STJOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 7, TERM 4, 2025





This Week at Joeys

This week has been Wellbeing Week, when we try to slow down a little, take a break from homework and meetings and take some time to practice positive selfcare. Our Year 6 leaders led their Wellbeing groups on Wednesday afternoon in a session on kindness and growing the kindness culture at our school. Thanks to our Year 6 leaders and Year 5 students for being models for all our students and to Mrs Browett for organising activities and resources for the session.

A special shout out to our band (pictured right), who performed so beautifully for us last week! It's astonishing how much they've developed as a group and their Christmas songs really got us in the festive spirit.

At assembly next week we will have a special farewell for our St Lucy's students and staff. For the past 25 years the St Lucy's school at Wahroonga for students with diverse learning needs has had two satellite classes at our school, staffed by the lovely St Lucy's team of teachers. These classes have enabled some children to gain lots of skills and sometimes, join a mainstream school for Year 2 and beyond. For us at Joeys it means we integrate a diverse group of children across our school day and learn that we can all get along well by making some adjustments and looking out for each other. This has always enriched our school community. We thank the current and past St Lucy's students and staff; we will miss you and wish you all the best in your continuing learning journey.







Good Luck Isla!

Isla begins competition tomorrow at the Australian Championships. She is racing in the 100 and 200M Girls events and we are so proud of her. We can't wait to watch you run Isla!

Need to Know

Dates of Note

Dec 4th: 2.30pm: Final School assembly for the year. Farewell to St Lucy's **Dec 11th:** 2.00pm: Meet the 2026 teacher for 2026 classes (students only) **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

Book Fair - Thanks!

A massive thank you to all the families who supported the Book Fair. Not only is it fantastic that our Joey's are excited by books, but your contributions mean Scholastic dollars for us to purchase more books! What a win/win!

Brenda Paul - Assistant Principal and Librarian



St Vincent de Paul Appeal

Christmas is a time of hope, joy, and giving from the **heart.** Each year, St Joseph's supports the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal by providing goods for Christmas hampers. These hampers offer urgent assistance to families in need within our local community. Your child will bring home a note with further details. As always, your support is very much appreciated.



Advent at Joeys

Advent, which starts this Sunday, is a season of anticipation and hope, marking the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. It invites us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, both in the celebration of His birth at Christmas and in the expectation of His return.

Our Year 6 Mission Leaders, Max, Saskia, and Daniel, have initiated a number of ideas to encourage us all to reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love during this Advent season. You will notice posters around the school, announcements at assembly, moments of peaceful breathing, and your child will bring home an Advent calendar.

This calendar isn't filled with chocolate, but rather daily ideas to help us prepare for Christmas. We encourage you to join in with each daily Advent challenge: it starts with dancing!



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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

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