





St. Joseph's Parish School

THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY OF ST JAMES' PARISH IN PEAK HILL

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Guided by the love of Jesus Christ, St. Joseph's Parish School strives to provide an inclusive, nurturing environment where individuals are encouraged to be resilient, empowered learners who contribute positively to the wider community.

Dear families and friends,

As we enter the fourth week of Lent the readings remind us that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ.

Year 3 and Year 5 will start NAPLAN assessments this Wednesday. We will start with writing on Wednesday, followed by reading and conventions of language on Thursday, and then numeracy on Friday. Please try to ensure your child gets adequate sleep and has breakfast on these days. NAPLAN is one measure of a child's skills on one text on one day. We as educators know that children show their abilities and talents in many different ways. We aim to keep these assessments stressfree and encourage the students to try their best.

This afternoon our teachers will participate in a twilight meeting to continue to look at the pedagogy that underpins the changes to the Mathematics curriculum. We are focusing on five week cycles to implement change. We will work with Melissa Kupkee from the diocesan office to implement a cycle of strategies to enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics.

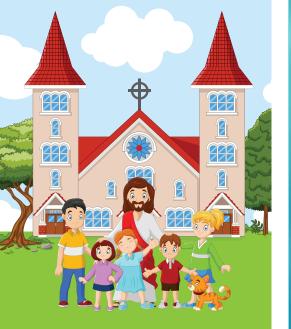
Unfortunately many parents were unable to make the P and F meeting planned for last Wednesday. Please mark Tuesday, 19th March on your calendars for take two. We will meet at Boatswain House (near the church) at 2:15pm and then you can pick your children up as normal.

Have a great week, Mrs Regina Goodridge, Principal



Tickets will be drawn on 28 March at the Easter Hat Parade.

Thank you for supporting our school



Parish News

ST JAMES' CATHOLIC PARISH

Caswell St, Peak Hill

Join us at 9.30am each Sunday

Mass 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday

Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

LENTEN GROUP

Lenten Group meets each Tuesday at 9.30am in the church.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Each Friday

St James' will be open each Friday during Lent from 9am to 12 noon for personal private prayer, meditation, Stations of the Cross, etc.

12 April

Friday 12 April @ 6pm. Combined prayer service for war torn countries of the world. More information to follow. All Welcome.

NEW ROSTER

Please consider going on the roster. Either with reading, cleaning, altar preparation, grounds maintenance, etc. Many helpers make light work for all.

Please let Denise or Jan know if you would like to be part of the new roster as soon as possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES Miss Brooke Hanns

Thank you for all of your generous Project Compassion donations thus far. Our Mini Vinnies team will collect and keep count of these donations each Friday.

Our next Project Compassion fundraiser is our Easter Egg Raffle. We are kindly asking for donations of Easter eggs, treats and gifts. We have sent home raffle tickets for students to sell.

Don't forget to start getting your hats ready for the parade too!

Every Lent, our Mini Vinnies team fund raises for Project Compassion (Caritas Australia). Caritas supports vulnerable communities around

the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water, sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

You can use the QR code to go directly to our school page. Any and all donations are gratefully received.







EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 24 March

9.30am Mass: Procession of Palms – Passion of the Lord.

Thursday 28 March

Holy Thursday: church open during the day.

Friday 29 March

Good Friday: 3pm – The Lords Passion. Church open during the day.

Sunday 31 March

Easter Sunday: 9.30am Mass: Blessing of Water.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Lenten money boxes and envelopes are available at back of church.

IMPORTANT DATES

17 March

Solemnity: St Patrick

19 March

Solemnity: St Joseph

24 March Solemnity: Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday) start of Holy Week

25 March Solemnity: Annunciation of the Lord

31 March Solemnity: The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)



Each morning, St Joseph's gathers as one to start the day.

All staff members and assembly leaders nominate students who they have noticed acting in the St Joseph's Way. We look for students who are being kind, friendly, working hard, looking after each other.

On Friday, names are drawn and the lucky winners claim a prize.

© Compass tips

Student Profile

- The Student Profile is the destination for all your child's information.
- The Student Profile can be accessed by clicking on your child's name from the home screen.
- The Student Profile dashboard provides you with an overview of today's classes and activities, the ability to email your child's teachers, and a summary of teacher observations (Student Chronicle).
- For more detailed information, including assessment tasks, attendance, surveys and academic reports, navigate through the tabs along the top of the Profile.

For more tips, check out www.compass.education/guide#section-06

A WHOLE YEAR OF JOEY'S IN 2024!

St Joseph's Jump into Joey's kindergarten transition program runs each Tuesday of 2024.

Transition sessions are free and all jumping Joey's receive a t-shirt.

If you, or anyone you know is interested, please contact the school office for a short enrolment form.



Wednesday-Friday, 13-15 March

NAPLAN FOR YEARS 3 + 5

Thursday, 21 March

MASS OF ST JOSEPH & ST PATRICK

Monday, 25 March

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, 28 March

EASTER CELEBRATION + HAT PARADE

Friday, 29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, 31 March

EASTER SUNDAY

Tuesday, 2 April

PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday, 3 April

POLDING SWIMMING

@ HOMEBUSH

Thursday, 4 April

SCHOOL LEADERS MASS

Tuesday, 9 April

INFANTS EXCURSION TO PARKES LIBRARY

Thursday, 11 April

END OF TERM MASS

Friday, 12 April

END OF TERM 1

Thursday, 25 April

ANZAC DAY



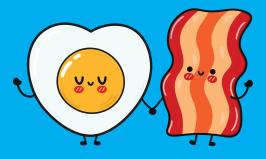
CANTEEN LUNCH ON FRIDAYS!

St Joey's students are able to order lunch from the PH Central School canteen each Friday.

Orders should be written on a paper bag or envelope with the correct money enclosed.

The full menu is included in our newsletter.

PLEASE CHECK THE MENU WHEN ORDERING YOUR LUNCH.



WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast is a great way to give the body the refuelling it needs.

Kids who eat breakfast tend to eat healthier overall and are more likely to be physically active.

Skipping breakfast can make kids feel tired, restless, or irritable.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT ST JOEY'S FROM 8.30AM EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING.



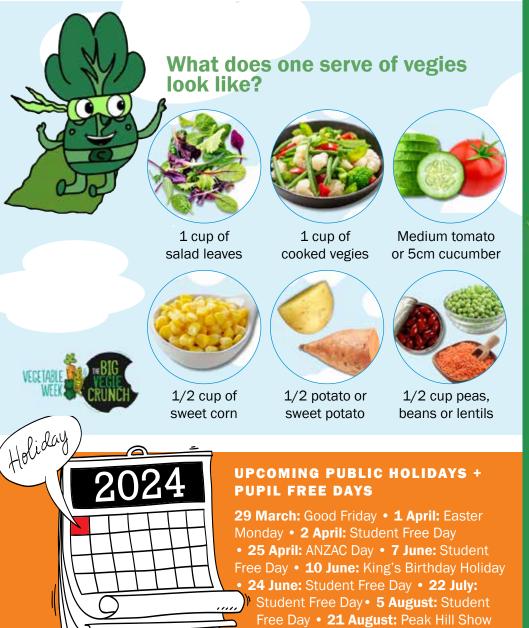
P+F AGM

The new date for our P+F AGM is **19 March @ 2.15pm** at St Joseph's. We hope this new time will be more convenient for our parents. The P+F is a fantastic group to be part of. The aim of the P+F is to fundraise and provide resources for our students. The P&F only meets once per term for 1 hour. In between meetings your role will be to support the school with any fundraising or social events.

Get ready to crunch!

Did you know that children aged 4 and over need at least 4½-5 serves of vegetables each day? It helps them grow and learn in a healthy way. Not enough Australian kids eat enough vegies. That's why we're taking part in The Big Vegie Crunch & Vegetable Week. Let's build healthy habits for life. To learn more, visit the website: https://healthy-kids.com.au/teachers/vegetable-week-the-big-vegie-crunch/





Resolution of complaints

The Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes (CEO) is committed to providing a harmonious and safe environment for all students, parents and staff. The CEO and the schools in its care strive to be communities of faith, hope and love, where communication takes place in an environment of openness and mutual respect.

Complaints are handled fairly, efficiently and effectively by:

- Enabling schools and the CEO to respond to issues raised by people making complaints in a timely manner; and
- Providing information that can be used to deliver quality improvements in schools, systems, practices, procedures and complaint handling.

Staff at all levels are expected to be committed to fair, effective and efficient complaint handling. Confidentiality is expected at all levels and records will be maintained in a separate restricted access file. Investigations will be carried out impartially and fairly.





Our Mini Vinnies team are having a raffle to fundraise for Project Compassion.

PLEASE START SENDING
IN EASTER EGGS AND
PRIZES FOR OUR RAFFLE.

Each family has been given 20 tickets to sell.

Please contact the office if you would like additional tickets.

The raffle will be drawn on 28 March at the Easter Hat Parade.







HOMEGROWN PARKES — 4 —

SATURDAY, 16 MARCH 2024 9AM - 2PM | COOKE PARK





DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
WORKSHOP Cooke Park Pavilion



PARKES SHIRE CONCERT BAND



Cooke Park

9AM -10AM

9AM -11AM Swap your Crop - share & swap your produce & homemade goods



CROP SWAP

Cooke Park

GEORGIA SIDERIS

Cooke Park Mini Stage



10AM 11AM 12PM

10.30AM _-11AM_ PARKES M & D PERFORMANCE

Cooke Park Pavilion Stage



RECYCLE RIGHT

Cooke Park Pavilion with Bill Tink from Netwaste



11.30AM

12.30 - 7 1.00PM PASTA WITH PHIL & NADIA

Cooke Park Pavilion with Phil & Nadia Donato







LANDSCAPE DESIGN WITH SALLY BOURNE Cooke Park Pavilion

2PM-4PM

ANIMAL NURSERY +
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPLAY
+ JUMPING CASTLE

40 LOCAL & REGIONAL STALLHOLDERS + FOOD VENDORS

For further information, please contact Landcare Coordinator Marg Applebee on 0418 611 053 or homegrownparkes@gmail.com



















2024 Narromine Soccer Registration is open online now!

We are an Active Kids Voucher Registered Provider

Training will start soon, and teams are being organised in the next few weeks.

Ages from turning 5 to turning 12 this year. Older interested kids please contact the Club on 0427112405

Register here:

https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/Wel comeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=74986&save=0









eSafety parent webinar

Understanding parental controls to safeguard your child



Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar on

Tuesday 26 March from 7.30-8.00pm

This Term 1 webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school

Tuesday 26 March 2024 7.30pm – 8pm

This 30-minute webinar provides an overview of different types of parental controls and how to set them on smart devices and computers, in apps and on gaming platforms for your child's safety.



REGISTER NOW:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3100911298333648471





Free dental care

For all children under 18 listed on a Medicare card

For adults listed on one of these concession cards:





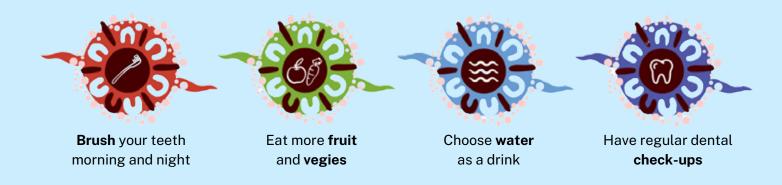


Call 1300 552 626

Peak Hill Multipurpose Service*

* Services in Peak Hill are subject to demand and provided by the Parkes Hospital oral health team.

Call 1300 552 626 or drop in and ask the staff to fill in a form to register for the dental service.





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