

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 8, TERM 3, 2025



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

All week we've been entertained at lunchtime by our Joey superstars. **The Joeys Got Talent heats have been on and what a wide range of talent we've had showcased!** Every act has been filled with enthusiasm and excitement. It takes bravery to get up on stage and put yourself out there and we applaud all our Joeys for their efforts. Between public speaking and talent quest performances, our students are really pushing themselves to be confident and we're proud. It's so lovely hearing the students cheer on their friends.

The last Joeys Got Talent was won by Nash, who jumped more than 100 times on his pogo stick, so we look forward to seeing who will take the honours this time around!

A very warm welcome to the world for two new Joeys in our community! Finn in Kindy is the proud big brother to baby Kit and Saskia and Saoirse in Years 6 and 4 welcomed a new baby sister to the world. Congratulations to their families!

And one for your diaries... **save Dec 11th for our Christmas Carols celebration.** More details to follow soon.


Virginia Outred - Principal



Athletics Stars

Tomorrow, Archie B, Isla T and Matti C take on athletes from across half of NSW's Catholic dioceses - all chasing a spot at the All Schools State Carnival. Good luck Archie, Isla and Matti - your Joey's cheer squad is right behind you!



Need to Know

Dates of Note

Sept 18th: Special day for RUOK Day - wear yellow mufti. Spirituality Day donations due (see flyer below).
Sept 23rd: Zing showcase at school for all students - parents invited to watch from 9.15am
Sept 25th: Last day of Term 3. Interschool Challenge for Zing Activ at Homebush.
Sept 26th: Pupil free day
Oct 20th: Basketball Gala Day for Years 5 & 6
Oct 25th: 5:30pm: Family Mass (to welcome Kindy 2026)
Oct 27-28th: Years 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
Dec 11th: Christmas Carols at school - all welcome: More details to follow soon!

RUOK? Day

We're very fortunate at Joey's to have an official RUOK? Day Ambassador - Ayla in Year 6. As one of our Wellbeing Leaders, Ayla will be championing **a range of special activities on Thursday 18th**, all focused on supporting your mates, listening to others, and having the courage to share your feelings.

RUOK? Day is especially meaningful for Ayla - she is the niece of the movement's founder, Gavin, who sadly passed away in 2011. Next Thursday, Gavin's wife (and Ayla's aunt) will join morning assembly to speak to us all.

All students can wear yellow mufti to show their support, and throughout the day we'll enjoy activities that celebrate connection and care - finishing with a play at the beach for everyone.



Zing Activ Showcase

We are rapidly approaching the end of term, which means our dance moves are looking sensational! There are two ways to enjoy watching your child's dancing.

1) **The school showcase:** On Tuesday September 23rd at 9.15am, all are welcome on the basketball court to watch our students show off their dances.

2) **The all-school spectacular challenge:** You would have registered already. This is taking place on Thursday September 25th. Details in the flyer below.



Joeys Got Talent

Congratulations to all the children who performed in the Heats of Joey's Got Talent this week. We had a range of wonderful talents – dancers, singers, magicians, yo-yo masters, comedians and even a human calculator! **When the children head out to morning tea on Friday the list of finalists will be posted out on the playground wall.** A note will come home in your child's bag if they have been chosen as a finalist. It was a very hard decision for the Year 6 judges and teachers to pick the finalists, with so many amazing acts. Well done everyone, it has been so much fun watching you all shine! - Mrs Browett



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Joey's Hub

More Info

What is the Joey's Hub?

It's what we call our Parents & Friends association.

What does it do?

The Hub meets every term to discuss school-related matters and how we, as parents, can support both the school and our community. You can come along any time – there's no ongoing commitment. It's a great way to hear what's happening and have your say in our village.

What's involved?

Class parents (who are part of the Hub) share updates about events and ways you can volunteer or support. Each class runs a Hub event each year, usually designed to celebrate and nurture our community. These include Father's Day, Grandparents' Day, the Disco and more.

What do you fundraise for?

Some events are purely for fun, like the Disco, while others raise funds, such as the Easter Raffle or Gala Night. Each year, the leadership committee meets with the Principal to allocate funds that enhance and enrich our Joey's experience at school. In the past, the Hub has contributed to playground artworks and the number grid, the Friendology program, and this year, Zing Activ dance.

Do I need to have an official role?

No – you can simply be part of the Hub. We share meeting details in the newsletter.

What if I want to do more?

Fantastic! We're currently looking for new Hub members to join the leadership team. Roles typically span three years to allow for continuity, and they can be shared with someone else if that works better for you.

Leadership roles (a quick overview):

- **Treasurer:** Currently filled by Geri (thank you!). Manages funds and reimbursements for parents as required.
- **Secretary: Open for 2026 and beyond.** Takes minutes, prepares agendas, runs meetings and keeps things on track.
- **Class Parent Co-ordinator: Open for 2026 and beyond.** Liaises with class parents across year groups, supports and guides event planning, and works with the Principal and Marketing Manager to ensure clear communication.
- **CSP Rep: Open for 2026 and beyond.** Attends Broken Bay Catholic Schools Parents meetings (virtually), then shares key updates and initiatives with our community via the Principal and Marketing Manager.

A massive thank you to our current executive committee – Julia L (Class Parent Co-ordinator), Jackie O (CSP Rep) and Karina S (Secretary). You've been absolute rockstars, strengthening our community in so many ways!

If you'd like to know more, please reach out to Virginia or Kerrie – even a casual, confidential chat is welcome.

*Joey's
Hub*

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Family Mass

We'd love you to join us!

We invite you to join us at the St
Joseph's Parish Family Mass



Welcoming Kindy 2026

On October 25th at 5:30pm
At St Joseph's Parish Church

With a special performance by and gift from
Kindergarten 2025

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Vinnies Snack Packs

Help Us Help Those in Need



Vinnies Snack Packs



Each year, the staff of St Joseph's engage in a spirituality day. This year our spirituality day will revolve around shared mission and engaging in charity work. It is important to us to live our Catholic Values and do what we can for those in need. We reached out to St Vincent DePaul as we have a great relationship and admire the work they do. Together, we have planned to make snack packs for homeless men and women.

We need your help please. To have enough donations to pack and share with Vinnies, may you please donate the following items by **Thursday 18th September (Week 9)**. These items will be packaged into zip lock bags so please purchase packs with individual packs of each item.

Staff

Noodle cup, soup and tuna

Year 3

Juice poppers

Kindy

Le Snacks

Year 4

Fruit cups

Year 1

Individual chip packets

Year 5

Individual biscuit packs

Year 2

Individual sultana boxes

Year 6

Nut free muesli bars

Thank you so much for your assistance with this and the generosity you show throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated!

Tiffany Smith, REC

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Band Info

Want to be part of our amazing band?

JOEYS BAND is

AWESOME!

and we want you to
join in the fun!

OPEN TO ALL JOEYS IN YEARS 2-6

ENROL today

FLUTE
CLARINET
SAXOPHONE
TRUMPET
TROMBONE
PERCUSSION
BASS GUITAR

click **HERE**
for all the info



MEET THE INSTRUMENTS MORNING:

Wednesday September 10th 9am at school



BAND PROGRAM INFO ZOOM MEETING:

Wednesday September 10th @ 7pm

Click **HERE** to join meeting

(Zoom Meeting ID: 650 333 7164 Passcode: musiclinks)



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Joeys Got Talent

Get Ready to Shine!



TERM 3:

WEEK 7: TRY OUTS IN CLASS

WEEK 8: LUNCHTIME HEATS

WEEK 9: THE GRAND FINAL (PARENTS & CARERS OF FINALISTS
INVITED TO ATTEND)

OPEN TO ALL

Musicians, singers, dancers, rappers,
actors, comedians, magicians, etc.

SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE HANDED OUT IN WEEKS 3 & 4
START ORGANISING - WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU SHINE!

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Zing Activ

Interschool Challenge



INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term your children have had the opportunity of experiencing our dance program. The children have not only had fun but also learnt wonderful new dance skills as well as social skills.

We will host a ZING Activ Interschool Dance event which will involve other schools that have also participated in the program this term.

This will be a very exciting event for the children as they have the opportunity of representing their school. Parents and families are strongly encouraged to attend this event to support their children and their school. This is also the perfect opportunity for parents to witness the skills their children have acquired – you will be impressed!

The Challenge is open to ALL students from Years 3 to Years 6 with a fantastic atmosphere and it will be a wonderful occasion for the whole school community.

CHALLENGE DETAILS

DATE: Thursday 25th of September 2025

TIME: Doors open 4.30pm for 5.30pm start.
Finishes between 8:00 - 8:30pm

VENUE: Quay Centre, Homebush - Olympic Blvd, Sydney Olympic Park

COST: \$17.50 per person (including children competing)

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale **Monday 18th August at 9.00am** and you can only purchase your tickets and allocated seats for the evening directly through www.trybooking.com

TRYBOOKING.COM – Instructions for ticket purchase

1. Go to www.trybooking.com
2. Go to "Search Event" and enter "zing activ"
3. Select the date of Challenge you wish to attend and then click "Book Now"
4. Select the school your child attends
5. Enter the number of children dancing and then click "Next"
6. Select "Buy More Tickets"
7. Scroll to your Schools spectator section
8. Enter the number of spectator seats you wish to purchase, then click on the seats and then click "Next"
9. Finalise your payment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DRESS CODE: We suggest that children wear attire that they feel most comfortable in and relevant to this special occasion. Please be mindful of footwear.

CATERING: If your children require food or drinks, they will need to bring it with them as they will not be able to leave their school area to go to parents at any time. Security guards will also not allow any commercially prepared food to be brought into the venue. Adults are NOT permitted to bring any alcohol inside the venue. There is an onsite cafe where parents and friends can purchase food throughout the night.

SECURITY: Once children are in the Arena, they are not allowed outside and must remain in their allocated school area. All children must be collected from the Main Arena area by a parent or authorised person. Children will not be allowed to leave the Arena to meet parents outside the venue.

We very much look forward to your company on the night and look forward to a wonderful time for all.

Kind regards
Maria Russo & Chris Milburn

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