



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

22nd October - Newsletter #01 Term 4 2025

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Year 5/6 Excursion to
Canberra 27th - 29th
October (Next week)

Day for Daniel, Friday 31st
October (Students are
encouraged to wear red)

Mass - lead by Year 2
Wednesday 5th November
12:30pm

Sincerity

Sincerity means being genuine to others and acting out of pure heart. Sincerity is the opposite of mockery and sarcasm and looks to speak and act honestly. Without sincerity it is impossible to have trust in our friendships. Most importantly, we should be sincere to God because He knows and loves us and sees everything we do.

GREAT STAFF = EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING!

I want to give a great shout out to our wonderful staff at St Joseph's. On Friday 31st October we celebrate World Teacher's Day. Our children are blessed to have such a caring and cohesive team of professional Teachers and Support Teachers.

I also include in this list of teachers Fr Mark Croker. Fr Mark is here every Wednesday to support staff and children in their faith and life learnings. I am aware that parents can become concerned with the lack of male staff in school. Don't be! Current research highlights the trend in Australian education with the steady decline of male teachers across all levels. Men make up just 2% of early childhood educators, 18% in primary schools, and around 40% in high schools. Projections from Macquarie University suggest male teachers could vanish from government schools by 2054, and become entirely "extinct" by 2067.

But does gender really impact student outcomes?

Findings from University researchers McGrath et al. show that ***teacher gender has no measurable effect on academic performance.***

Studies also challenge the notion that "male teachers should act as surrogate father figures, calling it unrealistic and potentially harmful to both educators and students.." ***In Catholic Education we always value parents and carers as the first educators of their children.***

So what matters most?

Quality teaching

Our staff provide excellence in education. Recently I was speaking to a past parent who made the comment: "I wish we could take your teachers and learning with us!" What a wonderful acknowledgement of St Joseph's staff and the care and instruction they provide.

We proudly follow in the footsteps of the Sisters of St Joseph who, for generations, educated rural children and supported their families.

Mrs S Tighe
Principal

Enrolling now

for 2026



**Contact us to enrol
your child today!**

Enrolments required by end of September

Visit our website for more information
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Enrol online



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St Joseph's Primary School, Bombala



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TRANSITION TO SCHOOL AT ST JOSEPH'S!

OPEN FOR ALL KINDER 2026



A great opportunity for families to visit our school, as part of your decision making for Kindergarten 2026

COME ALONG! See what we do, you'll be amazed.

Our transition to school program focuses on developing relationships with and between children. It will center on developing skills in Literacy and Mathematics in a fun and developmental way using lots of hands-on activities.



9AM-11AM - TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025

Session 1 – Dress up as a favourite book character

9AM-11AM - TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025

Session 2

9AM-11AM - TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2025

Session 3



Children are to bring their morning tea, drink bottle and their sun hat.

Please contact the office if your child will attend the transition to school program. This will assist the teachers to prepare for the sessions.



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CALENDAR – TERM 4 2025

** Please note that events and times are subject to change and information regarding changes will be provided as soon as available.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
20 WEEK 2	21 BOOK FAIR AND CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY Kindergarten 2026 Transition to School (9-11am)	22	23	24	25	26
27 WEEK 3 Year 5/6 to Canberra	28 Year 5/6 in Canberra	29 5.30 SCC Meeting Online Year 5/6 in Canberra	30 Dragons NRL Visit: Best You Can Be (11:45am)	31 Day for Daniel World Teachers Day NSW	01	02
03 WEEK 4	04 Kindergarten 2026 Transition to School (9-11am)	05 12.30 MASS ALL WELCOME	06	07	08	09
10 WEEK 5	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY 3-6 Attending Ceremony at Cenotaph 11am	12	13	14 BUBBLE GAMES FUN DAY	15	16

2025 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DATES

TERM 3 22 July to 25 September

TERM 4 14 October to 18 December



Upcoming School Mass Dates

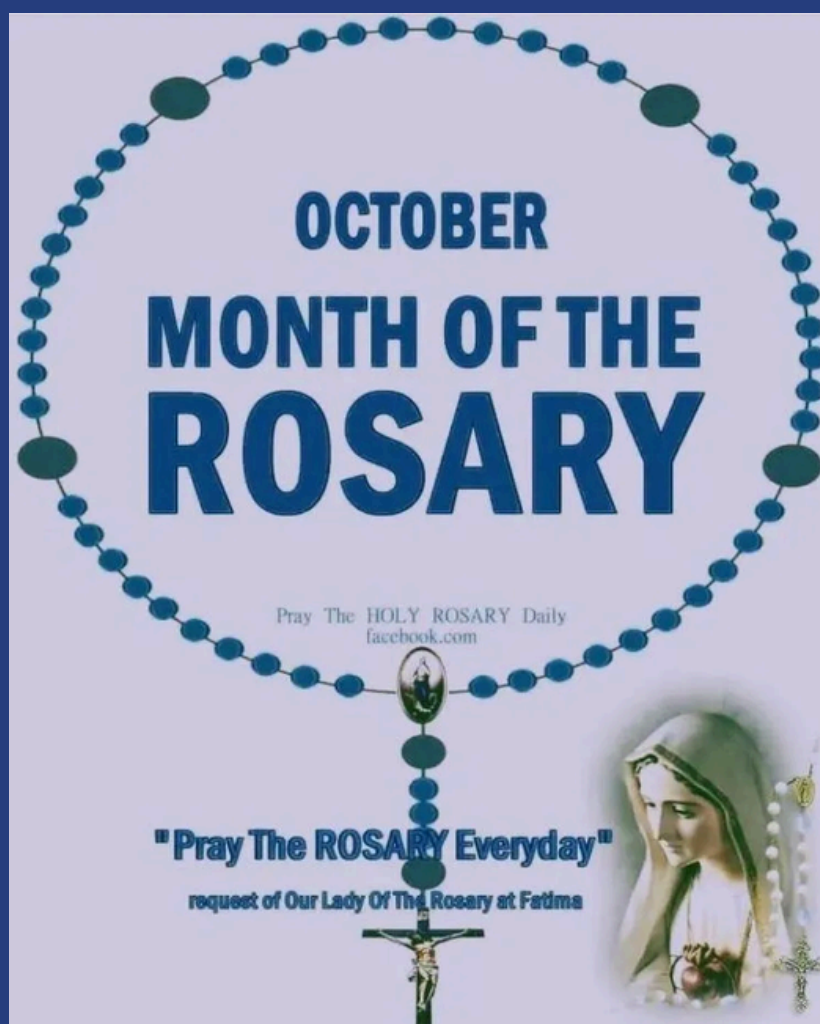
St Joey's community mass - Saturday 1st November 5:00pm (Volunteers needed for readings/ offertory and alter serving)

Wednesday - 5th November - 12:30pm (Year 2 leading)

Wednesday 19th November - 12:30pm (and mid term awards) (Year 3-4 leading)

Wednesday 3rd December - 12:30pm (k/1 leading)

Year 6 Graduation Mass Wednesday 17th December - 12:30pm



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

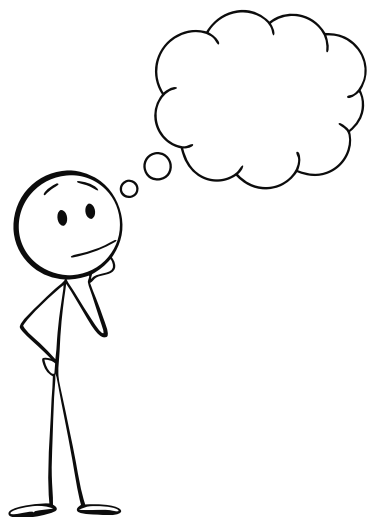
NEXT MEETING: 29TH OCTOBER 5.30PM

(ONLINE - LINK HERE)

Please note a change of date for our next meeting. Mrs Tighe is away on the 22nd.

You are welcome to join us for the online meeting.

Our final meeting for 2025 will be in person on December 3rd. This will be the AGM. Please consider if you can support the committee by taking on a role.



TERM 4 CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 4 Canteen Roster 2025	
Canteen supplied by <i>IGA Bombala</i>	
Date	Wednesday
	Step 1: Pick up filled lunch orders at 1pm and drop to school office.
	Note: Lunch orders will be ready for childrens lunch break at 1:15pm
15/10/2025	Trudie Thornton
22/10/2025	Maddi Campbell
29/10/2025	Missy Brownlie
5/11/2025	Aurora Lukass
12/11/2025	Shona Brown
19/11/2025	Lyndelle Peadon
26/11/2025	Missy Brownlie
3/12/2025	Lyndelle Peadon
10/12/2025	Shona Brown
17/12/2025	Aurora Lukass

Thank you to the volunteers for filling the roster so quickly for Term 4, we appreciate you!



TEACHER LEARNING

SCHOOLING IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

On Monday the 13 October St Joseph's staff joined with colleagues from St Patrick's in Cooma, to attend a day of learning with Fr Richard Leonard SJ. A Jesuit priest, author, educator, and film critic

Fr Richard has lectured on faith and culture all over the world.

The theme for the day was Schooling in Faith, Hope and Love. This encompassed staff of all faith persuasions.



Staff Testimonials:

- > Our RE formation day was the best I have experienced. Fr Richard's ideas and explanations about God and Catholicism were engaging and affirming.
- > Fr Richard's humor, married with thoughtful teachings and real-world examples made for a thoroughly enjoyable and insightful day.
- > Fr Richard's talk encouraged us to consider "travelling lightly" We need to consider how we de-clutter and live simply.
- > Fr Richard's overall perspective was genuine and inspiring, reminding us of the importance of hospitable communities.
- > FR LEONARD DELIVERED RELIGION IN AN UP TO DATE, DOWN TO EARTH WAY.
- > It was great to listen to someone who is knowledgeable, experienced and passionate about faith and religion (and the difference between the two) but mostly to encounter someone who genuinely enjoys what he does.
- > It was a wonderful day of linking life stories through faith, hope and love.
- > Our image of God often takes shape in childhood, and for many in a Catholic school, it may be the only place they begin to explore what God means to them.

SAFETY & WELLBEING

The Digital Landscape By the eSafety Youth Council

EDITION 1 - SEPT 2025

Straight from the Youth Council group chat - written by young people, for young people. Here's what you need to know about online safety this term.

ONLINE SAFETY IN THE NEWS



Big change coming! From mid December, under 16s won't be able to have accounts on some social media platforms.

More young people are making reports to eSafety when experiencing online harms. No one should have to deal with it solo, support is always there.

ONLINE MEDIA IN POP CULTURE

Heartbreak High (M15+) is chaotic in the best way - friendship drama, break-ups and online chaos. It's a reminder of how fast things can spiral online, and while it's fiction, the risks are all too real.



QUESTION
What online safety red flags did you spot? How would you handle it if it happened at your school?

DIGITAL WELLNESS TIPS



Use the 'not interested' or reset algorithm button to clean up and balance your feed.



Avoid doomscrolling before bed - it disrupts your sleep cycle. Podcasts, journaling, and reading are good alternatives!



Use **Do Not Disturb** or **Focus Mode** when you need to concentrate.

IN FOCUS: SEXTORTION

WHAT IS IT?

Sextortion is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to share a nude or sexual image or video of you unless you give in to their demands.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Tell someone you trust and report it straight away. Under 18s can report to **ACCCE**, 18+ can report it to the platform. If the image or video is shared report it to **eSafety**.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Blackmailers can be anyone (strangers or peers) so be mindful of who you meet and talk to online. They can hide behind fake profiles.

Stop all contact and do not pay the blackmailer or give them more money or intimate content.

Keep the receipts - take screenshots, photos or screen recordings of messages and profiles so you have evidence to report.

It's never your fault. You're not alone and help is always there.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Cyberbullying reports to eSafety have **increased by 450%** in the last 5 years.
- **1 in 3** young women and **1 in 5** young men have experienced online sexual harassment.
- **Australia's eSafety Commissioner** is a world-first government regulator focused solely on online safety.

HELP & REPORTING

Report to eSafety
esafety.gov.au/report
Take it Down
takeitdown.ncmec.org

eSafety Young People
esafety.gov.au/young-people
Kids Helpline
kidshelpline.com.au



eSafety Commissioner

[eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

SCHOOL COUNSELLING

School counselling is provided to Joeys from Marymead Catholic Care, Canberra & Goulburn. Jessica Colton is here with us every Thursday.

Jess will be working with groups of children across all our classrooms as part of our Health & PD programme

Please feel free to fill out the referral form if you feel this service may be helpful for your child/ren:

click [here](#) to fill out the referral form.



BOOK FAIR & DRESS UP PARADE



SCHOOL NEWS

GARDEN LUNCHTIME CLUB



Wonderful work
garden club



Free Desk

White desk in
used condition,
please contact
the office if
interested.

SCHOOL NEWS



Day for Daniel 2025. Friday 31st October.

Students are encouraged to wear red on Friday of week 3 to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Students will be completing activities within their classrooms on child safety.



SCHOOL NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICE SURVEY

We've recently put out a **survey** to our community to gain interest for St Joseph's to provide an after school care service. Thank you to everyone who has responded. If you would like to express your interest, please click [here](#) to fill out the survey.

If we are successful in being able to provide this, it will be planned to begin in **Term 1 2026**.



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CECG Family Offer Foundation to Yr6 Novels

To support your child's reading and studies, The Book Cow offers a 15% discount to all CECG Families on the Foundation to Yr6 Novel List.

To secure this offer, order online via this QR code.

Use this 15% discount code -

CECGF2025

Code applicable to CECG Novel List only. Excludes the Poetry list and general Book Cow online catalogue.



Select 'school delivery' at check out and then remember to note your child's name, school's name and classroom name/roll class.



The Book Cow will deliver your order direct to the school with no delivery charge.

Code Expires 12th Dec 2025

SPORT NEWS

SRC receiving new sports equipment from St Thomas More's Primary in the ACT.

A lovely visit from Miss Campbell, our community were very excited to see you!

THANK YOU for your generous donation!



DRAWING THE FUTURE

Earlier this year, our students took part in an illustrating competition for Snowy Monaro students funded by University of Canberra.

Some of our students will be featured in the newest student-illustrated book called "My Whole Wide World"!

In even more exciting news, winning student's illustrations from the last 3 years will be displayed at the 'Drawing the Future' exhibition, opening at the Raglan Gallery in Cooma on Friday 28 November at 5.30pm.

Keep an eye out in the newsletter in the coming weeks as the 2025 winners are announced!

DRAWING THE FUTURE

**EXHIBITION
OPENING**

**FRIDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER
5.30 - 7.00PM**

ARTIST PANEL
CANAPES
DRINKS

Featuring students
aged 5-12 from the
Snowy Monaro.

Each piece is a
glimpse into how
young people
imagine their
futures: who they
will be, what they
will do, and where
they might live.



RSVPs APPRECIATED

<https://events.humanitix.com/drawing-the-future>

Rural and regional school travel

Apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW. You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one operator.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at transportnsw.info/ssts-update

Frequently asked questions

Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.

How to apply for free travel for the first time

You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and

over must apply for themselves.

What my card will look like



Want to know more?

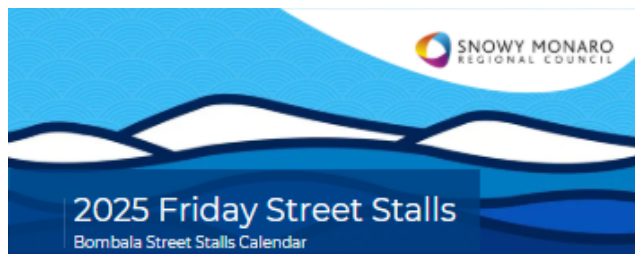
For more information, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on **131 450**.

Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms





2025 Friday Street Stalls

Bombala Street Stalls Calendar

Please contact Council if you are not using your street stall allocation so the date can be re-allocated

January 03 10 17 24 31 07 Management Committee 14 Delegate Pastoral and Agricultural Society 21 Friends of Bombala Railway Inc 28 Anglican Parish Council	July 04 Delegate Early Settlers Hut Committee 11 St Vincent de Paul 18 25
	August 08 Bombala Golf Club 08 15 22 Bombala and District Historical Society 29 Cooma Bombala Legacy
March 07 ANDO Hall Committee Inc 14 Rotary Club of Bombala 21 Southern Monaro Community Fund Inc 28	September 05 Bombala Exhibition Society Inc 12 Bombala Tennis Club (2) 19 Currawarna Assisted Living Ltd 26 Anglican Parish of Southern Monaro
April 04 Bombala Tennis Club 11 Lions Club of Bombala 18 Public Holiday 25 Public Holiday	October 03 Bombala Youth Booth 10 Tentative booking 17 Bombala Platypus Men's Shed 24 United Hosp. Auxiliary - Nursing Care 31 Bombala District Swimming Club
May 02 Bombala Historic Engine and Machinery Society 09 Bombala and District Rugby League Football Club 16 United Hospitals Auxiliary - Bombala Branch 23 30 Delegate Sportground Committee	November 07 Bombala and District Country Music 14 Catholic School of Arts 21 Delegate and District Preschool 28 Delegate RSL Sub-Branch
June 06 St Mary's Catholic Parish 13 Bombala and District Rugby League Football Club 20 Delegate Presbyterian Church 27 St Joseph's Primary School	December 05 Bombala and District Garden Club 12 St Joseph's Primary School (2) 19 Lions Club of Bombala (2) 26 Public Holiday

24/7 Customer service line

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PUBLIC NOTICES



2026 Enrolment Calendar

College Open Day

All Welcome
 Wednesday, 21 May 2025 - 9:00am to 5:00pm
 Information Session at 9:15am & Tours from 9:45am

Orientation Days

Kindergarten 2026

Day 1 Tuesday 4 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:15am
 Day 2 Thursday 13 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:15am
 Day 3 Tuesday 18 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:15am
 Day 4 Thursday 27 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:30am

Children attend all 4 days and bring a drink.
 Parents drop off Days 1 - 3 and invited to stay Day 4 for an Information Session

Year 7 2026

Wednesday, 19 November 2025 - 9:00am to 3:20pm
 Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Please bring a pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat. A sausage sizzle will be held at lunchtime.

For further information please contact the Enrolments Officer on 6495 8888 or email lcce@cn.catholic.edu.au

