



Term 1 Week 8, 18th March 2024

## *Dear families and friends,*

I am hoping to see as many of you as possible tomorrow at 2.15pm in Boatswain House (near the church) for the P & F AGM. Then we can move forward with organising social and fundraising events for the year.

Congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 5 students who have been trying their best when completing the NAPLAN assessments. They just have Numeracy to complete tomorrow.

School fee accounts have been emailed from the Catholic Education Office, Wilcannia-Forbes to all parents. Please ensure you have set up a BPAY direct debit payment plan or started making payments through the Compass portal. Please contact me if you would like to discuss your school fee account in person. We rely on school fees to help run our school and provide extra resources to provide a quality learning environment.

It was fun to dress up in green today and have the opportunity to buy green food to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Thank you for supporting our Caritas Lenten fundraising efforts to help those less fortunate than us in underprivileged countries.

Each even Friday morning we will hand out merit awards at our morning assembly. Parents are welcome to join us at 8.55am for these assemblies. Our first assembly will be this Friday. Please feel free to stay after the morning drop-off.

This week is Harmony Week, a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. It is an opportunity for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. If you would like to share anything with the school community about your culture please contact me to discuss this further. It would be lovely to learn more about the traditions and cultures of our diverse group of students.

God bless you all,  
**Mrs Regina Goodridge**, Principal

**ST. JOSEPHS**



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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.







# 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

The new roster is being organised  
and will be available this Sunday,  
24th March.

## CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

This week we celebrate the Feast Days of both  
St Patrick and St Joseph. St Patrick is honoured on  
the 17th of March and is celebrated for his devotion to the Church and  
converting the Irish to Christianity. He established monasteries, churches  
and schools. He used the shamrock to teach about the Trinity.

The 19th of March is the Feast Day of our school patron, St Joseph.  
Joseph is the earthly father of Jesus and husband to Mary. He was a  
compassionate and caring man who trusted in God. We will celebrate  
with Mass at 9.30am this Thursday. This is also when we give our  
"Christian Living Award" to two students who are respectful, positive,  
helpful, kind and generous. These students consistently model  
"the St Joseph's way" every day in our school.

We hope you can join us.

Celebrating  
St. Patrick and  
St Joseph

Please join us for Mass  
on Thursday 21st March  
at 9.30am.



## 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)



### HOW DO STUDENTS WIN TICKETS?

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.

### A whole year of Joey's in 2024!

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. Please contact the school office for a short enrolment form.



## Easter Services

### PALM SUNDAY

**24th March:** 9.30 am Mass. Procession of Palms & Passion of the Lord

### HOLY THURSDAY

*St James will be open during the day for visitation.*

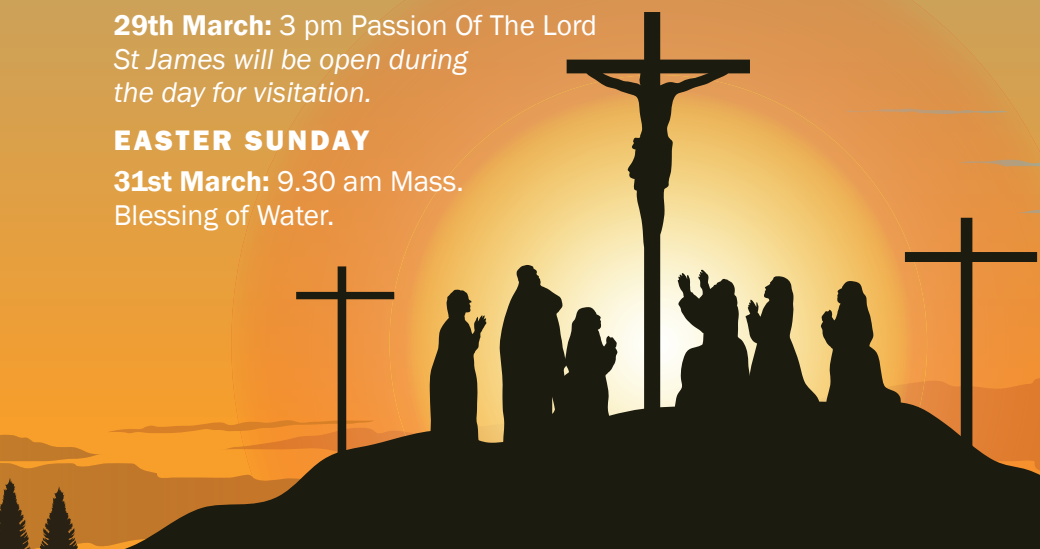
### GOOD FRIDAY

**29th March:** 3 pm Passion Of The Lord

*St James will be open during the day for visitation.*

### EASTER SUNDAY

**31st March:** 9.30 am Mass.  
Blessing of Water.



## Important Dates

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**

Monday, 8 April

**CROSS COUNTRY**

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**

Monday, 29 April

**TERM 2 COMMENCES**





# Compass tips

## Attendance reminder

It is the responsibility of parents to provide a reason for absence in a timely manner.

When parents are completing a reason for absence via the Parent Portal in Compass, they **MUST** also complete the Details/Comments section of the note. e.g. if they select Medical – Appointment as the reason, they need to add something like Doctor's Appointment in the details field.



### UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS + PUPIL FREE DAYS

**29 March:** Good Friday • **1 April:** Easter Monday  
• **2 April:** Student Free Day • **10 April:** Student Free Day  
• **25 April:** ANZAC Day • **7 June:** Student Free Day  
• **10 June:** King's Birthday Holiday • **24 June:** Student Free Day  
• **22 July:** Student Free Day • **5 August:** Student Free Day • **21 August:** Peak Hill Show

## Wearing helmets and riding safely

### Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels:

- Bikes • Foot scooters • Roller Skates
- Skateboards • Rollerblades.

### Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 12 and their accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### MINI VINNIES



## Easter raffle



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

**PLEASE CONTINUE  
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.





# *Holy Thursday*

AT ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL

## *Way of the Cross*

Stations of the Cross performance by our primary class

## *Easter Hat Parade*

Come and watch our students parade their Easter hat creations.  
Prizes for best hats.

## *Easter Egg Raffle*

The winning tickets will be drawn at 1.20pm

## *Picnic Lunch and Egg Hunt*

Families are invited to bring their picnic blankets and lunch  
to share with their children

**FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND FROM 12.30PM**

**28 MARCH**



# April School Holiday Program

Price: \$53 per day

April Special Offer- For every day

booked, receive the 2nd day 1/2 price!



BOOK NOW

Ages- 5-13years | Time 8-4pm | Extended 7:30 - 8:00am - 4:00-5:00pm  
**WHAT TO BRING-** Water bottle, morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea, hat, enclosed shoes

15/04/2024	Basketball, soccer, mixed games, gymnastics, arts and crafts, lego masters, Nurf wars
16/04/2024	Tennis, bubble soccer, archery tag, rockwall climbing, painting, playdough making
17/04/2024	Lego masters, gymnastics, bubble painting, mixed games, basketball, soccer
18/04/2024	Mixed games, gymnastics, tennis, bubble soccer, hockey, arts & crafts
19/04/2024	Rock wall climbing, taco making, tennis, mixed games, gymnastics, lego masters
22/04/2024	Tennis, bubble soccer, archery tag, rockwall climbing, painting, playdough making, Nurf wars
23/04/2024	My future career day theme, slime making, arts & crafts, basketball, soccer, mixed games
24/04/2024	Anzac cookie making, paper poppies, gymnastics, court games, mixed games, rockwall climbing
26/04/2024	Lego masters, gymnastics, bubble painting, mixed games, basketball, soccer, Nurf wars
29/04/2024	Basketball, soccer, mixed games, gymnastics, arts and crafts, lego masters

Phone- 02 6862 3825 | Email- [parkes@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:parkes@pcycnsw.org.au)

# April School Holiday Work Shops

School Holiday workshops |  
Gymnastics | Basketball



BOOK NOW

PCYC Parkes is offering additional activities this school holidays, please contact our club directly for bookings and further information. Spots are limited, so book in advance!

15/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 9-10am   WAG 9-12pm Ninja Warriors (5-9yrs) 2-3pm
16/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4yrs) 9:30-10:15   Rec Camp (5+) 11-2pm   Senior Rec Camp (adults) 5-6pm
17/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 10-11am
18/04/2024	Basketball Camp 12-2pm
19/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4 yrs) 09:30-10:15am
22/04/2024	Junior Gym ( 4-5yrs) 9-10am \$15.00 Intro to Indigenous Cultural Art 22nd & 23rd 10-12pm
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# DIOCESAN ONLINE FORMATION



with  
***Sr Elizabeth Young RSM***

Theme:  
***What Pope Francis  
has to say about Creation***

**7:30pm-8:10pm  
AEDT Wednesday  
3rd April**

**Zoom Meeting: ID 665 8411 5159 and Passcode 709885**

<https://wfcatholic.zoom.us/j/66584115159?pwd=TkgYUDcuUjJQVWk4OWkRFV1pYcmZadz09>

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# 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/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=74986&save=0>



# Marramarra Makerspace

# HOLIDAY

# WORKSHOPS



## LEGO Games

timed, themed and fun

15th April, 10am-11.30m

Marramarra Makerspace

Kindy - Year 6, \$2

## Waste Warriors

design and build a Waste Warrior  
using packaging

17th April, 10am-12pm

Marramarra Makerspace

Year 5 - Year 12, \$2

Start collecting your packaging now



## Hanging Out

create a mobile out of packaging

24th April, 10am-12pm

Marramarra Makerspace

Kindy - Year 6, \$2

Start collecting your packaging now

In person bookings are essential. Call into the library today.



# 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.



**Brush** your teeth morning and night



Eat more **fruit** and **vegies**



Choose **water** as a drink



Have regular dental **check-ups**



**Oral Health Service**  
**Western NSW Local Health District**



Hop on over for our

# EASTER Playgroup

22nd March 2024



10.30am – 12.30pm

Memorial Park, Newell Highway Peak Hill

**MASSIVE EASTER HAMPER GIVEAWAY**

PLUS!!

SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY

EASTER EGG HUNT

SNOW CONE MACHINE

FACE PAINTING

SANDWICHES & FRUIT FOR LUNCH

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ALONG FOR SOME  
EASTER FUN!**

Please RSVP to [jelliott@ccwf.org.au](mailto:jelliott@ccwf.org.au) or 6863 5426

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