

# St Joseph's Primary School Kangaroo Point - Term 1 - Week 10 - 2023



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## Important Dates



### ***Term 1 Significant Dates:***

#### **20th March - 31st March**

- *Parent- Teacher Interviews conclude* - Prep - Year 6 (Please refer to individual class times to book an interview time)

## ***Significant Celebrations during the Easter Holidays:***



### **2nd April**

- *Palm Sunday*

### **6th April**

- *Holy Thursday*

### **7th April**

- *Good Friday*

### **9th April**

- *Easter Sunday*

### **10th April**

- *Easter Monday*

## ***Term 2 Significant Dates:***

### **17th April**

- First Day of Term 2

### **19th April**

- *Liturgy: Resurrection* - Parents/Carers and Grandparents welcome to attend at 9:00am in St Joseph's Church

### **24th April**

- Liturgy Commemoration: A.N.Z.A.C Day - Parents/Carers and Grandparents welcome to attend at 9:00am in Mackillop Place.

### **25th April**

- A.N.Z.A.C Day Public Holiday

### **19th May**

- St Joseph's Trivia Night

## Acting Principal's News



Good Afternoon, Parents and Carers and welcome to the St Joseph's Newsletter, wrapping up the end of a very busy, yet productive term.

Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work, and focus towards improving their learning and building new relationships with their classroom teachers and peers. It has been wonderful seeing the progress that they have all made, as they exhibit each day, what it truly means to be "St Joseph's!"

Reflecting on last year's interruptions to the start of school, we have been very blessed and thankful for the smooth transition into the new school year. I continue to feel privileged to be working alongside such a beautiful community as we work in partnership to support all members to grow, learn and thrive.

## Holy Week Passion of Christ



Thank you to Miss Lomax and Mr Tierney, who along with our Catholic Identity Committee, planned and organised a beautiful commemoration of Holy Week. It was lovely seeing the reverence that our students displayed as they followed the Stations of the Cross, retelling the story leading up to Jesus'

Crucifixion. We look forward to celebrating the final station of Jesus' Resurrection on the Wednesday of the first week back in Term 2.

We also look forward to seeing the exciting change to our Lenten Caterpillars over the Easter break!

## St Joseph's 2023 Annual Plan



This week, the Leadership Team met with our School Board and Father Stephen to share the great progress made towards achieving our 2023 Annual Plan. Items included:

### **Enhancing Catholic Identity Strategy:**

- *Welcoming Father Stephen as our school Priest*
- *Organisation and participation of community events connecting the Parish/School/ and Families including our Opening Mass, Ash Wednesday Liturgy, St Joseph's Feast Day Mass and activities, Wellbeing Wednesday Activities and Disco: Family Community Engagement*
- *Whole-School practices and metalanguage in teaching Scripture*
- *St Joseph's Singing Saints*
- *"Be the Light" 2023 theme*
- *Whole-school sharing of work in Religion e.g.: Lenten Caterpillars,*
- *Caritas Australia: Project Compassion launch at St Stephen's Cathedral*
- *Pancake Tuesday BBQ*

- *Fundraising for earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey planned by Senior students - \$980 raised*
- *Project Compassion initiatives at St Joseph's School*
- *Planting our 2023 Senior Commemorative Plant: Father Stephen blessed our Fig Tree for our 2023 Seniors*

**Wellbeing Strategy:**

- *Wellbeing Wednesday during Wellbeing Week*
- *Wellbeing Corner in the staff room*
- *Funky Friday!!*

**Learning and Teaching Strategy:**

- *Inquiry methodology in Mathematics to stretch and extend all students*

**Additional goals for Term 2 include:**

- *Collaborative Toolbox of effective pedagogy in Religious Education and Mathematics*
- *Partnerships in the Sacramental Program*
- *Opportunities for Father Stephen to visit classrooms*
- *Staff Eucharistic Ministry*
- *Parish visits of returning students to visit the school grounds*
- *Aligning excellence in student outcomes of other learning areas of ACARA with practices in teaching Brisbane's Religious Education Curriculum*
- *Enhancing student agency and differentiated assessment as, of and for the learner in Religious Education*
- *Wellbeing Framework exploring the Neurosciences*
- *Vision for Inquiry in Mathematics*
- *Increasing Mathematical Mindsets - "My Greatest Mistake"*

We look forward to sharing the progress of our 2023 St Joseph's Annual Plan throughout Term 2!





## Morning Play Routine

Thank you to everyone for your flexibility in our change to the Morning Play Routine. We have seen a remarkable difference in how settled our students are, along with their eagerness to come to school early to have a quick play with their friends.

Due to this success, we will be continuing with our Morning Play Routine next term. Our routine is:

- 8:20 am - 8:35 am - *Morning Play*: Students place bags in Mackillop Place, and are assisted to their play areas by Mrs Musial and Miss Lomax. All students will be reminded to wear their hats whilst on play.
- 8:35 am - *Return to Mackillop Place Music*: Music and a message will come across the PA system reminding students to return to Mackillop Place to begin the day.
- 8:35 am - 8:38 am - *Meditation*: All students will return to their allocated class lines for some quite meditation to prepare them for the day and collection from their classroom teachers.

## Congratulations Alex!!!!

Congratulations to Alex Fullerton who competed at the State Swimming Championships this week!

Thank you to Julia, Alex's mum, for sharing the great news on Alex's wins:

*"Over three days of competition, Alex raced in 2 relays, 5 heats and 4 finals. Alex earned 6 medals and achieved a personal best time in every swim, even in a heat to final.*

*Alex has qualified for the Queensland Team to compete in Sydney at the Australian Titles this August.*

### **Medals**

*Gold in the Freestyle Relay*

*Gold in the Medley Relay*

*Gold in the 50m Butterfly*

*Silver in the 100m Breaststroke*

*Silver in the 50m Freestyle*

*Bronze in the 50m Breaststroke*

*Alex qualified for Nationals in all these individual events and will swim in the A Team Freestyle relay and A Team Medley relay."*

Congratulations again to Alex! We all look forward to seeing our future Olympian at the 2032 Olympic Games!





## Principal Banks and DJ Casey!

Last Friday, our Raffle winners Principal Georgia Banks and DJ Casey Klupp led our school with a number of exciting activities!

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for your great leading!





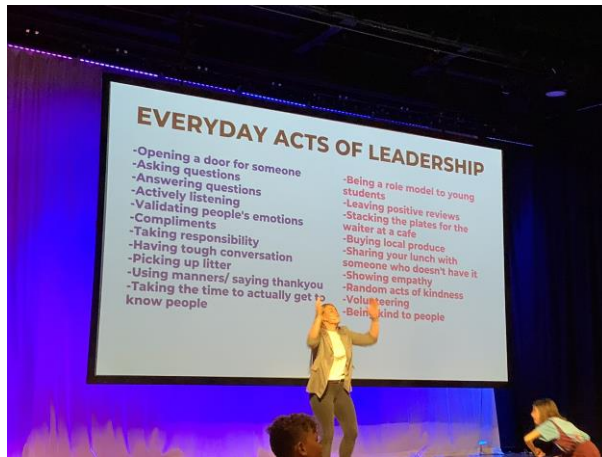
## St Joseph's Builds Leaders!

A group of Year 6 students joined Miss Walls and I for a Youth Leadership Day held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. During the day, presenters shared key values on what effective leadership is and how everyone can be a leader. One point that our students enjoyed, is the ability to find your own "courage lion" to help you step up and take the first step needed to lead.

Next term, our students who attended the day will be preparing and presenting a session to all of Year 5 and 6 students on ways that they can find their "courage lion!"

We can only imagine the great things that our students will do now and into the future as they lead us towards a better way!







## Prep 2024 Enrolments – Come Be a Little Joey!



*Little Joey's Prep Song*

*I'm a little Joey  
Cute and Smart  
Here is my Smile  
Here is my Heart  
When I get to big school  
I'll be fine  
I'm a Joey  
Watch me Shine !*

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Do you know someone who would like to come be a Little Joey?

If you have a younger child eligible to enrol in Prep for 2024 and have not already submitted your application, please do this as soon as possible through the link on our website. Further Prep enrolment interviews will be conducted throughout May.

If you know of any families looking to start their child on their school journey, please pass our contact details on as we would love to welcome them to our St. Joseph's family!

## Week 10: Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the students who received awards at our assembly last week. You have been a wonderful example to our community. It is important that we celebrate as a community and recognise the achievements of those who display behaviour and work habits that inspire us.















## Travelling with Mrs Cole!

During the week, our beautiful Mrs Cole visited a number of exciting places on her pilgrimage, including visiting the Colosseum. Below are some images of her travels.





## Thank you Mr Nucifora!

This week we farewelled Mr Nucifora as he begins his travels to Cairns with his family. We thank you Mr Nucifora for bringing so much joy and love for health to all of our students and your kindness and caring nature.

You will be dearly missed, but we know that it is not goodbye, as we pray that you will be able to return to your St Joseph's family again soon!

Thank you for everything that you have done!

*Welcome to Mr Adams!*

Mr Adams will be taking Mr Nucifora's role of the HPE Specialist teacher whilst Mr Nucifora and his family are in Cairns. Welcome to Mr Adams! We know that the students are going to enjoy your HPE lessons and the fun activities that you have planned for them in Term 2!

Wishing you all peace, love and happiness over the Easter break!

Mrs Bianca Murphy.

*(Acting Principal)*

## Acting APRE News



Dear St Joseph Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well after a busy and, for the first time in 3 years, a fully complete 10 week Term 1. This term has been full of new/back to school routines, getting to know new friends and teachers, NAPLAN, swimming, parent teacher interviews, run club, Senior Primary camp, and of course wonderful and exciting learning and teaching. Week 10 allows us to reflect upon the many successes of the term and also brings much joy for our students, teachers and families as we approach a two-week holiday and Easter.

## Holy Week

Yesterday afternoon we took the time to reflect upon the Easter story. Students from across the school re-enacted the story in a Stations of the Cross style liturgy. Moving across the school telling Jesus' last week before his crucifixion was a symbolic and reverent experience. Thank you to the students who helped retell Jesus' story and the Religious Identity Committee in their support with preparing for this special time in our liturgical calendar. On the Wednesday of Week 1 next term we will come together to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.





## Project Compassion

As we come towards the end of Lent we have been tallying our final Project Compassion amount. So far we have raised just under \$2000 for this worthwhile cause. The generosity of the St Joseph's community never fails to amaze me. If you have boxes at home with money, please bring them back in the first week of next term and we will add these to our total.

## Year 1 Liturgy

This week I had the privilege of joining our Year 1s for their liturgy. It was a beautiful morning where we had the opportunity to thank God for his creation. We also took the moment to think of how we can look after our world. Thank you to the beautiful Year 1s for leading the liturgy, their families for joining us and for our Year 1 teachers, Mrs Shiel and Ms Trimble, for organising it.

## Parish News

**Sacramental Program for 2023 Important Dates**

First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 11th June and offered at both the Cathedral and St Joseph's Kangaroo Point. Parent/carer/child Preparation Sessions are on Sunday 7th May at 2pm and Sunday 4th June at 2pm, both in the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral.

Confirmation will be on Wednesday 11th October at 6pm. Parent/carer/child Preparation sessions are on Sunday 10th September at 2pm and Sunday 8th October at 2pm, both in the Francis Rush Centre (including rehearsal).

### **Holy Week Mass times**

**HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday - 06 April**  
St Benedict's 7.00pm - Evening Mass of  
the Lord's Supper  
Adoration until 9.00pm  
Parish & Ordinariate Communities

**Good Friday - 07 April**  
St Benedict's 10.00am - Stations of the  
Cross; 10.30am Reconciliation  
St Joseph's 3.00pm - Celebration of the  
Passion of the Lord.

**Holy Saturday - 08 April**  
St Joseph's 6.30pm – The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday - 09 April**  
St Joseph's 9.00am

## **A prayer for the Easter Season**

Gracious God,

Make us Easter people. Fill us with joy. Bless our attempts to follow Jesus and help us to love one another.

We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord and trusting in the prayers of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

Amen

Finally, as we go into the holidays I hope that you all have a restful and relaxing break.



May you all have a holy and happy Easter and may this time be a season of renewal and peace.

Peace and blessings,

Miss Lomax

Acting APRE

## **St Joseph's KP Collective News**

### **KP - Tuckshop Lunch - Sushi Lunch**

Thank you to our KP Collective and Year 5 parents who planned and organised our KP Sushi Tuckshop for today. Our students were very excited to have this as a special treat on the last day of term.

### **Trivia Night**

In Term 2 the St Joseph's Trivia Night will be held. Please find attached a save the date for this event. Please mark it in your diaries. More details will come early next term.



## Finance News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The TERM 1 – 2023 School Fee Statements were *due and payable on March 1st 2023*.

For those families that are in arrears, payments can be made via any of the following methods:

1. BPay
2. bPoint Credit online, via the Parent Portal
3. Credit Card and/or Eftpos in the school office
4. Cash

Via Authority forms ( as attached ) for bank processing directly

Please contact the finance office should you need to discuss your school fee owing balances:

- (07) 3391 5397 or Email [panfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:panfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au).

Kind regards,

Melene Aswad  
(Finance Office)

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## Community News

**Clairvaux MacKillop College**



**2023 College Tour**

Please join us for a College Tour on  
**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**  
9.00am TO 10.30am



This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College.  
Additional Tour Dates: Friday 18th June 9am to 10.30am, Wednesday 19th July 9am to 10.30am,  
Wednesday 6th September 9am to 10.30am

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via the Enrolments tab or telephone 3347 9275

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### Term 2 Registration



Join us in term 2, where we'll be taking a deeper look into the middlegame!

# ROBOTICS

## at St Joseph's School Kangaroo Point

The Lego WeDo program is an engaging introduction into the world of robotics and a great way to develop interest in maths, science and engineering. This hands-on program will see students working together to solve a range of real problems all with the support of experienced robotics coaches. Students will develop the confidence to ask questions and find answers at the same time.

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