# 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 31 Date: 26 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.

Loving Father,
as we come to the end of another term we
turn to you in confidence and place any difficult relationships
into the healing hands of Jesus, your Son.
Enable us to leave behind any pain of the past and any regrets
or bitterness, entrusting the past to your mercy, the present
to your love, and the future to your providence.
Help us appreciate more the need to keep a good balance in our lives.

May the holiday be for us a time of rest and recreation to help restore us and re-create us in your image and likeness, as we enjoy more of the love and presence of our families, on

whom we ask your blessing.

### REMINDER

Just a reminder check that your child has all equipment necessary for TERM 4:

- Glue sticks
- Tissues
- Pens & pencils
- Textas

Enjoy the school holidays Term 4 - Monday 13 October



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** 

#### TERM 4

#### Week 1

Monday 13 October
Thursday 16 October
Friday 17 October
FRST DAY OF TERM 4
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

#### Week 2

Tuesday 21 October Transition Tuesday and 2026 Kindergarten Parent Meeting 9.15am
Thursday 23 October St Stanislaus' & MacKillop Colleges Bathurst - Yr7 Orientation Day

Friday 24 October Sporting Schools - Swimming Years 2-6

Saturday 25 October CARCOAR SHOW

## **THE GOSPEL**

#### Luke 16: 29 - 31

Abraham answered, "They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them." "I know, Father Abraham," he said, "but they're not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways." Abraham replied, "If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead."

### **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: <a href="https://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/faith-formation">https://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/faith-formation</a>

### **BOOKWORK AWARDS**

We're proud to celebrate Lilly and Freddy for receiving REC Bookwork Awards this week! Their outstanding presentations on *Laudato Si'* were truly impressive. With creativity, insight, and a strong message of care for our common home, they brought Pope Francis' encyclical to life in a meaningful way.



### 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

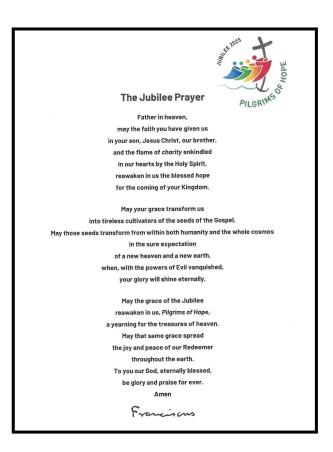
#### **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

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.



#### **TERM FOUR**

As Term Three draws to a close we thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school. Have an enjoyable break. Stay safe and well.

We look forward to working with you again during Term Four.

Term Four commences for all students MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

All students are asked to wear their full summer uniform during Term Four.

# THE ST JOSEPH'S TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM - TRANSITION TUESDAY!

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This program will be conducted by fully qualified and experienced teaching staff. We will host our free program each Tuesday, commencing Tuesday 21 October, 2025 and concluding Tuesday 2 December, 2025, from 9am - 2:30pm.

The Transition to School Program is only for those students who have officially enrolled and been accepted into our Kindergarten class for 2026.

It is a free program and will provide those attending with the best start to their formal schooling experience, ensuring a smooth transition into school routines for 2026.

# **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.



### LITTLEWOOD HOUSE MUSIC PERFORMANCES

On Thursday we had students who learn music with Lars Berg take to the stage at Blayney Hospital. It was a wonderful experience for the students to come together and showcase their talents. Our students were exceptional, both on and off the stage. Whilst nerves are an inevitable part of performing in front of a live audience, they shone on stage and performed beautifully.

Well done to you all on an exceptional achievement. Thank you Lars for working with the students to get to this point of performing. A huge thank you to the Staff at Littlewood House for having us along for the morning!



### **SOIL DELIVERY**

Thank you Todd Price for the delivery of garden soil. A very generous donation towards our garden project, and continuing to develop our grounds, garden program and activities available at our school! Our Year 5 students are going to be busy wheeling this into the garden ready for Term 4 planting! Thanks Todd, We appreciate this very much.

Year 5 Students





# **PEER SUPPORT**

# Session 8 - Take the lead



The final session in our Stronger Together Peer Support module summarises skills learnt in previous sessions and provides an opportunity to plan to implement further initiatives across the school. Students will be able to identify personal and whole of school goals to further address bullying and build their own resilience. Ask your child what they have learnt and what else they would like to learn about having good relationships. Contact us with your ideas.

Thank you, all participating students, Peer Leaders, staff and parents/carers, for your support.



# **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

Harper R, Joey, Kye, Angus M, Riley and Ted

# ESSENTIAL ONE LINERS TO TEACH CHILDREN

'I'm sorry' are just words. A real apology is a change in behaviour.

### **POCKET SPEECHIE**

The tip this week is about types of words: Adjectives.

Adjectives are describing words. They are powerful tools to help children form pictures in their head of what we read or hear. This helps them remember things better.

Add describing words to your sentences each day to help your child learn how adjectives are used. For example, instead of saying 'Look at that little dog!' you could say 'Look at that scruffy little dog'. Brainstorm other things that might be scruffy!

Play a game around describing things! I Spy can be a good game for this.

# **SCHOLAR DOLLAR COUNT**

# The winner of the House of the Term is

# MULWALA













# 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

CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS	
Kindergarten S	Year 1	Year 3	
Vinuth	Lillie	Imogen	
Phoebe	Luca	Dallas	
Blake	Toby	Olivia	
Phoebe	Oliver	Jackson	
Hunter	Robbie	Bow	
Ryder	Tristan	Addison	
Gabe	Emilia	Sophia	
	Heidi		
Kindergarten O			
Blair	<u>Year 2</u>		
Amelia	Myles		
Ted	Reagan		
Risindee	Eric		
Malia	Kalani		
Mackenzie	Lexi		
	Ava		
	Jack		
	Abby		

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 Transition Tuesday 9:15am Kinder Parent Meeting	22 Oct Sockober	23 Oct Yr 7 Orientation Day Stannies & MacKillop	24 Oct Swimming Yr 1 Excursion	25 Oct Carcoar Show	26 Oct		
3	27 Oct	28 Oct Transition Tuesday P & F Meeting 5pm	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct Swimming	1 Nov All Saints Day	2 Nov All Souls Day		

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# STUDENT SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

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

# Glue sticks, Tissues, Pens & pencils

#### **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.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:stjosephsblayney@bth.catholic.edu.au">stjosephsblayney@bth.catholic.edu.au</a>

# **SUN SMART POLICY**

The school recognises the dangers posed by exposure to ultraviolet solar radiation and has procedures in accordance with recommended guidelines. Students are expected to wear their hats while participating in all sporting activities. Without a hat, children may not be able to participate in these activities. It is compulsory for all students to wear the school hat during Recess and Lunch in Term 1 and 4. Students without a hat will be required to stay in designated shaded areas. Students are encouraged to wear hats all year for sun protection.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms available and parents are more than welcome to access these items or offer donations.





# ST JOSEPH'S CPS CLOTHING POOL - USUAL HOURS

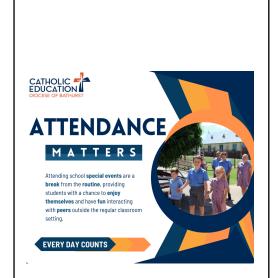
The clothing pool is open every

- 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

# **Super Simple Porridge**



#### **NEWSLETTERS**

Communications to our school community

Our weekly newsletter is available

- Website: <a href="https://www.stjosephsblayney.catholic.edu.au">https://www.stjosephsblayney.catholic.edu.au</a>
- 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

### **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:

#### **SJCPS Newsletters**

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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: <a href="St James">St James</a>' Parish Blayney Website</a>

### **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

# 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.







