



WELCOME BACK FLYER

Welcome to a New School Year at St. Joey's!

A warm welcome to all our new families and a heartfelt welcome back to our returning families! Our entire team at St. Joey's is excited to partner with you throughout the year to create a learning journey that is engaging, enjoyable, and successful for your child.

As you may be aware, this year I will be serving as Principal at both St Joseph's and St Mary's Thornbury. This term, I will be onsite at St Joseph's on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Fridays remaining flexible between the two schools. On the days I am not onsite, Kate will be leading the school. Fortunately, given the close proximity of St Joseph's and St Mary's, I will remain readily available should any urgent matters arise.

Strong home-school communication is essential, it is an expectation that all families download the **Audiri App** to stay informed. This app is our primary communication tool, providing updates on excursions, important notifications, and our school newsletter. The newsletter is published fortnightly on Tuesdays, emailed to families, and available on the school website.

I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a passionate and committed team of educators. Their expertise and dedication to the craft of teaching ensures that our students thrive and experience growth in all areas of school life.

Thank you for entrusting your child's education to St. Joey's. I look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

This year we welcome the following teachers to our team:

Renee Booth (*Prep*)

Joban (Joey) Tankaria (*Senior J*)

Pierce Rooney (*Middle R*)

Emmerson Clarke (*ADMIN Office Support – Tues/Fri*)

... and we welcome back:

Lauren Greenlaw (*Junior B – Wed & Thurs*)

Lucy Rutten (*Lucy worked as an ESO in 2024, and will this year be teaching our Enrichment Programme*)

STAFF 2025

Principal

Mary Kearney

Deputy Principal

Kate Lynn / Learning and Teaching

Religious Education

Bernadette Harney

Student Engagement Leaders

(Student Engagement was formerly Learning Diversity Leader/Wellbeing)

Bella Zacharioudakis &
Ashlyn Keane (*commencing term 2*)

English & Math Leader

Brittany Symons

CLASS TEACHERS

Prep

Kate Velden

Renee Booth

Juniors

Georgie Finnigan

Abbey Arbon

Brittany Symons (*Mon, Tues, Fri*) & Lauren Greenlaw (*Wed, Thurs*)

Middles

Julia Koot

Jess Thwaites

Pierce Rooney

Seniors

Aoife O'Flynn

Joban Tankaria

SPECIALISTS

Performing Arts

Jaclyn DeVincentis

Visual Art

Louise Keys

Physical Education

Kirsti O'Brien

Digital Technology

Peter Zammit

Mandarin

Ivy Bo Wen

SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

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| General Enrichment | Lucy Rutten |
| Maths Enrichment | Peter Zammit |
| Community Engagement | Jaclyn DeVincentis |

EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS

Jacinta Murphy (*full-time*)
Lynette Peters (*full-time*)
Steven Connell (*full-time*)
Gabriel Kofoed (*full-time*)
Maya Muxlow (*4 days*)
France Montagna (*3 days*)
Tori Greer (*2 days*)

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| OFFICE ADMIN | Kathryn Coventry |
| ADMIN SUPPORT | Emmerson Clarke (Tues, Fri) |

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| SCHOOL COUNSELLOR | Rishika Sangeeta (<i>Thursday</i>) |
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SPORTS DAYS and SPECIALIST DAYS – TERM 1

| | P.E. <i>Children wear sports uniform</i> | Visual Art | Performing Arts | Mandarin | Digi Tech | Extra Sport lesson <i>Children wear sports uniform</i> |
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| PREP Sports uniform Mon & Thurs | Monday | Monday | Monday | Tuesday | <i>(term 2)</i> | Thursday |
| JUNIORS Sports uniform Mon & Thurs | Wednesday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Tuesday | <i>(term 2)</i> | Friday |
| MIDDLES Sports uniform Tues & Fri | Tuesday | Wednesday | Wednesday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Friday |
| SENIORS Sports uniform Mon & Wed | Tuesday | Monday | Monday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Thursday |

SPORTS UNIFORM:

(only to be worn on **P.E.** and sport days)

Sports jacket

Yellow short-sleeved polo (*summer*)

Navy blue sports shorts or skort (*summer*)

White socks



SPORTS JACKET



SPORTS POLO (SUMMER)



SPORTS SKORT (SUMMER)



SPORTS SHORTS (SUMMER)

ACADEMIC UNIFORM

SUMMER (Dress)

School jumper
Summer dress
White socks
Black school shoes (preferably leather lace-up or velcro)



SUMMER DRESS



SCHOOL JUMPER

SUMMER (Shorts)

School jumper
Short-sleeved blue polo shirt
Navy blue shorts
Navy socks
Black school shoes (preferably leather lace-up or velcro)



NAVY BLUE SHORTS



SUMMER POLO



SCHOOL JUMPER

Note...The school jumper ONLY is to be worn with the Academic Uniform – the Sports Jacket is only worn with the Sport Uniform

Long hair (shoulder length and longer) must be tied back with a blue or black hair tie, and we ask that headbands also be in the school colours. Children should not wear jewellery to school and not have painted or long fingernails.

SCHOOL-YARD ROUTINES

To help manage the number of balls in the yard, we provide specific play equipment for students during recess and lunch. We kindly ask that children **do not bring their own** basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, or other play equipment from home.

Additionally, for **safety reasons**, we ask that children **do not use the Adventure Playground before or after school**. As this area is not supervised by staff during these times, it is an important **occupational health and safety requirement**.

We appreciate your support in keeping our school environment safe and well-organised for all students.

WELCOME COFFEE MORNINGS

We're excited to once again host our **Coffee Mornings** for each year level! These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and chat informally with your child's teachers. Coffee Mornings will take place on the following days, starting **at 8:50 AM**, right after drop-off.

PREP – Tuesday Feb 11

JUNIORS – Thursday Feb 13

MIDDLES – Tuesday Feb 18

SENIORS – Thursday Feb 20



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

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| 8:30 a.m. | Teacher on Yard Duty – Please do not leave your child unsupervised in the school-yard prior to this time. Children should only be in the school-yard when supervised by a teacher on yard duty. |
| 8:35am | Soft-start - children may choose to move to their classrooms or play in the front yard. |
| 8.45 a.m. | First bell rings and children move to their classrooms. |
| 8.55 a.m. | Second bell rings. Classes commence. Late arrivals must report to the office for a late slip. |
| 10.50 a.m. | Recess bell rings. Children eat their play lunch |
| 11.00 a.m. | Recess bell rings. Children go out for play. |
| 11:25 a.m. | Bell rings. Children go to the toilet and have a drink then line-up at the under-croft area and go to their classroom under the supervision of their teacher. |
| 1.20 p.m. | Lunch bell rings. Children eat lunch in classroom |
| 1.30 p.m. | Bell rings for outside play. |
| 2.10 pm | Bell rings. Children go to the toilet and have a drink then line-up. |
| 3.15 p.m. | Bell rings for the children to be dismissed for the day. |

CLASSROOM CUISINE



Lunches can be ordered online from 'Classroom Cuisine' and are available on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Orders can be placed at <https://classroomcuisine.com.au>.

Lunch orders are delivered to the school in cooler boxes and orders can be placed until 8am each day.

PARKING ON JAMES STREET

Please be vigilant when dropping off, and especially picking-up your children. The area in front of the school on James St is a **'Kiss and Go' area only** and not a designated parking area. We ask that you do not leave your car unattended in the **'Kiss and Go'** zone as it is a 2-minute 'drop-off' area only. Parking in this area causes congestion along James St and puts our children at risk when cars are double parked and children are moving in and out of traffic on the street.



The safety of our children is paramount and we ask for your support in adhering to the existing parking restrictions.

SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

In week 3 of the term, you will receive an email regarding the 2025 fees and levies notice. This year, our school fees and levies are increasing slightly. This includes the introduction of a Capital Levy of \$150.00 per family, which has become necessary following last year's extensive roof restoration work.

A breakdown of the 2025 fees and levies are below:

- Family Fee \$2550.00 (per family)
- Capital Levy \$150.00 (per family)
- Prep-Year 4 Levy \$350.00 (per child)
- Year 5-6 Levy \$410.00 (per child)
- Year 3/4 Camp \$180.00 (per child)
- Year 5/6 Camp \$340.00 (per child)

Should you wish to discuss any of these fees or are a health care card holder, please contact me in the office at 03 9481 7166 or mkearney@sjnorthcote.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL CALENDAR

All school events, including 2025 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS can be found on the Calendar page of the School Newsletter, that will be sent home next Tuesday.