



Term 3 Week 7, 31 August 2026

Dear families & friends,

Mrs Crowley and I will be attending a Principal/Admin Cluster Meeting in Parkes on Monday and Tuesday this week. Miss Hanns will be in charge, and there will be no one in the office during this time. **Please note there will be no lunch orders on Tuesday, 1 September.**

Thank you for the wonderful effort at home to celebrate reading by dressing up for Book Week. We had a lovely time sharing lunch and the parade with our families last Friday.

This Friday, 4 September, we will celebrate NAIDOC as a school community. The children will enjoy fried scones for morning tea and take part in learning activities during the morning. Families are warmly invited to join us for a BBQ lunch at 1:00 pm, followed by the launch of our diocesan Acknowledgment of Country and a liturgy as a community of belonging.

This Wednesday, a 12-year-old from Warren, Dusty, will be walking through Peak Hill on his journey from Warren to Canberra to raise funds for Little Wings, supporting specialist children's health care in the bush. The Peak Hill Aboriginal Medical Centre is supporting this and I believe our community will benefit from this initiative, seeing a paediatrician come to Peak Hill one day a month! We will be supporting Dusty as he walks past our school.

Years 2-6 will travel to Warren on Thursday to watch St Mary's Parish School performance of The Wizard of Oz. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:45 am. We will wait for local buses and then depart before 9 am.

Thank you to the staff and parents who volunteered to help at the Mitre 10 BBQ in Parkes last Saturday. All profits will go towards excursions for the students.

Best wishes, **Mrs Regina Goodridge** Principal

ST. JOSEPHS



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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.



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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

Important Dates

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

23 September Memorial:
St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

27 September Memorial:
St Vincent de Paul



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 our fathers joining us for breakfast from 8.30am as we celebrate together as a school community and show our appreciation for the important role they play in the lives of our students.

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 – 2/3!



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.

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).

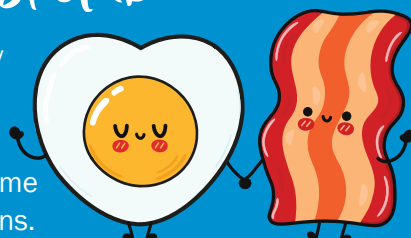
Wednesday breakfast club

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.



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

Tuesday, 22 September

**ATTENDANCE LONG LUNCH
WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

Wednesday, 23 September

**K1 THEATRE EXCURSION
@ DUBBO**

Wednesday, 23 September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3!

Monday, 12 October

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Friday, 16 October

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Monday, 12 October

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
9AM - 4PM @
FORBES BUNNINGS**



Keeping safe around school crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross. If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL INFORMATION

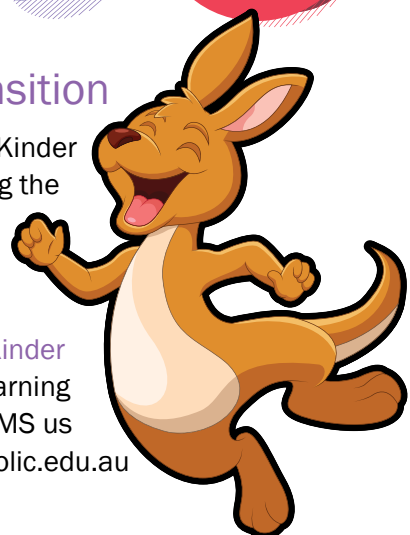
For assistance with bus travel, route details and timetable information, please contact: Gary and Annette Parker Ph: 6869 1942 or Annette: 0427 691942 Gary: 0438 691942



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





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.



Coming soon

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
+ PUPIL FREE DAYS**

24-25 SEPTEMBER

Student Free Days

16 NOVEMBER

Student Free Day



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.

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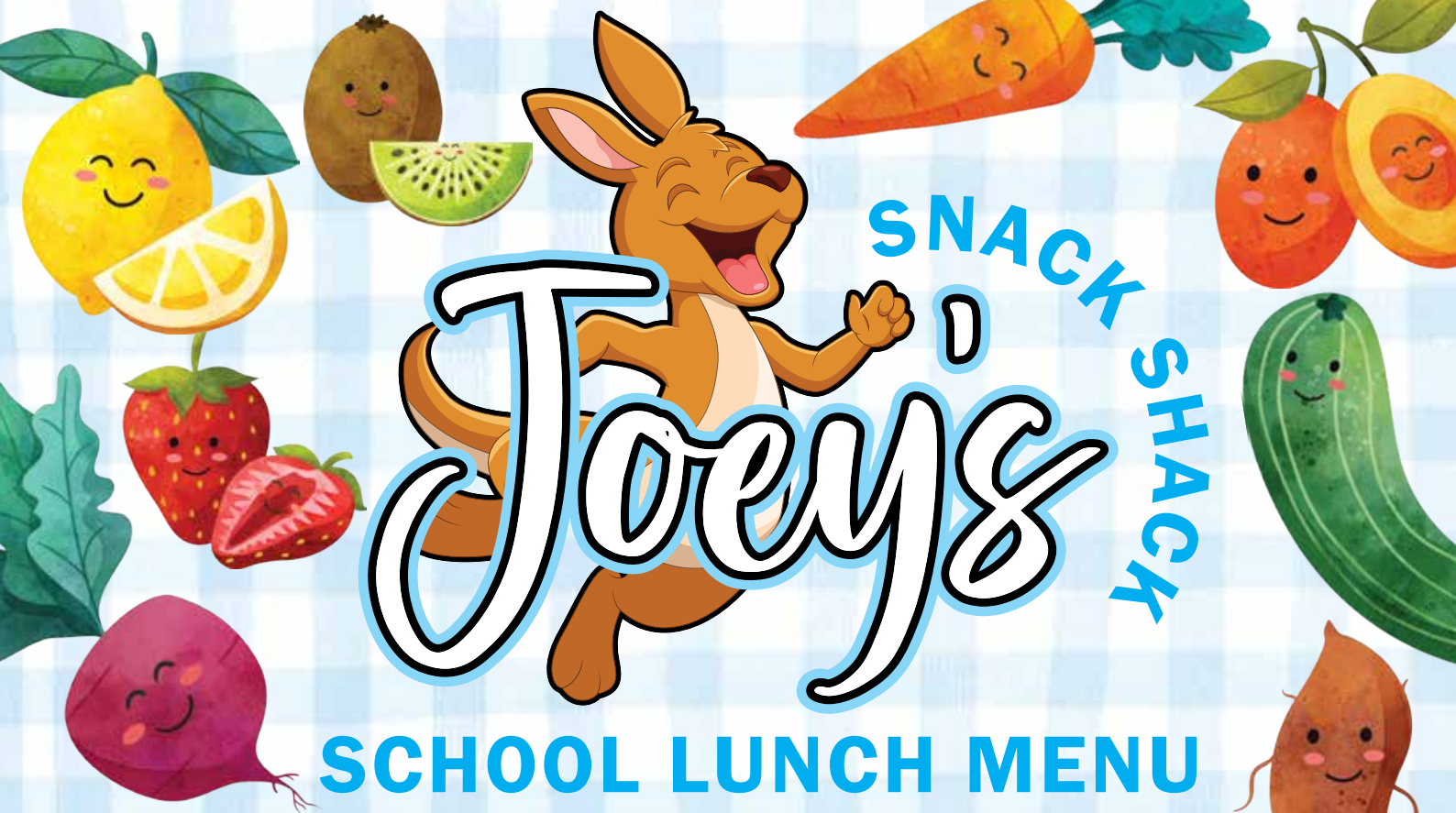


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Norms of Behaviour

- 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.





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](#)

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

