

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 5, TERM 4, 2025



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

My retirement liturgy last Thursday was such a beautiful event, where I truly felt the love of this community. I would like to thank the staff who put it together and to all the children who practised the special blessing song (and other beautiful touches) and then all behaved so well in the church when there were many special guests present. **I appreciate the effort and love** that was poured into this liturgy and I shall treasure the memory of it and how special I felt.

Speaking of special... **our incredible athlete Isla T competed in the State relay last week.** The 11 Girls team 4x100m broke the State record in the heats then smashed an Australian Best Performance in the final! Absolutely incredible.

Next week our **Isla runs in the Australian Schools Athletics Championships in Canberra** in 100m and 200m. We are all behind you Isla and so very proud!

Lastly, we send our deepest love and prayers to the family of Riona R in Year 3, and to former Joeys Riley and Calan, along with Mum Grainne and Dad Ewan - following the sad passing of Grainne's mother last week.


Virginia Outred - Principal



Joey's Book Fair

It's ON! Running until Monday 24 November, the Scholastic Book Fair is set up in the school library. These fairs are both a fundraiser for schools, with a portion of sales used to purchase new reading resources, and a way to promote literacy by giving students access to books they can choose themselves, which encourages a passion for reading. **The library will be open from 2.45 to 3.30pm most of those afternoons for sales.** Alternatively, a pre-payment form has been sent home with each child.

Need to Know

Social Media Delay

Is your family ready for the social media delay on December 10th?

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT asked Dr Michael Carr-Gregg - one of Australia's leading psychologists, authors and broadcasters - to help educators, parents and carers of children under 16 prepare for the upcoming changes to social media platforms.

In this 30-minute video, **Dr Carr-Gregg explains what social media is, how the new age restrictions will work, why the changes are happening and how they will affect families and schools.**

We invite parents and educators to set aside half an hour to watch this video so they feel informed and equipped to support their families and students through these changes. **You can watch here.**

Hay there...

Here's a random request. Before we go investigating, we wondered if anyone in our community:

- 1) Can source us two hay bales (we will pay)
- 2) Can then use/take away the bales once we are finished with them

EG: Do you work with horses? Use them for landscaping? Just love hay?

Please let Lulu know if you can help. Thanks!



Socktober thanks

'The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need'. Late Pope Francis. **A huge thank you to our Joey's families for donating \$238** for Socktober. This money will go directly towards helping those living in poverty.



Bus behaviour

We've unfortunately had some complaints about poor behaviour by Joeys students on some bus lines. Can you please have a chat to your child about representing themselves and the school with pride while they're in the community? Buses are not a place for shouting, throwing objects, swinging on the bars and wrestling. If your child catches a public bus, it's also a good chance to talk about giving up their seat for the general public when a bus is crowded. Thanks for your support.

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Need to Know

Dates of Note

Nov 18th-24th: Book Fair in the Library

Nov 20th: Band assembly and awards

Dec 11th: Christmas Carols at school - all welcome: 5.00pm start time

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. Early dismissal at 1pm.

Mater Maria Day

Our Year 3 students had a very exciting day this week. They got to experience what the future holds... **visiting Mater Maria College for a taste of high school.** The students took part in lessons such as language, science, cooking and sports. They had an absolute ball and particularly loved spotting their buddies in their high school environment! Thanks for being wonderful representatives of Joeys!



Gala Day - Years 3 and 4

We've had some great fun with Gala Days this Term and managed to squeeze one more in this week. **Years 3 and 4 put their NRL Clinic skills to the test with their Oz Tag Gala Day.** The teams competed fairly and had a total blast. Nice work Years 3 and 4!



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WE'RE HIRING

Parish Administrative Assistant/ Sacramental Coordinator

The Lakes Catholic Parish is seeking a friendly and organised person to support our parish administration and sacramental programs.

The role includes welcoming parishioners and visitors, assisting with parish communications and records, and helping coordinate our sacramental preparation programs.

If you have strong administrative skills, a warm manner, and a commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church, we'd love to hear from you.

Part-time Position – Days are negotiable, 15 hours per week

To apply or learn more, contact the Parish Priest, Fr Robert Borg
Robert.Borg@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close of business 9 December 2025.

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Christmas Carols

St Joseph's Narrabeen



December 11
at 5.00 PM

Basketball Court, Playground

Enjoy classic carols,
festive favourites & a
warm community spirit

**Students to please
wear Christmas colours**

**BYO nibbles, picnic
rugs & low seats
(no alcohol event)**

Extended family (grandparents and grandfriends) welcome

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