



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 5, 17 August 2026

Dear families & friends,

By the end of this week we will be halfway through the term.

Thank you for the continued partnership between home, parish and school as we keep building Communities of Belonging where every child can learn and grow in confidence.

School Mass

You are invited to our School Mass this Thursday at 9:15am, organised by our K/1.

Canberra excursion meeting

A reminder for families of 4/5/6 students attending the Canberra excursion: **there will be a parent meeting this Thursday at 3:30pm.** This will be an important opportunity to confirm key information and answer questions. We look forward to seeing our 4/5/6 parents there.

Peak Hill Show

Please note that next Wednesday, 26 August, will be a public holiday for the Peak Hill Show. It is a great day to support this community event.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

We also acknowledged the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on 15 August, giving thanks for Mary's faithful "yes" to God and her continuing example of trust and hope for our community.

School rugby jerseys

The Stage 3 students and staff are looking very smart in our new school jerseys. Students are able to wear their jerseys with their sports uniforms.

Best wishes,

Mrs Regina Goodridge Principal



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Check out our website <https://peakhill.wf.catholic.edu.au/>



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

School Mass

Please join us for a very special Mass this Thursday at 9.15am. Our K/1 class will be leading us as we reflect on the theme, **"Jesus Blessed the Children."** We hope to see you there.



Important Dates

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.



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.

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, August 22, 2026. We will celebrate this day next Sunday, 23 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



Thursday, 20 August

**SCHOOL MASS @ 9.15AM
ALL WELCOME**

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**

Friday, 4 September

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Monday, 7 September

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

Sunday, 13 September

**FAMILY MASS
ALL WELCOME**

Monday, 14 September

HEALTHY HAROLD

Thursday, 17 September

SCHOOL MASS



Coming soon

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
+ PUPIL FREE DAYS**

26 AUGUST

Peak Hill Show

24-25 SEPTEMBER

Student Free Days

16 NOVEMBER

Student Free Day



SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL INFORMATION

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!



Meet Our Newly Licensed Writers!

A wonderful achievement for our students who have recently received their pen licences! This is a great reflection of their hard work, neat handwriting and dedication in the classroom.
Well done!

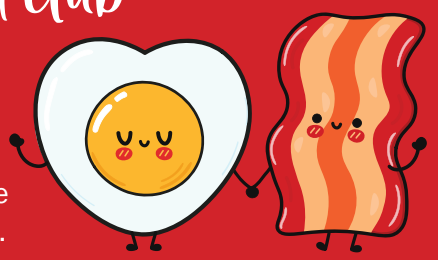
Wednesday breakfast club

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.

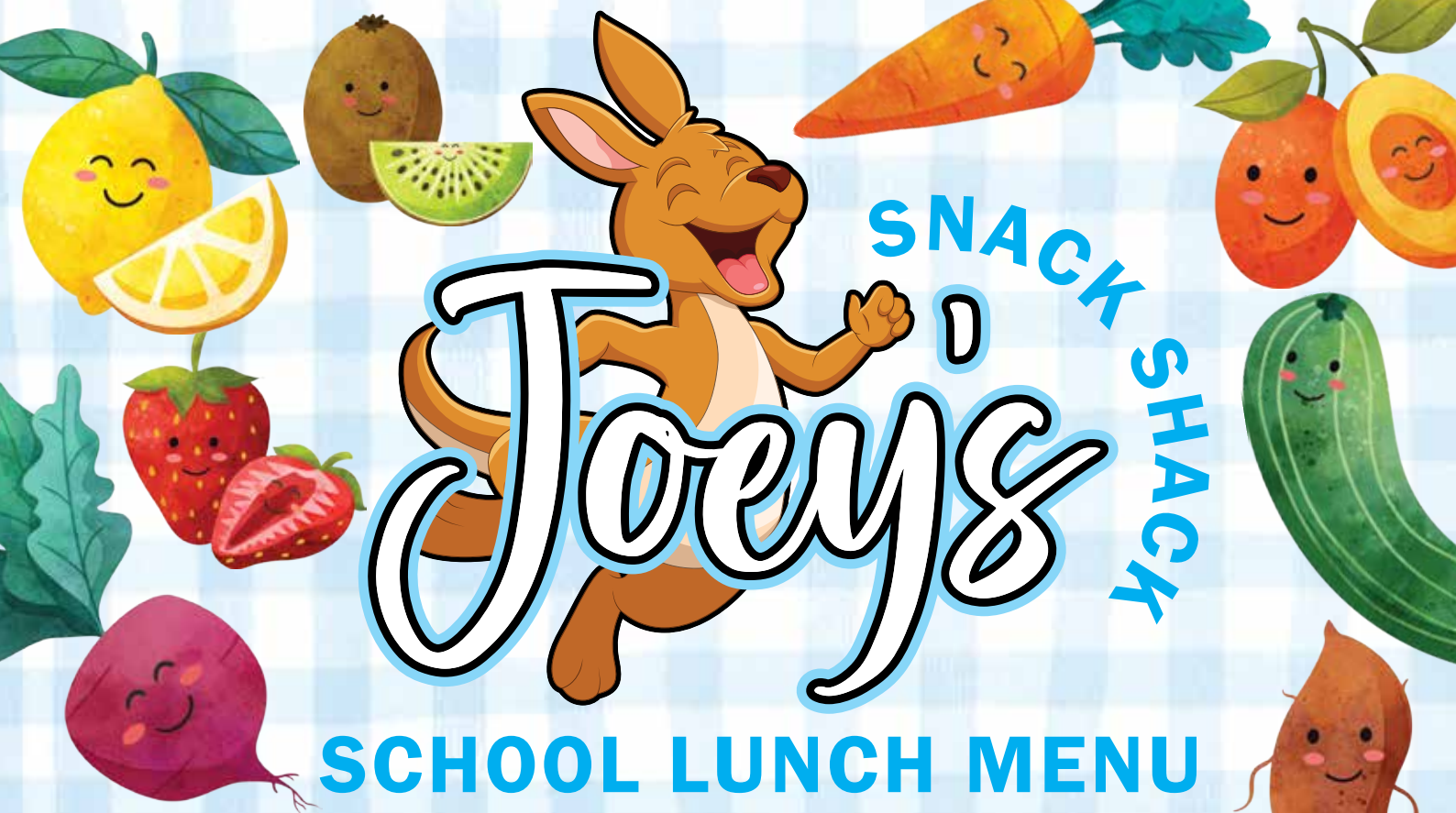




Merit award winners

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.





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](#)

CELEBRATING

50 Years
OF

NAIDOC

THIS SEPTEMBER

HONOUR • CELEBRATE • CONNECT

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER



LOCATION

PEAK HILL
MEMORIAL PARK



TIME

11AM – 3PM



JUMPING
CASTLE



FOOD &
DRINKS



READING
AREA



CRAFTS



STALLS

STALLS INCLUDE

INDIDG CONNECT • REDI.E • ST JOSEPH'S

HOPING FOR EVERYONE TO COME DOWN,
*enjoy the day, relax, have fun
and connect.*

LET'S CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF NAIDOC
THIS SEPTEMBER TOGETHER.

TELL YOUR
MOTHER, FATHER, SISTER, BROTHER,
COUSINS, AUNTY, UNCLES
AND NAN AND POP





Support St Joey's!

Whether you're popping in for some breakfast, grabbing lunch or checking out what's new for your garden, be sure to stop by **Parkes Mitre 10** and say hello!

Every purchase helps support the students and funds excursions at St Joseph's School.

Bring the family, grab a bite and support our wonderful school community.

We'd love to see you there!

MITRE 10

- Delicious bacon & egg rolls
- Tasty sausage sandwiches
- Cold drinks

**Saturday,
29 August**

8.30am – 12.30pm

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