



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 3 Week 3, 3 August 2026

Dear families & friends,

It was wonderful to see our students representing our school at the Cluster Athletics Carnival in Dubbo last Thursday. Congratulations to every competitor for the way you participated with effort, respect and true sportsmanship. A special congratulations to our Small Schools Relay Team for placing 2nd and qualifying for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival: Rory, Dylan, Rhylee and Edith. We also acknowledge Ivy, who was unwell on the day and missed out.

At Mass this weekend, we were reminded that Jesus calls us to live with faith in action – showing kindness, perseverance and generosity in the ordinary moments of our week. It's a timely message as we continue to build our school as a community of belonging, where we encourage one another to do our best and look out for those around us.

Last week we had our first visit to the Peak Hill Preschool and we look forward to continuing these visits each week for the rest of this term. Thank you to Mrs Chandler and the Year 4/5/6 students for organising fun games and being such positive role models.

This month we also celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This year marks 160 years of Josephite schools in Australia, a wonderful milestone that reminds us of Mary MacKillop's legacy of faith, courage and commitment to education – especially for those in need.

Best wishes for a wonderful 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

4 August Memorial:
St John Mary Vianney

5 August The Dedication of the
Basilica of St Mary Major

6 August Feast:
The Transfiguration of the Lord

8 August Solemnity:
St Mary of the Cross

10 August Feast: St Lawrence

11 August Memorial: St Clare

14 August Memorial:
St Maximillian Kolbe

15 August Solemnity: The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)

20 August Memorial: St Bernard

21 August Memorial: St Pius X

22 August Memorial: The Queenship
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

24 August Feast:
St Bartholomew, Apostle

27 August Memorial: St Monica

28 August Memorial: St Augustine.

29 August Memorial:
Passion of St John the Baptist

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

The Transfiguration

This Thursday, we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord with Mass at 9:15am. Everyone is welcome.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Friday, we will celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a Liturgy of the Word.

Mary was Australia's first saint and her life reminds us to trust God, help those in need and find practical ways to make a difference.

This year also marks 160 years of Josephite education in Australia!

Please keep an eye out for our Family Challenge which will be sent home this week. It includes simple activities to help families bring faith, kindness and compassion to life each day.

Did you know? Mary is best known for her commitment to providing schooling for children from poor and rural communities. She and the Sisters of St Joseph (also called the Brown Joeys) successfully established a model of Catholic education that endures today.



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.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

This Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, observed each year on 6 August. In the Year A liturgical cycle, we hear the Gospel from Matthew 17:1-9, where Jesus reveals His divine glory to Peter, James and John on a high mountain. There, they witness Him in conversation with Moses and Elijah, offering a powerful glimpse of His true identity as the Son of God.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be Sunday, 6 September, following Mass.

SPECIAL FEAST DAY

Saturday 8th August is the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We will celebrate the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at Mass on Sunday 9th August

PLANNED GIVING

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

COLLECTION INFORMATION

First Collection: Supports the Diocese and provides for the needs of our priests.

Second Collection (Planned Giving/ Envelopes): Supports the ongoing running and upkeep of our parish and helps cover essential expenses such as church maintenance, council rates, water, electricity, and the maintenance of Boatswain House.

FATHER SABBAS LEAVE

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



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.



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

Saturday, 29 August

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
8.30 AM - 12.30PM
@ PARKES**

MITRE 10

Thursday, 3 September

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

Friday, 4 September

**FATHER'S DAY
LITURGY + EVENT
ALL WELCOME**

A portrait of a young boy with short, light brown hair, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a light blue collared shirt. The background is a solid blue color. The photo is framed by a white border, which is itself set against a dark blue background.



Regular attendance helps students make the most of every learning opportunity. We appreciate the commitment of our students and families in making school a priority.

K/1 AND 4/5/6!



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



A huge well done to our Word of the Week champions who have mastered every tricky vocabulary word and earned a special Star Badge! Learning new words helps us become stronger readers, writers and communicators and these students have shown fantastic determination and persistence.





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 Principal's Award, St Joseph's Way Award.



MITRE 10

Can you
help with our
fundraiser?



On Saturday 29 August, St Joey's will be running a BBQ fundraiser at the new Mitre 10 in Parkes.

From 8.30am to 12.30pm, we'll be serving delicious bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches and cold drinks.

We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand with cooking and serving, as well as donations of eggs, bacon, sausages, bread rolls and loaves of bread.

Every contribution, big or small, helps us provide valuable resources, excursions and opportunities for our students.

We'd love your support



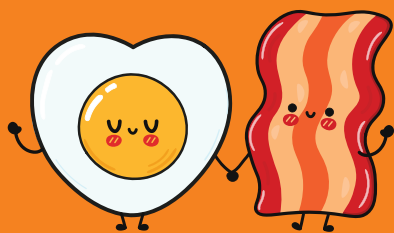


WALKING TOGETHER SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.



WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast is a great way to give the body the fuel it needs. Served from 8.30am every Wednesday.



Congratulations to our cluster athletics champions!

Our amazing 4 x 100m relay team will be progressing to the Diocesan Carnival at NorthParkes Oval on 13 August. Good luck!



Wacky Wednesday!

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

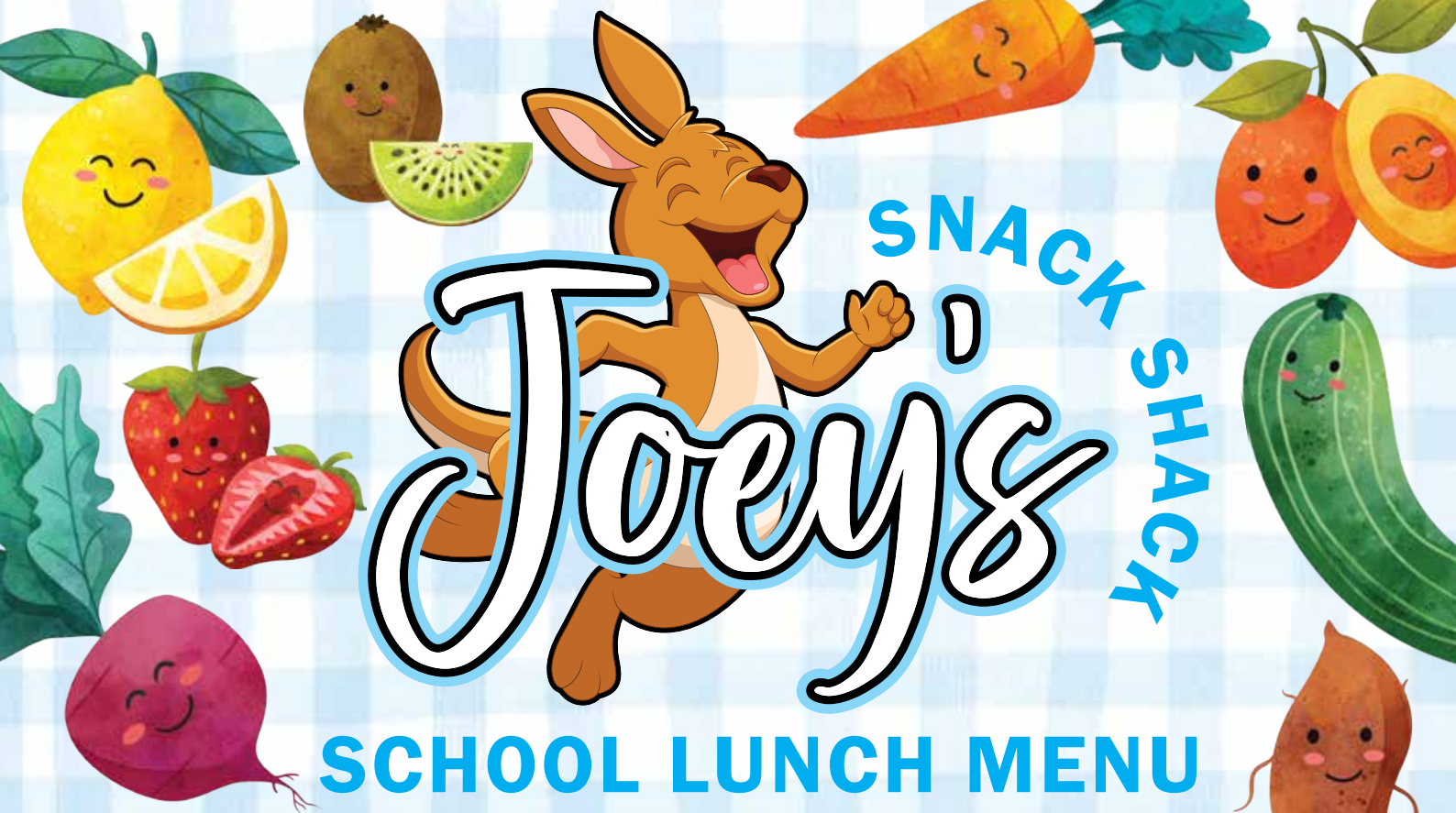
Bring a gold coin donation and wear something a little wacky with your sport uniform – think odd socks, clothes inside out or back to front, crazy hair, or mismatched shoes!

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

Dr. Seuss

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST





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 salad	\$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](#)

YADAMA YOORAYGA

— GROWING GOOD TOGETHER —

An Aboriginal based training to support knowledge to the community on all the different types of carers.



SEE

Recognising and valuing the important role carers play in our communities.



CONNECT

Building strong relationships and community connections to support carers.



SUPPORT

Providing knowledge, tools and resources to help carers feel supported.



GROW

Growing stronger families, stronger communities and stronger futures together.



LOCAL GUEST SPEAKER

Hear first hand experiences from a local guest speaker sharing their journey.



FOOD PROVIDED



DATE
13th August 2026



TIME
7:00pm



VENUE
Peak Hill Ex-Services
& Citizens Club Ltd
Peak Hill NSW 2869



TOGETHER, WE CAN GROW STRONGER
FUTURES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

All welcome!