event our students most look forward to! The Joeys Disco is coming and tickets are now on sale via QKR! It will be held in the Hall on Friday June 28th. K-2 is 5:30-6.30pm and Years 3-6 is 6:45-8:00pm.</p> <p>The theme this year is a nod to the upcoming Olympics - come dressed as your sporting hero! Please see the full flyer below. Thank you to our Year 5 class parents Kylie and Jackie for organising and all our volunteers! We would love some more helpers for our Junior Disco. If you can help please email lulu.wilkinson@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Thanks!</p>
	THE JOEYS DISCO		
BYO drink bottle		Fri June 28th Parish Hall K-2: 5:30-6:30pm 3-6 6:45-8:00pm	

Friendology: Parent Tip – Bullying

There's a lot of talk about bullies and bullying at the moment. But our advice is to avoid the word altogether. The reason is that it's often misused and leads children – and their parents – to label kids. Instead, use the term "mean-on-purpose". Children understand what this means and know when someone is intentionally trying to hurt them.

Parents can help their kids come up with a quick comeback statement to combat mean-on-purpose behaviour. A simple "Not cool", "Wow" or "That was really mean" will suffice.

Quick comeback statements should be delivered in a strong voice with authoritative body language, and then the child should walk away. If they've tried using a quick comeback and the person continues to be mean-on-purpose, that's when an adult needs to get involved. It's the responsibility of the adults (parents and teachers) to ensure that children feel safe and supported.



Thank You from Mrs Paul

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing Joey's family for everything they have done for my girls and I over the last few weeks. As you can imagine, it has been a harrowing and heartbreaking time for us. We will never be able to thank you enough for your incredibly generous gift and your heartfelt outpouring of love and support. With our sincere gratitude,
Brenda, Madeline, Hannah, Bridget (and Scout).



Handball Olympics

Our esteemed Handball Olympics is now in its third year. As always, we will run our school competition first and each grade winner will represent us at the Inter School Comp. This year, we will take on three nearby schools – Sacred Heart, St Rose and Maria Regina and as current reigning champs (yay!) we will be hosting the comp on July 1st!

You'll hear more about handball over the next few weeks as our Year 6 leaders start their coaching sessions and signing students up to take part!

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What's On at Joeys

Vinnies Winter Appeal



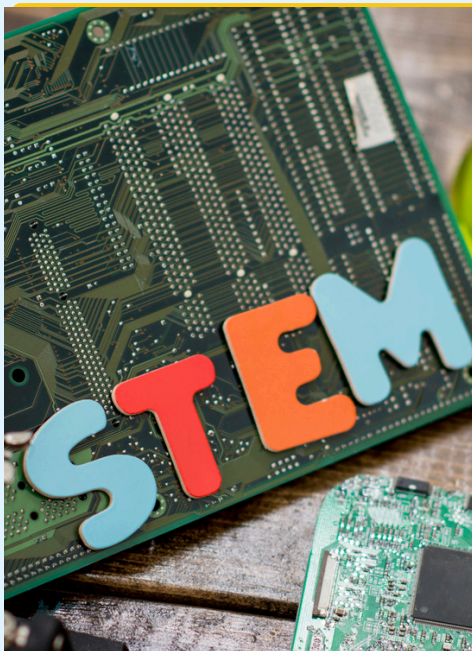
The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched its 2024 Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your children will be coming home with a note about this today.

This year, Vinnies are focusing on the issue of the working homeless. The lack of affordable housing and increased demand for rental properties in Australia means that even those working can't afford a roof over their heads. As a result, more and more Australians are being forced into homelessness – 'the working homeless'.

Meeting basic needs such as food, water and a place to sleep can be the most important daily priority for people experiencing homelessness and is often not a reality for many Australians, even if they are employed themselves.

Your school's support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal will allow our specialist homelessness services, Members and Volunteers on the frontline, to support people who are already, or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Thank you very much for taking the time to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS SUPPORT, PLEASE CALL OUR HELPLINE ON 13 18 12.



Years 5 & 6 STEM Design Project

Years 5 and 6 have been working on Level 2 STEM Design Processes this term (developing the thinking and skills needed to complete design processes). On Monday June 24th, they will set up a special ideas fair for their parents to come and check out what they have been working on. Other classes will also take a look at their work and no doubt be inspired!

Each STEM team will show their 'NRMA Future of Transport' solution, which is their idea on how to tackle a transport problem facing our community. In 'science fair' style, parents can check out the range of ideas and ask questions to see how they reached their possible solution. A few teams will then be chosen to enter the broader 'NRMA Future of Transport' competition, where they will pitch their idea.

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The A-E Common Grade Scale

From the National Education Standards Authority

Further to Mrs Outred's Principal's message at the top of the newsletter, this explains the A-E Common Grade Scale, used in our school reporting. Your child's report will be available on Friday June 21st.

This allows consistency in results from Primary school, right through to High School. The same standard is used across all NSW school systems.

The Common Grade Scale shown below can be used to report student achievement in both primary and junior secondary years in all NSW schools.

The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

A

The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B

The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C

The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D

The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E

The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

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Key Dates

Things to Remember

Tuesday June 19th: Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) 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
Monday June 24th: 2pm Years 5 & 6 STEM Fair
Tuesday June 25th: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Netball Gala day
Friday June 28th: Joeys' Hub event: Student Disco!
Monday July 1st: Handball Olympics
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
Monday July 22nd: Staff development day – no school for students
Tuesday July 23rd: Athletics Carnival for the whole school

Canteen in Term 2

Thanks to our volunteers this term! Special shout out to Debbie and Nicole for their hard work!

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

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The 2024 Joeys Disco

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sporting hero

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THE JOEYS
DISCO



BYO drink
bottle



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3-6 6:45-8.00pm

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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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