

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

WEEK 9, TERM 1, 2025



This Week at Joeys

Dear parents,

Unfortunately, days of rain left our cross country course underwater in some places around the Lake path and we needed to postpone. **It is now on tomorrow, April 4th.** A new permission note was sent on Monday via Compass, please ensure you have filled this in - nearly everyone has, so thank you for your support as we make this pivot.

We are hurtling towards the end of term, with Cross Country, the Easter Raffle next week, our Lenten Liturgy and then holidays. Soon after, we have Mother's Day, ably organised by the Year 1 fathers - Bobby and Ash. Keep an eye out for the incoming invitation.

Between the Easter Raffle, Mother's Day and Gala Evening, we have so many great community events coming up to support our school and foster our village. **Your help never gets taken for granted - thank you!**

Somehow, next week is the last week of term. We'll send the newsletter a little early (on Wednesday). Our last day is Thursday April 10th... and we'll enjoy drawing the raffle as a final task!

Finally, we send our condolences to Max M's family (Year 6), on the passing of his much-loved grandmother last week. You are in our prayers.



Easter Raffle

Don't forget to purchase your book of tickets on QKR.

This year, we are running the Easter draw electronically, to make things easier for everyone and also save on paper and be more environmentally sustainable.

That means you won't get a physical book of tickets. You can buy however many tickets you like on QKR (as of now). We'd love it if everyone could aim to sell at least one book of tickets as the raffle is a Joeys' Hub fundraiser (run by Kindergarten).

Find out more via the flyer below and on our website here.

Coming Up

Dates of Note

April 4th: Cross Country - Years 2-6. Optional. Permission note on Compass now.

April 8th: Easter Raffle closes. Pay via QKR.

April 10th: Special Lenten Liturgy at 12.15pm - all welcome.

April 10th: Easter Raffle drawn at school.

April 10th: Last day of Term. Pupil Free Day on April 11th (no students at school).

May 8th: Mother's Day Celebration: More info to follow.

May 23rd: St Joseph's Gala Night (presented by Baseline).

Save the Date

Mother's Day will be celebrated at school on Thursday 8th May (Term 2, Wk 2). More info and official invitation to come this week, including how to buy food!



Lent & Easter activities

We have a special Lenten Liturgy on the last Thurs of Term, at 12.15pm. All welcome.

Also, **please bring your Project Compassion boxes back** by Wednesday 9th, before the end of term.



Parent Gala Evening - Sponsorships closing soon

We're thrilled to say we have already had a great response from our community and warmly thank our **Gold Sponsor, Baseline for coming on board.**

We are about to unveil our Silver and Bronze sponsors... we have three Silver sponsors and two Bronze. Amazing! We have extended our deadline for anyone interested until this Monday, April 7th.

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! **Want to be part of it? Find out more on our special webpage here.**

Our St Joseph's Gala Night will be a special evening designed for parents to enjoy a night of great food, entertainment, and community spirit. **We're also looking for a professional photographer and DJ for the evening.** If you can help, please let us know: joeysgaladinner@gmail.com.

Karina and Meredith – Year 2 parents, the Joeys Hub

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Need to Know

Holiday Ideas

Looking for great holiday ideas for the kids? We've collated a bunch of local providers recommended by fellow parents here. It's always fun to do something with a familiar face and there are some great local options like Hoops House basketball camps, Pro Eleven soccer skills, singing lessons, coding challenges, PCYC and more.



Mater Maria's Dramatic Visit

On Thursday, Mater Maria's incredible drama group visited our school and **presented a play about bullying and the many forms it can take.** They interacted with our Joeys, providing real world examples of how bullying can happen and how you can be an upstander (not a bystander), and that reporting this behaviour is "**helping, not dobbing**". They used language and scenarios our students could relate to (yep, skibbidi, rizz and alpha all got a start!) and the group was highly engaged. **Thank you to Mater Maria for this really impactful visit.**



Friendology Focus Day

Friendology Focus Day last Friday was a great chance to hone in on the program we successfully kicked off at Joeys last year. This is an ongoing program that we use throughout the playground and within the classroom. We wore green as that is the colour of the 'healthy' zone for friendships. We took the chance to do special class and age specific friendship related exercises, and reminded ourselves of the core Friendology principles. You can find out more on our social channels.

Premier's Reading Challenge Information

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition **but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.** The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

There have been some issues this year with non-government schools, as we have only just been given access to the site and have had to change student passwords. If your child has commenced their reading you can use the downloadable [reading log](#) to track their reading.

Please read the [Tips for Parents](#) for more information. I will be sending out a separate email to see if you would like the password for your child. I will also send them out to all Kindergarten children.

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Parent Gala Night

Welcome to our Gold Sponsor, Baseline

We are thrilled to announce our Gala Night has a GOLD Sponsor. A warm welcome and thanks to **Baseline**, who have come on board to support our school in such a big way.

Baseline is a customer focused construction company, specialising in the education, community, defence, and commercial sectors. Based in Sydney's North, and with delivery partners statewide, Baseline has the experience and expertise to successfully deliver your next fitout, refurbishment or construction project, no matter the constraints. Visit baselineprojects.com.au for more.



**ST JOSEPH'S
GALA NIGHT 2025
PRESENTED BY BASELINE**

DATE: 23.5.2025
WHERE: THE PASADENA,
CHURCH POINT
DRESS: COCKTAIL
TICKETS: AVAILABLE SOON

PROUD GOLD SPONSOR:

 **Baseline**



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Easter Raffle

ST JOSEPH'S EASTER

RAFFLE

DRAWN ON: Thurs 10th April
PRICE: \$2.50 per ticket (\$25 whole book)
DRAW CLOSES: Tues 8th April 12 noon

NOTE: Each child has 10 digital tickets
No physical tickets will be handed out.
Extra tickets available on QKR
TO ORDER: Login to QKR

EASTER PRIZES →

- Chocolate Hampers
- Arts & Craft Hampers
- Books Hamper

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Music Info

Want to sign up for band?

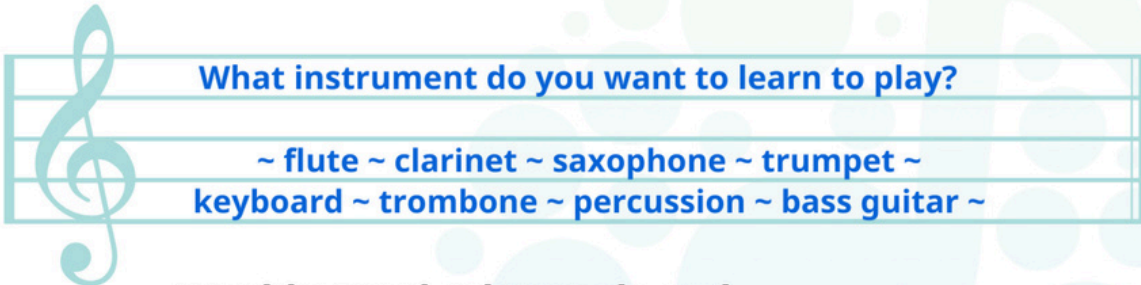
LEARN AN
INSTRUMENT AND
JOIN THE JOEYS
BAND!

JOIN TODAY
DON'T DELAY!



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
lessons held at school.
Join the Fun and Register today!



FIND OUT MORE



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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

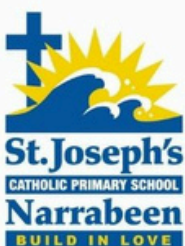
April 28: Pupil Free Day
April 29: Pupil Free Day
April 30: First Day Term 2
June 9: King's Bday Public Holiday
July 4: Pupil Free Day
July 7-20: School Holidays

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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