

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 1, TERM 1, 2025



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents ,

Welcome to the 2025 school year at Joeys.

I trust you had a refreshing and relaxing festive season and summer break. **Thank you for having your children prepared for the school year**, not only with uniforms and supplies, but with a positive attitude to school and learning. We have had a calm and happy start to the year this week.

A very special warm welcome is extended to our new kindergarten students and their families, who had their first day yesterday. We have 30 new kinder students and 21 new families.

We also welcome seven new children and their families across grades 1-6; the Marin- O'Shea, Reape, Terry, Vanderwerf and Zaccone families. We hope you all feel very settled at our school and in our village, and we look forward to a long-term relationship with you.

There are now a total of 195 students at our school with **all classes at capacity**. This is testament to the wonderful community we have all created and embraced: students, staff and parents.



Key Dates: Term 1

This newsletter is the “source of truth” for dates and details, as well as the communications via Compass emails. Our FB and Insta sites are where you can see what’s happening as well as receiving reminders. Please stay abreast of what’s going on by reading the newsletter each week.

Below you’ll find upcoming key dates and events for your awareness. There are two very handy guides, one for term and holiday dates for 2025 (including our pupil free days), and one which is a list of dates for Term 1.

Virginia Outred
Virginia Outred - Principal

Key Info

Swimming Carnival: Years 2-6

We're so excited for the carnival! It's for Years 2-6 and will be held at Manly Andrew Boy Charlton Aquatic Centre this Monday, February 10th, 2025.

Important: Buses will leave school at 8.15am sharp. Please arrive at school no later than 8am for a timely departure as buses can't wait for students. The buses will return at around 1.00pm. Students will be brought back to school by bus. Find out everything else you need to know, [via this link](#).



Parenting Programs

CatholicCare offer our families **an amazing range of parenting programs - absolutely free**. Most are online.

These programs give parents support around building connections with their children; managing behaviour without arguments and shouting and; helping your child regulate their emotions.

There are three upcoming programs: 1-2-3 Magic, Tuning into Teens and Circle of Security.

Interested? **Find a program that suits you and register here.**

A photograph of a family (father, mother, and two children) smiling together. The CatholicCare logo is visible in the top left corner of the photo.

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FREE PARENTING PROGRAMS

1-2-3 MAGIC
TUNING INTO TEENS
CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Welcome Mass

Our beginning of year Welcome Mass will be held on **Thursday Feb 20th at 9.30am in St Joseph's Church**. (It will go until approx 10.30am).

As we begin our school year, you are all invited as we ask for God's blessing upon our school and community in all we do. The new Kindy students will process in with their Year 6 Buddies, our Term 1 Class Captains will receive their class candle for the year and our Year 6 leaders will receive their badges. Even if you're not Catholic, you are most welcome to come and join this special celebration of our community and students.

Also, **our Parish will soon begin the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)**. Please attend Church on Sunday if you'd like to know more.



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What's On

Need a new Uniform?

A friendly reminder we have a second hand uniform shop, so if your child has outgrown their uniform and it's in good condition (and isn't the old uniform), please give it to Kerrie to re-enter circulation. **We love donations!** We also don't accept old hats.

If you're in need of new items, you can have them delivered direct to the school new via our uniform supplier and/or find out more about how to order second hand items [via our website](#).



Parent Information Evening

This will be held on Monday Feb 17th. There are two identical sessions - one at 6.30pm and one at 7.00pm. The sessions are half hour and repeated so that you can get to at least two classes if you have more than one child at the school. This is a great chance to hear the focus of your child's learning and find out how you can best support them. Parents will hear from their child's teacher, in their child's classroom. (This is for parents only, no students).

Joeys Hub Meeting (P&F)

We've put our first Parents and Friends 'Joeys Hub' meeting straight after the second Parent Info session, for ease. **We'll cover off the events planned for the year** and allocate these to classes, so all class parents for 2025 will hopefully be able to attend (or at least one of you). Everyone is welcome to hear what's in store this year!



Lunch at the Beach!

We're thrilled to launch a new initiative this term. Years 3-6 will take turns to go across to the beach area at selected lunch times, for beach breaks. (Our Kindy, 1 and 2 classes will visit the beach during class time). This will expand our play area and make the most of our gorgeous environment. We're trialling this during Term 1 and hope to keep it going! You don't need to bring anything extra (thongs, equipment) but it's a great reminder to always apply sunscreen before school and pack a hat.

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Good to Know



Safety Reminders - Play Equipment

We don't want to be the playground grinch, but as our playground is on school grounds, we need teacher supervision when children are playing on it. That means we need to respectfully ask you don't let younger siblings play on the equipment before or after school. Thanks for your understanding.

Kiss n Ride Etiquette

We'd like to gently remind you of some Kiss n Ride tips, with the focus always being on **safety first**. We only have three spots and want to ensure the process is as smooth as possible for everyone. We also have lots of new people adjusting to how it works so thank you for your support and patience. The rules that govern the use of Kiss n Ride zones are set by law, not us. Please adhere to the law so that all students are safe.

- **Please never park in Kiss n Ride to walk your Joey in.** If they're unexpectedly distressed, please pop them safely back in your vehicle, park in a suitable spot and walk in.
- **Please only exit the vehicle if you have to** (IE to help your child safely load or unload.). If you need to leave your car, please stay within 5m of the car and keep things as quick as safely possible.
- **There is no teacher to assist in the morning.** Our teachers will bring your child to your vehicle in the afternoon, and it helps if you have **your name displayed in the window**. (If you need a sign, you can ask Kerrie in the office.)
- **Please only use one of the spots available.** If you don't fit in the allocated spot, do a lap of the block. Don't queue in Wellington Street. There's also a No Stopping area just in front of the Kiss n Ride zone and last year, rangers booked several parents, so please be aware and careful not to go too far forward.
- **It helps to remember that Kiss n Ride clears REALLY quickly outside of peak times.** In the afternoon, it's very busy between 3pm and 3.10 and completely empty by 3.11pm! Try arriving a few mins after 3.05pm to stagger traffic.
- **Please don't honk or shout at other parents.** It will only upset everyone and respect is a key value of our community.
- **Don't swoop in to an empty spot in front** if one pops up and you're driving past. We have seen some nasty accidents happen this way, as the 'behind' vehicle may be moving up into the gap or also exiting. Just take the extra minute to do a lap.
- **If it's really busy, and you can, try parking nearby and walking up** - it can often be even quicker.
- **Do not execute a U-turn in Lagoon St** in front of the school - it is illegal.

Thanks for your co-operation!

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KEY DATES

 **Swimming Carnival - Yrs 2-6:
Mon Feb 10**

**Parent Info Night:
Feb 17th 6.30pm OR 7pm**

**P&F Meeting:
Feb 17th 7.30pm-8.30pm**

**Welcome Mass: Feb 20th
9:30am-10:30am**

Years 5 & 6 camp: March 5-6th

NB Cluster swim carnival: March 7th

Broken Bay swim carnival: March 11th

School photos: March 17th

Open Day: March 26th

Cross Country - Yrs 2-6: March 31st

Last Day: April 10th 

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TERM DATES

Term 1

Jan 31: Pupil Free Day
Feb 3: Years 1-6 First Day Term 1
Feb 5: Kindy First Day
April 11: Pupil Free Day
April 14-27 School Holidays
(includes Easter & ANZAC Day)

Term 2

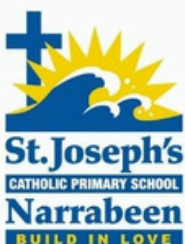
April 28: Pupil Free Day
April 29: Pupil Free Day
April 30: First Day Term 2
June 9: King's Bday Public Holiday
July 4: Pupil Free Day
July 7-20: School Holidays

Term 3

July 21: Pupil Free Day
July 22: First Day Term 3
September 26: Pupil Free Day
Sept 29-Oct 12: School Holidays

Term 4

Oct 13: First Day Term 4
Dec 17: Last Day of 2025
Dec 18: Pupil Free Day
Dec 19: Pupil Free Day
Dec 22: Christmas Holidays Begin!



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Music Info

Want to sign up for band?


**LEARN AN
INSTRUMENT AND
JOIN THE JOEYS
BAND!**

**JOIN TODAY
DON'T DELAY!**



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inspiring young musicians

Are you in Year 2 or above and
want to learn how to play a
musical instrument?

 **What instrument do you want to learn to play?**

~ flute ~ clarinet ~ saxophone ~ trumpet ~
keyboard ~ trombone ~ percussion ~ bass guitar ~

**Weekly Band rehearsals and
lessons held at school.
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