



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 4, 10 August 2026

Dear families & friends,

I was truly spoilt last Friday on National Primary Principals' Day. The students and staff wrote personal messages on special cards and I received flowers, gifts and morning tea. Thank you to the staff for organising everything and to the students for always making me smile. This is my ninth year as Principal at St Joseph's and I feel truly blessed to lead this community and work alongside parents, staff and students who are so supportive.

Last week, we had a significant number of students and staff unwell. While we know attendance is important, you can't help getting sick and sometimes you need time to rest and recover. Thank you for keeping your child at home when needed and giving them the time to recuperate.

In the coming weeks, we will celebrate NAIDOC Week and Book Week. We will also have the gazetted public holiday on 26th August for the Peak Hill Show.

Last Friday we celebrated Mary MacKillop Feast Day, giving us a special opportunity to pray together and reflect on St Mary's example of faith, courage and service. Her words, "Never see a need without doing something about it," continue to inspire us to show compassion and care for others each day.

Best wishes, **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

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

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This week, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This special feast reminds us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken into Heaven, body and soul.

To mark this celebration, our students will take part in a Lectio Divina, a quiet and prayerful way of listening to Scripture.

Through the Gospel, students will reflect on Mary's trust in God and how we can follow her example by saying yes to God and bringing peace to others.



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. 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, August 15, 2026

In Australia, it is one of only two national Holy Days of Obligation (along with Christmas Day), meaning Catholics are required to attend Mass on or around this day.

We will celebrate this day on Sunday, 16 August.

PLANNED GIVING

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

PARISH COUNCIL

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

FATHER SABBAS LEAVE

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

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.



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).

Enrol now for 2027 Kinder Transition

Get ready to Jump into Joey's with our fantastic Kinder transition program! Running every Tuesday during the school term in 2027, this program is the perfect way to prepare your little one for the exciting journey into Kindergarten.

Jump into Joey's is open to all children starting Kinder in 2028. Give your child the best start to their learning adventure! Register your interest today! Call or SMS us 0439 477 646 or email admin.peakhill@wf.catholic.edu.au



Friday, 14 August
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY @ 9AM

Thursday, 20 August
SCHOOL MASS @ 9.15AM
ALL WELCOME

Friday, 21 August
NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, 26 August
PEAK HILL SHOW!

Friday, 28 August
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY @ 9AM

Friday, 28 August
BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

Saturday, 29 August
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
8.30 AM - 12.30PM
@ PARKES

MITRE 10

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

Monday, 7 September
FATHER'S DAY
LITURGY + EVENT
ALL WELCOME

Sunday, 13 September
FAMILY MASS
WITH BISHOP COLUMBA
ALL WELCOME

Monday, 14 September
HEALTHY HAROLD



26 AUGUST

24-25 SEPTEMBER

16 NOVEMBER

ST. JOSEPHS



Norms of Behaviour

- 1** We are respectful and listen to each other.
- 2** We are ready to learn and on task to do our best.
- 3** We share and play fairly in a calm environment.
- 4** We are happy and helpful.
If we are not happy, we know how to ask for help.
- 5** We are kind and we celebrate each other's success.
- 6** We are positive and learn from our mistakes.



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

Weekly Attendance

Each week, Mrs Goodridge reviews our school attendance and the class (or classes) with the highest attendance earns the Weekly Attendance Trophy and a special prize. 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.

A big congratulations to this week's winning class – 4/5/6!



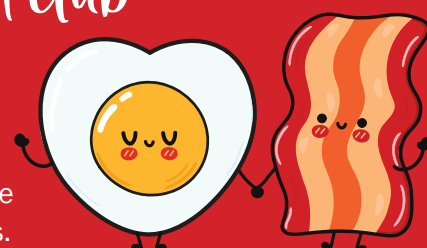
Wednesday breakfast club

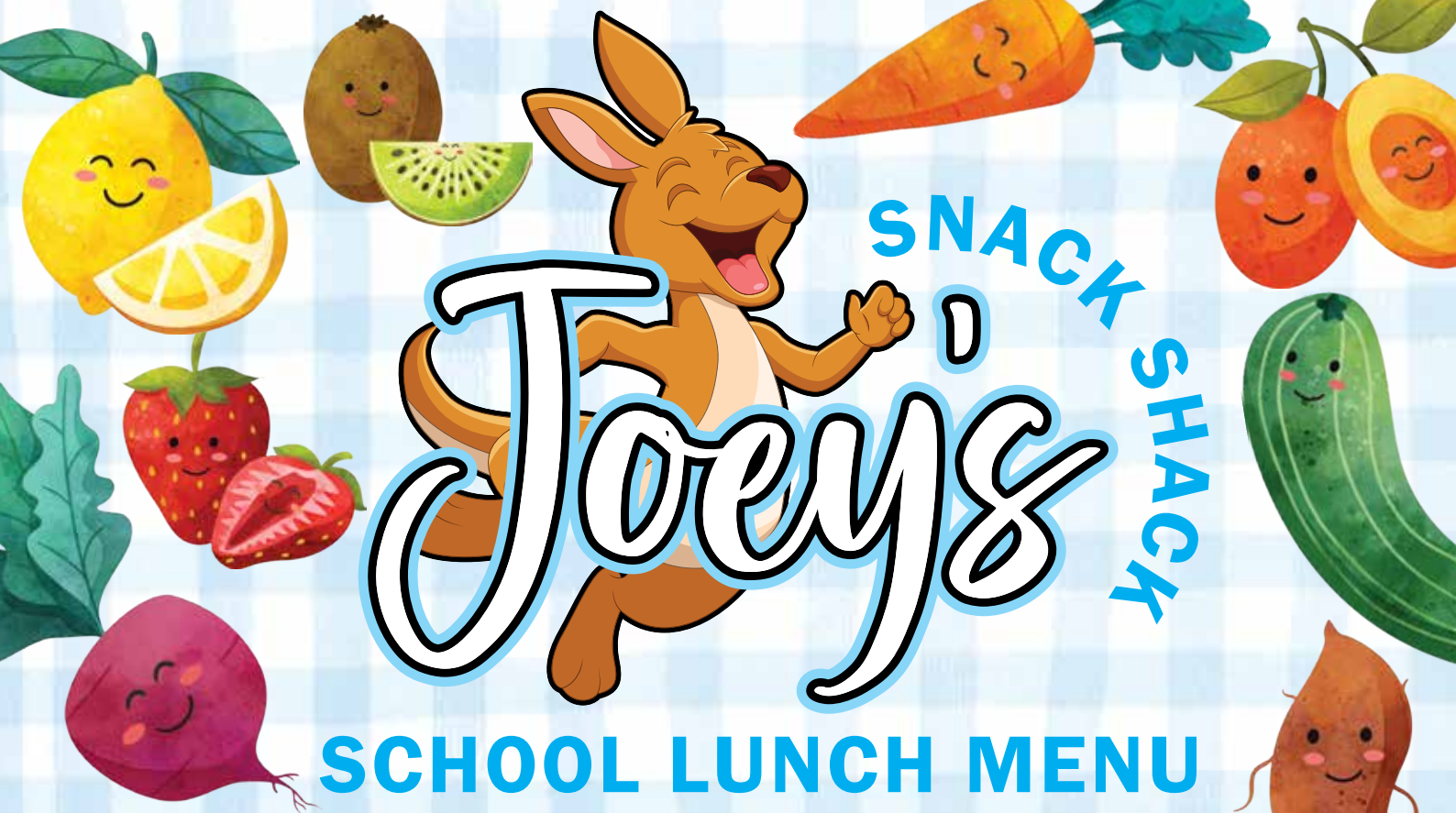
Our weekly Breakfast Club is a great way to start the day!

Students can enjoy a yummy breakfast, catch up with friends and spend some time with our staff before the school day begins.

It's all about good food, good company and starting the day with a smile!

Breakfast is served every Wednesday from 8.30am.





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!

St Joseph's School **BBQ fundraiser**

*Support our school and
enjoy a delicious bite to eat!*

Spring is almost here, making it the perfect time to freshen up your garden.

Head to Parkes Mitre 10 to browse their beautiful plants and garden supplies and be sure to stop by the St Joey's School BBQ.

We'll be serving:

- Delicious Bacon & Egg Rolls
- Tasty Sausage Sandwiches
- Cold Drinks

Saturday, 29 August

8.30am – 12.30pm

Every bacon & egg roll and sausage sandwich purchased helps support the students and programs at St Joseph's School.

Bring your family, grab a bite to eat, and help make a difference to our wonderful school community.

We'd love to see you there!

MITRE 10

