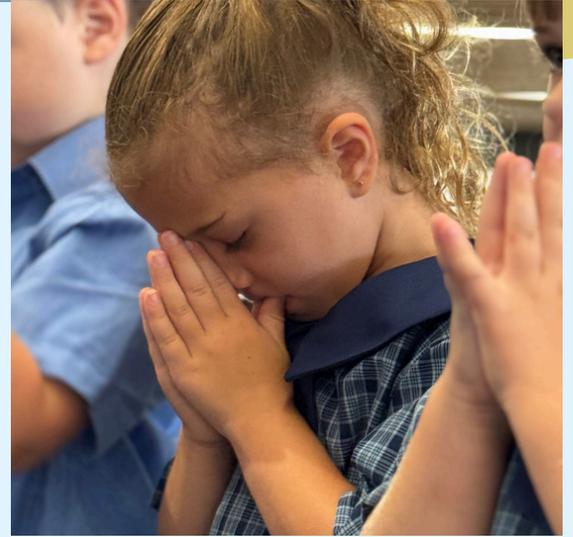


# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 3, TERM 1, 2026



## This Week at Joeys

The first weeks of the school year have certainly been busy and **we have much to celebrate and be grateful for.**

Whilst the weather may not have been optimal on Monday for our Swimming Carnival; it didn't dampen our spirits! **The children were able to participate in a fabulous Carnival**, and it was tremendous to see many achieve their personal best - from overcoming nerves to enter a race for the first time, through to our seasoned swimmers who reached new milestones.

Congratulations to all our students who participated so enthusiastically, demonstrated excellent behaviour and cheered on their friends throughout the morning - beautifully led and encouraged by our Year 6 leaders.

**A big thank you to our PE teacher, Mrs Frost**, for her thorough organisation and planning and to all the Joeys staff for making the carnival a happy experience for all the children. **And finally, a huge thank you to our parent volunteers.** We are blessed to have so many parents able to give generously of their time so that we can hold days like this. We are very grateful!

The winners of the Points Trophy and Spirit Cup will be announced by Mrs Frost on Friday and results added to the newsletter next week. Mrs Frost will inform students who have progressed to the Northern Beaches Zone Carnival, to be held on Thursday 26 February at Warringah Aquatic Centre.

Liz Jones - Principal

## Welcome Mass

**Today we gathered as a school community to pray a blessing upon the year ahead, welcome our new community members and students and bless our Year 6 Leaders.**

The words of the gospel read calls each of us 'to let the children come.' This call is for our entire community; parents as the first educators of their child in faith, for teachers as educators of the children in our school and in special way for our Year 6 leaders to support us in welcoming each child and family to our Joeys community.

Pope Leo has announced this year as the Franciscan Jubilee Year. In the Year 6 Leader's Pledge, our students commit to the following:

*In living out our school motto "Build in Love", we will lead by example through the values of community, respect, compassion and stewardship, in everything we do and everything we say.*

My hope and prayer for 2026 is that we all embrace this pledge, and like St Joseph and St Frances, **we foster peace, care for others and respect for the gift of creation that surround our dwelling place.**

# Need to Know

## Dates of note

Please see below for Term 1 key dates (updated) and 2026 Year overview.

## HOW TO support your child's time at Joeys

Attend Parent Info Night: Monday Feb 16th  
6.00pm OR 6.30pm  
(in their classroom)

Take part in the Joey's Hub (P&F) meeting: Monday Feb 16th 7.00pm  
(in the library)

### Monday Feb 16th

We'd love you to be part of your child's Joey's experience by coming to school on Monday.

The Parent Info night has two identical sessions, so you can choose a time that best suits: 6.00pm or 6.30pm. (Note this is for parents only, not students).

The Joey's Hub meeting will be held straight after at 7.00pm in the library. This is a great chance to hear about what's planned for the year ahead and get to know some fellow parents. Can't be there in person? This meeting will also be shared via Zoom and a link to the meeting will be sent on Monday via Compass.



## NAPLAN: Years 3 & 5

**NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)** begins with the Writing assessment on Wednesday March 11th, followed by one assessment each day until Friday March 13th.

Make-up sessions for students due to illness or misadventure will be available on Friday 13 (for Year 3 Writing only) and Friday March 20th. Please refer to the NESI Information for Parents letter (for years 3 and 5 parents only) on Compass for further details.



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# Coming Up

## Ash Wednesday

**It is start of Lent next week**, a very important time for Catholics. Our whole school has a special **Ash Wednesday liturgy at 12.30pm**, which you are warmly welcome to attend.

**Project Compassion will begin**, and your child will receive a fundraising collection box next week if you'd like to contribute.



## Year 6 Fundraiser

**Thank you so much for your generous support of Year 6's first 2026 fundraiser!** Iceblock day was a fun way to raise money for their end of year gift. Their efforts continue with the next iceblock day already scheduled ... it's on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> and orders close on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**Zooper Doopers are \$1 each, available on QKR now.** The Year 6 group appreciate your support!



## Families on the Green

**Our awesome Joey's Welcome Event is coming up! Don't miss out!**

Join us for bowling or just a casual catch up on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Family tickets are available now via QKR. Please see flyer below for more details.



## Second Hand Uniforms

**Looking for second hand uniform items?** Find out how it works -including how what's available and how to order - **via our website here**. A big thanks to Renata, our volunteer who runs this service.

**Have items to donate?** We'd love them! Please donate clean and good quality second hand items to the office. Thanks!

## CSP Representative

**We're looking for a volunteer to be our St Joseph's Catholic Schools Parent (CSP) Representative - could it be you?**

You just need to attend quarterly meetings and let the school know what initiatives are happening and how our community may benefit. It's a wonderful role designed to support our village.

Keen to put your hand up? Please let us know at the Monday night Hub meeting or email the school. Thanks!

## Class Captains - Term 1

**Being chosen as a Class Captain is a huge deal! At St Joseph's, students are elected by their peers for this role and represent their class for a whole term. Congratulations to:**

**KINDY BLUE:** Leo dH  
**KINDY YELLOW:** Molly B  
**YEAR 1:** Matthew W  
**YEAR 2:** Zali G

**YEAR 3:** Mackenzie K  
**YEAR 4:** Zac D  
**YEAR 5:** Isaac M  
**YEAR 6:** Ava S



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**YOU'RE INVITED**

*Joey's  
Hub*

# WELCOME



# TO

# JOEYS

**FAMILIES ON THE GREEN**

**DATE**

# MARCH 1ST

**2PM-5PM**

MONA VALE BOWLING CLUB  
TIX: \$25 PER FAMILY,  
AVAILABLE ON QKR!

TICKET SALES CLOSE  
MON FEB 23RD



**TICKETS INCLUDE:**

- BAREFOOT BOWLS
- NIBBLES

Please note: This is a parent-led event. Supervision of children is the responsibility of parents. Thanks!

# TERM 1

## KEY DATES



**Parent Info Night: Feb 16th 6.00pm OR 6.30pm followed by...**

**Joey's Hub Meeting (P&F): Feb 16th 7.00pm**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy: Feb 18th 12.30pm**

**NB Cluster swim carnival: Feb 26th**

**Welcome Event: Families on the Green: March 1st**

**Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) Leadership Day: March 5th**

**Broken Bay swim carnival: March 10th**

**Cross Country - Yrs 2-6: March 16th**

**Open Day: March 18th**

**St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy: March 19th 12.30pm**

**Last Day: April 2nd**



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# 2026 TERM DATES

## Term 1

**Jan 29: Years 1-6 First Day Term 1**  
**Jan 30: Kindy First Day**  
**April 2: Last Day of Term 1**  
**April 6-17 School Holidays**

## Term 2

**April 20: Pupil Free Day**  
**April 21: First Day Term 2**  
**April 25: ANZAC Day (no school)**  
**June 8: King's Bday Public Holiday**  
**July 1: Last Day of Term 2**  
**July 2 & 3: Pupil Free Day**  
**July 6-17: School Holidays**

## Term 3

**July 20: Pupil Free Day**  
**July 21: First Day Term 3**  
**August 17: Pupil Free Day**  
**September 25: Last Day of Term 3**  
**Sept 28-Oct 9: School Holidays**

## Term 4

**Oct 12: First Day Term 4**  
**Dec 15: Last Day of 2025**  
**Dec 16 & 17: Pupil Free Days**  
**Dec 18: Christmas Holidays Begin!**



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