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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 10, 22 June 2026

Dear families & friends,

This Thursday, students from Years 2 to 6 will travel to Narromine to visit the major pilgrim relic of St Carlo Acutis which is currently making its pilgrimage around Australia and New Zealand.

St Carlo Acutis is a wonderful example for young people. He had a deep love for the Eucharist and used his gifts and interests, especially technology, to share his faith with others. This special visit gives our students the opportunity to learn more about his life and to reflect on how they can use their gifts to love and serve God. We look forward to sharing this meaningful experience with our students.

As we approach NAIDOC Week, we take time to recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

This year's theme, 50 Years of Deadly, marks 50 years of NAIDOC as a time to honour culture, truth, strength and identity. It recognises the Elders, leaders, artists, families and communities who have helped shape this important celebration over many years.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for our students to learn, show respect and celebrate the rich cultures, stories and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. 50 Years of Deadly – honouring the past, celebrating the present and looking with hope to the future.

Have a lovely week, **Mrs Regina Goodridge** Principal



NAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026



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

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

FATHER SABBAS LEAVE

Father Sabbas will be on leave from
14th October until 20th November

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

On Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity
of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; the
Patroness of our Diocese.

NEW ROSTER

The new church roster will be
available this Sunday.

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting will be
26th July after Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

This week, we will celebrate
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
the Patroness of the Wilcannia-
Forbes Diocese. This is a special
celebration for our school as
we join with others across our
Diocese in honouring Mary.
Students will spend time learning
about this beautiful icon before
coming together for a special
Liturgy of the Word. We pray that
Mary will continue to watch over
our school community and guide
us closer to Jesus.



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.

ST CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION – NARROMINE

Don't miss this special exhibition
featuring a First-Class Relic of
Carlo Acutis and the inspiring
International Eucharistic Miracles
Exhibition.

Thursday 25 June until Monday
29 June. 9am to 3pm each day.
St Augustine's Hall, Narromine

More Information: Elyse Beck
Mobile: 0439 010 148

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.

COLLECTIONS

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

Second Collection: (Envelopes/
Planned Giving) is for the running
and upkeep of the Parish/Church.

CHURCH INFORMATION

There are many items at the back of
the church for all to read and to stay
informed about what's happening in
our Diocese.



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!



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).



Thursday, 25 June

**ST CARLO ACUTIS
EXHIBITION NARROMINE**

Friday, 26 June

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 26 June

**SCHOOL REPORTS
SENT OUT THROUGH
COMPASS**

Wednesday, 1 July

**ATTENDANCE LONG LUNCH
WITH PRINCIPAL**

Friday, 3 July

FINAL DAY OF TERM 2

Monday, 20 July

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3!





Stargazing with Murriyang

Join CWAS at CSIRO's Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre for a night observing the stars.

Tuesday, 30th June 2026 & Wednesday, 8th July 2026

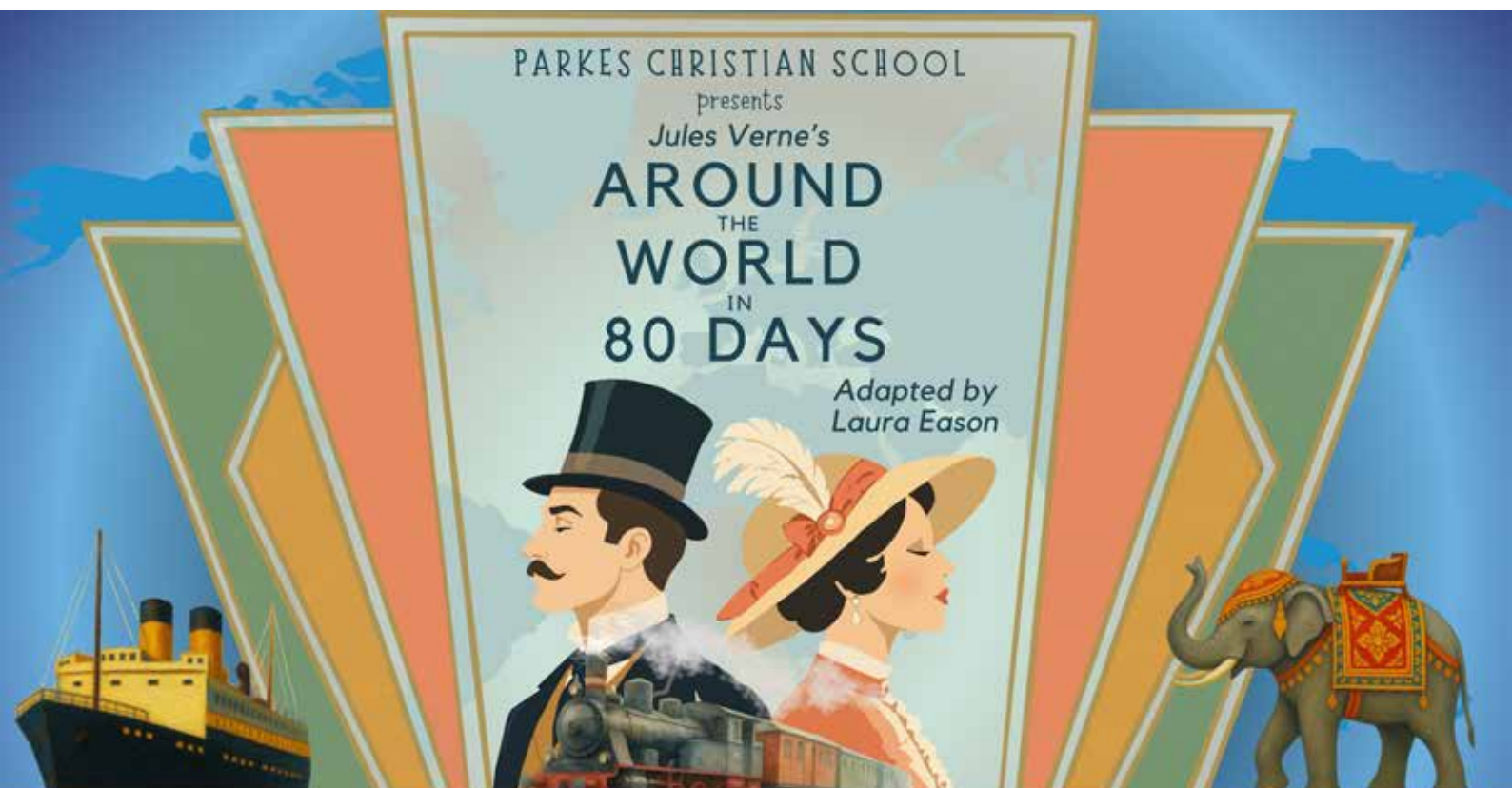
5:30pm to 8pm

No booking required for this free event. BBQ available and cost applies – cash ONLY

This is a family winter event, so please rug up! If the weather is cloudy or stormy please call to confirm – (02) 6861 1777.

Disconnect to protect our science When approaching the observatory please turn off all mobile, WiFi and Bluetooth technology to help protect our telescope.

Australia's National Science Agency



JUNE 25 5:30pm

JUNE 26-27 6:00pm

JUNE 28 Matinee 2pm



PURCHASE TICKETS

Adult \$20 Child \$10

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMDDDB>

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On Behalf of Nick Hern Books

How AI is influencing new online risks for children and young people



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

**Wednesday
24 June 2026**

7.00pm – 7.45pm

AI (generative artificial intelligence) is built into many of the apps, games and services we use that can bring new risks, especially for children and young people. Find out what these risks look like, how to reduce them, and what to do if something goes wrong, as well as:

- The types of AI-related risks your child may come across in their everyday online activities
- How these technologies can affect your child's safety, privacy, development and wellbeing.
- Practical, easy-to-use ways to help you guide and support your child, including what to do if something goes wrong and where to seek help.

**Suitable for parents and carers of
young people in primary and
secondary school.**

REGISTER:

[GoTo Webinar](#)



TICKETS
\$30
PER
PERSON

MORE SUPPORTING FAMILIES



WORKING TOGETHER IN A MODERN WORLD

A conference for parents and carers of children in NSW Catholic schools



FIND OUT ABOUT THESE HOT TOPICS:

- Partnering with your school
- Setting boundaries and managing children's behaviour
- Managing anxiety and resilience
- Respectful relationships
- Artificial intelligence in education
- Celebrating family values

You're Invited!

Join us for a value-packed day of listening and learning, connecting and collaborating, eating and relaxing, with expert presenters including Daniel Principe and Genevieve Muir

**Supporting you to parent bravely
in a modern world**

HOSTED BY THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS NSW
SUPPORTED BY SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Saturday 22 August 2026

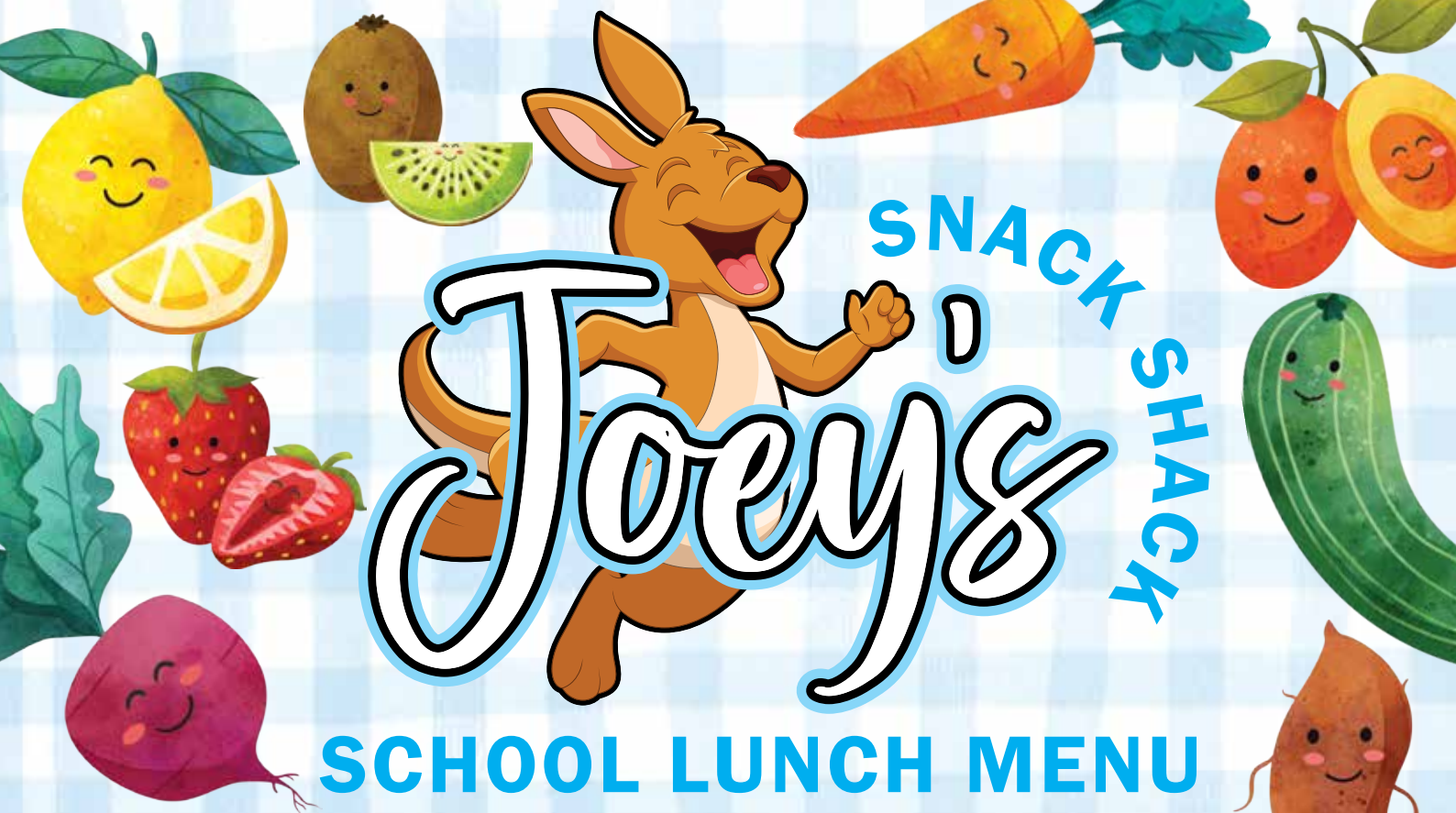
9am – 3.30pm

**Rydges World Square Hotel
389 Pitt Street Sydney**



Register now

<https://ccsp-sydney-conference2026.eventbrite.com.au>



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Order through Canteen in Compass, it's easy!

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](#)

RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE

INVITES YOU

**TO OUR
PRODUCTION OF**



**JUNE 26 AND 27, 6.30PM
AT THE RED BEND MULTI-PURPOSE HALL**

Purchase tickets

www.123tix.com.au/events/53215/annie-jr

Nations of Origin & NAIDOC Community Event

8th July 2026 10am – 3pm
Cheney Oval, Parkes

Get ready for a fun-filled cultural
celebration featuring:

Football
Cultural Dances
Cultural Gelato Flavours
Cultural Food Tasting
Information Stalls & Activities
Jumping Castle & Slide
Airbrush Tattoos
BBQ Lunch
Face Painting

And plenty more

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