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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 1

WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY

State-wide Lockdown Begins –
School Closed – Remote learning
begins

WEEK 2

MONDAY 26TH JULY

STUDENT FREE DAY

TUESDAY 27TH JULY

School Closed - LOCKDOWN

WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY

School Resumes (fingers crossed)

THURSDAY 29TH JULY

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 -
10:30 am

FRIDAY 30TH JULY

R/1 Class Liturgy 9:15am

WEEK 3

THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 -
10:30 am

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST

Mary MacKillop Feast Day –
Excursion to Jamestown

WEEK 4

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST

Open Afternoon & 7-9
Information Session 2pm

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST

School Board Meeting 5:30pm

THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 -
10:30 am

FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST

5/6/7 Prayer Service 9:15am

WEEK 5

THURSDAY 19TH AUGUST

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 -
10:30 am

FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST

2/3/4 Liturgy 9:15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SAINT JAMES



ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

On Sunday the 25th July, we celebrate the feast of St James the apostle. James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee. They were working as fishermen when Jesus called them to be his disciples. James was one of the three closest apostles to Jesus. He was present when Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead and was with Jesus in the Garden of Olives.

Lord God, we thank you for sending apostles to the whole world.

We welcome those who bring your good news.

We pray for them and listen to their teaching.

Call on us, one day, to become apostles too. Amen.

COVID-19

What a start to Term 3! Yesterday was a bit of a whirlwind as we excitedly welcomed everyone back to school to begin the Term and within a couple of hours were busily preparing for everyone to be learning and working from home! I just kept reminding myself when things seemed a bit overwhelming or tricky that we have been so blessed to have not had to experience lockdown to the extent of our fellow Aussies in Melbourne who have been dealing with several lockdowns over the past 18 months. It helps to put things into perspective that's for sure!

Thank you to all of our families for being so understanding and for responding to Teacher's phone calls or SeeSaw communications. It is very important that we remain connected in some form during this lockdown period. Please continue to keep an eye on emails and messages that come through to you over the coming days. Let's pray that this lockdown does not extend but of course if that becomes a reality, we will be ready to support you and your child's learning.

Please note: Monday 26th July is a scheduled Student Free Day as Teachers are participating in Professional Learning as part of our Back to Front Maths Project. Despite the lockdown, we will still be participating in this in an online format therefore the day remains a Student Free Day regardless of if we are in a lockdown or not. This also means that we will not be able to provide Student supervision on this day, however, should you be an essential worker and are unable to find suitable care for your child because of the lockdown, please contact us and we will make suitable arrangements with you.

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

This week we welcomed three new students and their families into our school community. It is always great to see new faces around the school. We extend a very warm welcome to these people as they begin their time at St Joseph's School. We hope they all enjoy their first week in our school community!

Right: JC, Willow and Marlee.

The smiling faces depict a happy start to their time at St Joseph's. ☺



WELCOME

Late last term we welcomed a new student and their family to St Joseph's. Welcome to Declan who joins our 2/3/4 class and has settled in well to our school. We wish him and his family a wonderful time at St Jo's and know that all of our community will welcome them as well.

We also welcome a new staff member to our school this term. Welcome to Keely Malycha who will be working in the R/1 class as an Education Support Officer. Her first week has been disrupted so we look forward to welcoming her properly once this lockdown is over!

NEW PHONE SYSTEM

We are upgrading our phone system throughout the school in the coming weeks. It was due to occur this Thursday but will now be postponed for a couple of weeks. This should not cause any major disruptions to calls coming in and out on the day of installation but we will notify when this is occurring so that you are aware. What is going to change though, is that we will have a new phone number. Our original number will be redirected for 6 months but when we do release the number, it will be beneficial to save it in your phone so that you know it is the school calling. We will keep you updated on when all of this will occur once the state returns to some kind of normal!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK

As part of Catholic Schools Open Week, we will be having an Open Day (Afternoon) on **Tuesday 10th August (Week 4) at 2pm** where all classrooms will be open for Parents and Friends to visit and see what learning is taking place in each classroom.

As well as the Primary classrooms being open. We will also be hosting an **information session and walk through of the 7-9 building**. Our Director Nichii Mardon will be present as well as the Business Lead of the Regional Schools Pathway Project, Adam Cibich and the Project Manager, Debbie Hayward. This information session is open to all Parents of current students as well as any interested parents within the community. We will be sharing progress of the project, what to expect in the 7-9 learning spaces, the curriculum offerings as well as a tour of the new building in its current stage of development. Further information will be shared closer to the event but make sure you pop this date in your calendar as a reminder!

7-9 BUILDING PROJECT

There has been plenty of action over the holidays with electricians connecting power from the main school building to the new 7-9 building. Big trenches were dug and cable laid and now we have plenty of soft muddy ground! But all for a good reason ☺ The beginnings of the path from the main school yard to the new building have begun and the interior of the building has been painted and the exterior is in the process of being painted. Very exciting times as we near the completion of the building. Furniture and equipment orders are beginning to arrive at school all ready to be placed in the building. Some photos have been included later in the newsletter.

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Friday of Week 3, August 6th, we will celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day (which falls on August the 8th) with our friends at St James, Jamestown and St Joseph's, Gladstone. The whole school will be travelling by bus to Jamestown for the day. Further details will be shared next week with a consent form and note.

- Bec Fahey

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.

FROM THE APRIM

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This term our school will again be participating in Operation Christmas Child to show our care and compassion for children living in poverty stricken countries. Each class (and staff) will have two shoe boxes, one for a girl and one for a boy. These boxes will be filled with gifts over this term and then sent off to be delivered to a child at Christmas time. Any donations of **new** small toys, pencils, books, hair clips etc. will be greatly appreciated or money can be donated to cover costs of sending the boxes or for us to buy extra bits and pieces to fill the boxes. Any donations can be given to your child's teacher or dropped in at the front office.



What is involved?



Each class and the staff will be looking for donations of new items for a girl and a boy to add to their shoebox. The collection period will be from now until the end of term 3, as we need to send them off in October to ensure that they will reach the children by Christmas.

The R/1 and 2/3/4 Classes are collecting for a boy and a girl aged 5 – 9.

The 5/6/7 Class are collecting for a boy and a girl aged 10 – 14.

The Staff are collecting for a boy and a girl aged 2 – 4.

Please remember that the items must be brand new and need to be small enough or flexible enough to fit into a regular sized shoebox. A list of gift suggestions is attached to this newsletter.

STAFF REFLECTION DAY

On Monday, the staff at our school came together to reflect on our Diocesan theme, ***Come and Stay***, and looked more deeply at hospitality with ourselves, in our community and creation. We spent the day at the Jamestown Golf Club and spent time in nature at the Bundaleer Forest. We were very lucky to have Julian Kluge lead us in this day who is a Senior Education Advisor in Staff Spiritual and Religious Formation at CESA. We thank him for travelling to the Mid North to share this day with us and take the opportunity to unpack the theme with our staff.



- Ally Kelly

SCHOOL NEWS



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

KIDS CAFÉ

If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please let Kelly know at the Front Office.

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 - Term 3			
WEEK 1	STUDENT FREE DAY	19/7	21/7
		LOCKDOWN	LOCKDOWN
WEEK 2	STUDENT FREE DAY	26/7	28/7
		Katrina Hill	Rotary Club
WEEK 3	Deb O'Dowd	2/8	4/8
		Katrina Hill	WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION – NO LUNCH
WEEK 4	Deb O'Dowd	9/8	11/8
		Katrina Hill	Rotary Club
WEEK 5	Deb O'Dowd	16/8	18/8
		Katrina Hill	Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER
WEEK 6	Deb O'Dowd	23/8	25/8
		Katrina Hill	Rotary Club
WEEK 7	Deb O'Dowd	30/8	1/9
		Katrina Hill	Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER
WEEK 8	Deb O'Dowd	6/9	8/9
		Katrina Hill	Rotary Club
WEEK 9	Deb O'Dowd	13/9	15/9
		Katrina Hill	Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER
WEEK 10	Deb O'Dowd	20/9	22/9
		Katrina Hill	EARLY FINISH – NO CANTEEN

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>



Shoebox Gift Ideas

Mark the correct age category:

☐ 2-4 Years Old

☐ 5-9 Years Old

☐ 10-14 Years Old

Girl

GIRL 2-4

Pencils
Colouring book
Exercise book
Safety scissors
Watercolour set
Stuffed animal
Doll
Blanket
Dress
Hat
Scarf
Mittens
T-shirts and tops
Pants
Underwear
Socks
Shoes
Toothbrush
Facewasher
Soap
Comb or brush
Balls
Cars, trucks, boats
Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise
Tote bag/purse
Blocks
Finger puppets
Board or cloth books
Sunglasses
Plastic tools
A note from you!

GIRL 5-9

Pens, pencils and sharpener
Exercise book
Eraser
Scissors
Colouring book
Dolls
Doll bed
Stuffed animal
Dress ups – crowns, fairy wands, etc.
Toy jewellery
Ribbon wands
Balls with pump if necessary
Lego
Puzzles
Hand puppets
Plastic toys
Yoyo
Dress
Hat
T-shirts and tops
Socks
Shoes
Underwear
Toothbrush
Facewasher
Comb or brush
Hair ribbons, elastics, etc.
Sunglasses
Illustrated books
Bag
A note from you!

GIRL 10-14

Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, eraser and sharpener
Exercise books
Scissors
Books
Ruler
Chalkboard and chalk
Backpack
Stuffed animal
Skipping rope
Doll
Balls with a pump if necessary
Puzzles
Yoyo
Musical instruments
Dress
Skirt
Hat
T-shirts and tops
Socks
Shoes
Underwear
Pants
Soap
Facewasher
Toothbrush
Comb or brush
Hair ribbons, elastics, etc.
Sunglasses
Kaleidoscope
Bag
Sewing kit
A note from you!

Mark the correct age category:

☐ 2-4 Years Old

☐ 5-9 Years Old

☐ 10-14 Years Old

Boy

BOY 2-4

Pencils
Colouring book
Exercise book
Safety scissors
Stuffed animal
Blanket
Hat
Scarf
Mittens
T-shirts and shirts
Pants
Underwear
Socks
Shoes
Toothbrush
Facewasher
Soap
Comb or brush
Balls
Cars, trucks, boats
Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise
Tote bag
Blocks
Finger puppets
Board or cloth books
Sunglasses
Plastic tools
Plastic dinosaurs
Duplo
A note from you!

BOY 5-9

Pens, pencils and sharpener
Coloured pencils
Erasers
Pencil case
Exercise books
Scissors
Ruler
Stickers
Chalkboard and chalk
Backpack
Stuffed animal
Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball, beach ball, etc) with a pump if necessary
Plastic dinosaur, animal or action figure (no war-related toys)
Lego
Cars or trucks
Puzzles
Frisbee
Musical instrument
Yoyo
Soap
Facewasher
Toothbrush
Comb or brush
Sunglasses
Hat
Underwear
Shoes
T-shirts and shirts
Pants
Socks
Scarf
A note from you!

BOY 10-14

Pens, pencils and sharpener
Coloured pencils
Erasers
Pencil case
Exercise books
Scissors
Ruler
Stickers
Chalkboard and chalk
Backpack
Stuffed animal
Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball, beach ball, etc.) with a pump if necessary
Books
Kaleidoscope
Cars or trucks
Puzzles
Frisbee
Musical instrument
Yoyo
Soap
Facewasher
Toothbrush
Comb or brush
Sunglasses
Hat
Underwear
Shoes
T-shirts and shirts
Pants
Socks
Scarf
A note from you!



School Development Update July 2021



June recap ...

- Recruitment of Secondary Leadership position and restructuring of Finance role complete
- Curriculum and Handbook for 2022 complete
- External cladding to Secondary Learning building complete
- 1st Fix services and internal linings complete
- Tiling commenced

What's happening in July ...

- Commence establishment of CESA ICT Systems for additional Year Levels (8/9)
- Review Partnership opportunities with Community Organisations (teaching specialist subjects/ cocurricular)
- Commence Curriculum Development: - Scope & Sequence, Reporting & Assessment Policy, Timetabling, and Resources
- Commence recruitment of Teaching staff
- Commence Bursar Upskilling in Middle School Practices
- Tiling completion
- Commence Painting (1st stage)
- Commence concrete paving
- Cabinetry Install

