St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst Limited

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Vision Statement:

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a professional learning community that promotes high levels of achievement in a collaborative, nurturing,

Christ-centred environment.

NEWSLETTER 28 Date: 4 September 2025



As we gather today let us acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wiradjuri people. Here they have performed age-old ceremonies of storytelling, music, dance, celebrations, initiations and renewal. We pay our respects to the Wiradjuri people and their elders for their care of the land. Let us acknowledge this living culture and its unique role in the life of Australia. May we walk gently on this land.

Father's Day 2025

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen





2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

I know that plans I have in mind for you – it is the Lord who speaks – Plans for peace, not disaster, reserving a future fu



"Self-preservation is a temptation. If winter were to never end, we would not marvel at the spring. Have the courage to replace your

Don't be managers of fears, but entrepreneurs of dreams!"

(Pope Francis @Pontifex 3.8.23

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

Week 8

Tuesday 9 Sept - KDD 9.30am - 12.00pm Thursday 11 Sept - LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Peer Support K-6

Friday 12 Sept - Soccer - Sporting Schools

Christmas Art Liturgy and Exhibition - Cathedral School Hall 11am

Polding Selections - Newcastle

Week 9

Monday 15 Sept LIFE EDUCATION VAN
Tuesday 16 Sept KDD 9.30am - 12.00pm
LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Wednesday 17 Sept Blayney High School Transition

Thursday 18 Sept Yr 4 Discovery Day Stannies/MacKillop

Peer Support K-6

Friday 19 Sept <u>Yr 4 ASSEMBLY 9am</u>

Soccer - Sporting Schools

Week 10

Thursday 25 Sept Peer Support K-6
Friday 26 Sept LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Soccer - Sporting Schools

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14: 25 - 28

Jesus said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. For which of you intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and estimate the cost, to see whether you have enough to complete it?"

REC NEWS

CCSP have recently updated the Our Catholic Faith handbook for 2026 – it's a very popular guide to

Catholicism because it's easy to read. Resources and Links for Families:

https://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/faith-formation

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation - Year 6 students

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 9th November at St James' Church at 9am with Bishop Michael McKenna.

Please contact Cathy Brien at the Cathedral Presbytery in Bathurst for the 2025 Request Form and for your child to ask Bishop Michael for reception of the Sacrament.

You will need your child's Baptism certificate and the Sponsor's Confirmation certificate (the Sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic over the age of 16).

CATHY BRIEN PARISH SECRETARY & SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Cathedral Catholic Presbytery 100 George Street Bathurst NSW 2795 T: 02 6331 3066

E: cathy.brien@cdob.org.au

Work Days:

Mon,Tue,Thur & Fri 8.30am -3.00pm Wed 8.30am - 4.30pm Lunch Hour 1.00pm - 2.00pm

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Have you ever thought about taking this step? Maybe your child has asked about it.

Perhaps you ...

- have never been baptised but feel drawn to explore it.
- have been baptised in another Christian Tradition, but now would like to continue your faith journey in the Catholic Church.
- were baptised in the Catholic Church, but never received the Sacraments.
- have children in Year 3 or above whom you would like to be baptised.

If any of these describe you, we would love to hear from you!

We would love to help you in your journey of faith. To learn more, contact the front office.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

WELLBEING OFFICER'S REPORT

It is the time of year when there is a lot of sickness around, so we all need to look after ourselves and keep warm. As you are aware, the weather in Blayney is very unpredictable so it is important that labeled students' jumpers, jackets, track pants and beanies are worn to school or packed in their bags in case the weather turns nasty. Water bottles are also a necessity at school so that children stay hydrated. They can always refill their drink bottles at school. Please ensure water bottles and lunchboxes are regularly cleaned. You know your children best, so if you think that they are not well enough to attend school, please keep them home.

We really appreciate the effort you put into sending your children to school so immaculately dressed in their uniforms. It helps create a sense of pride and belonging for everyone.

POLDING SELECTIONS - NEWCASTLE

We're proud to announce that two of our outstanding students, Angus and Gabe, will be representing our school at the Polding Athletics Selections in Newcastle on **Friday**, **12th September 2025**.

Their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship have earned them a place among the region's best young athletes. This is an incredible achievement, and we're excited to see them showcase their talents on such a prestigious stage.

We wish both students the very best of luck as they compete, we know they will do themselves and our school proud.



LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Life Education prides itself on a holistic approach to education that ensures the tricky decisions children and young people face on a daily basis are made a little easier.

Life Ed helps children to:

- Connect the choices they make with short and long-term consequences.
- Value their safety, health and happiness.
- Develop positive attitudes for safer, healthier and happier choices.
- Build confidence and skills to manage potential coercive behaviours.

The Life Education Van will visit the school in

- Week 8 Thursday 11 September
- Week 9 Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 September 2025.

TOYS TO SCHOOL

We understand that it is natural that children wish to carry familiar toys with them and to show their friends items they consider precious. It has been our experience, however, that bringing toys from home to school can create difficult situations to manage.

DRINK BOTTLES



Many students use reusable drink bottles which are much better for the planet, but health experts say there is a nasty surprise inside if we don't keep our cool keepers clean.

The Food Safety Information Council say water bottles should be cleaned daily, if not after every use.

As bacteria and fungi grow in bottles after touching mouths or being left in warm rooms for long periods, it is essential they are thoroughly washed.

It is important to let the residual water dry completely, as excess moisture acts as a breeding ground for nasties.

For those wanting a more complete clean, it is recommended leaving the different parts in hot water with two tablespoons of baking soda for 30 minutes, then rinsing thoroughly with clean water.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 7 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2025





NAPCAN is committed to embedding child safe organisational practice consistent with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, Child Safe Standards and the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework. A child safe organisation is one that creates a culture, adopts strategies and takes action to promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people.

Aligning with this, NAPCAN commits to consciously and systematically:

- Creating an environment where children's safety and wellbeing is at the centre of thought, values and actions;
- Placing an emphasis on genuine engagement with, and valuing of children and young people;
- Creating conditions that reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people;
- Creating conditions that increases the likelihood of identifying any harm; and
- Responding to any concerns, disclosures, allegations or suspicions of harm.

PEER SUPPORT

Session 4 - Make the change

Our session this week in Stronger Together - our Peer Support module encourages students to identify any behaviours or actions they feel are unhealthy in self and others. Skill building in identifying behaviours, inclusive practice and developing empathy assist students to transition into making positive decisions to change. This might be an opportunity for parents and carers of participating students to remind your child about when they have handled change well and their skills they could use.





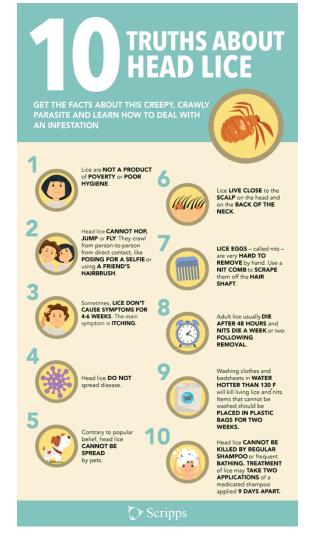


IMPORTANT INFORMATION - HEAD LICE

Yes it is that time of year when we hear of students with head lice.

Please use the link below for information to assist with the control of these contagious creatures. We encourage all students with long hair to have it completely tied in. (A 'Pollyanna style' is not in accordance with our hair policy) We also encourage our students to not share hats. Thank you for informing the school if your child contracts head lice or other contagious elements.

NSW Health - Head Questions Lice



WE WISH THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY Hunter, Lexi & Louie

REMINDER

Just a reminder check that your child has all equipment necessary for this term:

- Glue sticks
- Tissues
- Pens & pencils
- Textas

ESSENTIAL ONE LINERS TO TEACH CHILDREN

Every family has different rules.

POCKET SPEECHIE

This tip is about learning the meaning of 'why'. This helps develop reasoning skills. Children who understand 'why' can ask about information they need to fill gaps in their knowledge. Help your child understand the meaning of 'why' and expand their language skills using books with pictures or photos. Talk about what is happening in the picture then ask 'why' and talk about the answer together. Why is the girl running? Maybe she's late for school? Maybe she's chasing a butterfly!

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Ask 'why' questions during routine tasks.

For example, Why do we brush our hair? Why do we put the milk in the fridge? Help your child to answer if they have trouble.



St Josephs P&F Term 3 Fundraiser

ORDERS DUE By TOMORROW FRIDAY 5th

All money & templates due back. Thank you for your support.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

The P&F will be holding their annual Father's Day stall during tomorrow.

Envelopes were sent home this week with your child, please mark how many presents they require and place their money inside for safe keeping.

SCHOLAR DOLLAR COUNT CONGRATULATIONS WANGARY THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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877	1117	2773	



Being Safe When Eating

Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe Be Kind



- Always be seated upright when you are eating
- Chew your food slowly and thoroughly
- Take small mouthfuls
- Wait until you have finished your mouthful before speaking
- Be aware that your friends are eating so limit your conversation or jokes
- Have your water bottle handy for in between mouthfuls
- Remain calm and unhurried during eating the teacher will dismiss you at a set time to play.
- Watch out for your mates!

CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AVAIDDS		
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Kindergarten O	Year 1	Year 2	
Chance	Heidi	Kalani	
Vinuth	Luca	Myles	
Phoebe	Cooper	Reagan	
Zia	Aubrey	Elaina	
Hunter	Tristan	Jack	
Cooper		Ava	
Archie		Lexi	
Logan			
Sophia			
Kindergarten S Arlo			
Patrick			
Toby			
Eniko			
Ted			
Risindee			
Kyro			
RyTO			

BOOKWORK AWARD



Honora - Yr 1



Digby - Yr 1

	Term 3 2025						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8	8 Sept	9 Sept	10 Sept	11 Sept Life Education Van PEER SUPPORT K - 6	12 Sept Christmas Art Exhibition Cathedral School Hall SOCCER-Sporting Schools	13 Sept	14 Sept
9	15 Sept Life Education Van	16 Sept Life Education Van	17 Sept B/H School Transition	18 Sept Yr 4 Discovery Day - Stannies: MacKillop PEER SUPPORT K - 6	19 Sept YR 4 ASSEMBLY 9am SOCCER-Sporting Schools	20 Sept	21 Sept
10	22 Sept	23 Sept	24 Sept	25 Sept PEER SUPPORT K - 6	26 Sept LAST DAY OF TERM 3 SOCCER-Sporting Schools	27 Sept	29 Sept

Term Three 2025 calendar to date (subject to change

Term 4 2025							
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	13 Oct FIRST DAY OF TERM 4	14 Oct	15 Oct	16 Oct Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	17 Oct Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	18 Oct	19 Oct
2	20 Oct	21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct Yr 7 Orientation Day Stannies & MacKillop	24 Oct	25 Oct Carcoar Show	26 Oct

Term Four 2025 calendar to date (subject to change)

MOBILE PHONES/PERSONAL DEVICES

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones/personal devices in their possession during school hours. On arrival at school, students are to submit their phones/devices to the office and they may be collected at 3:15pm once dismissed from class. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones/devices on bus lines. In an emergency, parents can contact their children via the school administration office.

Please note: Smart watches will be considered as a personal device if they have an internet connection, games, cameras, texting or phoning ability.

ALLERGIES: NUTS

Our school endeavours to be a nut free school. It is important for the safety of some children that you **DO NOT** send any nuts or nut products to school. This includes foods such as Peanut Butter, Nutella, hazelnut spreads, trail mix or muesli bars/biscuits that contain nuts. Please help us maintain the health and well-being of all our students by considering this information when packing lunches for your child.

FRUIT BREAK - CRUNCH AND SIP

Please be aware that staff do not have the equipment in a classroom to cut, peel or slice student fruit each morning.

Whilst a child will never be denied, please be aware that it is becoming increasingly challenging for some classes who may be being asked to slice, cut or peel fruit for a multitude of students each day.

Please assist by providing fruit already prepared or fruit that a child can manage themselves. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

ENROLLING NOW - 2026

We are currently seeking enrolments for KINDERGARTEN 2027 and KDD/TRANSITION 2026.

- ❖ Limited vacancies are available for some classes 2026.
- Get where the action is and contact us today.

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fee Statements have been emailed to parents.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties, or would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact the office on 6368 2243.

We simply ask our parents to make an affordable contribution towards their school fees.

Please do not let school fees deter you from your child receiving a strong education at our school. Do not hesitate to contact Mrs Basha if you have any concerns or questions.

WHAT TIME SHOULD I BE AT SCHOOL?

Our morning bell rings at 8:52am (first bell)

We head to class at 8:55am (the second bell)

We advise that students are at school in time to find their friends and be ready for the school day when it commences. This helps reduce possible anxiety and ensures your child is set up for a positive start to their day.

Students who arrive after 8:55am (second bell time), should enter the school via the front office.

EXPLAINING NON ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

In accordance with the NSW Education Standards Authority and the Education Act, parents are responsible for:

- * ensuring their children attend school regularly
- * explaining to the school, the reasons for the absence of their children promptly and within seven days of the absence

In an effort to assist parents with this, as a school, we will generate our Attendance Register daily and notify those parents who are yet to explain their child's reason for absenteeism. We appreciate the world is a busy place and we hope that this system will be of assistance for you.

Please contact Mrs Basha if you have any concerns in regards to attendance and absenteeism.

ABSENCES ON COMPASS

FULL DAY ABSENCES can ONLY be processed through the COMPASS parental portal.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES are to be processed on the COMPASS KIOSK located at the front office when parents drop off their child late or collect their child early.

PINE CONES FOR SALE

Our budding entrepreneur George is selling pine cones that he has collected from home.

Pinecones make great, sustainable kindling for your wood fires.

You can order a bag through the school office.

\$10 for a large bag or \$7.00 for a small bag.



IMPORTANT TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Update your email, phone number, address, child's medical details or emergency contacts by emailing information to stjosephsblayney@bth.catholic.edu.au

NEWSLETTERS

Communications to our school community

Our weekly newsletter is available

- Website: https://www.stjosephsblayney.catholic.edu.au
- Compass Parent Portal (*Email and notification on the App*)
 - If you have any concerns with notification from your COMPASS parent portal, please contact the school for assistance

TERM 4 UNIFORM

Yes it is time to start searching for those Summer Uniforms and preparing them for the first day of Term Four. Uniform requirements are as follows:

PLEASE NOTE: coloured socks are NOT part of our school uniform.

BOYS

- Blue short sleeve shirt
- Grey shorts or Grey trousers
- Grey socks
- Black shoes
- School Hat (maroon)

GIRLS

- Checked School Dress
- White ankle socks
- Black shoes
- School Hat (maroon)

SPORTS UNIFORM - Available at School Uniform Shop

- Maroon School Polo Shirt
- Maroon School Shorts or Maroon Track Pants
- Joggers
- School Hat
- Sports Jacket/Jumper

Unisex

Maroon Woollen Jumper with School Emblem - Available from School Clothing Pool

<u>Please assist by ensuring that all items of clothing are appropriately labelled.</u>

We have limited 2nd hand uniforms available and parents are more than welcome to access these items or offer donations.

ST JOSEPH'S CPS CLOTHING POOL - USUAL HOURS

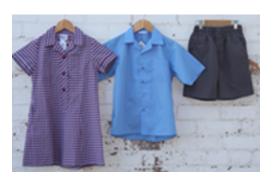
The clothing pool is open every

- Tuesday morning from 8:30am to 9am
- Every Second Thursday afternoon 2:45pm 3:15pm.
- Alternatively, Order Forms can be requested from the school office.

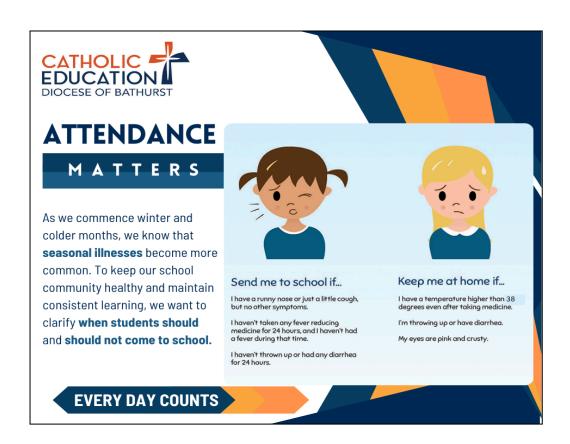
These orders will be filled and sent home with your child. <u>Purchases are required to be paid for on the day or included with the order form before they can be released.</u>

Payment options are Cash or EFTPOS.

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Attending school special events are a break from the routine, providing students with a chance to enjoy themselves and have fun interacting with peers outside the regular classroom setting. Special events that occur during school hours or after school hours can introduce variety and novelty into the school routine. They offer a break from the everyday classroom activities, providing students with fresh and engaging experiences.

Special events create a more relaxed and informal setting compared to regular classroom environments. This atmosphere encourages social interaction and allows students to interact with peers in a more laid-back manner.

Participating in enjoyable and celebratory events contributes to positive emotional experiences. Students can experience joy, laughter, and a sense of camaraderie, fostering a positive outlook on their school experience.

Encourage your child to attend and participate in school events to help create lasting positive memories of high school.

Find healthy recipes and snacks on the NSW Healthy Living website

CHEESE AND TOMATO MELT

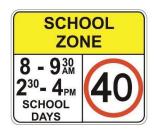


SCHOOL ZONES

40km/h school zones are in force on all notified school days. These exclude weekends, public holidays and public school holidays.

School zone days include school development days

(or pupil-free days), as some students may still attend school on these days.



ROAD SAFETY

Transport NSW

Information for schools, pre-schools and early learning services

Transport NSW - School Road Safety



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY WEBSITES/INFORMATION:

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Catholic Education of Bathurst Website:

Below is the link to the CEDB Website:

CEDB Website

St James Catholic Parish Website:

Here you will find information for Mass Times, Sacramental Information and more, please use this link: St James' Parish Blayney Website

CEDB Sports Community Website

Community Site (has reports from events) for parents, families & teachers:

CEDB Sports Community Website

Council Of Catholic School Parents

Below is a link to the Council of Catholic School Parent website:

CCSP Parent Talk

Healthy Lunch Box

Below is a link to the Cancer Council's Healthy Lunch Box soon to become Healthy Made Tasty. This link will include updated recipes for nutrition, budget and reduce waste tips.

Healthy Lunch Box

Parent Engagement Network (PEN) Newsletter

Please find below a link to the first edition of the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst (CEDB) Parent Engagement (PEN) Newsletter for 2025. This newsletter aims to share information with Principals, parents, carers and families within the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst schools and will be published twice yearly. A special thank you to the parents who have offered to be a parent engagement link, either through your P & F or your school's Parent Reference, Engagement or Cultural Advisory Group. Please follow this link Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst eNewsletter

Blayney Kids' Club Term 3 2025

Blayney Kids' Club will restart for Term 3 in Week 2, Thursday 31 st July, from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. Note, there will be no Kids' Club Thursday, 24 th July.

Kids' Club is an inter-denominational, Christian-based program designed for children from Kindergarten to Year 6, with singing, games, Bible talk and craft. An evening meal is served.

Cost: \$4 per child, capped at \$10 for a family of 3 or more.

Venue: Blayney Anglican Church Hall, Adelaide St (opposite the Blayney Vet clinic).

For safety reasons we ask that no parents' cars be driven into the grounds in front of the hall please.

For more information, phone:
Janet Power on 0409937189, Sue Lane 63682155, Lyris May 63682950

Active and Creative Kids Vouchers

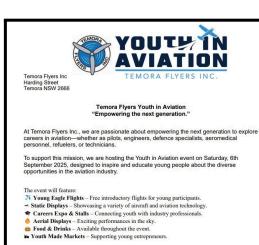
Some great news to share with families!

The NSW Government's **Active and Creative Kids** voucher is now available. Parents, carers and guardians can apply for a **\$50 voucher** to help cover the cost of eligible sport, recreation and creative activities for school-aged children.

These vouchers can be put towards things like sports, music lessons, drama, art classes and heaps more.

Link: Apply for an Active and Creative Kids voucher | Service NSW





We would encourage students and parents/ guardians to attend this **free** event and learn about all things aviation and even take to the skies themselves.

Please find enclosed some advertising material. We encourage all participants to get their free ticket via our Eventbrite website. (QR code attached)

Robert Matthews 0478 950 002 temoraflyers@gmail,com Please follow this link for more information

- Youth in Aviation



