

St Joseph's Primary School Kangaroo Point - Term 1 - Week 2 - 2023



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7th February

St Joseph's KP Collective AGM - 5.00pm - Coolock Room

8th February

2023 Opening School Mass and Year 6 Leadership Commissioning - 9.00am - St Joseph's Church

10th February

2023 Welcome Disco - 6.00pm - School Oval and Mercy Place

15th - 17th February

Senior Primary Camp - Gold Coast Recreation Centre - Tallebudgera

21st February

2023 Project Compassion Launch and Shrove Tuesday

22nd February

Ash Wednesday Liturgy - 9.00am - St Joseph's Church

24th February

Tech Lunch - Year 6 Parent Cohort to co-ordinate

27th February - 3rd March

2024 Prep Enrolment Interviews - New Families

28th February

University of Queensland Occupational Therapy Program for Prep students commences

3rd March

St Joseph's Swimming Carnival

6th March - 10th March

Wellbeing Week

2024 Prep Enrolment Interviews - New Families continue

7th March

St Joseph's Running Club commences

9th March

St Joseph's Running Club

10th March

Hear and Say - Hearing Screening for Prep students

14th March

St Joseph's Running Club

15th March

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN - Writing

16th March

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN - Reading and Language Conventions

St Joseph's Running Club

17th March

St Joseph's Feast Day Whole School Mass and Celebration Day

20th March

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN - Numeracy

21st March

St Joseph's Running Club

Swimming Lessons - Year 1 - 6

22nd March

School Board Meeting - Coolock Room - 4.00pm

23rd March

Swimming Lessons - Year 1 - 6

Zone Swimming Carnival - Chandler Aquatic Centre

24th March

Swimming Lessons - Year 1 - 6

27th March - 31st March

Parent- Teacher Interviews - Prep - Year 6

28th March

St Joseph's Running Club

31st March

Tech Lunch - Year 5 Parent Cohort to co-ordinate

Last Day of Term 1

6th April

Holy Thursday

7th April

Good Friday

9th April

Easter Sunday

10th April

Easter Monday

17th April

First Day of Term 2

Principal's News



Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2023 school year. A special welcome to staff and families who are new to the St Joseph's School community. I pray that the year ahead delivers everything that all members of our community hope and dream for.

I look forward to communicating with all school community members through this medium. I encourage you to read each week's newsletter thoroughly because it will be our main form of communication fortnightly.

Wow, what a start to the year we have had. I am thrilled with the calm and positive way in which the whole St Joseph's Primary School community has embraced the beginning of this new year – thank you!

It was wonderful to welcome all our students and staff back to school last week. There was certainly an atmosphere of joy, relief, celebration and belonging with lots of smiles as children and adults reunited with friends.

The commencement of a new year is always busy for all families, especially when organising children to return to school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for the effort they have gone to in organising the children for school and presenting them so beautifully. Your efforts and care are always appreciated. I look forward to witnessing first hand the high standard of uniform and presentation of all students as the year continues.

Thanks must also go to the wonderful staff of St Joseph's School. All staff have worked tirelessly over the last couple of weeks to prepare the school and the classrooms for the arrival of our students. They have been very busy engaging in four days of professional learning and planning, which included spiritual, personal and professional formation. These benefits will flow directly to the children in the care of our wonderful staff.

There is much to look forward to in another busy year at St Joseph's School. Most importantly, our students will have many opportunities to continue their learning through a holistic education that is presented to them by caring and dedicated staff and family. We look forward to the many formal and informal social gatherings that are always well attended and contribute so positively to the strong sense of community that is present here at St Joseph's.

Again, welcome to the new school year, and I invite and encourage you all to be involved as much as possible in the community life of our school.

Parent Information Sessions



Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our parent information sessions on Tuesday evening. It was pleasing to hear that so many of you took such a keen interest in your child/children's education at St Joseph's. I encourage all parents/carers to continue to build strong partnerships with all school staff throughout the year. Building relationships and uniting with your child's teacher shows your child/children that you value learning and this can have extremely positive effects on their attitude and behavior at school.

A BIG thank you must also go to the teachers who worked hard to prepare these information sessions for you so that you are all aware of what will be happening during 2023 and facilitated these information sessions – thank you teachers, you are amazing!

Opening School Mass and Year 6 Leadership Commissioning

The Opening School Mass and Year 6 Commissioning ceremony marks the commencement of the new academic year. In gathering, we will ask for God's blessings on the St Joseph's Family,

commission our student leaders for 2023 and classes will also commit to their newly formed Class Covenants.

We welcome Fr Stephen Camiolo who will be the celebrant and help Mrs Cole present the leadership badges to our Year 6 student leaders. The Mass will be held in St Joseph's Church on Wednesday 8 February at 9.00am. All members of the St Joseph's Primary School community are invited to this mass.

2023 Annual Goals

Each year St Joseph's sets goals for the year so that we can continue to improve our wonderful school.

Here are the goals that have been set for 2023:

1. **Catholic Identity** – Deepening the spiritual, scriptural and theological capacity of our community.
2. **Teaching and Learning (Explicit Improvement Agenda)** - Implement and embed a purpose driven, data informed, and student focused learning culture in Mathematics at St Joseph's to stretch and challenge all students.
3. **Wellbeing** – Collaboratively develop a wellbeing framework that includes:
 - Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)
 - Social and Emotional Capabilities
 - Aspects of Christian life from the Religious Education curriculum
 - Positive psychology to build the knowledge, capability and resilience of students and staff

Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) Code of Conduct

Improvements have been made to the Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) Code of Conduct and Student Protection Processes.

We are sharing these improvements with you because each of us plays a part in ensuring safe and successful schools.

The improvements are designed to further support a safe school environment and assist school staff in managing risks. Improvements focus on areas including, reporting obligations around safeguarding, and developing and maintaining professional boundaries between staff and students. Improvements support staff to confer with our school-based student protection contacts or Brisbane

Catholic Education subject matter experts for any student protection concerns to ensure the best outcomes for our school community.

Another key area of improvement is around the use of recording devices. The Code has been updated to make clearer when and how staff may use recording devices for appropriate educational reasons. Resources are continuing to be developed to ensure, with your consent, your children's memories and learning is captured in ways that support their safety and privacy.

These improvements do not represent a change to existing expectations of staff. As we strive for excellence, we encourage you to let us know of any behaviours that may not meet our expectations.

The [Code of Conduct and Student Protection Processes](#) are available on BCE's website.

Photographing Students at School Events

It is a timely reminder, with the changes made to BCE's Code of Conduct, that I remind parents/carers and family members that photographing children that are not your own is discouraged.

We are committed to increasing our focus and awareness of safeguarding our students against harm within our control and out of our control.

As you are all aware, each individual family provides media consent for photographs to be taken by the school and at school events. We are privy to this information, and therefore are able to complete appropriate checks and double checks of photos that are published in our school newsletter or on our social media pages.

You are welcome to take photographs of your own child/children at school events, but I do ask that you consider not including photos of other children in your photography.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding of these changes to help ensure the safety of all the students of St Joseph's Primary School, Kangaroo Point.

Volunteers at St Joseph's

One of the many topics covered during the information sessions was an explanation of the procedures around volunteering in our school. Please find below a reminder of these procedures (an excerpt that came from the email I sent to all families on Monday 30 January at 8.00am):

If you have volunteered in the past, we are grateful for your support and commitment for St Joseph's. **Your volunteer registration at St Joseph's has now expired.**

Should you wish to volunteer at St Joseph's in **2023** in any role (eg. Classroom assistance, St Joseph's KP Collective Committee, School Board, school BBQs, events, discos, etc.) please read the following information and fully complete the steps outlined **PRIOR** to offering assistance.

TIP: Parents completing this documentation FULLY at the beginning of 2023 is invaluable assistance to classroom teachers, school leadership and the St Joseph's KP Collective as it saves so much administrative time during the year prior to events.

Please follow the instructions below and return the documentation to the school office with Proof of vaccination:

1. ALL volunteers must undertake annual online [Student Protection and Code of Conduct Training for Volunteers and Other Personnel located on the St Joseph's School website under the BCE Policies tab \(or by clicking here\)](#).
 - a. Completion of the training will produce a registration form to be completed and taken to the school office. If you have not completed this annual training, you will not be able to volunteer at St Joseph's.
2. If you are a non-Legal Guardian volunteer (for example step-parents, grandparents or non-Legal Guardian community members), you must also hold a positive notice Blue Card. Please bring it to the school office so it may be copied. [Applications may be made to the Queensland Government for Blue Cards by clicking this link](#).
3. ALL volunteers must undertake Volunteer First Response Fire and Evacuation Training prior to commencing onsite volunteering. This training is accessed by the attached document – Volunteer Fire Evacuation and Training (**please use a laptop/PC, not a mobile phone**)
4. Submit a statement of completion record by [clicking this link here](#) that you have downloaded, read and understood the Volunteer First Response Fire and Evacuation Training (there is no assessment).

Please remember: If Volunteering at school during the day, it is a requirement to please sign in/out using PassTab that can be found in the front office, sign in using the Check In Qld App and wear a badge while onsite.

Emergency Evacuation Information:

- The evacuation area for the school is our school Oval, located adjacent to Cabrini Block and behind the Regina Arts Centre.
- Evacuation maps are located by the doorway in every classroom.

- Sick Bay is in the Administration building. If injured/unwell, report to a staff member immediately.

If you are interested in Volunteering at St Joseph's, could you please complete the training as per the instructions in this email and complete and supply the documentation required? This training must be completed **PRIOR to your scheduled volunteering session** (including any classroom assistance).

We thank you for your time and valuable contribution to our school.

Student Protection

The processes for Student Protection are readily accessible by staff, students and parents on the Brisbane Catholic Education website, link below:

[Brisbane Catholic Education Student Protection Information](#)

Each term Student Protection Information is included in the school newsletter and students are reminded on assembly of how they can keep themselves safe.

There are three important words for children to remember, these are RECOGNISE, REACT, REPORT.

Recognise means knowing when something is not right.

React requires children to say 'Stop' or move away.

Report means that incidents are passed on to our school Student Protection Contacts (SPCs) or teachers.

At St Joseph's we have three SPCs – Mrs Nicole Cole (Principal), Mrs Bianca Murphy (APRE) and Mrs Raelene Campbell (School Guidance Counsellor).

I encourage you to discuss these three words and what they mean with your children.

School Uniform – the children look fantastic – thank you!

St Joseph's School Family takes pride in its school uniform. It is a highly visible symbol of who we are and students are expected to wear the full school uniform neatly and with pride. Any variations to the School Uniform must be approved by the School Principal.

I commend the presentation of the children as they come to school each day from the beginning of the year.

Please remember, all black shoes (no other coloured markings) are the correct choice of shoes to wear with our school uniform. If you are experiencing any difficulties in providing black shoes for your child/children please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher and let us know how we can be of assistance.

Extreme hairstyles which draw undue attention to the student are not accepted and will not be permitted in any form (eg. mullet cuts, undercuts, rat's tails, tracks, mohawks, buzz cuts, dreadlocks or hairstyles with significant contrasting sections or varying lengths).

St Joseph's has a NO HAT NO PLAY rule, which means that if the children don't have a hat, they must sit in Mackillop Place or Mercy Place during playtime. I have been impressed with the number of children that wear their hats willingly and without reminding – well-done children! Thank you for making sure that your child/children have the correct hat and supporting the school's Sun Safe Policy.

2023 St Joseph's Primary School Parent Handbook

Please accept my apologies for not having this year's Parent Handbook ready for distribution. It is almost ready and I am hopeful that I will be able to send it to you next week.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the delayed delivery of this handbook to all families.

Reminder: Kiss & Go Zone



Now that we have settled into the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the school community for the way that the Kiss & Go Zone is used every afternoon. The children always behave brilliantly while they wait to be collected and all

parents/carers, that use this space efficiently, ensure the safety of the children when they follow the procedures so well. This smooth flowing system enables the children to be collected safely and quickly after school – thank you!

Special thanks must go to Mrs Murphy who efficiently calls the children and provides clear instructions to what position the children must go to. The teachers are also a wonderful support to the school leadership team as we work towards getting the children safely into their cars.

A reminder to all parents/carers of the procedures that need to be followed in our Kiss & Go Zone each day:

- DO NOT get out of the vehicle for any reason
- **All** children must be able to independently get in and out of the car and buckle themselves in with no assistance
- If you child/children are unable to do this on their own, please park in the surrounding streets and assist you child outside the grounds
- No reversing in Kiss & Go
- No overtaking in Kiss & Go – please be patient while the car in front of you gets themselves organised to drive out of the driveway – we had a near miss of two cars coming together yesterday afternoon because the car that was third in line tried to overtake Car No. 1 & 2

Thank you for your diligence and commitment in working with us to keep our precious children safe each and every day.

Reminder: Before and After School Procedures

It is a legal requirement that all children who are late to school (ie. after 8.45am) must be signed in at the front office by an adult. No child is permitted to go directly to the classroom without a sign in slip issued by the front office.

Reminder: Consideration of our Neighbours

Please remember to be considerate of our neighbours. I have already received a couple of emails and letters from our neighbours asking me to remind the community of the parking rules in our local area.

On Wednesday morning, I received video footage of one of our parents parking across the driveway of a house in Lockerbie Street, getting out of the car, walking to collect the child and then returning to their vehicle to drive away.

The actions of this person prevented the residents of the Lockerbie Street house from being able to leave their driveway for a period of time.

As you all know, it is against the law to park across any driveway of any property, domestic or commercial.

Abiding by the road and parking rules around our school ensures that our children, staff, parents/carers and neighbours are safe at all times.

Thank you for remembering this when you are parking to collect your children.

Don't forget, if you wait until 3.10pm to collect your child/children you can drive through Kiss & Go uninhibited and it is very easy to collect the children and drive away.

Welcome Disco – Friday 10 February

Next, Friday 10 February the St Joseph's KP Collective are hosting our Welcome Disco for 2023.

Ms Nerida Humphries and Mrs Brooke Massy have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure this event comes together successfully.

Thank you to Nerida and Brooke for your wonderful enthusiasm and dedication to bringing this event together in a very short timeframe.

When I told the children, at assembly on Wednesday, that it was on next week, there was a great buzz of excitement.

Please look out for further information about this wonderful event later in this newsletter and in emails that may come to your inbox in the coming days.

Reminder: St Joseph's KP Collective AGM – next Tuesday 7 February 5.00pm to 7.00pm in our Coolock Room

All parents/carers, current and new, are welcome to attend this meeting on Tuesday evening.

I have attached the minutes of the final KP Collective meeting in 2022 for your perusal.

I look forward to seeing as many parents/carers and/or family members at this meeting. I will publish the agenda over the weekend or on Monday at the latest.

We always pray for our loving and compassionate God to walk with the St Joseph's School community in our joys and sorrows. We pray for all families who require that extra special guidance at this time.

I pray that you all have a terrific week. May God's blessings be with you and your families today and always!

Take care and God bless always

Nicole Cole

Principal

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.





APRE News





St Joseph's
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KANGAROO POINT
Living and Learning



Welcome 2023 - "Be the Light"



"Be the Light"

St Joseph's Primary School - KANGAROO POINT
26-36 Leopard St, Kangaroo Point QLD 4169

St Joseph's Opening Mass - 2023



We invite you to attend our Opening Mass and Commissioning of our Senior Leaders on Wednesday the 8th of February at 9:00am in St Joseph's Church. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to join us in celebrating the beginning of our school year.

Following our Mass, attendees are invited to tea and coffee in Coolock to meet our new parish priest, Father Stephen Camiolo. We look forward to our school community joining us in this very special commemoration for our Year 6 students as they begin their final year of primary schooling.

*St Joseph's
Opening School Mass, 2023*



Dear Parents/Carers and Grandparents,

*We invite you to join us in our
Opening School Mass.*

Date: Wednesday, 8th February 2023

Time: 9:00am - 10:00am

Venue: St Joseph's Church

Followed by tea and coffee in Coolock.





St Joseph's Leadership Badges

St Joseph's celebrates the unique talents, gifts and diversities that our students bring to school each and every day. In Senior Primary our students are provided with numerous leadership opportunities to develop their skills and celebrate our leaders of the future.

Along with all Senior students awarded as School Leaders at St Joseph's School, our Year 6 students form committees throughout the year as they share their student voice and model leadership skills to our community. Student Leadership positions are awarded to lead our Senior committees as representatives of the school and student population. In these roles our students model standards for their peers and younger students, having opportunities to contribute to decision-making within the school, and taking on responsibilities during various school events.

This year, as a school of excellence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, we are proud to introduce S.T.E.M as a new leadership committee to our traditional committees of:

Mercy Action Leader - The Mercy Action Leader and team will have an active role in organising and supporting fundraising for Mercy Works, Caritas and Catholic Missions. They will organise rosters for setting up and preparing the church for liturgies and packing up and care of the church. They will have a lead role in participating in school masses and liturgies.

Pastoral Leader - The Pastoral Leader and team will have the opportunity to participate in the Peer Mediation Program which is designed to train students with skills and knowledge of how to support their fellow students. The Pastoral Leader will work with other Peer Mediators (students in Year 5 and 6) and undertake rostered time in the playground, assisting with conflict resolution, minor

incidents and supporting play and interactions of younger students. They will assist younger students at cultural events.

Learning Leader - The Learning Leader and team will assist in developing student awareness of the learning dispositions by leading Award Assemblies. They may also be involved in public speaking, representing the school, team work, coaching other students, involvement in community activities and assisting with cultural events, as well as working towards their potential in class.

Hospitality Leader - The Hospitality Leader and team will be actively engaged in welcoming new students and families to the school. They will be rostered on to welcome visitors to the school and conduct school tours, when required. The Hospitality Leader and team will organise liturgy morning teas (set up and pack up, serving) and show people around at special events. They will take a role in cultural events.

Environmental Leader - The Environmental Leader and team will promote sustainable practices within the school around our use of energy, recycling, waste and water. They will help implement practises that will ensure that we are all 'Stewards of Creation' in how we care for the environment including: monitoring bins, looking after gardens, and assisting with Guardians of the Earth.

Sport's Leaders - The Sport Leaders and teams represent each House – MacKillop, McAuley, O'Connell. They will be actively involved in the Sports Carnival, Cross Country and St Joseph's Swimming Carnival. Sport Leaders promote sport events and lead, motivate and support their House Team in participation, competitive spirit and sportsmanship. They will assist the PE Teacher and school staff in sports related matters and will assist with the lunch time distribution of sporting equipment. They will exercise responsibility when representing the school in sporting teams at Gala Days and district sporting events.

S.T.E.M Leader - The S.T.E.M Leader will promote and be actively engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programs and activities. They will assist in recruiting students and playing a role as team leader in events such as the Robotics Competition, Minecraft Education and Science Week. S.T.E.M Leaders will encourage and promote problem solving, inquisitive and critical thinking, and coding skills through tutoring and helping to facilitate classroom and Library lessons.

We look forward to introducing our St Joseph's Leadership Badges for 2023 during our Opening Mass and Commissioning ceremony.



Introducing St Joseph's Singing Saints

Throughout the week you would have heard some beautiful singing in Mackillop Place as our senior students in St Joseph's Singing Saints led the school in our hymn practice for our upcoming Mass next week.

We look forward to sharing their beautiful singing and leadership throughout 2023!



May your week ahead be filled with joy!

Merciful Father,

Spirit Divine, Spirit of Love, enfold us, teach us.

Spirit of Peace, rest deep within, guide us.

Spirit of change, transform us, heal us.

Spirit Divine – be still within us.

God of life and love,

As we gather in Your name

Open our minds to know Your voice

Open our hands to do Your work

And open our hearts to hold your Spirit.

Amen.

Wishing you all peace, love and happiness!

Mrs Bianca Murphy.

(Acting Assistant Principal - Religious Education)



MASS TIMES:

St Benedict's Church
81 Mowbray Tce, East Brisbane

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass
Reconciliation: 5.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00 Mass
Changes will be in newsletter

St Joseph's Church
26-36 Leopard St (Anglesey St),
Kangaroo Point

Sunday: 9:00am Mass

PLL News



Welcome to St Joseph's to our new families of 2023 and welcome back to returning families. The students have certainly returned to school with excitement and enthusiasm for a new school year. Throughout the school there is a buzz of anticipation for what the new year will bring.

BRAINways - Education Days of Excellence



Education Queensland and the South Coast Region's Gifted Education Committee will be offering their *BRAINways Education Days of Excellence* programs once again this year. These programs are designed using the most recent research in Gifted Education and allow children to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills. The students work in small groups to independently explore concepts, problem solve and design solutions.

The offerings for Semester 1 are spread across two locations, Brisbane South and Brisbane East. The dates for each location are listed below:

Brisbane South

27/02 and 1/03: Locks, Lottery, and Fruit Salad: The Colourful World of Combinatorics – for year levels 1-2

27/02 and 1/03: Allegories: Making Meaning with Metaphors – for year levels 3-5

27/02 and 1/03: The Maths of the Unpredictable: Why the Best Team Doesn't Always Win – for year levels 6-8

3/03 and 6/03: Playthings: Creating Characters from Pictures – for year levels 1-2

3/03 and 6/03: The Maths of Password Picking – for year levels 3-5

3/03 and 6/03: From Tragedies to Thrillers: The Art of Suspense – for year levels 6-8

Brisbane East

27-28/04: Witches, Wizards, and Other Weird Things: Creating Fantasy Characters – for year levels 1-3

27-28/04: Tying Knots Mathematically – for year levels 4-6

2/05 and 4/05: Allegories: Making Meaning with Metaphors – for year levels 4-6

2/05 and 4/05: Murphy's Law Mathematics – for year levels 1-3

For further information regarding each session please click through the following blurbs.

Allegories: Making Meaning with Metaphors

Metaphor is an important element of creative writing, painting vivid imagery that transcends literal interpretation. Metaphor can turn an ordinary account of events into deeply layered art. In this practical workshop, students will draw inspiration from the world around them, and utilise objects, art, and music to enhance their understanding and application of metaphor across several pieces of allegorical writing. Students who enjoy creative writing will be stimulated and inspired and leave with techniques to help them continue their mastery of metaphors.

Locks, Lottery, and Fruit Salad: The Colourful World of Combinatorics

Solving problems in new ways using combinations and permutations. In this workshop, students will be introduced to concepts, such as combinations and permutations, and will use various strategies to sort items in a range of different situations, providing an introduction to the mathematics of sequences and series. They will learn how to answer questions such as: How many pizza and ice cream combinations are possible at your next family night out?, How many tries are needed to solve a forgotten lock combination or phone number?, What is the likelihood of coming first in a contest? How do I solve that dice or card game?

So join us for this hands on interactive workshop to investigate these fun problems and more!

Murphy's Law Mathematics

You have probably experienced this a thousand times: The one day you leave your house without an umbrella, it pours with rain; you buy something in the vending machine and it gets stuck; every time you drop a slice of toast, it falls with the butter-side down. You probably think it's a conspiracy in the Universe against you. But no, most of these misfortunes can be explained through the Murphy's Law, which says that "anything that can go wrong will go wrong". During this program students explore the mathematics of Murphy's Law. Students will be introduced to the concept of probability and they make calculations of events involving chance. By trialling and analysing practical events, students will determine the likelihood of certain outcomes to test whether Murphy's Law really does hold.

Playthings: Creating Characters from Pictures

This active and practical workshop is a fantastic way for students to develop their writing skills, and build confidence through performance. Students will be guided through a series of engaging, play-based exercises that encourage creative expression such as writing, drawing, developing curious and entertaining characters on the page and on the stage, and performing both improvised and scripted drama. This is a fantastic workshop for those who love to tell stories and collaborate with other creative peers.

Tying Knots Mathematically

Tying our shoelaces is one of the lifelong skills that we are proud to master as kids. It turns out that this simple act has a surprisingly deep history. Early humans learned to tie knots even before inventing the axe or the wheel. Today, from the ribbons around gifts, to the netting of children's playground, knots are everywhere. Our investigation will focus on how knots really work... mathematically, to understand their application, well beyond gifts and playgrounds, in solving some interesting real life problems.

From Tragedies to Thrillers: The Art of Suspense

Stories that stir our emotions or pique our curiosity are among the most satisfying to read. In this creative writing workshop, students will be guided through a series of engaging exercises incorporating visual art and performance that will get their imaginations bubbling and their pens scribbling. They will learn tips and tricks of the great mystery writers to enhance their own writing, and how to have their reader on the edge of their seat. Using the tragedies of the ancient myths, scintillating mysteries, and curious characters as inspiration, students will then turn their hand at creating their own page-turning short stories.

The Maths of Password Picking

These days we use passwords and codes to protect our data, our phones, and many parts of our lives. But how easy is it for a password to be broken...? This program looks at the mathematics of the strength of a password. It will also investigate other codes that are used to protect our personal information. From the binary code to code for an image, to Barcodes and ISBN codes this program will explore the mathematics behind making and breaking of a variety of codes and passwords.

The Maths of the Unpredictable: Why the Best Team Doesn't Always Win

You might love playing or watching sport. Also, you might be fascinated by numbers and the way they make sense of the world around us. But did you know that mathematics makes meaning of sport, too?

You might be surprised to know that your favourite team's latest success, as well as their more ordinary performance could have been predicted mathematically. This program will provide an insight into the power of mathematics in sport, from ethics to performance and beyond. Join us for an introduction to matrices, as well as for an application of statistics and probability as a predictor in your favourite sport.

Witches, Wizards and Other Weird Things: Creating Fantasy Characters

The weird and fantastical will serve as inspiration for this fun and active dive into creative expression. Students will engage with creative writing, drawing and performance techniques to develop fascinating characters and the worlds they inhabit, and learn methods to enhance their skills. Students with a flair for fantastical storytelling and creativity will enjoy this immersion with like-minded peers.

If you are interested in your child/ren participating in one of these sessions, please use the following link to access more information.

Brisbane South

<https://registration.brainways.com.au/semester1brisbanesouth/>

Brisbane East

<https://registration.brainways.com.au/semester-1-brisbane-east/>

Please be aware that parents will be responsible for organising transportation for their child to and from the venue. You will also need to let your child's teacher and myself know in advance.

Any questions regarding this can be directed towards Miss Lomax at megan.lomax@bne.catholic.edu.au

NAPLAN



Each year Australian students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit the NAPLAN test. Traditionally this has been in Term 2, however, from 2023 it will be held in Term 1. Our Year 3s and Year 5s students will be sitting the tests on the following days in Weeks 8 and 9:

Writing – 15th March

Reading – 16th March

Language Conventions – 16th March

Numeracy – 20th March

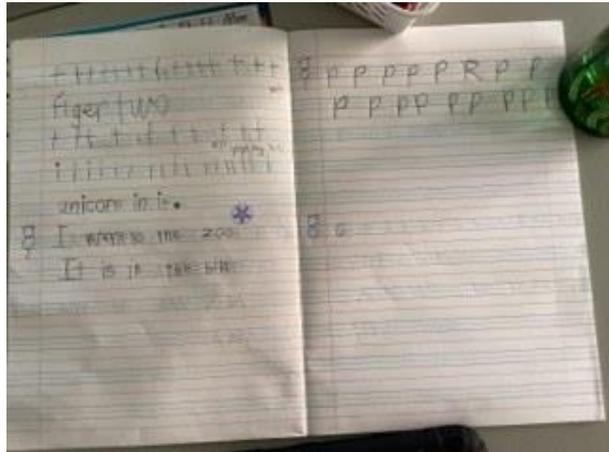
Over the next few weeks, in class, the Year 3 and Senior Primary teachers will be supporting the students to ensure they are confident and prepared to sit the tests. The teachers will be supporting the students with specific and targeted content teaching, ensuring they are confident with the different styles of questions, and familiarising them with the testing platform. In Week 5 the students will complete several practice NAPLAN tests. These tests will further familiarise the students to the tests in addition to using their devices.

In the lead up to NAPLAN it is important to remember that these tests are a point-in-time assessment which shows a student's learning progress in literacy and numeracy in line with the national standard. It is important to know that at St Joseph's we teach and assess our students against the Australian National Curriculum. If parents would like to know about their child's learning and progress throughout the year, they are encouraged to meet with their child's classroom teacher.

Learning Around the School

In each fortnight's newsletter I will share some of the amazing learning taking place within St Joseph's.

While we have been only back for 8 days St Joseph's has been a hive of learning and activity. Please enjoy looking at some of the learning from this fortnight.









Wishing you a wonderful and relaxing weekend ahead,

Miss Megan Lomax

(Acting Primary Learning Leader)

St Joseph's KP Collective News

St Joseph's Welcome Disco!!!



Come and dance the night away at our very first St Joseph's event for 2023! Next Friday evening St Joseph's Welcome Back Disco Party will begin at school from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

This year we have a change of location to our school oval, where our Christmas Concert was held. Feel free to bring along a camp chair to find a comfortable spot as we celebrate the beginning of the school year.

Details:

Date: Friday 10th February

Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm

Location: St Joseph's School oval

Entry tickets and pizza ordering to be ordered via Qkr! by Wednesday the 8th of February at 9:00am. Due to preordering pizzas, no orders will be taken after this time.

Cost:

Disco Entry Fee - \$5 per ticket, or \$20 for a family of 4+

Pizzas: \$6 - large Dominos pizzas

- Pepperoni
- Margaritas
- Simply Cheese
- Ham and cheese

Gluten free options are available.

Families will receive their entry bands on Thursday, sent home with the eldest in the family. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening for the best dance moves!

Looking forward to seeing all of your dance moves next Friday evening!

Below are details outlining access to Qkr to order your entry tickets and pizzas for the disco.

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Step 1 Download Qkr!
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Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from "Previous Location"

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PREVIOUS LOCATION

- Our School
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School
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- Quicker Primary School
123 School Street
School
0.1 km
- Quicker School
45 School Street
School
0.2 km
- Worldwide School
67 School Street
School
0.5 km
- Sanford school
89 School Street
School
0.8 km

Community News



'RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS'
Education Queensland

All Catholic School Parents/Carers & School staff,
please join us for a **FREE WEBINAR** on
Thursday 23 February | 7PM - 8PM



ROBYN ROSENGRAVE
Director, Department of Education and Training
Curriculum, Teaching, Leadership, Rural and Remote

Robyn is an experienced educator who will give an overview of what is in this curriculum and guide us through the 'Respectful Relationships Education Hub' website, particularly what is available for parents. For example 'The importance of respect' and 'Talking to your child about respectful relationships, consent and sexuality'.

CLICK ON THE LINK TO REGISTER
<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/respectful-relationships>



**CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS
QUEENSLAND**
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Queensland Cricket will be running an after-school Junior Blasters cricket program for children aged 5-8. The program will run for five weeks from 16/02 through to 16/03 and will be held on Thursdays from 3-4pm.

Please register at www.playcricket.com.au or at the following link: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/baa2bc>

IT'S FUN, IT'S FAST, IT'S A BLAST!!



SCHOOL JUNIOR BLASTERS

THE BEST CRICKET EXPERIENCE ALL KIDS AGES 5-8 CAN HAVE THIS SUMMER!

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,
Kangaroo Point
School Junior Blasters: Ages 5-8
Thursday 3.00 - 4.00pm
Dates 16/2/23 -16/3/23
St Joseph's School Oval

REGISTER AT WWW.PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU



St James College
Catholic Coeducation for Years 5 - 12
In the Edmund Rice Tradition

Enrolment Information Evening

Register to attend or watch the livestream
 201 Boundary Street, Spring Hill Q 4000
 3230 8600

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MONDAY
6 February
2023
 6.00PM



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