



St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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Mass Times – St Anacletus Church –Sundays 5:00pm

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 5

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

5/6/7 Camp - Adelaide
Junior Joeys Playgroup 12:00pm

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

5/6/7 Camp - Adelaide

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

5/6/7 Camp – Adelaide

FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

R/1 Liturgy 9:15am

WEEK 6

MONDAY 1ST MARCH

Junior Joeys Playgroup 12:00pm

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

Schools Clean up Australia Day

WEEK 7

MONDAY 8TH MARCH

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 9TH MARCH

STUDENT FREE DAY

WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD AGM – 7:00pm

THURSDAY 11TH MARCH

5/6/7 SAPSASA Basketball @
Jamestown

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH

2/3/4 Prayer Service 9:15am

WEEK 8

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 15TH MARCH

Junior Joeys Playgroup 12:00pm

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH

Book Fair in Library - 8:30 –
4:00pm

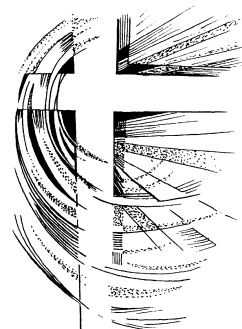
FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

St Joseph's Feast Day
Book Fair in Library - 8:30 –
4:00pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LENT

Last week, on Wednesday, we began the Church season of Lent. It lasts for 40 days, counting from the first Sunday of Lent through to Holy Thursday. Lent is a serious time where we look to prepare for the miracle that happens at Easter. Part of our preparation to receive the Risen Christ at Easter is to pray, fast and give alms. "Alms" means to give to people in need. I hope that everyone in our school community can use the season of Lent to find the many blessings that present themselves in subtle ways each day and to be the blessing in someone else's life.



"Loving God, we thank you for the promise that Easter will follow the hard work of Lent. We thank you for the days when we can rejoice together. We thank you through Christ our Lord. Amen"

7-9 BUILDING PROJECT

The physical aspects of the building project are well underway and the staff and students eagerly observe the changes as each little step is begun. Currently we have the beginnings of the foundations and the underfloor plumbing installed. Next month we will see some upright structures take place and will get a good idea of the size of the new learning space.



A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL

Ensuring our school is a safe place for all

As the school year has commenced, I want to assure all parents and carers of our absolute commitment to ensuring that St Joseph's School is a safe place for all.

- Our staff are committed and trained to protect the children and young people in our care.
- All staff and regular volunteers have current police checks.
- We teach our children age-appropriate strategies to keep themselves safe through South Australia's *Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum*.
- Staff complete certification and undertake regular updated training in *Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care Settings*.
- We also promote strategies to minimise bullying and help students stay safe online.

You can read more about our commitment to the wellbeing of your child on our website. Additional information about the broader protection policies of Catholic Education SA can be found on their website.

<http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>

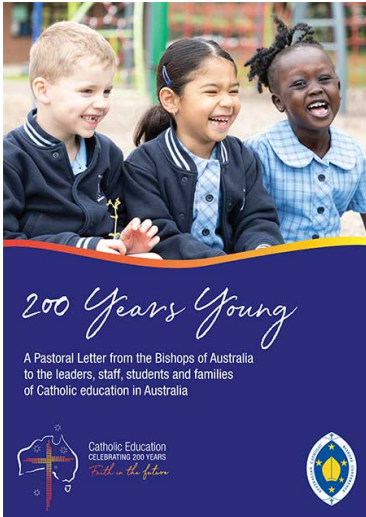
The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on a range of topics including anxiety, depression, bullying and how to support your child.

If you have any questions or concerns about child safety, please don't hesitate to contact me by phoning the front office.

SPORTS DAY **DATE CLAIMER**

Our twilight Sports Day will be held on **Friday 26th March**. Please put this date in your diary as it is a wonderful community event that we encourage everyone to take part in. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with cooking & serving the BBQ throughout the day, timing races and officiating field events. **A volunteer slip is included in today's newsletter. Please return to the front office by Week 7.** Thank you in advance for your assistance on the day!

200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION



The Catholic Bishops have written a pastoral letter to school leaders, staff, students and families to mark the 200th anniversary of Catholic education in Australia which was launched on Thursday 18 February 2021.

The letter, [200 Years Young](#), recognises the contribution of religious, clergy and lay people to the foundation of Catholic education, and the distinctive role Catholic schools play in educating and forming young people of faith and service in their communities.

Today, there are 1,751 Catholic schools educating 768,000 students and employing 98,000 staff. Nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools are located outside of metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education, has called on all those involved in Catholic education to acknowledge this significant milestone in the life of the Church. Further information will be shared in the coming months about how Catholic Education South Australia will be celebrating this very special milestone.

Copies of the letter can be found at the front office or by clicking the hyperlink above.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to Mrs Chris Malycha and her family on the loss of her brother Henry earlier this month. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

We also offer our condolences to Mrs Kylie Wells and her family on the passing of her father, Deane this week. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

Our Catholic Identity

GOSPEL VALUE

Freedom

Freedom allows the capacity to face and learn from mistakes and failures. Students need to be helped to be more capable of accepting responsibility for their lives and of courageous, compassionate and generous service.

JOSEPHITE VALUE

Simplicity

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we are called to live simply, in mind and heart, to travel lightly and to make room for all because we are not encumbered with too much nor desire to have it all.

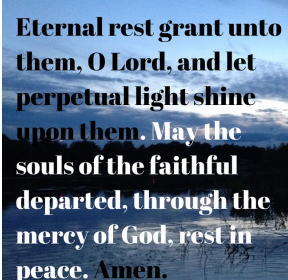
Our Values

VALUES – what is important to us

Learning

It is important to us that all members of the school community:

- are provided with every opportunity to succeed in a contemporary educational setting
- are supported in their learning by the collection of evidence and analysis of data



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

The School Board is an essential part of the school community. It sets direction for the school in the best interests of the students. The School Board AGM will be held on **Wednesday 10th March (Week 7) at 7:00pm in the hall**. All positions are vacant, and we are calling for nominations to join the School Board.

Please find nomination forms included in today's newsletter and return them to school prior to the AGM. I urge anyone who is interested to come along. There are two positions needing to be filled. Meetings are held twice a term.

Meetings have previously begun at 7:00pm but the time will be negotiated with the board members once they have been voted in. If you have children, we can accommodate them at school during meeting times as well if that makes it easier for a parent to volunteer their time.

It would be great to have a couple of Dad's represented on our board so if you are interested, don't hesitate to speak to a current member or myself to find out more about being involved or simply fill in a nomination form included in today's newsletter.

Elected members

- Kelly Limburg (term has expired, eligible to renominate)
- Tania Limburg (1 year remaining of current term)
- Rebecca Weber (1 year remaining of current term)
- Ca Zung (1 year remaining of current term)
- Russell Sleep (not renominating)
- Donna Trennery (term has expired, not renominating)

Thank you to Donna and Russell for volunteering their time and making a commitment to our school through their role on the school board. We appreciate your efforts and wish you well as you end your terms on the board.

Role of the Board

Each diocesan School Board has responsibility for the overall wellbeing of its school. In practice, this means that, in a spirit of partnership, Boards act in an advisory capacity to:

- develop policies that nurture the religious dimension and guide the direction of the school;
- develop the relationship between the school and the local Church;
- ensure that the academic standards of the school must be at least as distinguished as that achieved in other schools in the region;
- support the administration of the school;
- offer pastoral care to the school community;
- protect children;
- monitor buildings and grounds development and maintenance;
- exercise financial stewardship of the school;
- ensure compliance with legal obligations.

Potential members of a School Board should:

- possess an enthusiasm for and willingness to promote the mission of Catholic schools;
- bring to the Board their gifts and skills;
- desire to give service to their school community;
- have an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all members of the Board;
- be prepared to undertake formation;
- have an ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters;
- have sufficient time to devote to Board duties.

- *Bec Fahey*

FROM THE APRIM

ASH WEDNESDAY

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, which signified the beginning of Lent. Students and staff attended mass with Fr Ramel in our school hall, where ashes were sprinkled on individuals heads. This is a sign of our humanity and an opportunity to reflect on our sins and seek forgiveness so we may become closer to Jesus. During the special time of Lent, we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter time.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Last Tuesday, we gathered together to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We sold over 130 pancakes, raising almost \$90 for Project Compassion. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this fundraiser.

FUNDRAISING

In weeks 4 and 6 of Term 1, the Kids Café are hosting 'Fish Friday' and donating all proceeds to Project Compassion. On Fish Fridays, students can purchase **2 fish fingers and a bowl of rice for \$2** instead of the normal sausage in bread. **Fruit boxes are still available for \$1.**

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion runs through the six weeks of Lent every year. During Lent, we raise money for disadvantaged people all over the world. Each week, students learn about different people all over the world and how the work of Caritas Australia and Project Compassion has helped these individuals live fulfilling lives. This years the theme is, *Be More!* This week students and staff are learning about Margret from the Solomon Islands.

MARGRET FROM SOLOMON ISLANDS

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages for about half the year. Staff and students would walk for up to half an hour to collect water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then in April 2020, amidst the threat of COVID-19, Tropical Cyclone Harold struck, damaging school buildings and its vegetable garden.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed eight large water tanks and provided cyclone-proof materials to repair the damage. It also helped the school to implement COVID-19 prevention measures, providing fabric for students to make face masks.

Margret's school now has enough safe water to supply the school's population of 150 and has the capacity to cater for more students. It plans to boost food security, by increasing its agricultural production. This will improve nutrition and boost the school's income, while building resilience to future disasters.

Margret hopes that the school can aspire to 'Be More'.

"I am proud that our school community works together with Caritas Australia as our partner in ensuring that we live in a healthier environment," Margret says.



**"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love. "
(Saint Teresa of Calcutta)**

Story and images from: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/week-2>

- Ally Kelly

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SCHOOL NEWS

R/1 CLASS NEWS

INVESTIGATIONS

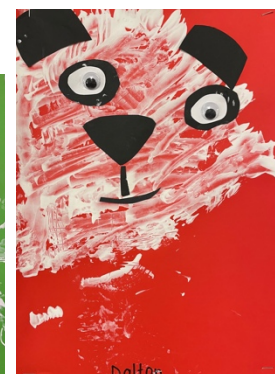


Each morning, the students in the R/1 class participate in Investigation time. Students have the choice to investigate the following areas: Sensory, Construction, Making and Collage, Dramatic Play, Science and Nature, Literacy and Numeracy. During this time, the students have the opportunity to investigate, interact, communicate, problem solve, construct, create and so much more!



CHINESE

In the first few weeks of term, we started learning about the Chinese culture. First, we learnt about where pandas originate and read the story Wang Wang and Funi by Phil Cummings. We also learnt about Chinese New Year and what the Chinese people do to celebrate. To help us learn more about the Chinese culture, we painted pandas and made Chinese dragons.



- Ally Kelly & Regina Farr

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

KIDS CAFÉ

Please fill out the below table if you are able to help with Kid's Café and return to the front office. Thanks for your support.

To place an order for Kid's Café simply write your child's name on a bag/envelope with your child's order. Please provide the correct money for your order if possible. These need to be placed in the classroom lunch basket. A canteen price list is available from the front office. Friday prices are below:

SAUSAGES \$2 each (sauce free)
FRUIT BOXES \$1 each

KIDS CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS – Term 1			
	CANTEEN (Mondays)	CANTEEN (Wednesdays)	SAUSAGE SIZZLE (Fridays)
WEEK 5	22/2 HELP WANTED	24/2 Katrina Hill	26/2 Bill Hill & Volunteer
WEEK 6	1/3 HELP WANTED	3/3 Katrina Hill	5/3 Rotary Club (FISH FINGERS)
WEEK 7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO CANTEEN	10/3 Katrina Hill	12/3 Bill Hill & Volunteer
WEEK 8	15/3 HELP WANTED	18/3 Katrina Hill	20/3 Rotary Club
WEEK 9	22/3 HELP WANTED	24/3 Katrina Hill	SPORTS DAY – NO CANTEEN
WEEK 10	29/3 HELP WANTED	31/3 Katrina Hill	2/4 Rotary Club
WEEK 11	5/4 HELP WANTED	7/4 Katrina Hill	EARLY FINISH – NO CANTEEN

P&F COMMITTEE

Thank you to the parents that have put their hands up to organise and run events this year to fundraise for our school. It is great to have some new parents getting involved and we look forward to some new fundraising ideas as well as our regular annual events.

The current parents that have nominated to help are:

Nicole Lock
 Jenny Miles
 Kyler Poltorasky
 Amanda Balmer
 Amanda Dodd
 Susie Adams
 Jessica Malycha-Tuckwell
 Kristina Jamieson

If there is anyone else interested or that we have missed, please do not hesitate to let the Front office or Nicole or Jenny know.

EASTER RAFFLE

This year we will again be having our annual Easter Raffle. Each family is asked to sell tickets and to donate AN EASTER CHOCOLATE / EASTER GOODY.



Donations can be dropped off at the Front Office anytime from now until Monday 29th March.

Each family will receive one raffle book in next fortnight's newsletter. Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each.

Please return ticket stubs and money to school by **Monday 29th March**. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday April 1st at approximately 3:00pm

Easter
RAFFLE

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Don't forget that you can also keep up to date with what is happening in our school by liking us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with useful information, photos, videos, etc. Simply click on the following link or type it into your web browser <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsSchoolPeterborough>



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 17th March to Friday 19th March

8.30am to 4.00pm

CASH or EFPOS only

We receive a 35% of all sales for books for our library.

3 x \$20.00 gift voucher RAFFLE

St James School Fundraiser
19th | 20th | 21st MARCH

**POP UP
OP
SHOP
WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY 2PM - 5PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9AM - 1PM**

Jamestown Catholic Church Parish Hall
CASH ONLY | DRINKS | SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Clothing | Shoes | Jewellery | Bags | Household goods | Toys |
Baby goods | Shed tools | Plants | Upcycled items | Designer labels
Books | & more

Contact Bel Heness 0427641476
stjames.catholic.edu.au



SCHOOL BOARD RETURN SLIP

I wish to nominate _____ for a position on the St Joseph's School Board for 2021. I have spoken to this person, and he/she has accepted this nomination.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

OR (for current members wanting to continue)

I _____ wish to continue on the School Board in 2021.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____



SPORTS DAY – 26th MARCH 2021

HELPER'S RETURN FORM

A roster will be included in the Week 7 newsletter

Parent's Name(s): _____

☐ 12.00 noon setup tea/coffee, cool drinks, cakes etc (for sale)

☐ Judge/official

Please indicate time of day available: _____

☐ Cook BBQ

☐ Serve BBQ

☐ Sell drinks

Please indicate time of day available: _____

OR ☐ Help where needed

Signed: _____

