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 33 Date: 24 October 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.

The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

What is a Rosary you may wonder...and what is the meaning of the rosary beads? The meaning of the Rosary is simply a Catholic prayer based upon the Bible that focuses on the events in the life of Jesus and that of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

"The rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin...the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almightv." ~ St. Therese

REMINDER

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

- Glue sticks
- Tissues
- Pens & pencils
- Textas



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!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

Week 2

Friday 24 October Yr1 Excursion - Rail Museum Bathurst - 9.45am

Sporting Schools - Swimming Years 2-6

Saturday 25 October CARCOAR SHOW

Week 3

Tuesday 28 October Transition Tuesday 9am - 2.30pm

P&F Meeting 5pm
ASSEMBLY 9am

Sporting Schools - Swimming Years 2-6

Week 4

Friday 31 October

Tuesday 4 November Hats and Cravats Melbourne Cup Day

Transition Tuesday 9am - 2.30pm

Friday 7 November MacKillop College Leadership Retreat Year 5 - at SJCPS

Sporting School - Swimming Years 2-6

Sunday 9 November Confirmation - St James' Church - 9am

(Pope Francis @Pontifex 3.8.23

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:14

Jesus commented, "This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

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

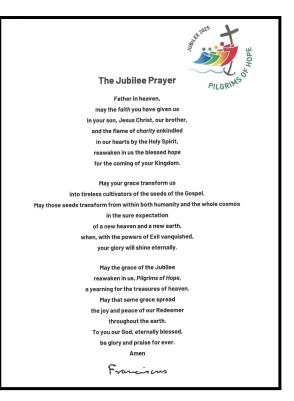
BECOMING CATHOLIC

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.



WELCOME

This week we happily welcome two new students to our school. In Yr5 we welcome Elijah and his family and in Yr2 we welcome Riley and his family. Please join with us in welcoming our new families.

YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION

On the 16th and 17th of October the Stage 3 students went on an Excursion to Canberra.

While there we were lucky enough to see many sights. We went to the Parliament buildings both new and old. We went to the War Memorial where we were told stories of soldiers during this time. We went to the Royal Mint where we saw the process of coins being minted. We were also lucky enough to design our own virtual coin. Questacon would have to be one of the highlights where we explored all manner of Scientific principles. At the Australian Institute of Sport we saw some top athletes in action and were lucky enough to try our hand at showing off our skills in their interactive room. Lastly, we went to the National Museum were we looked at exhibits from Australia's from the past and learnt about things that important to us as a Nation.

Thank you to our bus driver who managed to get us home safely. Thank you to the people who fed us. Thank you to our amazing teachers that got us to bed at a responsible time and put up with our grumpy moods when we were tired. It was a fantastic experience and one that we will remember for a long time.







SOCKTOBER 2025 MINI VINNIES FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Wednesday, 22nd October, we held our Mini Vinnies Socktober Fundraising Event — and what a fantastic day it was!

Students showed off their crazy socks and joined in a range of fun activities including *Rob the Nest, Guess How Many Pieces of Lego, League Tag,* and *Kicking Goals for Socktober*.

Results

- Most Artistic Soccer Ball:
 - o Infants-Year 1
 - o Primary Year 4
- Longest Kicked Soccer Ball: Year 2
- Class with the Highest Number of Goals Scored: Year 1
- Lego Guessing Competition: Tate Stammers with the closest guess of 443 pieces

A huge thank you to all the teachers and students for creating such wonderful and creative soccer balls — they looked amazing!

A special thank you also goes to Beau, Milly, and all the Mini Vinnies students who generously gave their time and skills to run the different activities throughout the day.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Wills, Mrs Edwards, and Mr Hefferen for organising such a wonderful and successful event.

As a school we have raised \$169.50 for Zambia. If you would like to make a donation on behalf of our school you can visit:

https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/StJosephsCatholicPrimarySchoolBlayney















HATS AND CRAVATS

On Tuesday, 4th November, we will be celebrating Melbourne Cup Day at school with a fun "Hats and Cravats" theme!

Students are invited to come to school wearing a special hat or cravat to join in the spirit of the day. Classes will also take part in some friendly classroom sweeps and other light-hearted activities to share in the fun of this iconic Australian event.

Please note that this is not a casual clothes day – students should still wear their normal school uniform, with their special hat or cravat as an added touch.

We're looking forward to a great day full of colour, creativity, and good fun!

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT MATHS ASSESSMENT

Some of our Stage 3 students participated in the Newcastle Permanent maths assessment late in Term 3. A challenging exam for the students, and a wonderful experience for them to challenge themselves and test their skills.

We wish to congratulate the following students on their participation in the exam.

Year 6: Lucy, Alannah, Lachlan

Year 5: Angus, Owen, Freddy, Lilly, Blake, Charlie C and Ferg

A special mention to Charlie C, Freddy and Owen who all received a Distinction for their results. Well Done!

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.



CAN YOU HELP US?

Imagine singing happily along to "Row, row, row your boat" with your friends. Roleplaying the story 'Who Sank the Boat'.

Taking that fishing trip you and your mates have been talking about all year!

Well this could soon be possible at SJCPS!

Do you or someone you know have an old Tinny/boat/dinghy lying around unused?? We are looking for a donation of this kind to add to our playground for additional open-ended play options for our students.

If you are able to assist, please contact Ms Webb at school for more details!

Thank you and we are excited to continue to improve and upgrade our play areas at SJCPS.







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

Frederick and Kohen

P & F TERM 4 FUNDRAISER



Thank you so much for supporting our St Josephs P&F, especially through fundraising. This term, we are running a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser to raise money for many projects and contributions within our St Josephs School Community.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including **Choc Chunk** and **the new Cinnamon Donut Cookie Dough!** You can also create your own cookie magic at home with our Golden Classic flavour by adding your own mix-ins to your cookies when you bake them! There is even something for your special furry friends, with a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough! Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising – so stock up!

Exclusive to the Term 4 fundraiser is the mouthwatering Christmas Fruit Cake Dough. Billy G's Cookie Dough and Christmas Fruit Cake Dough are exclusive to fundraising, so stock up!

Get started! Cookie dough orders must be placed online using the online platform. Create your child's profile by visiting <u>cookiedough.com.au</u>, click on the Register Button and follow the Prompts. Orders are open from Monday 13th October until Friday 31st October, so make sure you get rolling and create your online fundraising page today!

How do prizes work? Every student who sells two or more tubs will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 11 prizes up for grabs, so why not set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all? Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold.

Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so don't hesitate to reach out to them. With their help, you'll reach your fundraising goal in no time!

You can WIN BIG! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win a PlayStation 5 Gaming Bundle. For every tub you sell or buy, you will also receive one entry into the draw to win \$20,000 Cash. Plus, every student that achieves all online virtual badges will win an additional Gold Dig Out prize.

Don't forget to refer to your order form for all the information. Happy fundraising!

Catalogues will go home this week

Thank you, St Josephs P&F Committee

ESSENTIAL ONE LINERS TO TEACH CHILDREN

Don't yuck someone else's yum.

SPB4L - SCHOLAR DOLLAR COUNT CONGRATULATIONS WANGARY THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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Take Pride in our Summer Uniform



Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe Be Kind

- Wear the correct summer uniform
- Girls Summer dress, white socks, black shoes, maroon/navy hair accessories
- Boys Blue shirt, grey shorts, grey socks, black shoes
- Jewellery exceptions signet ring, watch, plain stud or sleeper earrings, chains/lockets worn around necks must be concealed
- Sunsafe school wear a School Hat outside to play. If no hat you must be in the shade (you may play on the equipment)
- Hair and Uniforms must be tidy long hair tied back
- Uniforms (especially hats and jumpers) must be clearly labelled
- Wear your uniform with pride and remember you are representing our school every time you wear it!

READER OF THE WEEK

Binuda Wickramage Don is our Reader of the Week. Binda has chosen "I Survived the American Revolution,1776." Binuda is enjoying reading this series of graphic novels as he learns many new facts on historical world events.



CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS
Kindergarten S	Year 2	Year 3
Gabe	Archie	Levi
Blake	Emma	Logan
Ryder	Emila	Sid
Archie	Henry	Imogen
Zia	Evelyn	
Phoebe	Kye	
Vinuth	Harper	
Matilda	Hudson	
Hunter	Paul	
	Reggie	
Kindergarten O		
Ted		
Blair		
Risindee		BOOKWORK AWARD
Lilly		Yr6
Malia		English
Kyro		Milly
Patrick		Alana
August		Cruz
Toby		Alexandra
Arlo		Riley

STUDENT SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

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

• Glue sticks, Tissues, Pens & pencils

Term 4 2025									
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
3	27 Oct	28 Oct Transition 9am 2.30pm P & F Meeting 5pm	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct ASSEMBLY Sport Schools Swimming Yr 2 - 6	1 Nov All Saints Day	2 Nov All Souls Day		
4	3 Nov	4 Nov Hats and Cravats Melbourne Cup Day Transition 9am - 2.30pm	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov MacKillop College Leadership Retreat Yr 5 - at SJCPS Sport Schools Swimming YR 2 - 6	8 Nov	9 Nov Confirmation St James' Church 9am		
5	10 Nov	11 Nov Transition 9am -2.30pm Remembrance Day	12 Nov	13 Nov STAGE 2 EXCURSION TBC	14 Nov Sport Schools Swimming YR 2 - 6	15 Nov	16 Nov		
6	17 Nov	18 Nov Transition 9am -2.30pm	19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov ASSEMBLY	22 Nov	23 Nov		
7	24 Nov	25 Nov Transition 9am -2.30pm	26 Nov	27 Nov YR7 JSCHS 2026 ORIENTATION DAY	28 Nov Year 2 Excursion Blayney Twilight Shop 3-7pm	29 Nov	30 Nov		
8	1 Dec Year 6 Breakfast Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Final Assembly 12pm	2 Dec Transition 9am -2.30pm	3 Dec <u>Presentation</u> <u>Practise</u>	4 Dec <u>Presentation</u> <u>Night</u>	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec		
9	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec 9.30am End of School Mass	12 Dec Kindergarten Nativity Play 9.30am Carols at Carrington 6:30pm-7:30 pm	13 Dec	14 Dec		
10	15 Dec	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec PUPIL FREE DAY	19 Dec PUPIL FREE DAY LAST DAY TERM 4	20 Dec	21Dec		

Term Four 2025 calendar to date (subject to change)

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 4 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.

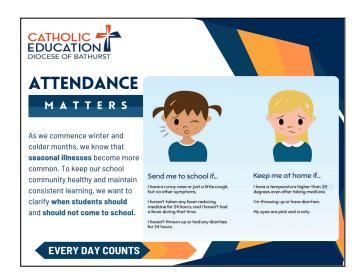
WHAT TIME SHOULD I BE AT SCHOOL?

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.

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.

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

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.

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 2^{nd} 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> <u>or included with the order form before they can be released.</u>

Payment options are Cash or EFTPOS.

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Attendance Matters

The impact of school absences, even seemingly small ones, can accumulate and affect a child's learning significantly. The cumulative effect of absences over time can lead to gaps in knowledge and understanding.

Consistent attendance is vital for academic success, as each day in school provides valuable learning opportunities.

If your child is expressing reluctance to go to school regularly, it's essential to address the issue promptly.

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

<u>Transport NSW - School Road Safety</u>



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

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: 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

Find healthy recipes and snacks on the NSW Healthy Living website

SIMPLE PANCAKES WITH BERRIES



Blayney Kids' Club Term 4 2025

Blayney Kids' Club will restart for Term 4 on <u>Thursday 23rd</u> October, Week 2 of term 4, from 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

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. All Primary School aged children are welcome.

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 cars drive into the grounds in front of the hall please.

For more information, phone: Janet Power 0409937189, Sue Lane 63682155, or 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.



