



Term 2 Week 4, 11 May 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,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week across the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, we reflect on this year's theme, "Peace in our Hearts, Peace in the World." In a world often marked by uncertainty and division, we are reminded that true peace begins within each of us through our relationship with Christ. Our Catholic schools play an important role in nurturing young people who show compassion, empathy, kindness and respect for others in their daily lives. Across our school community, we see peace lived out through caring relationships, resilience, service, and the support we show one another. As we celebrate this special week, may God's peace continue to guide our hearts, our school and our wider community.

We started Catholic Schools Week today by celebrating Mother's Day and all the special women in our lives. It was a fun afternoon of activities and pampering after our liturgy and picnic lunch. We hope that you can join us at Mass this Thursday for our Catholic Schools Week Mass.

A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who supported our Bunnings BBQ fundraising effort last Saturday. A special mention to Mrs Crowley, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and also travelled over to help on the day with her daughter, Catie. Thank you also to George Blackwell (the Cannon children's grandfather), who travelled from Orange to expertly manage the BBQ throughout the morning and then returned at the end of the day to clean the BBQ. We are also very grateful to parents Corey and Michaela Hando, Aunty Kerrie Wilkinson and staff members Matt and Michele Smith and Katrina and Phil Perrin for helping cook and serve throughout the day. Thank you also to Georgia and Esmac's families for their support. Finally, a very special thank you to my husband, Nathan, who was there from set-up to pack-up, helping throughout the entire day. Thanks to everyone's support, we raised \$1,500 on the day, which will go towards upcoming excursion costs.

Wishing you all a wonderful week! **Mrs Regina Goodridge** Principal



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

Catholic Schools Week

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week! We join with schools across our diocese in giving thanks for the gift of Catholic education and the life of our school community. This year's theme, "Peace in our Hearts, Peace in the World," invites us to reflect on how the peace we nurture within ourselves can be shared with others. Throughout the week, students will explore how Jesus calls us to be people of peace through kindness, compassion and care in their everyday interactions.

Today, we celebrated our mothers and special women with a liturgy and afternoon of activities.

Please join us for our whole school Mass on Thursday at 9.15am.

Students are also invited to wear their pyjamas to school on Friday in support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The cost is a gold coin donation.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Catholic Schools Week and for supporting our students as they grow as people of peace within our school and beyond.



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

Important Dates

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

31 May Solemnity:
The Most Holy Trinity

PARISH COUNCIL

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Envelopes are available.

If you are able to, donate blankets, warm clothing, etc, to the Vinnies shops in Dubbo or Parkes. It would be greatly appreciated.

BISHOP COLUMBA

Please pray for Bishop Columba who is recovering from surgery.

PLANNED GIVING

Please note, the current planned giving commitment is coming to a close at the end of June.

Now is the time to catch up on your Planned Giving.

Please contact Ann Sullivan if you would like to contribute to the upkeep and support our church.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

First Collection: goes to the diocese to support the priests.

Second Collection: (Envelopes & Planned Giving) Is for the running & upkeep of the Parish /Church. This includes maintenance, rates, water, electricity, Boatswain House.

PARISH PRAYER

Merciful Father,
we love You and we need You.

Deepen our trust in
Your Son, Jesus,

Who gave His life for us.

Through the power of
Your Holy Spirit unite us in faith,
hope and love.

Keep us constant in prayer,
ready to welcome,
kind in word and generous
in deed.

Protect our families
from all harm.

Never let us be separated
from You.

Amen.





St Joey's BBQ Fundraiser!

A huge thank you to all our amazing helpers who made our Bunnings Dubbo sausage sizzle such a success! Together, we raised an incredible \$1500 for our kids. Your time, energy and community spirit made a real difference – from cooking on the BBQ to serving with a smile. We truly appreciate everyone who volunteered and supported the day.



Thursday, 14 May

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
MASS @ 9.15AM
ALL WELCOME**

Friday, 15 May

PYJAMA DAY

Friday, 15 May

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 19 May

**4/5/6 CWA PUBLIC
SPEAKING @ PARKES**

Monday, 25 May

**MINI VINNIES
MINI OLYMPICS**

Wednesday, 27 May

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS
STORYTIME**

Thursday, 28 May

SCHOOL MASS

Friday, 29 May

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Monday, 1 June

**4/5/6 WASTE TO ART
EXCURSION**

Wednesday, 3 June

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE
COMMENCES!**

Monday, 8 June

**KING'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, 9 June

STUDENT FREE DAY

STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition.

School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (eg severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc).

If your child has a pre-existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

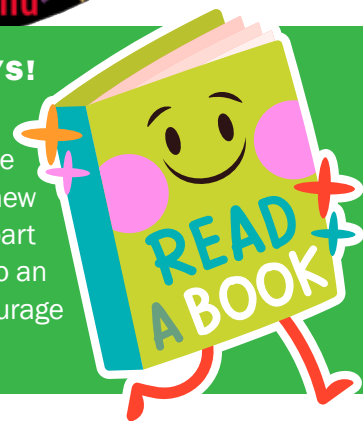
An annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government.

The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

ROADSAFETYWEEK.COM.AU

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.



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:

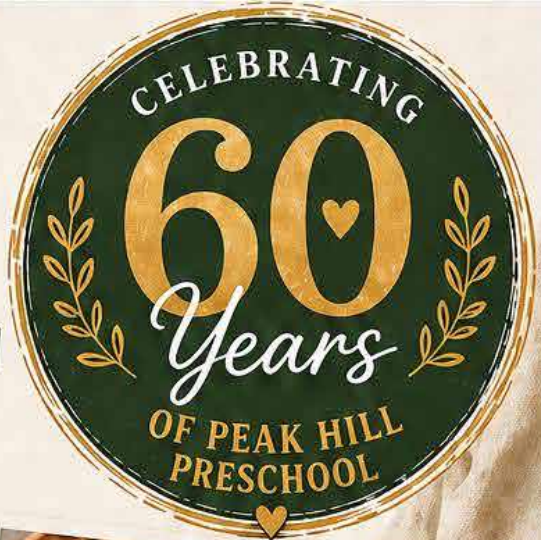
- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

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).

Calling all of PEAK HILL



PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE –
we want YOU to be part of it!

We're creating a
COMMUNITY COOKBOOK ♥
to celebrate 60 years of
PEAK HILL PRESCHOOL!

We invite everyone in Peak Hill to be part of this special keepsake that captures the heart, history and flavours of our town.



WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:



FAVOURITE RECIPES

Share your go-to meals, sweet treats, family favourites or country classics.



PHOTOS OF PEAK HILL

We'd love images that showcase our town's spirit, including:

- Local places and landmarks
- Community events
- Families, friends and everyday life

THE FINISHED BOOK WILL BE:



PROFESSIONALLY PUBLISHED



A LASTING KEEPSAKE OF OUR COMMUNITY



AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AS PART OF THE PRESCHOOL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BE PART OF THE STORY ♥

Your contribution will help create a cookbook full of memories, flavours and local pride – a treasure for generations to come.

Let's celebrate
60 years of
Peak Hill Preschool! ♥

CONTACT:

- ☎ Skye 0438 605 801
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- ☎ Mikaela 0468 874 037

We can't wait to hear from you! ♥



Joey's

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.



National
Road Safety
Week 2026

17-24 May

DRIVE
SO OTHERS
SURVIVE



TAKE THE PLEDGE
roadsafetyweek.com.au

Catholic Schools Week

PEACE IN OUR HEARTS,
PEACE IN THE WORLD



10 - 16 May 2026



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
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