

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 6, TERM 1, 2025



## This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

**Congratulations to our Joeys competitors at the Northern Beaches Zone swimming carnival last Friday.** The whole team represented us proudly by doing their very best. Evelyn S and Zack H went on to the next level of representation at the Broken Bay carnival at Homebush on Tuesday and we are very proud of them both.

**Zack was also awarded the 11 years boys age division champion.** Well done Zack! Not only a great sportsman but a wonderful cheerleader for his fellow competitors too.

**Our Years 3 and 5 students are in the middle of their NAPLAN assessments,** comprising of four assessments. These assessments are conducted Australia wide for Years 3,5,7&9. We are loving the way they've embraced their growth mindsets.

**The Year 2 class parents have been planning our big fundraiser for 2025 since late last year.** This will be a gala dinner where we can look our best and enjoy an evening of food, drinks and socialising in our community at the beautiful Pasadena venue. Save the date details are below and a HUGE thanks to those who have responded about sponsorship, raffle prizes and more. We can't wait to reveal all the details too.

Virginia Outred - Principal



## School Photos

School photo day is March 17th. You can **order these now** by following the link in the email from MSP photography. There's also a handy link in Compass on the homescreen.

## Feast of St Joseph

This will be celebrated on Wednesday March 19th with a special liturgy in the church at 12.30pm, led by Yr 5. Afterwards, we will celebrate with a whole school play at the beach (weather permitting). Students can bring things to change into and buckets and spades.

# Coming Up

## Dates of Note

**This Saturday evening at 5:30pm is Family Mass at church.** We'd love to welcome you all!

**Monday March 17th: Photo Day.** Ensure students are in school uniform (not sport), with correct shoes and socks.

**Wednesday March 19th: Feast of St Joseph.** Liturgy at 12.30pm in the church. Beach afternoon for whole school (weather permitting.) Students can bring thongs to change into and buckets and spades if they wish.

**Thursday March 20th: Harmony Day.** Classes complete learning and activities about diversity of cultures and inclusivity in our country. Wear orange or something that reflects your cultural background.

**Friday March 28th: Friendology Day.** Students to wear green mufti (no uniform).

## Harmony Week

**Harmony Week begins on March 17th.** We celebrate this special time with lots of activities, culminating in Harmony Day on March 20th. This celebration recognises our community's diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. **On March 20th, we invite all students to wear mufti in orange or earthy tones,** or students can choose to wear something that reflects their own cultural background.

See the flyer below for more info.



## Canteen Updates

**Canteen is now available on Wednesdays.** Deli on Waterloo is available, and have some tasty new options. Great news! We now have more days and more options available than we have in years!

We are continuing to work with new suppliers to try and **facilitate one-off special days...** watch this space!

Almost everyone who completed the survey asked if **orders could remain open until the morning, rather than close the night before.** We investigated this as thoroughly as we could and unfortunately, it isn't something we can do as it puts too much pressure on our suppliers and the system. Lunchfox are looking into adding push notifications to their app, so you get a reminder the night before. We'll also remind you in our weekly wrap up post. Setting a recurring alarm yourself is also a workaround. Sorry we couldn't make this happen!



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# Parent Gala Night

## A Night to Celebrate & Support

We are excited to announce our **upcoming Joeys Gala Dinner**, a special evening designed for parents to enjoy a night of great food, entertainment, and community spirit. It is not only a chance for parents to unwind and connect, but also an opportunity to raise important funds for our school's ongoing initiatives to further enrich our children's learning.

We're thrilled to say we have already had a great response from our community and will unveil our sponsors soon! There's still time to get on board if you're keen... **we are seeking sponsors and donations for auction and raffle items.** Your support will go a long way in ensuring we meet our fundraising goals while also contributing to an unforgettable evening.

We **really appreciate any help the Joeys community can offer**, whether through sponsorships, donations, or simply attending the gala. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our school and provide an exciting experience for all involved!

Last week you were sent home a **donation and sponsor pack** with more info. Of course, it's not essential that you are part of this, but if you have any great leads we would love to hear from you. Our details and more specifics are in the pack. Thank you for your continued support.

Karina and Meredith - Year 2 parents, the Joeys Hub



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# St Paul's

**St Paul's Catholic College Year 7, 2027 enrolment applications close Monday 24 March 2025.** For our Catholic Schools Broken Bay Primary School families we offer a Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational pathway with **priority enrolment**.

St Paul's Catholic College is a vibrant faith community fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment where students feel **safe, valued, and empowered**.

The successful transition to co-education in 2025 reflects St Paul's commitment to provide an inclusive learning environment that focuses on the holistic development of every student. The College offers a comprehensive curriculum that inspires students to be curious, independent and innovative learners. Their team of experienced and dedicated teachers focus on quality teaching that fosters teamwork and collaboration and caters to the diverse learning needs of their students.

**Click here to enrol today** or contact the St Paul's Enrolment Officer at [enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au).



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# Harmony Week



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## HARMONY WEEK



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

St Joseph's will celebrate Harmony Week on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Please wear something represents your cultural background or harmony colours (orange or earthy tones).

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our community's diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The Well Being team will be organising important and fun activities to learn about Harmony Week. Classes will be discussing: inclusiveness, respect and learning about the different backgrounds we come from.

Thank you for supporting this important week!



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# Music Info

## Want to sign up for band?


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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 ~

Weekly Band rehearsals and  
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Join the Fun and Register today!



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# Open Days



Scan QR  
code for  
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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# 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

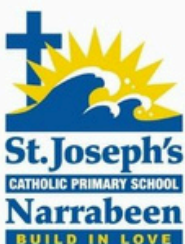
April 28: Pupil Free Day  
April 29: Pupil Free Day  
April 30: First Day Term 2  
June 9: King's Bday Public Holiday  
July 4: Pupil Free Day  
July 7-20: School Holidays

## 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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