

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 2, TERM 1, 2025



## This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

**What a wonderful swimming carnival we had** on Monday morning and we certainly had luck on our side with the weather, missing that huge storm by 30 minutes. Congratulations to all our students who were enthusiastic, well behaved and cheered on their friends, led by our positive Year 6 leaders.

**Big thanks** to our PE teacher, Mrs Frost, and sport coordinators Mrs Calleja and Mrs Jarman for the thorough organisation.

Last but not least **to our parent volunteers**, so many for our small school willing to come along and take on a task for the morning and do it so well - thank you!

The winners of the points trophy and spirit trophy were announced at assembly today.

**Congratulations to Yellow House led by Toby T** for winning the points trophy and to **Green House led by Jude B for the Spirit cup.** Mrs Frost will inform students who have progressed to the Northern Beaches Zone carnival. This will be held on Friday March 7th at Warringah Aquatic Centre.



## Well done Hudson!

He did it! **Our Year 3 superstar Hudson went all the way to the top of Australia's highest mountain** last weekend, supported by his epic crew, the Hudson Globetrotters. **They raised over \$110,000 for Cerebral Palsy Alliance** - the top fundraisers of the entire event. "It was AWESOME," was Hudson's summation of the feat. The team was hit by a mammoth storm just after they reached the peak, but soldiered through to finish strong. We could not be prouder of this determined legend and his team!

*Virginia Outred*

Virginia Outred - Principal

# Key Info

## NAPLAN: Yrs 3 & 5

NAPLAN stands for the National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy skills, and is relevant for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, 9.

**It begins with a writing assessment on Wednesday March 12th. Then there is an assessment each day until Friday 14th March.**

We also allow make up days for students who are away ill on the days of assessments, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March.

Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

**NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program.** The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning.

Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests. The [public demonstration site](#) is available for you to see the format of the online tests. Further information about NAPLAN is available on the [NESA website](#) and the [NAP website](#). If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.



## Iceblock Day - Thurs 20th

Throughout the year, you will see **Year 6 fundraising** for their farewell gift to the school. They have some exciting things planned and one of them is semi-regular ice block days, which our Joeys love. This kicks off next Thursday 20th. You can order a Zooper Dooper via QKR now, for \$1. (Orders close 5pm Weds 19th.) Thanks for your support!



## 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 and our Year 6 leaders will receive their badges.



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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. **This is run by Renata (mum of Flo in Year 4)** who volunteers to look after the supply and sale of 2nd hand uniforms. Thanks Renata! There is a process to ordering which **you can read about here.**

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!



## Congrats Charlie!

**A big congrats to Charlie in Year 5** for representing our school in Tamworth at the Broken Bay Basketball champs. He had a great couple of days, training and playing against the other regions. Most of the representatives were from Year 6, so it was a huge effort in very hot conditions!



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# TERM 1

## KEY DATES

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

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

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

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

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**Years 5 & 6 camp: March 5-6th**

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**NB Cluster swim carnival: March 7th**

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**Broken Bay swim carnival: March 11th**

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**School photos: March 17th**

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**Open Day: March 26th**

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**Cross Country - Yrs 2-6: March 31st**

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**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

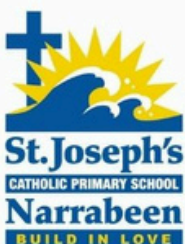
April 28: Pupil Free Day  
April 29: Pupil Free Day  
April 30: First Day Term 2  
June 9: King's Bday Public Holiday  
July 4: Pupil Free Day  
July 7-20: School Holidays

## 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

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JOIN THE JOEYS  
BAND!

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

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# Open Days



*We invite you to meet our staff and students and experience an evening at Mater Maria Catholic College.*

*"At Mater Maria Catholic College, we focus on supporting the academic growth of all students and recognising the gifts of the individual in order for all to thrive in our Catholic faith community."*

Marc Reicher, Principal

Waiting lists for all Year Groups, 2025

Waiting list for Year 7, 2026

Applications close on Friday 11 April  
for Year 7, 2027

Currently accepting applications for 2028.

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2025**

**Tuesday  
4 March**

**4PM - 7PM**

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Ms Gabie Stojanovski  
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