

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 1, TERM 4, 2025



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents

As I begin my last term at Joeys, indeed my last working term it's a very bittersweet feeling. I look forward to enjoying all Term 4 offers and to build more memories of my wonderful years here.

Our new principal, Mrs Liz Jones was announced on Tuesday. We look forward to meeting her at some events this term.

In other staffing news, Mrs Tiffany Smith, our Year 1 teacher and Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator (REC) will go on maternity leave from Nov 10th. Miss Natalie Gaul will teach Year 1 for 4 days a week with Mrs Kath McCamey continuing on Thursdays in Year 1. Kath Fogwell will return for an extra day to be the REC for the rest of this year.

We were also so pleased this week to announce **Mrs Kath Fogwell as the Acting Assistant Principal (AP) for 2026.** Kath brings her passion for learning, knowledge of community and extensive leadership experience to this role.

The very much loved Mrs Brenda Paul has been the AP at Joeys since Term 4 2011 and has served the community with dedication, expertise and a huge sense of fun! We are all very happy for Brenda, who, after major change in her life in the past 18 months, has made the huge decision to step down from the role of AP but will continue at the school in 2026 for 3 days a week in other roles.

We are currently finalising the 3rd leadership role of Acting REC for 2026 and will announce when ready. Teachers and class allocations will be announced as per usual in the Week 8 newsletter.



Assembly

Our first Assembly for Term 4 will be next Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall. We will present Term 3's Build in Love awards, as well as reveal this term's Class Captains. All are welcome to join.


Virginia Outred - Principal

Need to Know

Dates of Note

Oct 20th: Basketball Gala Day for Years 5 & 6
Oct 25th: 5:20pm: Family Mass (to welcome Kindy 2026)
Oct 27-28th: Years 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
Nov 3: 6.30pm: Joey's Hub meeting followed by Parent Consultation meeting 7-8pm
Nov 3-24th: Mondays: Years 3-6 have NRL sports clinics
Nov 4th: Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Touch Football Gala Day
Nov 18th-24th: Book Fair in the Library (more info to follow)
Nov 18th: Mater Maria 'Links Day' (visit to high school) for Year 3
Nov 19th: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Touch Football Gala Day
Nov 20th: Band assembly and awards
Dec 11th: Christmas Carols at school - all welcome: More details to follow soon!
Dec 12th: Semester 2 school reports available
Dec 16th: Year 6 Graduation Liturgy at 5.30pm in the Church
Dec 17th: Last day of school for all students. Whole school Mass at 11.30am

Parent Consultation Meeting

Invitation from CSBB to a Parent Consultation meeting for our St Joseph's community: Monday 3rd Nov. 7-8pm

Marc Reicher (former principal of Mater Maria Catholic College) is now the precinct leader for the Northern Beaches precinct of Catholic schools. He will be attending our school on Monday 3rd November to conduct a consultation session with parents covering these 3 areas:

- Introduction of the Strategic Plan and the Local Context – a check in that the needs identified are accurate and identify any other needs.
- Collecting the Wisdom – brainstorming exercise to collect ideas from those in attendance on how together we can meet the identified needs.
- Analysing the Priorities – reviewing the ideas listed and deciding what the priorities may be.

Once completed in all schools of the Northern Beaches Precinct, a summary paper will be created and distributed back to the school communities.

This information will inform the strategic direction moving forward and will be presented to the CSBB Board in May 2026, for their discernment.

Please come along and have your say.

This meeting will follow our Joeys Hub (P&F) AGM at 6.30pm. The evening will conclude by 8pm.

Our new Principal Liz Jones will attend this meeting, to meet parents and to take part in the consultation session.

We will also be taking nominations for our Joeys' Hub executive team - so look forward to hearing from those who are keen!

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What's On

Kindy 2026 Transition

Our transition sessions for Kindergarten 2026 begin next Wednesday and continue in Weeks 3 and 4. We look forward to meeting our new Joeys and their families as we take this opportunity to get to know them and let them settle into our school.

There will also be a Welcome Mass on Saturday 25th Oct at St Joseph's church at 5.20pm. Our current kindergarten class will sing before the Mass. Please join us at Mass to welcome our new families.

We also have two classes for next year... which means we have a few places open for Kindy 2026 enrolment. Please feel free to let any potential families know they can apply.



Zing Activ

Thanks to those families who came and competed at the Zing school showcase at the end of term. It was a huge night of dancing and so much fun! We were very successful, with lots of our Joeys winning ribbons. Year 3 also won their division and the school won the trophy as overall winners for our division too. Turns out we are a school with some very good dancers!



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Readers at Mass

Well done to Benji in Year 4, who recently did his first reading at Mass.

Benji saw the call-out in a recent newsletter and put his hand up to do a reading. He was guided through the process by a parishioner, and was given a blessing by Father Robert beforehand.

He did a wonderful job and got fantastic feedback.

If you would like your child to do a reading as well, please contact Lesley via the Parish office (02) 9982 1058.



Religious Arts Prize

A big congratulations to Year 1 students Annabelle, Matilda and Ruby, who were awarded 2nd place in the Religious Creative Arts competition for their dance! They will be presented with their certificates at a special showcase evening on Nov 12th. Awesome!



Baby News

Year 1's Eloise H became a proud big sister over the holidays. A big congrats and warm welcome to our newest Joey, baby Oscar! Sending lots of love to Eloise and her family.



Thank You!

Thank you so much for donating snacks for our Staff Spirituality Day on the last day of term. The staff welcomed a guest speaker from St Vincent De Paul and worked hard to create snack packs for the homeless. We created over 100 snack packs with plenty of left over snacks for families who are doing it tough. Thank you again for your incredible generosity, your donations make a big difference to people in need.

-Tiffany Smith, Religious Education Co-ordinator



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Bus Open Day

Brookvale Bus Depot Community Fun Day

FREE

Join us to celebrate the
rollout of electric buses

Sat 25 Oct
10am-1pm

630-636 Pittwater Rd,
Brookvale



Enjoy a free day out with family,
friends and bus enthusiasts as you
get to know the new electric buses
that will soon be travelling through
your local neighbourhood.

Explore the new buses



Hop on board and
explore the new
electric buses

Take a tour



Take a heritage
tour with the
Bus Museum

Enjoy a BBQ lunch



Plus coffee
and ice cream

Get creative



Get your face
painted and build
a miniature bus,
or colour in your
own bus design



Children must be supervised by
a responsible adult at all times.



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Family Mass

(Please note new time of 5.20pm)

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



Welcoming Kindy 2026

On October 25th at 5:20pm

At St Joseph's Parish Church

With a special performance by and gift from
Kindergarten 2025 to be given after the Mass..

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Mater Maria

Enrolment Info and Deadline



YEAR 7 2028 ENROLMENTS CLOSE END OF TERM 1, 2026 SECURE YOUR PLACE EARLY!

K-12 Catholic Education Pathway

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) offers a caring, values-based education from Kindergarten to Year 12. Students in CSBB primary schools are supported to continue their learning journey into secondary school within the CSBB system.

Seamless Transition to High School

Our primary schools work closely with Mater Maria Catholic College to ensure a smooth and supported transition to Year 7.

Priority Enrolment for Feeder Schools

If your child attends a CSBB systemic primary school, you may be eligible for priority enrolment at Mater Maria (subject to enrolment windows and CSBB Enrolment Principles).

Northern Beaches Feeder Schools Include:

- Maria Regina Catholic Primary School (Avalon)
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School (Forestville)
- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Mona Vale)
- St John the Apostle Catholic Primary School (Narrabeena)
- St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School (Freshwater)
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Narrabeen)
- St Kieran's Catholic Primary School (Manly Vale)
- St Kevin's Catholic Primary School (Dee Why)
- St Martin's Catholic Primary School (Davidson)
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Manly)
- St Rose Catholic Primary School (Collaroy Plateau)



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**MATER MARIA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

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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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