

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 4, TERM 1, 2025



## This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

It's Week 4 and we are well into the term's learning in every classroom. Over the past weeks, teachers have been gathering data about where students are at in their learning. This is done through a variety of assessment tools and tasks; some individual (one-on-one with the class teachers), others in a whole class situation, and some online. As a staff, we are learning to use a new online assessment tool called Essential Assessment. We are focussing on the Numeracy part of the tool. It enables us to assess and track students at the beginning, middle and end of year. It also allows us to pre-test before units of work and post-test after, to analyse how progression was made and where teaching needs to be next targeted.

Assessment is not a one-off event or a 'test'. It can be as unstructured as a teacher- student conversation about learning or as structured as the yearly NAPLAN assessments set by the government for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

This definition of assessment from our CSBB website encompasses the purpose of assessment in a school environment: "Assessment involves the systematic process of evaluating and measuring students learning in relation to the standard of learning as defined by the syllabus. The purpose of assessment is to monitor progress, provide feedback, identify areas for improvement, and determine whether educational goals and standards are being met."

And we are always aiming to set high standards at Joeys!



## Years 5 & 6 Camp

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) head off to leadership camp at The Collaroy Centre on Wednesday for two days of activities together. Have a great time Joeys!

## Shrove Tuesday

Year 6 continue their fundraising efforts with pikelets for Shrove Tuesday on March 4th. Yum! Orders close tomorrow (Fri) at 10am and you can order now via QKR.

# Key Info

## P&F contribution

In QKR, we have a Joeys' Hub (parents and friends committee) contribution option for each student. It's a stress-free way to make sure you're covered for the whole year when it comes to marking milestones, as your fabulous class parents will take care of all the organisation! It's easy to hop on QKR to make the payment and your contribution covers:

🥰 Presents for special occasions through the year for teachers and families, such as welcoming a new baby or a wedding

💔 Gifts to mark significant moments, such as the loss of someone special

🎄 A Christmas pressie for your teacher, plus support staff throughout the school, including administration, library, Teacher's Aides and more. (Teachers don't expect birthday gifts).

This is defaulted to \$25 per student, however there's an option to donate more if you'd prefer to. You can pop on now to make your contribution. Thanks for your support!



## Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent in our Church calendar. We will celebrate as a school with a special Liturgy in the Church. It's at 12.30pm and all are welcome to join us. (Years 5&6 will be away at school camp.)



## School Shoes

Our school uniform is part of who we are, and we ask that the students wear it with pride. Thank you for having your child in the correct uniform each day, including the school hat. Sports uniform is only to be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays this term. We have noticed that some students are coming to school in non-school shoes, such as coloured trainers, Vans and Converse on non-sport days. Black school shoes are required when wearing the school uniform. There are some brands that are quite comfortable and sportier BUT are mainly leather or leather look, black all over, including the side of the soles. Also a note that socks are navy (not black). Thanks for your co-operation.



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# Canteen Tips

## Canteen Feedback

Here are a few tips and tricks based on feedback from the Canteen survey.

## Ordering from Multiple Places

Yes: this is possible to do.

Create a second profile for your child (eg: Paddy W 2).

Assign it the same year group as the primary profile.

Start order, add lunchbox to cart. Then go back and place an order for the second profile. Add that lunchbox to cart.

Your cart will show orders for both profiles.

Check out as normal, via one transaction.

When canteen comes, your child will receive two lunch orders.

## What to Do If Your Child is Away

You can change your own order up until midnight the night before delivery. From the home screen on your app, tap the order you want to change. Select 'Change Order Date' and choose a date from the drop-down options. If you miss the midnight cut off, or need to change your order on the morning of delivery (your child is sick, for example), you can do so up until 8am by emailing [info@lunchfox.com.au](mailto:info@lunchfox.com.au)

To cancel your order altogether, you can either choose to change it to a new date (as per above) or, if you want to cancel totally, you can request a refund by visiting the settings page and selecting 'Cancellations and Refunds'.

## Extra Days and Options

Sushi: We have added Teriyaki chicken baby sushi as a menu option, based on feedback.

Deli: In exciting news, we will trial the Deli offering canteen on a Weds. This will start on Wednesday March 12th. There are some new choices available too, based on feedback, so have a look!

We are working with other suppliers on extra/special days and additional options.

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# Shrove Tuesday Morning Tea

4 March: Yr 6 Fundraiser

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\$1 a pikelet

Pay via QKR

Plain or Butter & Sprinkles

Orders close: Fri Feb 28th, 10am



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# Music Info

## Want to sign up for band?

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INSTRUMENT AND  
JOIN THE JOEYS  
BAND!

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**MusicLinks**  
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 ~

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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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**OPEN DAY  
2025**

**Tuesday  
4 March**

**4PM - 7PM**

[Click here](#)  
to register!



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# Open Days



Scan QR  
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further  
details and  
to register.



*Your invitation to our*

## Open Evening

Wednesday 19 March

4.00pm - 7.30pm

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

[www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au)

A school of Good Samaritan Education for girls in Years 7 – 12



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| School Sport Unit

## NSW Australian Football Primary All Schools Girls 12 Years & Under Selection Trial 2025



The NSW Australian Football Primary All Schools Girls 12 Years and Under Pathway Program is a School Sport Unit initiative. Initial trials will be held during Term 1 to select 6 All Schools teams from identified areas around NSW. These selected teams will participate at a final championship to be held in Sydney on 02 and 03 June 2025. A NSW All Schools team will be selected at the final championship to compete in the School Sport Australia, Australian Football Girls 12 Years and Under Championship in Queensland from 3 to 10 August 2025.

### Who can register to trial?

This trial is only for primary school girls 12 years and under. Girls can be 12, however must not be turning 13 in 2025. Girls enrolled in secondary school are ineligible to trial. Tackling is permitted and will occur at this level of competition. Girls turning 9 years of age or younger during 2025 are deemed too young for selection and will not be eligible to trial.

### Cost?

Cost per student is \$10.00, payable through the registration process.

### Registration

To register for the Primary All Schools Selection Trial in your area, follow the link or QR Code below to complete the application form by the **closing date, Thursday 27 February 2025 (Northern Coastal & Inland closes Monday 24 February 2025)**



**Students must only register for and attend one of the trials.**

### Trial dates & venues

#### Wednesday 26 February 2025

[Northern Coastal & Inland](#) - Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga

#### Monday 3 March 2025

[Southern Inland](#) - Bolton Park, Wagga Wagga

#### Tuesday 4 March 2025

[South Coast](#) - Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay

#### Wednesday 5 March 2025

[Metro East](#) - Robertson Road Fields, Centennial Park  
[Mid North Coast & Inland](#) - Ferodale Sports Complex, Medowie

#### Monday 10 March 2025

[Metro West](#) - Greenway Park, Hoxton Park

#### Monday 02 and Tuesday 03 June 2025

[All Schools State Selection Trial](#) - Sydney

### Further trial information

Follow the links for each trial or utilise the QR Code below to access the School Sport Unit website representative school sport calendar for further trial information.

**Note:** Each trial is posted on the calendar as a NSWPSA trial event and will occur during weeks 5, 6 and 7.



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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

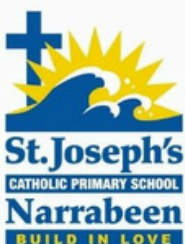
April 28: Pupil Free Day  
April 29: Pupil Free Day  
April 30: First Day Term 2  
June 9: King's Bday Public Holiday  
July 4: Pupil Free Day  
July 7-20: School Holidays

## 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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