

# St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter

## 24th October 2022 - Term 4 Week 3

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### THIS WEEK (3):

27/10 - Crazy Hair & Socks  
for Socktober and 9:30  
Mass

28/10 - Grandparents' Day

#### NEXT WEEK (4):

1/11 - All Saints Day

1/11 - Infants Excursion  
(Dubbo Regional Theatre)

2/11 - All Souls Day

#### TERM 4

10/11 - School Mass

10/11 - Dad's in Schools

11/11- Swimming (Sport)

22/11 - School Advisory  
Committee Mtg

25/11 - Swimming (Sport)

26/11 - Barefoot Bowls

30/11- Kindergarten  
Orientation day

6/12 - Presentation Day

8/12 - Graduation Mass

Dear families and friends,

We were sad to hear of the recent passing of **Sr Joan Keogh RSM** on the 19th October.

Sr Joan was the coordinator of St James Parish, Peak Hill from 1997 to 2011. While in Peak Hill Sr Joan set the lay parishioners up to be able to run Liturgies in the absence of a parish priest. She dedicated her life to the Sisters of Mercy and celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Religious

Sister while in Peak Hill on the 5th December, 1999. Sr Joan was a much-loved member of the whole Peak Hill community during her time here. This Sunday, 30th October Sr Joan's life will be celebrated during the Mass at 9:30 am. On behalf of the school community, I would like to acknowledge the support and love that Sr Joan gave St Joseph's while she was here.

Thank you to Matt Ryan for donating a substantial amount of sporting equipment for the students to enjoy.

This week we will welcome many visitors to our school. On Wednesday, the principal and leadership team from St Mary's Parish School, Warren are coming to observe the Literacy programs that we have embedded here at St Joseph's. They have heard about the wonderful work we are doing, data results and want to observe learning in action at St Joseph's.

We are looking forward to celebrating our grandparents this Friday from 11 am.

Have a great week,  
Regina





Wear your  
**CRAZY SOCKS AND SUNNIES**  
this Thursday for Socktober!

Cost is a gold coin donation.  
Bring your money for the  
Mini Vinnies bake sale!



## PARISH NOTICES

9:30 am every Sunday: Liturgy/Mass



October is the month dedicated to the **Most Holy Rosary**. The Rosary is one of the most important prayers of our Catholic Faith as we contemplate the life of Christ with Mary. The Rosary has been the source of comfort, strength and thanksgiving for generations. Let us join together as the people of God in praying this powerful prayer.



Mary Queen of the Rosary - Pray for us

### Important Dates in October:

- \* 28th: Feast of Sts Simon and Jude, the Apostles
- \* The Funeral Service for Bruce Allen will take place on Tuesday 25th at 11.30 am.
- \* Sister Joan Keogh's Funeral will take place on Thursday 27th October, 10.30am at the Sisters of Mercy Congregational Centre, 6 Victoria Rd, Parramatta, NSW.

The Mass will be live streamed and may be accessed via the following link:

[www.FuneralVideo.com.au/SrJoanKeogh](http://www.FuneralVideo.com.au/SrJoanKeogh)

## KINDERGARTEN READING SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Eadie, Rory and Lucia** on the outstanding progress they have made in reading this year. Their reading skills are phenomenal! Well done to the Infants Literacy Team and their families.

A proud TEAM EFFORT!



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL

# Grandparent's Day

WE WANT TO  
CELEBRATE YOU!

- ✔ 11:00 Morning Tea in the school grounds
- ✔ 11:30 - Liturgy and games

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US

FRIDAY, 28TH OCTOBER 2022

## Star of the Week Indianna



## Raffle Ticket Winners

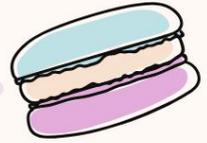
Our Week 2 winners were: Sloan, Kyanna, Edith & Joe



CONGRATULATIONS



# Mini Vinnies Bake Sale for Socktober



Hi families,

This Thursday, we will be running our annual Socktober fundraiser for Catholic Missions. We are kindly asking our Mini Vinnies families (Years 3 - 6) to donate something to sell at our bake sale. We are asking for one food item per family with approximately 10 portions. For example - 10 jelly cups, 10 fruit kebabs, 10 popcorn cups.

We thank you for generously supporting our fundraising efforts.

Kind regards,  
Brooke.



## Mime-O-Rama Fun!

A big thank you to Dennis for bringing his fabulous show "Mime-O-Rama" to our school. We thoroughly enjoyed his unique and interactive performance with plenty of laughs from all!



**Congratulations to Kyanna, Sloan and Jawarn who received an Encouragement Award for the CEWF Ingenious Inventions - Rube Goldberg Challenge. Fabulous effort!**



## COVID19 UPDATE at 17th October 2022

On 30 September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday, 14 October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education has worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions. Please find below a list of current requirements as we transition to these changes and move through term four.

- Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick.
- Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom-free.
- If a student or staff member is unwell and has any COVID-19 symptoms, even the mildest of symptoms, they should always test for COVID-19.
- Stay home while you have symptoms, even if you get a negative COVID-19 test, so you don't infect other people.
- We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health.
- We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.
- Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.
- Good hygiene practices, including regular hand washing with soap and warm water and/or use of hand sanitiser, will continue.
- Maintaining natural ventilation, with consideration of local environmental circumstances, will continue during term 4.
- Boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high-touch surface areas will continue during term 4.
- Staff and students may use the RAT kits supplied to them by the school. If you require further tests please reach out to the school office.
- Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- We will continue to inform our community when there is a positive case in the school and guide families based on NSW Health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

## STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

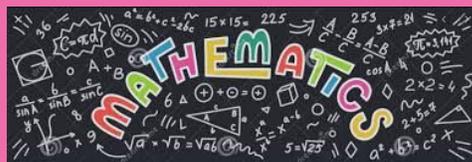
Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition. School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (e.g. severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc). If your child has a pre-existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.

## FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

This term we are going to challenge our families to engage in some family Maths games fun. Even just once a week, sit down, watch these videos and play these games as a family.

### INFANTS: Chasing the Magic Number

<https://youtu.be/HAM03vzRW6I>.



Good questions to ask while playing: *“Explain to me how you got \_\_\_?”*; *“What if you use multiplication (or subtraction etc.)?”* (I.e. offer suggestions when students need help but **DON'T** tell them how to arrive at a number

### Primary: 3 in a Row

<https://youtu.be/jQorRfkknOQ>. Good questions to ask while playing: *“Why did you choose to make \_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_?”*; *“Explain to me how you got \_\_\_?”*; *“What would you do differently the next time you played?”*

**”Send us a picture of your family playing the Maths game for the week.**

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# Barefoot Bowls Bazaar



BBQ  
Raffles  
Lolly Bags  
Chocolate  
Wheel

Fun  
Children's  
Activities



**CHANGE OF DATE**

**Saturday 26th November from 12pm**

**\$5 per player**