

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 6, TERM 1, 2026



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents and carers of our Joeys' community,

The week certainly commenced with global situations filling every space and the images and updates are very confronting. **I pray that your family and extended family members are safe during this time.** It is a nervous wait for the Broken Bay community as Bishop Anthony awaits safe passage from Dubai. As you may be aware, Bishop Anthony was en route to Rome for a series of meetings and was in transit in Dubai. We join with all people across the world, and Bishop Anthony, to lift our prayers for peace, holding Bishop Anthony's words in our prayers and actions **"May we seek peace, pursue peace, and speak peace."**

Today our Year 5 and 6 students ventured up the hill to the Collaroy Centre for their Leadership Day. From all reports, the day has been filled with laughter, skill building and lots of fun!

Next Wednesday March 10th, six of our students will **represent Joeys and the Northern Beaches at the Broken Bay Swimming Carnival.** We wish Zack H, Charlie G, Benji C, Evelyn S and Alexia W all the best!

Finally, well done to a group of selected **Year 6 students who attended a special Maths Enrichment Day at Maria Regina this week,** along with students from other Northern Beaches Catholic primary schools. It's fantastic to be able to collaborate as a Northern Beaches cluster and give our students even more opportunities to grow and shine.

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Liz Jones - Principal

Wellbeing Week

Wednesday, March 11th marks the start of NAPLAN assessments for Yrs 3 and 5. **Next week, Week 7, is also Wellbeing Week** - a perfect opportunity for parents and students to engage in activities that foster joy, calm, and balance. We hope that creating some quiet, mindful space will help students approach NAPLAN with a calm presence and see it as a moment-in-time assessment.

Cross Country

If your Joey is in Year 2-6, you've just received the Compass entry form for **the upcoming Cross Country event.** Mrs Frost has encouraged every student to enter, even if just for fun!

Please **submit their entry form,** and let us know if you can lend a hand on the day! Parent helpers are VERY appreciated.

Need to Know

Dates of note

Please see below for 2026 Year overview.

- March 10th:** Broken Bay Cluster swim carnival
- March 16th:** Cross Country - Years 2-6
- March 18th:** Our Open Day! 9.15 kick off
- March 19th:** St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy, starts 12.30pm
- April 2nd:** Last day of Term
- April 21st:** First day of Term 2
- April 27th:** ANZAC Day public holiday



Student Opal Cards

Have you moved or has your Opal card expired?

To change student details for a School Opal card or school travel pass, you will need to re-apply or update their details here

[Update or renew a school travel pass | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)



Kiss n Ride: Important update

It's a good time to remind everyone about Kiss and Ride procedures. We've received feedback from the local community, staff, and parents highlighting the need for clear guidelines. **Please read this in the spirit of keeping our students safe** - we appreciate the Joeys community leaning into these processes.

- The Kiss and Ride operates in the No Parking zone on Lagoon Street from 3:05pm. You may not park in this space.
- Parents should inform their child if they are to use Kiss and Ride, so they're ready to go.
- **Display a sign with your family last name in the front left window.** Ask the office if you need a printed, laminated sign.
- Children will be escorted to cars by a staff member. **Parents must remain in their vehicles.**
- If your child is not present, you will be asked to drive around the block while your child is located.
- **PLEASE do not queue in Wellington Street** - this interferes with traffic, and causes people to very dangerously try to get around.
- Staggering pick-up times helps prevent queues: come at 3.10pm or even 3.15pm. Supervision is provided until 3:20pm. After this, parents should park and collect children from the bus duty teacher in the playground.

Additional Safety Points:

- If your child cannot get into the car and fasten their seatbelt independently, please park and collect them from the playground.
- Children should enter or exit on the kerb side to stay away from passing traffic, as recommended by NSW Transport's Centre for School Safety.
- Here are further guidelines: [NSW No Parking and No Stopping Rules](#)

Thank you for helping us keep Kiss and Ride safe, smooth, and stress-free for everyone.

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Welcome Event

Thank you!

A huge thank you to our Joey's Hub leaders: Geri, Amy, Mon and Ash (and their partners) who put on an EXCEPTIONAL welcome event last Sunday.

The afternoon was so much fun and the lawn bowls (expertly organised by Pete T) was the perfect way to break the ice, crush a few dreams and aspirations (yikes), make new friends and unearth hidden talent and competitive spirits! Congrats to Zara C's family, who took the top honours!





Your invitation to the
**Stella Maris College
Open Evening**

**Wednesday 18 March
4.00pm - 7.30pm**

Tour the campus with a student ambassador.
Meet our Principal and attend her address at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm.
Talk with teachers, staff, students and Registrar.
Enjoy subject area displays and hands-on activities.
Experience the vibrant and inclusive Stella community.



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Narrabeen difference**

**OPEN DAY
MARCH 18TH 9:15AM**

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NorthernBeachesOpenDays.com.au



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 27: ANZAC Day Public Holiday (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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