

St Joseph's Primary School Kangaroo Point - Term 1 - Week 8 - 2023



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Term 1 Significant Dates:

20th March

- *Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN - Numeracy*

20th March - 31st March

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

21st March

- *Harmony Day - St Joseph's Celebration of Harmony Day (refer to information below)*
- St Joseph's Running Club

- *Swimming Lessons begin* - Years 1 - 6

22nd March

- *Swimming Lessons* - Years 1 - 6

23rd March

- *Swimming Lessons* - Years 1 - 6
- *Zone Swimming Carnival* - Chandler Aquatic Centre

29th March (Please note the date change)

- *School Board Meeting* - Coolock Room - 4:00pm

30th March

- *St Joseph's Commemoration of the Passion of Christ* - Parents/Carers and Grandparents welcome (refer to information below)

31st March: Last Day of Term 1

- *KP Tuckshop* - Year 5 Parent Cohort to co-ordinate (Bookings are now open in the Qkr! App)

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

Acting Principal's News



Good Afternoon, Parents and Carers and welcome to St Joseph's Newsletter for Term 1, Week 8. We are excited to share several significant events and celebrations held over the next few weeks, as we come to the end of a very busy and productive term.

St. Joseph's Feast Day



St. Joseph's Feast Day is commemorated each year on the 19th of March. Today our school community engaged in numerous activities to celebrate our school's patron saint, St. Joseph - Jesus' father and protector of the Catholic Church. In building collaborative leadership skills, our Year 6 students helped to organise and lead numerous activities celebrating our school as the oldest Catholic School in Brisbane, founded over 153 years ago. It was wonderful seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter as the students participated in traditional school games including hopscotch, skittles, bean bag relay races, and many more.

Thank you to Fr. Stephen for presiding a beautiful Mass honouring St. Joseph and celebrating what unifies us as a community.











St. Joseph's Parish is hosting St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass this Sunday at St. Joseph's Church. Below are details for the event. All families are welcome to attend.



Please join our Parish community on
Sunday 19 March @ 9am Mass
to acknowledge the Feast Day of St Joseph

followed by Morning Tea
(please bring a plate to share)

Naplan 2023

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Over the past two days, our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in Naplan for 2023. We are very proud of each student's calm, and focused learning dispositions displayed as they sat the National test. Thank you to Miss Lomax, Mrs Musial and the classroom teachers, Mr Marsden, Miss O'Leary, Miss Walls, Mrs Banks, and Mr Tierney for all your expertise in preparing our students and ensuring that their wellbeing was prioritised, fostering confidence in our students to demonstrate their full potential.

We look forward to our students completing the Naplan Numeracy test which will be held on Monday next week. Naplan results will be published later in the year.

Come See Our Concert Band!

You are invited to a preview of St. Joseph's Concert Band performance next Wednesday the 22nd of March from 8:30 am – 9:00am on assembly. At St. Joseph's we are blessed with the musical talents of numerous students led by our Music Director Mr Alex Predeckij. Come along and see the talents of our next upcoming stars!

The St Joseph's Primary School Concert Band is comprised of students between Years 3-6 and they meet each Monday morning for rehearsal. Led by their two conductors, Mr Evan Osborne and Mr Richard Daniell, the students have been working on several pieces including the iconic piece "*Shark Attack*" which they will be performing at the school assembly on Wednesday 22nd. If your child has expressed interest in joining the Concert Band program, please contact our Director of Music, Alex Predeckij, at apredeckij@bne.catholic.edu.au to organise lessons for your child.



Morning Play Routine

Thank you to parents and carers for your flexibility as we have trialled our new Morning Play Routine to help support our students with a smooth transition as they prepare to be ready to learn for the day. We have had positive feedback on the changes to our morning routine. Next week, we will continue our new early Morning Play routine. Information includes:

- 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 quiet meditation to prepare them for the day and collection from their classroom teachers.

Mercy Action Fundraising - Thank you St Joseph's!

I have always shared with other members of BCE just how fantastic our St. Joseph's community is. Last week was no exception, where together our community generously donated over \$980.00 towards helping support Syrian and Turkey victims of the recent earthquake.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

- *Principal of the Day - Georgia Banks*
- *DJ for the Day - Casey Klupp*
- *Homework Pass - Teddy Neagle*

We look forward to hearing DJ Casey's music tunes next week, along with learning about the exciting activities that Principal Georgia has planned! Thank you again everyone for your generosity!

Principal's Carpark for a Fortnight Winners!

Congratulations to Clare Harris and Natalie Ling on your winning auction bids for our Principal's Carpark for a fortnight. Our students are very excited to purchase new sport's equipment with your generous donations.



Parent Teacher Interviews - PTO Live!



Over the next two weeks, classroom teachers will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to share in your child's learning progress. Interview times can be booked via the PTO App through BCE's Parent Connect App. Please refer to the email sent during the week for details on how to access and book your times. Booking time slots allow a 15 minute time allocation. If you are booking for multiple children, please allow time to move and transition to each classroom in your booking times.

Thank you to the teachers for their dedication, organisation and planning spent preparing for this wonderful opportunity to share our students successes.

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? Over the past two weeks, Mrs Cole and I have had the pleasure of meeting our Preppies for 2024. It has been lovely meeting them and their families and sharing information about our beautiful school.

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!

Kiss & Go Zone - Thank you!



Thank you to parents and carers for your patience and support with ensuring the safety of our students, staff and parents/carers during morning and afternoon Kiss and Go Zone. During the week we have observed a number of positive changes including:

- *Staying in the vehicle to drop/pick up students;*
- *School bags in the back seat for easy access;*
- *Waiting for the car in front to move before exiting the Kiss and Go Zone (no overtaking);*
- *Ensuring your child/ren have moved safely to the brown paved area before driving off in the morning;*
- *Closing distance gaps between the vehicles and making sure you are lined up at the correct allocated parking bay.*

Thank you, and we look forward to Kiss and Go continuing to be a safe zone for our school community!

Travelling with Mrs Cole!



On Tuesday evening our beautiful Mrs Cole began her pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel), Assisi and Rome (Italy), along with our Executive Director Dr Sally Townsend and twenty other principals in BCE. Over the next few weeks, we will be travelling with Mrs Cole as she embarks on this wonderful journey. Some places Mrs Cole has already visited include the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Nazareth and the village of Cana.

Come explore where Mrs Cole is!







Wishing you all peace, love and happiness!

Mrs Bianca Murphy.

(Acting Principal)

Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education's News



NAPLAN



This week the Year 3s and Year 5s have completed three of the four NAPLAN tests; writing, reading and conventions of language. All the students should be incredibly proud of themselves for giving these tests their best go and for the courage and persistency they have all shown. Thank you to the teachers and parents of these students for preparing them so well and for ensuring they calmly and confidently approached the tests. Next Monday, the students will complete the numeracy test.

Harmony Day



Next Tuesday, we will celebrate Harmony Day. Our Year 6 Leaders have been busy organising some activities to mark this special day. Please find their message below:

HARMONY DAY is celebrated around Australia on 21st March.

The common theme of 'Everyone Belongs' means that our cultural diversity is at the heart of who we are as Australians.

At St. Joseph's, our students celebrate the fact that we have many families who have many different family origins.

On Tuesday we will celebrate HARMONY DAY with:

- *Wear something orange (gold coin donation)
- *Buy an orange ribbon or hair accessory (50 cents)
- *Buy an orange ice-block – zooper-doooper/fruit juice 'quelch' (50 cents)
- *Participate in a giant colouring-in poster to promote the message of HARMONY DAY. (free)

-All money raised will go towards our School's Donation to PROJECT COMPASSION (through Caritas, Australia).

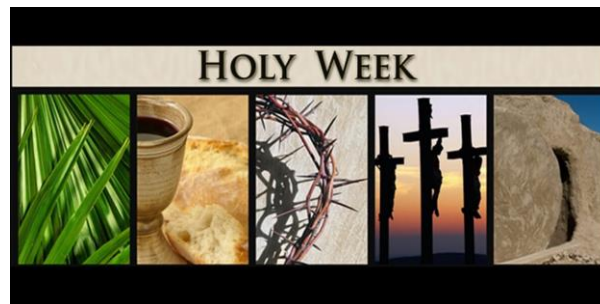
Thank you, St. Joseph's families.

Eden Robinson (Cultural Leader) and Lauren Yolanda (Learning Leader)

Year 1 Liturgy

On Wednesday 29th March at 9am our Year 1 students will lead their year level liturgy. All family members are welcome to join us for this special liturgical celebration. Following this, there will be tea and coffee in Coolock for our guests.

Holy Week



In Week 10 as a school community, we will reflect upon the events of Holy Week. Holy Week is a sacred time in the Catholic Church as it tells the story of Jesus travelling to Jerusalem and the events leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. Our reflection for this sacred and holy time will occur on Thursday 30th March. Across the school there will be a number of stations which will tell the story. Our students will move through each of these during the morning session. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.

St Patrick's Day



While today we have celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day which occurs this Sunday 19th March, today is also the Feast Day of St Patrick. St Patrick can be credited for bringing Christianity to Ireland and for teaching people about the Holy Trinity through the use of a Shamrock. He also connected and admired the beauty and detail of the natural world to God's presence. With our connection to the

Sisters of Mercy, an Irish religious order, St Patrick's Feast Day also has special significance to our school.

Prayer for Saint Patrick

“ Your love is beyond our understanding, O God. You hold us in loving regard and cherish our tears. You are like a mother who tenderly cradles her child against the pain and suffering of life. May we follow the example of St Patrick and bring your love to all in need of mercy and healing. Amen. ”

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend,

Peace and blessings,

Miss Megan Lomax

(Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education)

Parish News

St Joseph's Feast Day Parish Mass

This Sunday on the Feast Day of St Joseph's, the Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane parish will acknowledge this special day during the 9am Sunday Mass. The Mass will be in the St Joseph's Church and a morning tea will follow. Please find the details for this below. All are welcome!

Parish Event

Celebrating the Feast Day of St Joseph.

Please join our Parish community on
**Sunday 19 March @
9am Mass**

to acknowledge the Feast Day of St Joseph, followed by Morning Tea.
Everyone welcome!

(please bring a plate to share)



This wonderful resource is available to schools to support parents/carers with the hardest job in the world, parenting.

We used this resource often during the COVID-19 pandemic but not as much since. I have decided that I would like to include these helpful articles in the newsletter as often as I can.

Many of you would have noticed that school devices (ie. iPads and laptops) have been distributed this week. Some year levels are able to take them to and from school but other will always leave them at school. It is important to note that these devices are used as tools to support learning and be assured that the children will not spend hours and hours on these devices during the school day.

In light of the fact that these devices have been issued this week, I thought the following article, 'Managing Screen Time' might be helpful:

[School TV - Managing Screen Time](#)

Community News

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.

ENROL ONLINE NOW!

CONTACT US FOR TRIALS

WEDNESDAY, 2:50 - 3:50 PM

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FOR YEARS 1 - 6

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**'Tween Talk: Problem Solving
without the DRAMA!'** 9-12
year olds
MON
3rd
APRIL
9am-12pm
Foot Space, NEWMARKET
During this workshop your daughter will be taught a
step-by-step process to manage challenging situations
better, without all the intense pre-adolescent emotion!

**'Tween Talk: Navigating
Friendships in a Girls' World'** 8-12
year olds
WED
12th
APRIL
9am-12pm
Orange Community Hall, NEWMARKET
A workshop designed help you daughter navigate friendships
better, understand what healthy friendships feel like and
learn how to handle friendship drama.



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