

2023 was an exciting and prosperous year for St Josephs. We welcomed many new families and sat at a very comfortable 146 students for the year. There were a whole range of academic, social, cultural, and sporting programs undertaken. NRL coaching clinics, highly popular STEAM activities, excursions, family disco's, Indigenous education, open library, multiple literacy and mathematics programs and stage masses to name a few. There were great academic and sporting achievements through all year groups. Social connections and enriching the critical relationships between staff, parish, students and their families and the broader St Joseph's and Junee community is always a top priority.

Wellbeing was a major focus in the last year. The new Wellbeing for Learning framework was released and positive behaviours for learning and restorative practice were the SJJU wellbeing focus for 2023. Centacare provided 2 Wellbeing Practitioners per week, with provisions made for group sessions focusing on things such as protective behaviours, bounce back resilience, boys code and girls squad as an example.

The formation of a Social and Fundraising Committee (S&F) proved to be highly successful. In 2022 without a formal fundraising group an amazing \$17,000 was raised. Last year however, with the very newly formed committee, we raised an incredible \$35,000. An absolute testament to the commitment and effort put forward to better our school and provide excellent resources for our children! Meetings are held each term, and all are welcome to attend. The first meeting for 2024 was held on the 8th February. It allows social events and fundraising opportunities such as the Mother's Day High Tea, Disco's, Deb Ball, Joey's Cup, Bulb and Pie Drives and canteen opportunities to be explored and planned, and appropriate provisions put in place in advance. The funds raised so far have been instrumental in updating class technology, the new decodable readers that were purchased for K 1 & 2 and playground resources.

The school grounds are currently looking outstanding, our school is very lucky to have secured Mr Rick Pratt as the head of Gardening and Maintenance. There has also been a recent upgrade to the school watering system which will be much more efficient. The student toilet block will be undergoing a \$50,000 upgrade commencing in the April school holidays. The Infants Playground now has a concept plan, and we are in the process of securing labour in consultation with CEDWW. Stage 1 of the carpark refurbishment was undertaken in January. stage 2 will be the installation of drainage pipes at the top of the driveway to redirect water runoff and prevent further damage, and stage 3 will be gravel resurfacing. These works will be undertaken during school holidays and will provide a much more user-friendly carpark.

