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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 11, 29 June 2026

Dear families & friends,

As we come to the end of Term 2, I want to thank our students, staff and families for the way you've worked together to strengthen learning and nurture our community of belonging. We are proud of the steady effort our students have shown throughout the semester and I thank the staff for the guidance and support they have provided to each student.

Semester 1 reports have now been shared via the Compass portal. Reports are one important part of the learning conversation and they work best when they're read alongside what you already know about your child's strengths, growth and next steps. If you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child's report, please contact the school office and we will arrange a suitable time.

Finally, a big congratulations to the students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to learning through attendance. This Wednesday, students with outstanding attendance in Term 2 (95% or higher) will be invited to a long lunch with the Principal to recognise their effort and consistency.

We also look forward to celebrating strong learning habits through reading. Our Reading Reward Party will be held on Thursday for students who have shown consistent reading throughout the term. Thank you to families for supporting reading at home – it makes a real difference.

Please note that our NAIDOC celebrations have been postponed until Friday, 24 July, due to the forecast of heavy rain this week. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to coming together for this important celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and contributions.



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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

29 June Solemnity:

Sts Peter & Paul Apostles

3 July Feast: St Thomas Apostle

5 July 14th Sunday Ordinary Time

11 July Memorial: St Benedict

12 July 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

15 July Memorial: St Bonaventure

19 July 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

22 July Memorial: St Mary Magdalene

25 July Feast: St James, Apostle

26 July Memorial: Sts Joachim & Anne

26 July 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

29 July Memorial:

St Martha, Mary & Lazarus

31 July Memorial: St Ignatius of Loyola

FATHER SABBAS LEAVE

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting will be
26th July after Mass

Thank you again for your ongoing partnership and may God bless your families as we head into the holiday break.

Term 3 begins on Monday, 20 July. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready to learn.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Regina Goodridge Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

St Carlo Actus Exhibition

Last week, our students travelled to Narromine to visit the St Carlo Acutis relic exhibition. It was a special opportunity to learn more about St Carlo, his love for Jesus in the Eucharist and the way he used his gifts to share Eucharistic miracles with others. Students spent time in prayer and reflection and were able to experience a first-class relic with reverence and respect. It was a beautiful faith experience and one our students will remember.

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.





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).



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.

Wednesday, 1 July
**ATTENDANCE LONG LUNCH
WITH PRINCIPAL**

Friday, 3 July
FINAL DAY OF TERM 2

Monday, 20 July
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3!

Tuesday, 21 July
JUMP INTO JOEYS RETURNS

Friday, 24 July
NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Friday, 31 July
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 6 August
**SCHOOL MASS @ 9.15AM
ALL WELCOME**

Thursday, 13 August
**WF DIO ATHLETICS
@ PARKES**

Monday, 24 August
BOOK WEEK

Wednesday, 26 August
PEAK HILL SHOW!

Thursday, 3 September
**THE WIZARD OF OZ
WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION
@ WARREN**

Friday, 4 September
**FATHER'S DAY
LITURGY + EVENT
ALL WELCOME**



For assistance with bus travel, route details and timetable information, please contact:
Gary and Annette Parker Ph: 6869 1942 or
Annette: 0427 691942 Gary: 0438 691942



Coming soon

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS + PUPIL FREE DAYS

20 AUGUST

Peak Hill Show

24-25 SEPTEMBER

Student Free Days

16 NOVEMBER

Student Free Day



A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term, that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.



Merit award winners

Congratulations to our merit award recipients! Special recognition has been awarded to students in our Infants and Primary classes, along with the St Joseph's Way & Principal's Award.



You may have noticed your children using some new and interesting words lately! Mrs Smith has introduced Word of the Week to help students expand their vocabulary, build confidence in their speaking and writing and develop a love of language.

Why not join in at home? Ask your child about the week's word and see if you can slip it into your family conversations. It's a fun way to reinforce learning and discover some wonderful new words together!

Here are this term's words and their meanings...

SPECTACULAR

Especially great.
Very exciting to look at.

ATROCIOUS

Extremely bad or cruel.

RAVENOUS

Extremely hungry.

ABOMINATION

A thing that causes extreme disgust.

DELECTABLE

Delicious.

INFERIOR

Not as good.
Lower in position or quality.

GROTESQUE

Very ugly or distorted.

TREMENDOUS

Extremely large or powerful.

EXASPERATED

Really annoyed or frustrated.

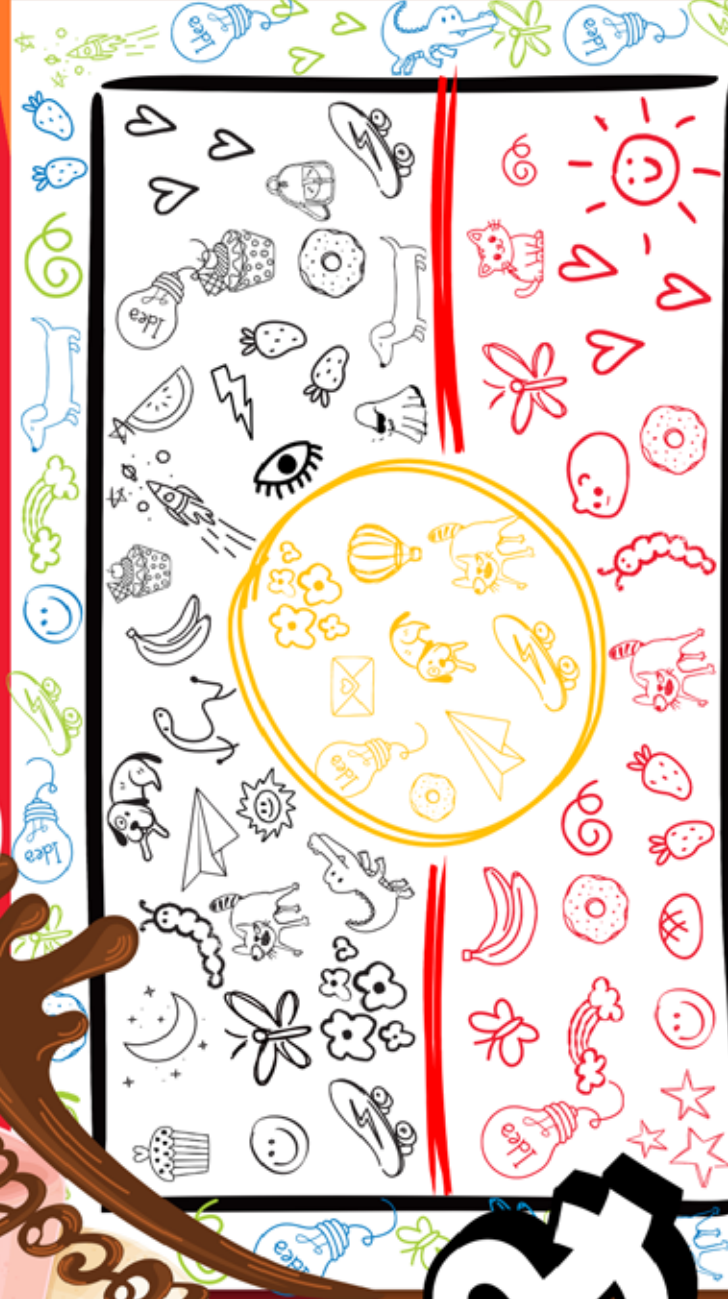
LABORIOUS

Requiring huge time and effort.

SCRUMPTIOUS

Extremely tasty.

NAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026



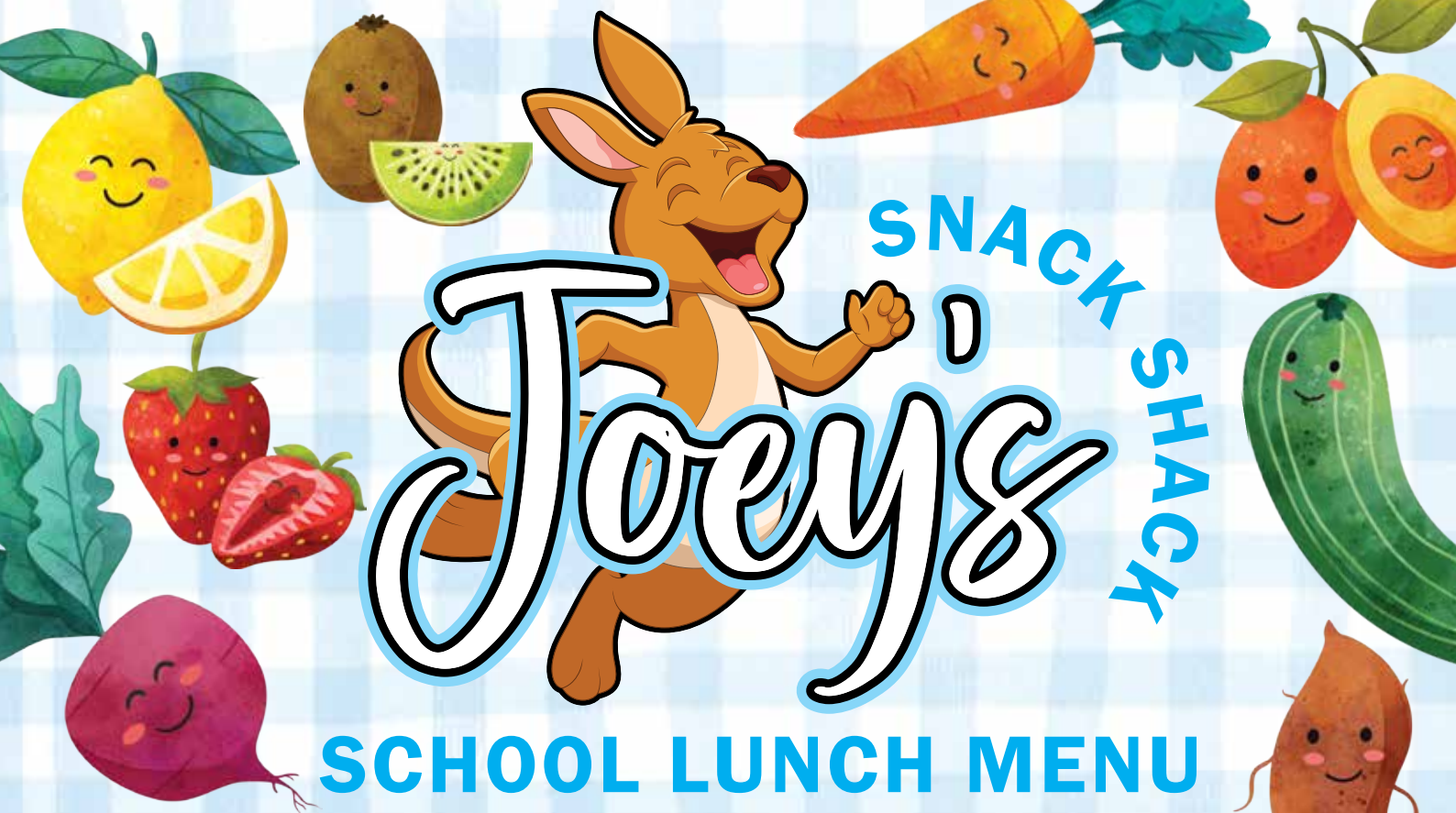
Join us for hot
chocolate and
doodling fun!
Tue 7 July
10:30am
to
12:00pm
PEAK HILL
LIBRARY

&

DEADLY DOODLES

For all ages, no need to book!





SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Order through Canteen in Compass, it's easy!

Hot food

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

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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