ST JOSEPH'S NEWS WEEK 6, TERM 4, 2024



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

Many thanks to those who attended the Joeys Hub (P&F) meeting on Monday night in person or online. It has been a very successful year for our community events and fundraising. Thanks to your support this year, the Hub is able to transfer \$10,000 to the school to purchase learning resources. We will use those funds for Zing Active, the whole school dance program, in Term 3 and for an online subscription to Decodable texts.

A huge thank you to this year's Class Parents and to our executive team. You've done a fantastic job and we are so appreciative! The 2025 class parents have now been finalised. We also heard that there will be a new fundraising event for next year. The Year 2 2025 parents have nominated to organise a Gala Dinner for the parent community. This will be in Term 2. How exciting!

I feel so grateful to have such a wonderful community who support the school – in whatever way you helped be part of that this year, thank you.

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Virginia Outred - Principal







Year 3 at Mater Maria

Our Year 3 students enjoyed a day at Mater Maria this week, experiencing first hand what high school is like. Many of our Year 5 students have also visited the school recently, learning more about the expectations of high school and what the campus offers. We're really happy to be able to offer our students a streamlined pathway to Mater Maria and St Pauls, through our K-12 initiative. Parents should apply for these high schools in Year 4 to firm up this opportunity for your child.

Musical Info

Costumes

Last week we sent out Costume info via Compass. You can find all the details about what's required for your student in the note from Mrs Paul.

By now, all students should have brought in their costumes in a labelled bag. Of course, if your child is wearing their required shoes for school/sport, they don't need to bring them in yet.

Soon, we will also send you a detailed run down about dress rehearsal and the performance – keep your eye out for that.

Thanks for your co-operation – the excitement levels are high!

Parent Helpers

We're looking for some parent volunteers for the day of the musical, to help students get prepared for our dress rehearsal. This will be held at Mater Maria, on Thurs November 28th. Please let your classroom teacher know if you can lend a hand.

Poster Competition winner

The entries to the poster comp were magnificent! We had standout creations from several students and will be displaying them around school and at the musical itself. There was one artwork which blew us all away, and will be the cover of our musical program. The artist behind this magnificent design was Tara S from Year 4! Well done Tara, we can't wait for everyone to see it!

Tickets

Please don't delay and grab your musical tickets today – we don't want anyone to miss out! Tickets can be purchased Try Booking using <u>THIS LINK</u>. Tickets are \$20 each. Seats are not numbered, please choose your seats when you arrive at the venue. You do not need a ticket for your St Joseph's student (they are the stars of the musical and sit with their class at the front).





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Key Info

Things to Remember

Thursday November 28th: School Musical (all students)

Thursday December 12th: Transition afternoon for 2025 classes

Tuesday December 17th: 6pm Year 6 Graduation Liturgy (Year 6 families only)

Wednesday December 18th: Last Day of School. End of year Thanksgiving Mass at 11.30am – all welcome. Followed by the Year 6 clap out. Children can go home with parents after, or be picked up at 1pm. (Supervision is provided if children stay at school until 3pm).

Vinnies Appeal – Thanks!

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We view this as a meaningful opportunity for students to learn the importance of helping those in need. This year, your kindness will bring food and joy to families facing the challenges of the cost-of-living crisis.



-Mrs Fogwell, Religious Education Co-Ordinator

P&F Hub Contribution

Have you made a contribution to the P&F Hub fund? With Christmas coming, now's the perfect time to do so (if you haven't already). It's entirely voluntary, but makes things nice and easy.

How it works: In QKR, we have a Joeys' Hub (parents and friends committee) 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!

Hop on QKR to make the payment. Your contribution covers:

 A Christmas pressie for your teacher, plus support staff throughout the school, including administration, library, Learning Support Assistants and more.
Presents for special occasions through the year for

teachers and families, such as welcoming a new baby or a wedding

🚏 Gifts to mark significant moments

This is defaulted to \$25 per student, however there's an option to donate more if you'd prefer to. You can pop on now to make your contribution. Thanks for your support!

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What's On

BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

With the Black Friday sales and Christmas approaching, it's a good time to remind parents we have a Bring Your Own device policy at Joeys. This kicks in for Year 4 and beyond. CSBB also have a discounted online option, which can be found <u>via this</u> <u>portal.</u>

You can find out more about our <u>BYOD policy and rationale here</u>. This also covers the specs you need for your child's iPad.



E-Safety for your family

On Monday night at the Joeys Hub meeting, we presented some information on cyber safety and explained the controls in place at school from the CSBB and the way you can monitor at home.

We learnt about the 3 online safety basics:

- 1.Be engaged, open and supportive
- 2. Set some rules
- 3. Use devices, games and apps carefully (utilise the parental controls on devices)

The <u>esafety commissioner</u> is Australia's independent regulator for online safety. The site is an excellent resource for students and parents alike, in fact all Australians. Their mission is to help safeguard Australians at risk from online harms and to promote safer, more positive online experiences.

We strongly encourage you to go onto the site and have a look at their family safety contracts and tech agreements in the parent's section, along with parent webinars and factsheets.



Gala Day

Our Years 3–6 students participated in the Catholic schools Northern Beaches Touch tag Gala days this week. Thank you to the parent volunteers for being there to supervise a team, it was a great two days of sport for Years 3–6.

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Music Info

Want to sign up for band?

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT AND JOIN THE JOEYS BAND! JOIN TODAY DON'T DELAY!



Are you in Year 2 or above and want to learn how to play a musical instrument?

What instrument do you want to learn to play?

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

Weekly Band rehearsals and lessons held at school. Join the Fun and Register today!



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1 Ticket for \$10 | 3 Tickets for \$25 | 10 tickets for \$75 | 15 tickets for \$100 Please visit: **rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2024** or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. Drawn on 5 December 2024 at Noon.



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