



Term 2 Week 2, 28 April 2026

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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 & friends,

It was wonderful to have so many family members join us last Friday to watch the cross country event. Congratulations to all the children for persevering through the challenges of the event. It's inspiring to see everyone embrace the idea that doing hard things and pushing through discomfort helps us grow and achieve new goals.

The 2027 enrolment packs will be distributed this week. If you know anyone who may be interested in sending their child to St Joseph's, please encourage them to contact me.

Thank you to the children and staff who marched on ANZAC Day to honour those who have served our country in times of war. Special congratulations to Ivy and Joseph for representing our school so beautifully by speaking at the town ceremony.

We are looking forward to our Kinder/Year 6 Buddy Mass this Thursday at 9:15 am. I invite you to join us for this special occasion at St James Church.

Best of luck to Rhylee, who will represent Wilcannia-Forbes at the Polding Soccer trials in Bathurst this Friday.

Thank you for your cooperation in embracing the new drop-off and pick-up zone in Euchie Street. The transition last week went very smoothly and your support is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Mrs Regina Goodridge Principal



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Check out our website <https://peakhill.wf.catholic.edu.au/>



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

BISHOP COLUMBA

Please pray for Bishop Columba who is recovering from recent surgery.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Sunday, 24 May following Mass.

Important Dates

28 April Memorial:
St Peter Chanel

29 April Memorial:
St Catherine of Sienna

2 May Memorial: St Athanasius

10 May Mother's Day

14 May Feast: St Matthias, Apostle

21 May Solemnity:
Ascension of the Lord

25 May Solemnity:
Our Lady, Help of Christians

26 May Memorial: St Philip Neri

Please join us for our Buddies Mass



This Thursday at 9.15am
All welcome



MAY

THE MONTH OF MARY

May is dedicated as the Month of Mary in the Catholic Church, a time to honour Mary, the Mother of God, with special prayers, devotions, and celebrations.

This month recognizes Mary's role as a mother and her example of faith and obedience to God. It's a time for Catholics to

reflect on Mary's life, ask for her intercession, and grow in their devotion to her. All Catholics are asked to pray the Rosary each day if possible in the month of May.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

A special collection for Vocations will take place on Sunday, 10 May. This will be instead of Good Shepherd Sunday.



WEEKLY STUDENT REWARD TICKETS

Every morning, St Joe's unites to start the day. Staff and leaders nominate students who exemplify kindness, respect, and responsibility, the St Joseph's Way. Congratulations to these deserving winners!



BUNNINGS warehouse

St Joe's BBQ Fundraiser!

SATURDAY 9 MAY - 9AM-5PM

We're firing up the BBQ and need your help! Join us at the Bunnings Dubbo sausage sizzle on 9 May - just an hour or two of your time cooking and serving can make a real difference for our fundraiser. It's a fun, social way to pitch in, and every sausage sold helps support our kids. Let us know if you're able to help out.



Thursday, 30 April
SCHOOL MASS
@ 9.15AM

Friday, 1 May
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Monday, 4 May
DIO CROSS COUNTRY
@ PARKES

Tuesday, 5 May
SCHOOL PHOTOS -
WEAR FORMAL UNIFORM

Thursday, 7 May
AFRICAN DRUMMING SHOW
@ PHCS

Friday, 8 May
STUDENT FREE DAY

Saturday, 9 May
BUNNINGS DUBBO
FUNDRAISER BBQ
9AM-4PM

Monday, 11 May
MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

Wednesday, 13 May
YEAR 5 DAY @
ST JOHN'S COLLEGE DUBBO

Thursday, 14 May
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
MASS

Friday, 15 May
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 19 May
4/5/6 CWA PUBLIC
SPEAKING @ PARKES

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is recorded each day.

As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
 - is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
 - is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please update this within 7 days on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible.

Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

After 7 days, the absence will remain as 'Unexplained' and cannot be changed (NSW Education Act 1990).



SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS!

Children are welcome to borrow books to take home and enjoy for the week. Books should be returned the following Wednesday, when students can choose a new one to borrow. At St Joey's, reading is an important part of homework. Students are expected to read aloud to an adult each night from Monday to Thursday. We encourage parents to read aloud to their children every day.



Explore the school library

Each Wednesday lunchtime

Children are welcome to borrow books to take home and enjoy for the week. Books should be returned the following Wednesday, when students can choose a new one to borrow.





Cross Country

Congratulations to our top runners will then back up for the WF cross country race on the Spicer Oval track in Parkes on Monday, 4 May.



Peace begins with a smile!

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos are taking place on Tuesday, 5 May. All students must wear their formal winter uniforms. We have a new photographer this year. Please see the attached sheets for ordering info.

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WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Now in its 27th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/





Dear Parents and Carers,

Have you heard the news?

We're excited to be hosting our upcoming **Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Saturday 9 May** (9:00am-5:00pm) – and we'd love your support.

The goal of this event is simple but incredibly important: raising funds to help send all of our Joey's students on excursions – including 4/5/6's sensational 4-day excursion to Canberra.


We'll be firing up the BBQ at Bunnings Dubbo and we're looking for volunteers to lend a hand cooking and serving. Even just an hour or two of your time can make a real difference. It's a fun, social way to get involved, connect with other families and support our kids – plus, every sausage sold brings us one step closer to our goal.

We understand everyone is busy, but contributing a small amount of your time is one of the simplest and most impactful ways to support this fundraiser.

Check out the available time slots below and let us know if you're available to help, even for a short shift. Your support truly matters and we can't do this without you.

Please note: due to safety and Bunnings guidelines, no children will be allowed to help out at the BBQ.

Thank you in advance – we're looking forward to a fantastic day! *St Joey's Staff*

	Cooking	Cooking	Serving	Serving
9am-10am	George B			
10am-11am	George B			
11am-12pm	George B			
12pm-1pm	George B			
1pm-2pm				
2pm-3pm				
3pm-4pm				
4pm-5pm				
5pm-6pm				



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SNACK SHACK

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Hot food

- Toastie – cheese \$3.50
- Toastie – ham + cheese . . . \$4
- Pizza single – ham + cheese \$4
- Hotdog \$4
- Chicken nuggets (6) \$4
- Party pies (3) \$4
- Party sausage rolls (3) . . . \$4

Cold drinks

- Popper \$2
- Juice bomb \$3
- Milk – chocolate/strawberry \$2

Snacks + treats

- Fresh fruit cup \$3
- Jelly \$1
- Paddlepop \$2
- Zooper Dooper \$1



The canteen will operate on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** each week.
 Please note that orders must be placed **the day before** – on Mondays for Tuesday orders and Thursdays for Friday orders.
 All orders should be written on a paper bag or envelope with the correct money enclosed.

2026 School photo information

St Joseph's Parish School

Before photo day

Family photo ordering

If you wish to have a family/sibling photo taken, it must be prepaid online.

-Go to www.creativeschoolportraits.com.au

-Click 'Order Online' then enter the code:

4LY6675N

**ONLY Family orders must be placed by:
1 pm Monday 4th May**

Family/Sibling photo package \$50

Includes-

-3 8x12" pages of photos.

-High resolution digital download.

Our system allows you to customise what size prints are on each page (this selection is done online *after* photo day) Some of the options are; 8x12", 2~6x8", 4~6x4", mixed sizes, and a gift page.

Photo Day

Tuesday 5th May

After photo day

Photos available to view and purchase Online

**From Tuesday 19th May to
Tuesday 2nd June**

After photo day your child will be given an access code slip with their unique code and the details on how to view the photo and place your order.

Place your photo orders by Tuesday 2nd June

After this date a late fee of \$14.95 will apply and the order will be posted directly to you.

Unable to pay online?

Please contact our office on 63423070 to place your order and arrange payment.



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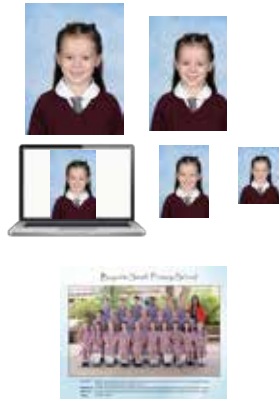
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Standard Packages

Basic Packages

A Pack \$50

- 1~10x8" (20x25cm)
- 2~6x8" (15x20cm)
- 4~6x4" (10x15cm)
- 4~Wallets (7.6x5cm)
- 6~ ID's (3.8x5cm)
- 1~Class Group
- 1~High Resolution
Digital download



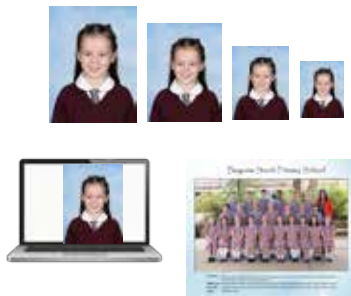
Basic Pack \$35

- ~Printed Class Group
- ~High Resolution
Digital download



B Pack \$45

- 1~6x8" (15x20cm)
- 3~6x4" (10x15cm)
- 4~Wallets (7.6x5cm)
- 4~ ID's (3.8x5cm)
- 1~Class Group
- 1~High Resolution
Digital download



Group Only \$32

- Printed Group Photo



Portrait Pack \$32

- 1~6x8" (15x20cm)
- 3~6x4" (10x15cm)
- 4~Wallets (7.6x5cm)



Digital only \$25

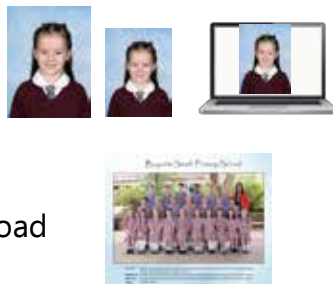
- 1~High Resolution
Digital download only



(Individual student image only, no printed photo)

C Pack \$40

- 1~6x8" (15x20cm)
- 2~6x4" (10x15cm)
- 1~Class Group
- 1~High Resolution
Digital download



Build your own package options are also available online

Choose from a range of page options and
create a pack that suits your needs

Extra items are available when an above package is purchased

- 1~10x8" (20x25cm)-\$12
- 2~6x8" (15x20cm)-\$12
- 4~6x4" (10x15cm)-\$12
- 8~Wallets (7.6x5cm) -\$10
- 1~Gift Pack (3 bookmarks and bordered print)-\$17

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026



**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**



Attendance Information for Parents

Compliance with Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes (CEWF) Attendance policies and procedures allow schools, students and parents to meet their obligations under the NSW Education Act 1990.

As stated in CEWF's Attendance Policy parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school **within 7 days** of the first day of any period of absence.

If details regarding the explanation for absences are insufficient, principals may register the absence as unjustified.

It is most important that parents provide details for an absence of their child when using the Compass Parent Portal or when sending in a note to the school.

In Compass, parents have the following absence reasons to select from when entering an absence via the Parent Portal:

- Medical Illness - to be used for sickness, medical and dental treatment
- Medical appointment - appointments with medical professionals, dental practitioners
- Travel - student does not attend school due to a student/family holiday
- Other Explained Absence - school has received a satisfactory explanation for a student's absence. Includes: misadventure or unforeseen event, participation in non-school events, domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member, attendance at funerals, recognised religious festivals
- Natural Disaster - a student is unable to attend school due to an extreme weather event or other natural disaster. Includes: bushfire, flood or storm events

Please note that when selecting a reason for the absence, parents MUST also fill in the Details/Comment section in the Parent Portal. Examples as follows:

- Medical illness - details 'has a stomach bug'
- Medical appointment - details 'doctor's appointment'
- Travel - details 'family holiday to the Gold Coast'
- Other Explained Absence - details 'attending funeral of a relative'

Whole day/s absences can be entered via the Compass Parent Portal however **late arrivals and/or early departures** are to be entered via the Kiosk Lite at the school office.

Should you have any questions regarding the use of absence codes, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal for further information.

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PEACE IN THE WORLD



10 - 16 May 2026



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