St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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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 30 Date: 19 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.

OUR SUPERMAN Happy Birthday Mr Coughlan!

Kindergarten students were very excited to share cards and a cake with Mr Coughlan on his very special birthday. Happy Birthday and thank you for everything you do for our school.

SJCPS staff and students





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 full of hope for you. (Jeremiah 29:11)

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

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

(Pope Francis @Pontifex 3.8.23

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

Week 10

Wednesday 24 Sept Odd Socks Day

Thursday 25 Sept Musical Performance - Littlewood House, Blayney 10.30am

Peer Support K-6

Friday 26 Sept LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Soccer - Sporting Schools

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16: 10 – 13

Jesus went on to make these comments: "If you're honest in small things, you'll be honest in big things; If you're a crook in small things, you'll be a crook in big things. If you're not honest in small jobs, who will put you in charge of the store? No worker can serve two bosses: They'll either hate the first and love the second or adore the first and despise the second. You can't serve both God and the bank."

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

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Work Days:

Mon,Tue,Thur & Fri 8.30am -3.00pm

Wed 8.30am - 4.30pm

Lunch Hour 1.00pm - 2.00pm

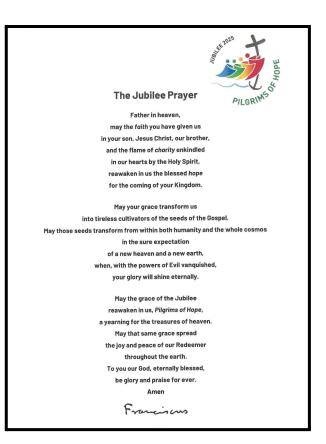
BECOMING CATHOLIC

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.



ODD SOCKS TO GET READY FOR SOCKTOBER!

Wear Odd Socks on Wednesday, September 24th and Bring in a Pair of Old or Odd Socks!

Students, it's time to get **socked** up for a good cause! On Wednesday, September 24th, Mini Vinnies are asking everyone to wear *odd socks* to school in preparation for Socktober, a month dedicated to supporting those in need. We are asking students to bring in an old pair of socks to contribute to our sockball.





What is Socktober?

Socktober for Mission Month encourages the passion of students to rise up, engage their local community, and take action against poverty through the world game of soccer.

This year we were raising awareness and funds for communities in Zambia, to help ensure children have access to food and education, giving them the chance to build a brighter future.

In Term 4, on Wednesday 22nd October, we will be holding our annual fundraising event for Socktober!



Year 6 Mini Vinnies Students

CHRISTMAS ART

Last Friday, 5th September, Mrs Ostini and Mrs Sullivan accompanied eight students to the Bathurst Christmas Art and Storytelling Exhibition and Launch at The Cathedral School.

Congratulations to Alana, Madison, Evan, Tate, Toby, Alexandra, Sanuki and Milly whose artworks were displayed in the gallery. We were very proud of Madison who was chosen to read the First Reading for the liturgy with Bishop Michael McKenna.

Thank you to the many families who also attended to support our wonderful students.





















YEAR FOUR DISCOVERY DAY

Year 4 attended St Stanislaus College and MacKillop College Discovery Days on Thursday this week. Mrs Hodson and Mrs Rudgley were extremely proud of Year 4. Students demonstrated respectful behaviour, manners and their presentation, proudly wearing their St Joseph's uniforms. They were outstanding. Discovery Days are a great way to introduce our young students to Secondary schools. This program will be offered to students again in Year 5, so that they can further develop positive relationships as they transition to high school.





PEER SUPPORT

Session 7 - Standing together

Our Peer Support session in Stronger Together this week looks at the impact of how working together as a team with similar beliefs, can provide a barrier to bullying. When everyone is focussed on promoting positive behaviours that respect diversity and individual need, bullying can be reduced. Activities that focus on building the strength of teams and awareness of the responsibilities of bystanders assists in a whole of school approach. Parents and carers could talk with their child about how they could help others who are not experiencing good relationships.







LIFE EDUCATION VAN

During the week students have visited the Life Education Van to experience appropriate programs linked to the PDHPE Curriculum. In today's fast paced world, children are faced with lots of important issues. Life Education helps students:

- 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 exists to help children understand these issues and help them feel empowered to make the right decision.

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.

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.

WE WISH THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lilly

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

You don't have to be friends with everyone, but kindness is always required.

POCKET SPEECHIE

This tip is about understanding story structure.

Most stories follow the same 'recipe'. Children who understand this 'recipe' before starting school tend to become better readers, writers and communicators.

Help your child learn the story recipe by making comments and asking questions using the words 'setting', 'character', 'problem', and 'solution'.

For example, 'A broken umbrella! That's a problem. I wonder what he could do now?'.

You can read a book more than once to help your child fully understand the story or talk about what else they could have done to solve the problem.

SCHOLAR DOLLAR COUNT CONGRATULATIONS MULWALA THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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Playing Responsibly in the Passive Play Area



Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe Be Kind

- Walk to the Passive Play Area when dismissed from lunch
- Share the items & play cooperatively
- All items/toys in the Passive Play Area stay in the Passive Play Area
- As directed by a teacher on duty, pack up a few minutes before the bell, putting all game pieces, sandpit toys & other toys away in their correct containers
- Enjoy this quiet & creative space

AWARDS					
CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS			
Kindergarten S Zia	<u>Year 1</u> Liam	<u>Year 3</u> Levi			
Logan	Toby	Emma			
Sophia	Robbi	James			
Vinuth	Digby	Abigail			
Blake	Angus	Jeremy			
Phoebe		,			
Chance	Year 2				
Cooper	Hudson				
Matilda	Kohen				
Nevaeh	Paul				
Primrose	Kye				
	Henry				
<u>Kindergarten O</u>	Archie				
Arlo	Abby				
Eniko					
Blair					
Patrick					
Toby					
August					
Kyro					
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Term 3 2025							
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10	22 Sept	23 Sept	24 Sept Odd Socks Day	25 Sept Musical Performance 10.30am - Littlewood House Blayney 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

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.

<u>ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES</u> 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.

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.stjosephsblaynev.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

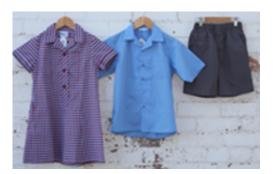
- Maroon School Polo Shirt
- Maroon School Shorts or Maroon Track Pants
- Joggers
- School Hat
- Sports Jacket/Jumper

Unisex

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

Please assist by ensuring that all items of clothing are appropriately labelled.

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</u> or included with the order form before they can be released.

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

Easy Cheese and Tomato Melt

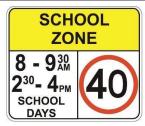


SCHOOL ZONES

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

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

grounds in front of the hall please.

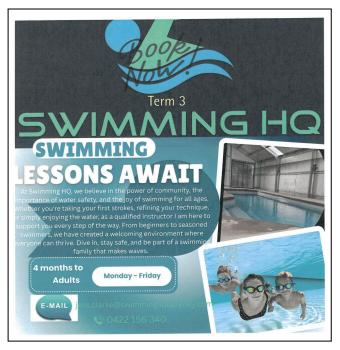
Active and Creative Kids Vouchers

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









2026 Blayney Shire Music Scholarship

Blayney Shire Council in conjunction with Mitchell Conservatorium and the Orange Regional Conservatorium are offering music tuition scholarships and encouragement awards for students aged between 7 and 18 years who live in the Blayney Shire and wish to further their music studies.

Application forms are available for download here from www.blayney.nsw.gov.au

The form must be returned fully completed by 18 November 2025. Applications attract a non-refundable entry fee of \$11.00. Late applications will not be accepted.





