



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 6, 24 August 2026

Dear families & friends,

This Saturday, 29th August, our school will be running the Saturday morning BBQ at Mitre 10 Parkes to help fundraise for upcoming excursions. At this stage, we only have staff volunteering, so we truly need a few parent helpers to make this a success. If you can spare just one hour between 8:30am and 12:30pm, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you're unable to assist on the day, you may be able to donate eggs, bacon, or cans of drink.

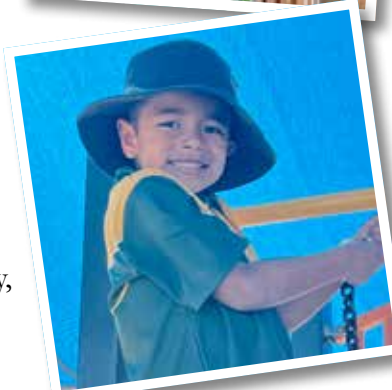
We are also looking forward to our wonderful community event, the Peak Hill Show, this Wednesday. Please look out for our staff volunteering at the front gate entrance. A reminder that there is no school on Wednesday, as it is a gazetted public holiday for Peak Hill.

Thank you to all the family members and friends who joined us for our K/1 Mass last Thursday. It was lovely to have so much support.

This Friday we celebrate Book Week. Families are invited to join us for Lunch on the Lawn, followed by our Book Parade from 1:40 pm. We can't wait to see the creativity and love of reading on display.

Best wishes,

Mrs Regina Goodridge Principal



Follow us on facebook! www.facebook.com/stjoespeakhill
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

Important Dates

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

3 September Memorial:

St Gregory the Great

6 September Fathers Day

8 September Feast:

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

13 September Memorial:

St John Chrysostom

14 September Feast:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 September Memorial:

Our Lady of Sorrows

16 September Memorial:

Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

20 September Memorial:

Sts Andrew KimTae-gon, Paul Chong
Ha-sang & Companions

21 September Feast: St Matthew,
Apostle & Evangelist



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

Father's Day Liturgy and Event

We warmly invite our dads, grandfathers and father figures to join us for our Father's Day Liturgy on Monday 7th of September. This will be a special opportunity to give thanks for the love, care and guidance they share with us each day. We look forward to celebrating together as a school community and showing our appreciation for the important role they play in the lives of our students.

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).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

Our coming meeting scheduled for 6 September has been cancelled. The new meeting date is TBA.

PLANNED GIVING

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

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.

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!



Canberra excursion information session

Our Year 4/5/6 students are getting ready for an awesome adventure to Canberra and we're inviting parents and carers, and students in 4/5/6, to come along to an information session.

**Thursday, 27 August
3.30pm**

Come along to hear all the important information, ask any questions you may have and get a sneak peek at the fantastic itinerary we have planned for our senior students.



Wednesday, 26 August

PEAK HILL SHOW!

Thursday, 27 August

**4/5/6 CANBERRA
EXCURSION INFORMATION
MEETING @ 3.30PM**

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



We're off to see The Wizard!

**THURSDAY
3 SEPTEMBER**

Our 2/3 & 4/5/6 classes are following the yellow brick road all the way to Warren to see St Mary's production of the Wizard of Oz.

Please make sure you give permission via the Compass app.



STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition.

School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (eg severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc).

If your child has a pre existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.



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

**Kinder
Transition
Program**

**FREE
no cost!**

**Play
+ Social
skills**

**EVERY
Tuesday from
9am-3pm**

**TERM 1
TO
TERM 4**

**Gross +
Fine Motor
Skills**

**Literacy
+
Numeracy**

**FREE
shirt + hat
for every
child**

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



Cyber safety – unwelcome websites

Unwelcome websites are often encountered when students search for information utilising Internet Search Engines such as Google, Bing, etc. These websites often contain material that may be age inappropriate, sexually explicit, pornographic, violent and offensive. The following information guides for parents may be of interest and assistance in ensuring that your children are protected from offensive content when using the internet.



Welcome to iParent

(<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>)



Where you can learn about the digital environment and how to help your child have safe and enjoyable online experiences. Our 10 minute interactive tour is for parents of pre-teens and young teens (10 to 14 years). It has plenty of tips and practical steps along the way so you can help your child explore safely and manage online issues should they arise.

This is especially important at this age as they strive for independence and peer acceptance. There are no right or wrong answers and you'll get to see how other parents responded to the same questions.

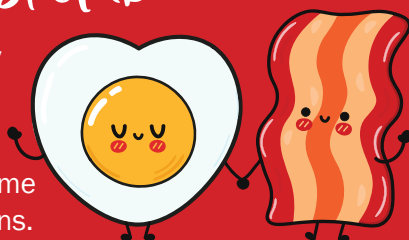
Wednesday breakfast club

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.



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.

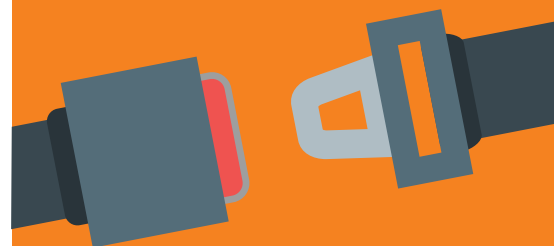
Regular attendance helps students make the most of every learning opportunity.

We appreciate the commitment of our students and families in making school a priority.

A big congratulations to this week's winning class – K/1!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CAR SEAT RULES IN NSW

The driver is responsible for children under seven years being secured by an approved child restraint suitable for their age and size.

SUITABLE CHILD CAR RESTRAINT

Children aged between four and seven years must use a forward-facing child car seat with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat. Children aged seven years and over who are too small to use a seatbelt should use an approved booster seat or an anchored safety harness. The suggested minimum height for using a seatbelt is 145 cm or taller.

WHICH CAR RESTRAINT IS BEST FOR MY CHILD?

www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Safety_Child_car_seats/

"5 STEP TEST"

kidsafe.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Restraint-guidelines-brochure.pdf



Be a part of the

Once upon a time... St Joey's celebrated Book Week!

On Friday, 28 August, our school will come alive with favourite book characters, wonderful stories and plenty of Book Week fun.

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character and bring along the book their character comes from for our parade.

THE DAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

12:30pm – Stories and activities with our teachers,
inspired by this year's theme, Symphony of Stories

1:40–2:20pm – Parents are invited to join us for **Lunch on the Lawn**

2:30pm – **Book Week Parade!**

Come along, enjoy lunch with us and see our students
bring their favourite stories to life!

Friday, 28 August
let the stories begin!

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



Are you free this Saturday morning?

Why not make the trip to Parkes, come hungry!

St Joey's is firing up the BBQ at Parkes Mitre 10, and we'd love our school families, friends and wider community to come along and support our fundraiser.

Grab a delicious bacon & egg roll for breakfast, a sausage sandwich for lunch and a cold drink while you're there. Plus, you can have a browse around Mitre 10 and check out what's new for your home and garden!

Every BBQ sale helps raise funds for St Joseph's School and our students, helping support the activities and excursions that make school life extra special.

Round up the family, take the trip to Parkes and come grab a feed for St Joey's.

We'd love to see you there!

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

**Saturday,
29 August**

8.30am – 12.30pm

ST. JOSEPHS



DUCE MARIA

MITRE 10

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



PEAK HILL SHOW

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026

★ *A great day for the whole family!* ★

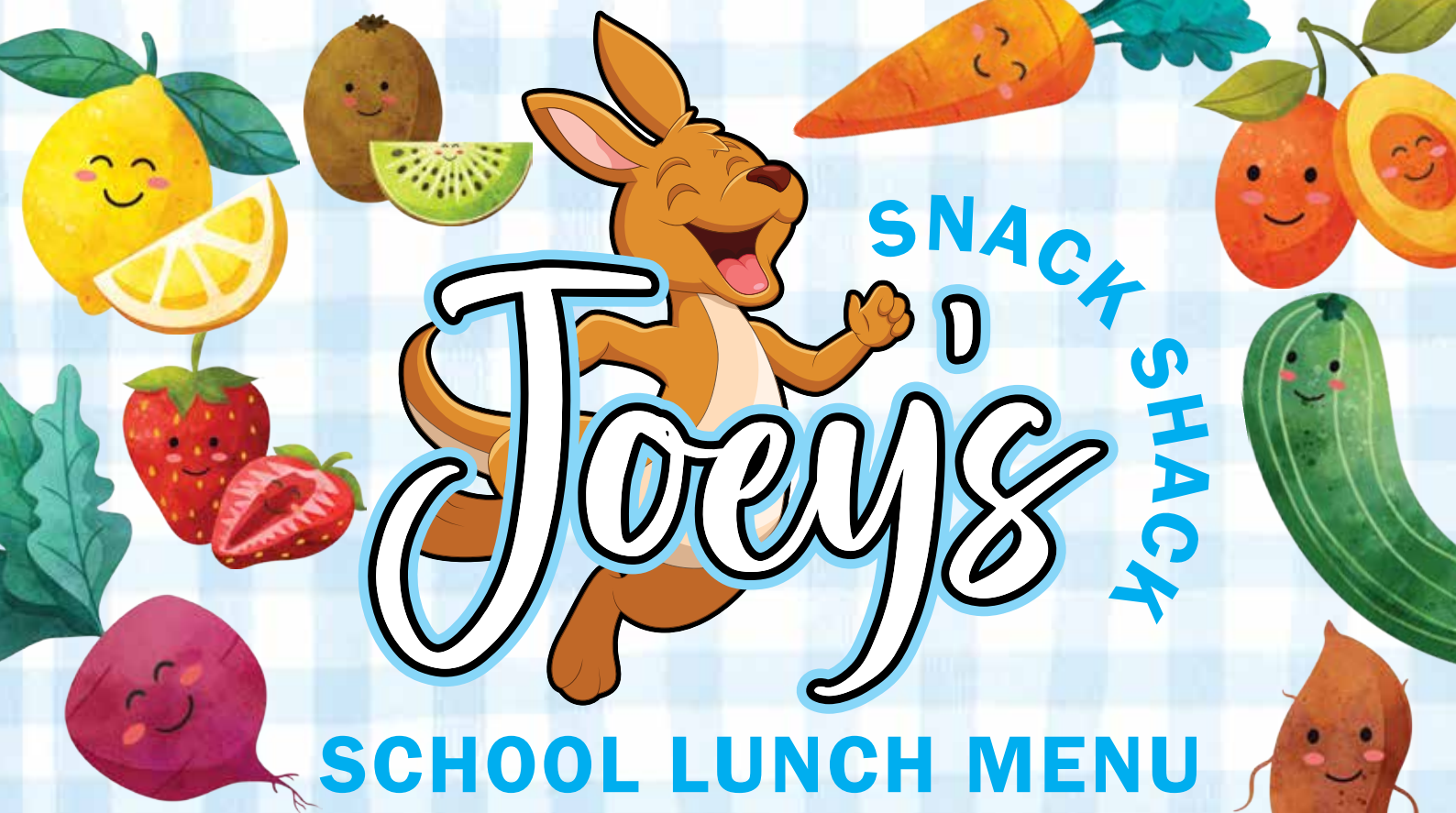
FUN FOR
ALL AGES!

- 8.30AM** HORSE CLASSES - JUDGING COMMENCES
- 9.00AM** MAIN PAVILION OPEN TO PUBLIC
- 9.30AM** BEEF CATTLE CLASSES - JUDGING COMMENCES
- 9.30AM** MERINO SHEEP CLASSES - JUDGING COMMENCES
- 9.30AM** POULTRY - JUDGING COMMENCES
- 11.00AM** SHOW OPENING AT THE QUICK SHEAR
- 11.15AM** PRESENTATION OF 2026 PEAK HILL AGSHOWS
YOUNG WOMAN & MISS TEENAGER
- 11.30AM** QUICK SHEAR COMMENCES
- 12.00PM** BAR OPENS
- 12.00PM** CHILDREN'S NOVELTY RACES
- 1.00PM** JUNIOR SHOWGIRL, MASTER STOCKMAN
& TINY TOTS COMPETITION
- 2.00PM** CHILDREN'S NOVELTY RACES
- 3.00PM** DOG JUMP COMPETITION
- 4.00PM** PEAK HILL BOGAN CHALLENGE
- 4.30PM** UTE BARREL RACING
- 5.00PM** COLLECTION OF PAVILION ITEMS
- 5.20PM** SALE OF BAKED ITEMS FROM
MAIN PAVILION EXHIBITS
- 6.15PM** FIREWORKS
PAVILION CLOSES

★ **PLUS!** ★

VISITS BY **MARSHALL & CHASE**
FROM PAW PATROL
THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

★ *Thank you for supporting the Peak Hill Show!* ★



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	\$4
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](#)