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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 11

MONDAY 5TH APRIL

EASTER MONDAY

TUESDAY 6TH APRIL

Resurrection Liturgy 2:45pm

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

THURSDAY 8TH APRIL

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL

Early Finish 1pm

HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS

WEEK 1 – TERM 2

MONDAY 26TH APRIL

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 27TH APRIL

Term 2 Begins

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 -

10:30 am ***NEW DAY & TIME***

WEEK 2

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MONDAY 3RD MAY

Catholic Education Week

Opening Ceremony 9:15am

TUESDAY 4TH MAY

Pirie Switches Off – Prayer

Service 11am

WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

Simultaneous Prayer

FRIDAY 7TH MAY

Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast

8am – ALL WELCOME

Mother's Day Liturgy 9:15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EASTER

Loving and glorious God, we praise you with Easter joy because Christ is our saviour. Through the Eucharist we live with risen life and share the mission of your son. Keep us faithful to Jesus who is always with us. Amen.



SPORTS DAY

The school community enjoyed a wonderful day for Sports Day in Week 9. The day was celebrated in good spirit with lots of encouragement and support given to the students. I was also impressed with the student's eagerness to barrack for not just their fellow team mates but also those from other teams. However, there was still a competitive edge to the day as all the students tried their hardest. Well done to all the students for their involvement. Thanks to the staff who supported the students in preparation for the occasion. Staff spend lots of time rehearsing and helping the students get ready for the 'main event'. We also appreciate all the volunteers who cooked the BBQ, served food, judged events, scored and other helpers on the day. Please see later in the newsletter for some more photos of the day and the final results.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Over the past two weeks students and staff have been very busy conducting the Student Led Conferences. We put great value on these meetings and you can learn a great deal about the growth, achievements and challenges that your child is having at school. Therefore, these meetings are very important and your attendance and contributions to them are essential. Thank you to the parents that have attended these meetings and have made arrangements with teachers if they were unable to make the arranged time. The last night for these meetings is tomorrow night.



PLAYGROUP

We have some changes to Playgroup beginning in Term 2!

We bid farewell to Montana who has led our Playgroup since 2019. Montana brought enthusiasm and creativity to the role and enjoyed her time as Playgroup leader. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Our new Playgroup leader is Brooklyn Virgens, who is currently on staff and is very excited to be adding this role to her current work as an Education Support Officer. Brooklyn has great experience working with children, and as a parent herself is eager to engage with families and children that attend Junior Joeys.

We also have a new time! We look forward to welcoming parents and children from **9:00am – 10:30am** on **THURSDAY'S** – with the first session being 29th April (Week 1). We encourage all parents/grandparents with children aged between 0-5 to come along on Thursday mornings and join in with learning and fun in a supported Playgroup. Don't forget to spread the word and bring along a friend when you come 😊

WELCOME

It is very remiss of me to have neglected to publish an official welcome to our new staff member, Megan McMillan, who began with us in Week 6 as an Education Support Officer. Megan brings a wealth of experience and knowledge working with students with disability and has been a wonderful addition to our staff. Megan replaces Rachel Coff who was with us for a short time supporting the R/1 Class.

NAPLAN ONLINE

Years 3, 5 and 7 students will be involved in Literacy and Numeracy Testing, (NAPLAN Tests) in Week 3 of next term (13th - 17th May). These tests provide useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national results and are a means of identifying particular needs at each year level. They are, however, one mode of assessment in the overall learning program and St Joseph's School uses a variety of assessment strategies. This year we will again be completing the tests online. Please see me if you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day falls on Sunday of the second week of holidays. Whilst I understand that it is holidays, it is an important event and I would like our School to have a presence of students at the ceremony. All School leaders are strongly encouraged to attend if they are able to, but any student is invited to attend and stand together to represent our school. School uniform is optional as it is usually quite cold at the Dawn Service so warmer clothes will no doubt be preferred.

CENTACARE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

We have been patiently waiting all term for the announcement that Centacare has appointed a School Counsellor for us and great news, they have! Carol Wang will begin next term, consulting a minimum of once a week and roughly every second week, consulting twice in the week. We look forward to welcoming Carol tomorrow as she comes for a visit to acquaint herself with the school before beginning in Week 1 next Term, Thursday 29th & Friday 30th April.

Our Catholic Identity

GOSPEL VALUE

Faith

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

- Matthew 17:20

JOSEPHITE VALUE

Trust

The concept of radical trust comes from Mary MacKillop's conviction that God would always provide and that if she set her heart on loyal service of the Church and the vision of Jesus, then material needs would be taken care of.

Our Mission

MISSION – why we exist

At St Joseph's School our mission is to embrace the Catholic ethos and build on Mary MacKillop's legacy to provide opportunities for everyone to be creative learners and develop to their full potential in this ever changing world.



BISHOP KAROL VISIT

Last week, we welcomed two very special guests to our school, Bishop Karol, Bishop of the Port Pirie Diocese and Ms Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education, Port Pirie. School captains Caitlin and Shelby were gracious hosts and welcomed Nichii & the Bishop upon their arrival. We then hosted a welcome assembly in the Hall where we treated the Bishop to some local historical information about Peterborough's railway heritage, the beginnings of St Anacletus Church and of our wonderful school.



The students then shared, via a video, some reflections on what they love about our school, why Jesus, Joseph & St Mary of the Cross Mackillop are important to us and lastly what excites them. There were some beautiful reflections joyfully shared by students and graciously received by Bishop Karol and Nichii.

The Bishop was then invited to speak and share with us a little bit about himself and his role as Bishop. He opened up the floor for student questions and they were ready with eager anticipation! Many students were focussed on his age with the same question being asked in half a dozen different ways 😊. There were questions about pets and much intrigue about his hometown in Poland, and of course the controversial question about which football team he supports! The Bishop answered each question most graciously and with great thought.

Following question time, Bishop Karol was lead on a tour of the school and visited each classroom where he engaged with the children and their learning.

The visit finished with a shared lunch with Staff which was a lovely way for the staff to have the opportunity to speak with Bishop Karol and thank him and Nichii for their time and making the effort to visit us in person.



EARLY FINISH - REMINDER

Please note that school finishes at 1:00pm on Friday. Please contact the school if this presents any issues for you.

HOLIDAYS

As the holidays approach, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, parents/caregivers and teachers for a busy but productive term. I look forward to achieving great things in our school community throughout next term and the remainder of the year. I hope you all have a safe holiday break.

- *Bec Fahey*

FROM THE APRIM

HOLY WEEK

Last week we celebrated Holy Week. Holy Week is an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' life in the time leading up to his death and crucifixion.



Palm Sunday – Last Monday, we celebrated Palm Sunday with a presentation from the 2/3/4 class which reflected on Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. It also marked the beginning of Holy Week as we moved closer to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Last Supper – On Wednesday, the R/1 class lead a prayer service on The Last Supper. This event signified Passover, and it was the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. It was at this meal that Jesus broke bread, gave thanks, and blessed the bread and the wine, before sharing it amongst the disciples. At the Passover, Jesus also washed the feet of the disciples before their last meal together.



Stations of the Cross - On Thursday, the 5/6/7 class led us in the Stations



of the Cross, which occurred on Good Friday. Good Friday is the day Jesus was crucified. After the last supper, Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray, and it was here that Judas betrayed Jesus and gave him up to the Romans who placed him in the hands of Pontius Pilate. Jesus was stripped of his clothes and nailed to the cross. This was an excellent opportunity to take some time to pause and reflect on the journey that Jesus took in order to save us from sin.

The Resurrection - The most joyful season of our year began on Easter Sunday. This season lasts for fifty days, from Easter Sunday through to Pentecost Sunday. The message of Easter is new life. We rejoice in the new life of Jesus, because we believe Jesus is with us as the Risen Lord. On Tuesday this week, we gathered together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for your ongoing support with Project Compassion this year. So far we have raised just over **\$510**, which is a fantastic effort. I ask that families **return their boxes to school by the end of the term**. These can be left at the front office or given to your child's classroom teachers.

COLLECTING CANS



Next term, we will be collecting cans as part of the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. We are asking for donations of canned food. Your donations of food cans are much appreciated. If you would like to participate in this worthy cause, please deliver your cans to the front office or to your child's classroom.

- Ally Kelly

SCHOOL NEWS

ARTS NEWS

St Jo's is home to many imaginative and talented artists... here is a small snapshot of just some of masterpieces we have been busy creating this term.



2/3/4 Sally
Morgan
Inspired
"Place"



2/3/4
Kandinsky
Circles



R/1 Ice-creams and
cupcakes



5/6/7 Pop Art



R/1 Still
Life
drawing



5/6/7
Anzac
Art

- Nicki Morgan

PE NEWS

Term 1 has been a very active time for all students. The focus from R-7 has been on basketball, athletics and team games. The students have been working on good sportsmanship through preparing for Sports Day and many other games.



Year 2/3/4 Flag Tag



Year R/1 Poison Ball



Year 2/3/4 Team Work



Year 5/6/7 AFL



Year 5/6/7 AFL



Year R/1 Bridges and Rivers

- Regina Farr

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SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Marching Shield:

1st Place – MacKillop 172 pts

2nd Place – Norton 166 pts

3rd Place – Lonergan 160 pts

Team Spirit Award: Norton

Overall Scores:

1st Place – MacKillop 1305 pts

2nd Place - Lonergan 1140 pts

3rd Place - Norton 935 pts

Champion Boy: Andy Mercer

Champion Girl: Ruby Evans



Broken Records

6/7 Long Jump – previously 4.24m Max McKeough 2016 – New Record 4.30m Andy Mercer 2021

6/7 Shot Put – previously 7.06m Erin Weber 2016 – New Record 7.38m Caitlin Evans



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 2			
	CANTEEN (Mondays)	CANTEEN (Wednesdays)	SAUSAGE SIZZLE (Fridays)
WEEK 1	PUBLIC HOLIDAY 26/4	Katrina Hill 28/4	Bill Hill + Volunteer Needed 30/4
WEEK 2	Deb O'Dowd 3/5	Katrina Hill 5/5	Rotary Club 7/5
WEEK 3	Deb O'Dowd 10/5	Katrina Hill 12/5	Bill Hill + Volunteer Needed 13/5
WEEK 4	Deb O'Dowd 17/5	Katrina Hill 19/5	Rotary Club 21/5
WEEK 5	Deb O'Dowd 24/5	Katrina Hill 26/5	Bill Hill + Volunteer Needed 28/5
WEEK 6	Deb O'Dowd 31/5	Katrina Hill 2/6	Rotary Club 4/6
WEEK 7	Deb O'Dowd 7/6	Katrina Hill 9/6	Bill Hill + Volunteer Needed 11/6
WEEK 8	PUBLIC HOLIDAY 14/6	Katrina Hill 16/6	Rotary Club 18/6
WEEK 9	Deb O'Dowd 21/6	Katrina Hill 23/6	Bill Hill + Volunteer Needed 25/6
WEEK 10	Deb O'Dowd 28/6	Katrina Hill 30/6	EARLY FINISH – NO CANTEEN 2/7

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of the Easter Raffle, this raised over \$600 for the school which is fantastic!



Thank you to Jenny & Nicole for arranging the gifts and Jenny for folding all of those tickets!

Congratulations to our winners:

1st – Nichole Lewis, 2nd – Bob Polaski, 3rd – Dwayne Gardol, 4th – Kathy Miles, 5th – Ella Matthew, 6th – Ruby-Lea Smith, 7th – Hayley Duncan, 8th – Troy Musson, 9th – Sue Lang, 10th – Chris Malycha.

Well done everyone and we hope you enjoyed your treats over Easter ☺

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>

CALISTHENICS CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, the 2021 season of Calisthenics has been cancelled.

Bounce into dance and cheer in 2021 at Hip Hop Bounce

- ✓ Hip Hop
- ✓ Jazz
- ✓ Contemporary
- ✓ Ballet
- ✓ Tap
- ✓ Bounce-Sing
- ✓ Tumble
- ✓ All Star Cheer
- ✓ Adult's Dance Fitness
- ✓ Teacher-Training

Join our Little Bouncer Club specifically designed to introduce your 2-3 year old to the magic of dance.

Move into Mini Stars to nurture your 4-5 year old through their Kindy and school transition years with fun, imaginative dance progressions.

Jump into Juniors from age 6 to grow all the way to graduation at 18, or continue on as an adult dancer.

At Hip Hop Bounce, our whole curriculum is designed to teach technical dance and cheer in a creative and supportive environment.

With recreational, performance, vocational and competitive options we have the course to fulfill your dreams.

Our passion is working with you to help you shine your very brightest.

Enrol now to put the Bounce in your step and thrive in the HHB Propelling Potential experience.

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