



ST. JOSEPHS



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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 3 Week 1, 20 July 2026

Dear families & friends,

Welcome back to Term 3.

I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and enjoyable holiday. We're looking forward to a great term of learning, growth and fun activities. Today, we welcome a new student to our Kindergarten class. John and his family have relocated to Peak Hill. We hope John enjoys his time at St Joseph's.

A reminder that regular attendance matters. Every day at school supports progress, friendships and wellbeing. We will again celebrate strong attendance with an attendance reward at the end of the term. The Principal's Long Lunch attendance reward is becoming a highlight of our term – an event that students genuinely want to be part of.

Next Thursday, 30th July, students who have qualified will attend the Cluster Athletics Carnival in Dubbo at Barden Park. Please provide permission in Compass as soon as possible. Please note that it is the parent/carer's responsibility to arrange transportation to and from the carnival for your child. The Cluster Carnival is an important step in our sporting pathways and may lead to students qualifying for Diocesan (best of 18 schools), Polding (half the Catholic schools in the state), State and even National competitions.

We have rescheduled our NAIDOC celebrations until Friday, 21st August, due to staff members being on leave and clashes with other events.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Regina Goodridge Principal



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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

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

PRAYER TO ST. JAMES

O glorious Apostle, Saint James,
who by reason of thy fervent and
generous heart

was chosen by Jesus to be witness of
His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His
agony in Gethsemane.

thou, whose very name is a symbol
of warfare and victory; obtain for us
strength and consolation.

in the unending warfare of this life,
that, having constantly and generously
followed Jesus, we may be victors in
the strife and deserve to receive the
victor's crown in heaven.

Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

Peer Support - Keeping Friends!

We are commencing Peer Support this week. Each week, students will take part in a lesson led by our Peer Leaders and work together in small groups. This term, we are working through the "Keeping Friends" module. Over eight sessions, students will explore what makes a good friend and develop skills in empathy, cooperation, critical thinking and managing friendship challenges. We encourage families to talk with their children about each week's session as this helps reinforce the ideas and skills explored at school.



Wacky Wednesday!

Get ready for a day of silly fun as we celebrate Wacky Wednesday in support of Mini Vinnies!

Bring a gold coin donation and wear something a little wacky with your sport uniform – think odd socks, clothes inside out or back to front, crazy hair, or mismatched shoes!

Our classrooms will be getting a little topsy-turvy too! In K/1, students will become Wacky Detectives, searching for everything that's out of place. Even better, for every wacky thing they spot, an extra \$1 will be donated to the fundraiser!

*Why fit in when you
were born to stand out?*

Dr. Seuss

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST



PARISH COUNCIL

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be this Sunday, 26 July, 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.

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

25 July Saint James, Patron of our Church, which we will celebrate this Sunday, 26 July.

8 August St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

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 Joeys 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 Joeys, 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.



Tuesday, 21 July

JUMP INTO JOEYS RETURNS

Thursday, 30 July

**CLUSTER ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL @ DUBBO**

Friday, 31 July

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY @ 9AM

Thursday, 6 August

**SCHOOL MASS @ 9.15AM
ALL WELCOME**

Thursday, 13 August

**WF DIO ATHLETICS
@ PARKES**

Friday, 14 August

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY @ 9AM

Thursday, 20 August

**SCHOOL MASS @ 9.15AM
ALL WELCOME**

Friday, 21 August

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Monday, 24 August

BOOK WEEK

Wednesday, 26 August

PEAK HILL SHOW!

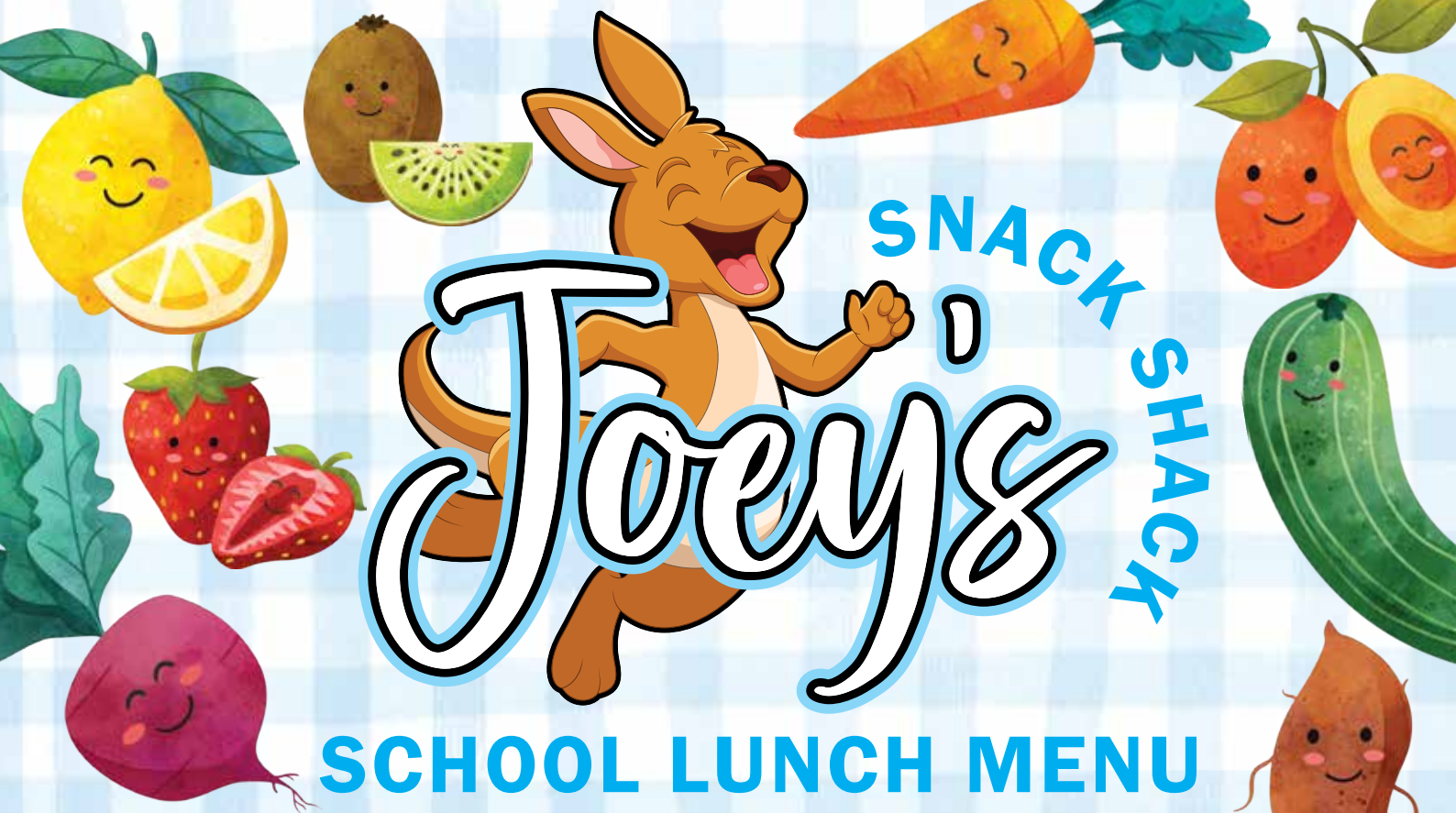
Friday, 28 August

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY @ 9AM

Thursday, 3 September

**THE WIZARD OF OZ
WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION
@ WARREN**





SNACK SHACK

Joey's

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](#)



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.

We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to: Peak Hill on the 13th August from 9:00am – 2:00pm

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.



Find us at:

Peak Hill Ex-Services Club Car Park
57-61 Caswell St