# STJOSEPH'S NEWS WEEK 10, TERM 1, 2025





Dear parents,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I'd like to thank all our families for their commitment to our school community.

Over the past weeks I've been interviewing prospective new families for kindergarten 2026. All of them say they are looking for a small, nurturing school that has a community feel. I know we offer that and I know it's because all the families add to our community in a positive way.

Our Assistant Principal (AP), Mrs Brenda Paul is taking some Long Service Leave (LSL) for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Mrs Tiffany Smith and Mrs Jade Browett will share the AP duties and Mrs Sam Carolan will be in the library for Tuesday and Thursday.

It's been a very full term - as per usual - and we are all looking forward to a break and time to recharge. I invite you to attend Mass on Easter Sunday and any of the other Holy Week events in our Lakes Parish. (Parish Home Page) for the true meaning of Easter.

Wishing you all a special break, with ample blessings,

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#### **Thank You**

A big thank you to the Kindy class for putting together an AWESOME Easter Raffle, that has raised a whopping amount for our school.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets! This is a big fundraiser for us and we appreciate your support.

A very special thank you to our two amazing class parents Ellen and Carolina for this effort and to their solid assistants Amy, Ashlee, Karina and Meg.

### Need to Know

#### **Dates of Note**

April 10th: Special Lenten Liturgy at 12.15pm
Easter Raffle drawn at school at 2.30pm in Hall.
Last day of Term. Pupil Free Day on April 11th (no students at school).

May 8th: Mother's Day Celebration: Invite below.

May 23rd: St Joseph's Gala Night (presented by Baseline).



#### **Cross Country Results**

What a great day our Cross Country was! It was inspiring to see our Joeys challenge themselves. Students who have made it through to the next round have been contacted via Compass. At Assembly tomorrow we will reveal which colour house took top honours. A big thanks to our parent volunteers and Mrs Frost, for their hard work putting on this day.



#### **Lenten Liturgy tomorrow**

Please join us in the church tomorrow (Thursday 10 April) at 12.15pm as the students dramatise and reflect on the main events of Holy Week. This depicts the events that lead to Easter Sunday, the holiest of festivals and the pinnacle of our beliefs in the Catholic church.



#### **Pupil Free Days**

What are the teachers doing on 11th & 28th-29th April? These days are three of our allocated Staff Development Days (SDD). On Friday this week the staff will gather at school to complete a module of learning on Reading Fluency and reorganise our book resources to match the text complexity levels in the NESA English curriculum. On Monday and Tuesday of Term 2 we will be joining with three fellow Catholic primary schools at Sacred Heart (Mona Vale) to listen to presenters from NESA talk about the new curriculums coming out for teaching in 2026 and 2027, plus making links with writing across all curriculum areas. While this Friday is unique to our school, all schools in our Catholic dioceses are completing this learning on those same two days.



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### Mother's Day



Rolling breakfast From 8am - 9am: Playground & Hall

Classroom visits From 8.15am

Special Liturgy 9.15am: Church

Bacon and Egg roll: \$4.50
Haloumi, Avo & Spinach roll: \$4.50
Scone with Jam & Dollop Cream: \$3.50
OMG Cinnamon Donut (vegan & gf): \$2.60
OMG Chocolate Donut (vegan & gf): \$2.60
Drew's Coffee Cart (pay as you go)

Please order your preferred breakfast & make payment via QKR by 3pm Friday May 2nd. You're welcome to simply join us or BYO too

We look forward to sharing this morning with all our special Mums, Grandmothers, Aunts & Friends



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### Parent Gala Night

#### Welcome to our Gold Sponsor, Baseline

We are thrilled to announce our Gala Night has a GOLD Sponsor. A warm welcome and thanks to <u>Baseline</u>, who have come on board to support our school in such a big way.

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### Music Info

### Want to sign up for band?

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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.

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## **TERM** DATES

#### Term 1

Jan 31: Pupil Free Day Feb 3: Years 1-6 First Day Term 1 Feb 5: Kindy First Day **April 11: Pupil Free Day April 14-27 School Holidays** (includes Easter & ANZAC Day)

#### Term 3

July 21: Pupil Free Day July 22: First Day Term 3 September 26: Pupil Free Day Sept 29-Oct 12: School Holidays

#### Term 2

April 28: Pupil Free Day April 29: Pupil Free Day **April 30: First Day Term 2** June 9: King's Bday Public Holiday July 4: Pupil Free Day July 7-20: School Holidays

#### Term 4

Oct 13: First Day Term 4 Dec 17: Last Day of 2025 Dec 18: Pupil Free Day Dec 19: Pupil Free Day Dec 22: Christmas Holidays Begin!









