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.

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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.

PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TERM

Almighty God We give you our school.

We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,

We give you all the children who learn here.

We pray our school will continue to be a place of

great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love

to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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!"

(Pope Francis @Pontifex 3.8.23

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

Week 1

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

Week 2

Tuesday 21 October Transition Tuesday 9am - 2.30pm and 2026 Kindergarten Parent Meeting 9.15am

Wednesday 22 October Socktober

Thursday 23 October St Stanislaus' & MacKillop Colleges Bathurst - Yr7 Orientation Day

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

Friday 31 October Sporting Schools - Swimming Years 2-6

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18: 1 - 3

Jesus told them a story showing that it is necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit. He said, "There was once a judge in a city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!'"

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

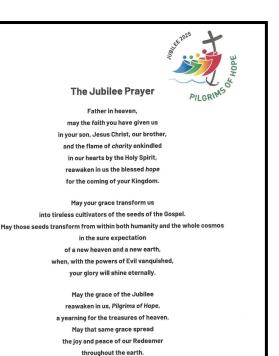
BECOMING CATHOLIC

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.



To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Franciscus

SOCKTOBER FUNDRAISER

On Wednesday, 22nd October we will be holding our fundraising event for Socktober.

Wear: Odd socks, bright socks or crazy socks!

Donation: Please donate a coin to be involved in the activities - Mini Vinnies will collect this in the morning.

The Mini Vinnies Team will be holding lots of fun activities during lunchtime.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to what will be an action packed term of learning and experiences.

The students look absolutely wonderful in their summer uniforms. Thank you for your efforts towards this.

During the school holiday break the following areas were completed:

- AP/REC Office Painted
- Windows were cleaned,
- Maintenance to heating and cooling systems
- Grounds

Our school looks amazing.

It will be a great term.

SPORTS COORDINATOR

We welcome Mrs Amanda Edwards to the role of Sports Coordinator for Term 4. Mrs Edwards stepped into this position last term and we are grateful to have her continuing in this role for this term. We thank Miss Emma English for her previous work in this position. We are grateful for the careful consideration and organisation she has given to the role.

CLASSROOM REFURBISHMENT

It will be exciting this term as we watch the refurbishment of the current Support Room as it becomes a new classroom for 2026. The Support Room may have a temporary home for the end of this year but will be set up in our current Yr4 room for 2026. There will be little if any disruption to the delivery of our learning programs during this time.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all for the smooth transition and organisation that enveloped our school last term during my leave.

I particularly express my gratitude for the tremendous work by Mrs Sally Ostini, Mrs Kellie Sullivan, Mrs Amanda Edwards and Ms Jane Webb who all undertook additional and higher duties.

YOU'VE GOT THIS

Wishing our students from our Yr6 Graduating class of 2019 all the very best as they prepare for their upcoming HSC exams.





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.

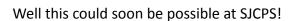
- ❖ Limited vacancies are available for some classes 2026.
- Get where the action is and contact us today.



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!



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.





GREEN THUMBS IN ACTION

Our Yr 5's have been busy transforming the garden.

Today they planted a bay leaf tree, two blueberry bushes, and added a fragrant touch with jasmine and a vibrant orange trumpet vine around the chicken coop, otherwise known as 'Cluckingham Palace.'

They've also started weeding in the veggie gardens — so if you've got seeds to plant, now's the perfect time to get growing!

Let's get our garden thriving together!



STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Stage Three had a very early start this morning, leaving school at 6:30 am to travel to Canberra for their excursion. We look forward to hearing about their adventures.



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

Angus D, Digby, Archie B, Gabriel and Sophia R.

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 comment on other people's bodies.

POCKET SPEECHIE

This tip is about asking wh- questions while reading.

Wh- questions include who, what, where, when, how, and why. This helps develop listening skills and vocabulary. Children need to understand and use questions to become active learners. You can use books to develop these skills.

When you finish reading, look back over the story and ask what, where, and why questions. What did the boy do? Where was he? Why do you think they did that? Always help your child to answer, don't make it a test. Once your child is answering who, what, where, and why questions, add in 'when' and 'how' questions. Use the pictures in the story to prompt answers.

SPB4L - SCHOLAR DOLLAR COUNT CONGRATULATIONS MULWALA 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

Blake is our Reader of the Week.

Blake is reading the very popular "Wings of Fire" by Tui T Sutherland. These books are fast paced graphic novels.



AWARDS					
CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS	CLASS AWARDS			
Kindergarten S	Kindergarten O	Year 3			
Vinuth	Ruby	Grace			
Blake	Ted	Mack			
Nevaeh	Blair	Lila			
Matilda	Risindee	Ezra			
Phoebe	Lilly	Frankie			
Zia	Lucy				
Hunter	Amelia				
Ryder	Malia				
Cooper	Patrick				
Archie	August				
Primrose	Toby				
Logan	Mackenzie				
Gabe	Arlo				
Sophia					
Chance					

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		
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 NAIDOC WEEK	21 Oct Iransition Tuesday - 9am - 2.30pm 9:15am Kinder Parent Meeting	22 Oct Socktober	23 Oct Yr 7 Orientation - Day Stannies & MacKillop	24 Oct Sport Schools - Swimming Yr 2 - 6 Yr 1 Excursion Bx Rail Museum 9.45am	25 Oct Carcoar Show	26 Oct		
3	27 Oct	28 Oct Transition Tuesday - 9am - 2.30pm P & F Meeting 5pm	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct Sport Schools - Swimming Yr 2 - 6	1 Nov All Saints Day	2 Nov All Souls Day		

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 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
Transport NSW - School Road Safety



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

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

4 TIPS FOR GROWING HEALTHY TEETH

Drink water throughout the day

Make water your family drink. Tap water is free and helps protect your teeth. Avoid drinks that contain added sugars (e.g. soft drinks, cordials, juice, sports drinks) as these can cause tooth decay. Check out our <u>tips for getting more water</u> throughout your day.

Eat more vegetables

Choosing healthy foods contributes to good oral health (and helps children's growth and development). Try to limit foods with added sugars, fats and salts. You can use our food calculator to find out how many serves of fruits and vegetables your family needs.

Brush teeth morning and night

Tooth brushing is an important habit. Brushing morning and night reduces plaque and harmful bacteria in kids' mouths. Use a pea size amount of fluoridated toothpaste and spit out after brushing.

Bonus tip: You don't need to rinse your mouth with water after brushing, a small amount of toothpaste left around the teeth will help protect them.

Regular check-ups

Regular dental check-ups are important to keep your family's teeth, gums and mouth healthy.

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.



