



Term 3 Week 8, 7 September 2026

Dear families & friends,

Thank you for joining us for the NAIDOC activities last Friday and our Father's Day breakfast celebration today. The children have enjoyed sharing these important events with you all. A grandfather sincerely complimented us after the launch of the Acknowledgement of Country and NAIDOC liturgy last Friday. It was a lovely reminder of our partnership with families and the importance of journeying together.

Today was also a special opportunity to acknowledge the vital role that men and fathers play in the lives of children and in our school community. Whether as dads, step-dads, grandfathers, uncles, carers or father figures, your presence, guidance and encouragement make a lasting difference. Thank you for the love, strength and example you provide each day.

Last Wednesday, we also cheered on Dusty by supporting his "Dollar for Dusty" fundraising effort. Dusty is a 12-year-old boy walking 540 km from Warren to Canberra to meet with the Prime Minister to advocate for increased access to paediatric services in rural and regional NSW. He is aiming to raise 1 million dollars for Little Wings and our community proudly donated \$355 and walked and cheered him on for a tiny part of his journey.

This Sunday, we invite all families to join us for our Family Sunday Mass. This is an opportunity to celebrate alongside our parish community at the weekend Mass. A separate note was sent home today asking whether your family is able to attend, so we can allocate responsibilities to the children and family members. If you are able to come along, please bring a plate to share for morning tea afterwards.

Congratulations to St Mary's Parish School, Warren, for the effort they put into their performance of The Wizard of Oz. Our Years 2-6 students were fortunate to attend the performance last Thursday.

Please remember that the last two days of this term are pupil-free days for students. Staff will be attending a curriculum conference in Parkes.

Best wishes for a lovely week., **Mrs Regina Goodridge** Principal

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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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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)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES

Miss Brooke Hanns

Family Mass

All families are invited to join us for Family Mass this Sunday 13th of September.

We would love to see many of our families there as we celebrate Mass with our parish community.

Please bring a plate to share and stay for morning tea in Boatswain House.



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 winners – **K/1!**



CHURCH ROSTER

A new roster is currently being organised. If you would like to be part of the roster, please let Denise or Jan know as soon as possible.

MORE INFORMATION

Please check notices at the back of the church. There are lots of interesting things to read and upcoming events.

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.

27 September Memorial:
St Vincent de Paul

29 September Feast:
Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,
Archangels

30 September Memorial:
St Jerome

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 up keep and support our church.

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!

Child safe schools & supportive environments Information for parents

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

Maintaining professionalism

All staff are expected to act professionally and in accordance with the school's expectations regarding staff conduct toward children.

We understand that staff have a duty of care to:

- ensure no child is exposed to foreseeable risk of harm;
- take action to minimise risk;
- supervise actively; and
- if we see others acting inappropriately with children, report concerns to the Principal.

School staff also understand that they are in a position of trust, authority and influence in relation to children and that it is important that we do not take advantage of that position to mistreat or misguide students either intentionally or inadvertently.



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**



Monday, 19 October

SOCKTOBER

Tuesday, 20 October

**4/5/6 CANBERRA
EXCURSION**



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 BUS TRAVEL INFORMATION

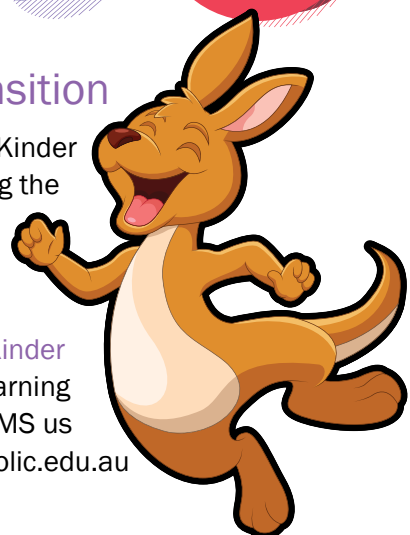
For assistance with bus travel, route details and timetable information, please contact: Gary and Annette Parker Ph: 6869 1942 or Annette: 0427 691942 Gary: 0438 691942

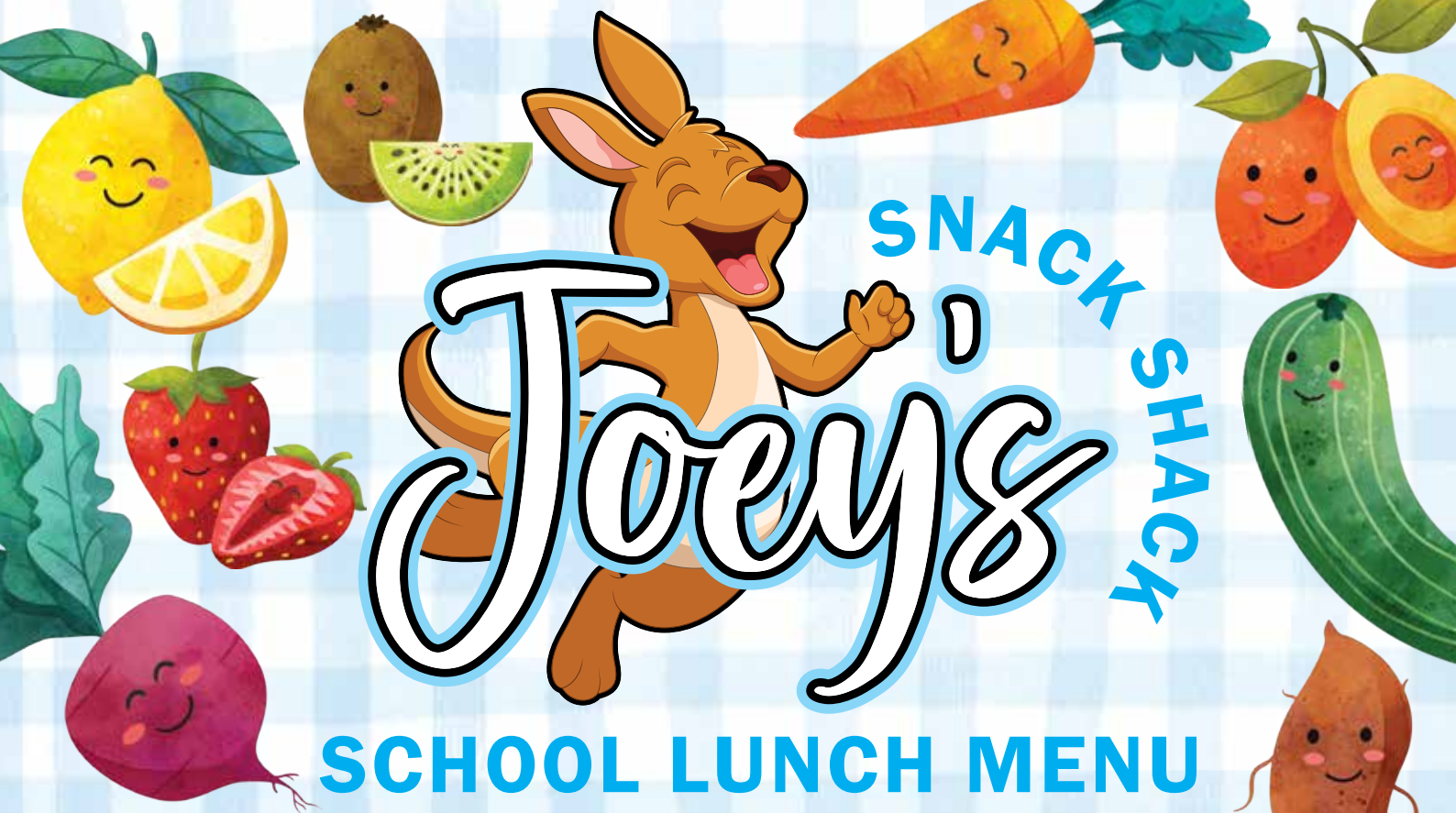


Enrol now for 2027 Kinder Transition

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





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](#)

We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to: Peak Hill on the 1st October from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.



Find us at:

Peak Hill Ex-Services Club Car Park
57-61 Caswell St

