



ST. JOSEPHS



St. Joseph's Parish School

THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY
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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.

Term 2 Week 6, 25 May 2026

Dear families & friends,

Yesterday we celebrated Pentecost, giving thanks for the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to be a true community of belonging and an authentic witness to Christ. The school will be working alongside the parish to organise a Family Mass on Sunday, 14th June. I encourage you to join us for this celebration.

National Sorry Day on 26 May and National Reconciliation Week from 27 May to 3 June are important times for all Australians to reflect, learn and engage in reconciliation. National Sorry Day acknowledges Stolen Generations Survivors and remembers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities. We will have a liturgy and activities this Friday to support learning and reflection.

Congratulations to Edith Cannon on her outstanding success in winning the C.W.A. Public Speaking Competition in Parkes last week. Edith represented our school with great confidence, composure and maturity and we are incredibly proud of her achievement. We wish her every success as she progresses to the next stage in Narromine.

Today, our Mini Vinnies students held their Mini Olympics to raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Students enjoyed a wonderful day of fun, teamwork and friendly competition, showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the activities. At lunch, hot dogs and fruit skewers were sold, with all proceeds going towards the Winter Appeal. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need.

Best wishes, **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

Important Dates

25 May Solemnity:

Our Lady, Help of Christians

26 May Memorial: St Philip Neri

31 May Solemnity:

The Most Holy Trinity

1 June Memorial: St Justin

3 June Memorial:

St Charles Lwanga & Companions

5 June Memorial: St Boniface

7 June Solemnity:

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

11 June Memorial:

St Barnabas, Apostle

12 June Solemnity:

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

13 June Memorial: St Anthony of Padua

22 June Memorial:

Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

24 June Solemnity:

Nativity of St John The Baptist

28 June Memorial: St Irenaeus

29 June Solemnity:

Sts Peter & Paul Apostles

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

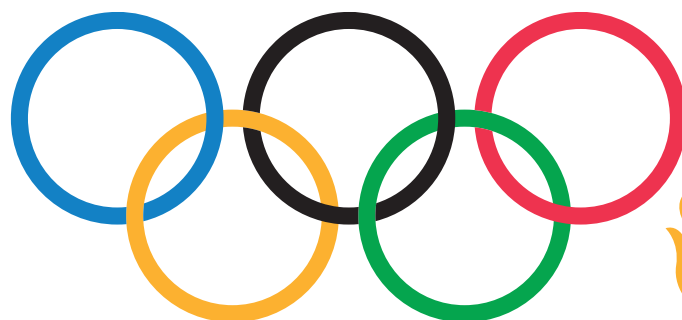
Miss Brooke Hanns

Our Lady Help of Christians

This week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the patroness of Australia.

Under this title, Mary is honoured as a source of strength and support, always guiding us towards Jesus.

To mark this special occasion, our school community will gather for a dedicated Mass led by 4/5/6. We warmly invite all families to join us as we celebrate together in prayer.



Mini Olympics

Our Mini Vinnies team are hosting a 'Mini Olympics' fundraiser today. Students will gather together in their country groups to participate in a variety of games and challenges. It will be a fun way for us to come together as a school whilst also thinking of those in our community who need extra support at this time of year.

Through our CEWF theme, "Peace in our Hearts, Peace in the World," we are reminded that small acts of kindness and generosity can help bring peace and hope to others.



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.

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 up keep and support our church.

ST CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION - NARROMINE

Don't miss this special exhibition featuring a First-Class Relic of Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and the inspiring International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition created by Carlo himself.

Canonised on
7 September 2025.

Venue: St Augustine's Parish Hall,
Narromine

More Information: Elyse Beck
Mobile: 0439 010 148
Email: elyse.beck27@gmail.com



WEEKLY STUDENT REWARD TICKETS

Every morning, St Joey'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!



Driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

SCHOOL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER!

Support our school excursions and fill your freezer with delicious goodies from Earlyrise Bakery!

Choose from a fantastic range of pies, sausage rolls, cakes, biscuits and sweet treats – perfect for easy family dinners and lunchbox snacks.

ORDERS CLOSE: 1 JUNE

Order via: the school office or the Compass app. Thank you for support!



COMING SOON

Tuesday, 26 May

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Tuesday, 26 May

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS
STORYTIME PREVIEW
@ PH LIBRARY K/1**

Wednesday, 27 May

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS
STORYTIME**

Thursday, 28 May

SCHOOL MASS

Friday, 29 May

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 29 May

**RECONCILIATION WEEK
LITURGY AND SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES @ 1PM**

Monday, 1 June

Pie drive orders
DUE BY TODAY!

Monday, 1 June

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

Wednesday, 3 June

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE
COMMENCES!**

Monday, 8 June

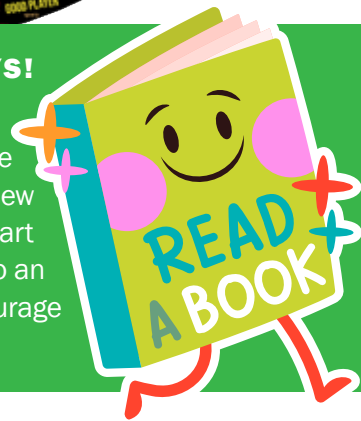
**KING'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, 9 June

STUDENT FREE DAY



Please note: For student safety, the carpark entry is strictly for staff only and should not be used as a short cut.



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



St Joeys' pie drive

PLEASE SEND ALL ORDERS IN
BY MONDAY, 1 JUNE.

Biscuits and cakes

	Price	Quantity	Total \$
Madeira Block Cake	\$9.50		
Chocolate Block Cake	\$9.50		
ANZAC Biscuits 18pkt	\$9.50		
Choc Chip Cookies 18pkt	\$9.50		
Jam Drop Biscuits 18pkt	\$9.50		
Smarty Pants Cookies 18pkt	\$10.50		
Lamingtons 6pkt	\$10.50		

Individual pies & sausage rolls

Sausage Rolls 6pkt	\$21.50		
Beef Steak Pies 4pkt	\$21.50		
Vegetable Mornay Pies 4pkt	\$21.50		
Chicken & Mushroom Pies 4pkt	\$23.50		
Steak Dianne Pies 4pkt	\$23.50		
Chunky Beef Steak Pies 4pkt	\$23.50		
Chicken & Vegetable Pies 4pkt	\$23.50		
Curry Chicken & Veg Pies 4pkt	\$23.50		
Pepper Steak Pies 4pkt	\$23.50		
Chilli Cheese Beef Pies 4pkt	\$23.50		

Sweet pies

Family Apple Pie	\$16.50		
Family Apricot Pie	\$16.50		
Family Apple & Berry Pie	\$16.50		

Family pies

Family Beef Steak Pie	\$18.00		
Family Curry Steak Pie	\$18.00		
Family Steak & Mushroom Pie	\$18.00		
Family Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$21.00		
Family Pepper Steak Pie	\$21.00		
Family Steak & Potato Pie	\$21.00		
Family Chicken & Vegetable Pie	\$21.00		

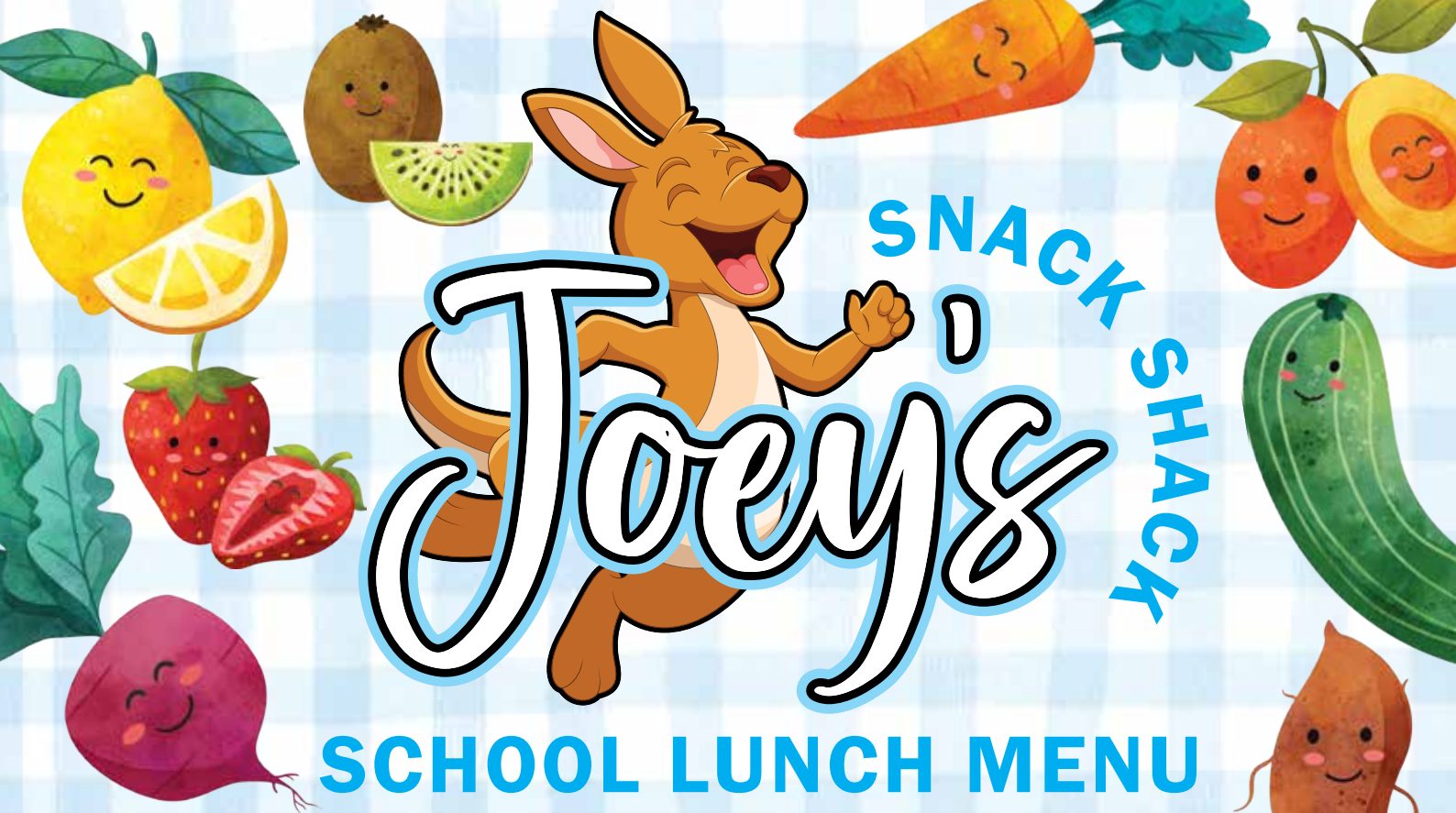
Total \$

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please send in cash with your order or pay via card thru your Compass app.

Thank you for your support!



You can now order through Canteen in Compass!

Hot food

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

Orders can be placed online through your Compass app or written on a paper bag or envelope with the correct money enclosed. [Thank you](#)



CatholicCare
Wilcannia-Forbes

FamilyCare Service

Supporting Families and Children

About the Program:

FamilyCare provides free practical support to families to improve the wellbeing, development, and safety of children and young people. The program primarily supports families with children aged 0–12 years, with assistance also available for families with children up to 18 years.

How We Support Families:

- ✓ Parenting advice and guidance
- ✓ Individual family support, including home visits
- ✓ Supported playgroups
- ✓ School readiness activities for young children
- ✓ Parent support groups
- ✓ Help connecting families with other community services
- ✓ Parenting Education Programs

Servies we do not provide:

- X Financial Assistance
- X Childminding services
- X Child or relationship counselling

Our Aim:

FamilyCare works with families to provide early support and guidance that helps children thrive and supports parents and carers in their role. We offer practical assistance to strengthen family relationships, improve wellbeing, and connect families with helpful community services.

Scan QR for additional contact details



Communities we support:

- Parkes, Trundle & Peak Hill
- Nyngan & Warren
- Condobolin & Lake Cargelligo
- Cobar
- Broken Hill
- Bourke & Brewarrina

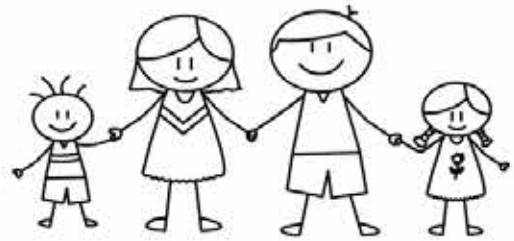


17 Church St, Parkes



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PEAK HILL PLAYGROUP



Fridays
School Term
10.30 - 12.30
Boatswain
House

Playgroup is about getting together with other parents, children, babies, caregivers and families to have positive parent/child interactions, share ideas, information and experiences in a casual environment that welcomes all community members.

For more information, contact us
on **1800 067 067** or **ccwf.org.au**



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TUES

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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY?

EACH DAY MISSED:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up.
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading writing and numeracy.
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections.

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life.

- WHAT PARENTS CAN DO
-  **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
 -  Develop good sleep and morning routines.
 -  Schedule appointments after school.
 -  Avoid taking holidays during term time.



SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you are having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner
every day 



ALL IN

NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION
WEEK 2026

27 MAY — 3 JUNE

FOR RECONCILIATION

MAKE CHANGE

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25 YEARS OF
RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA