



St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 9

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 - 10:30 am

5/6/7 Food Group #6

FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

2/3/4 Prayer Service 9:15am

WEEK 10

THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 - 10:30 am

FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Last Day of Term – **Early Finish**
1:00pm

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WEEK 1

MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Term 4 Begins

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 - 10:30 am

WEEK 2

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Steven Herrick - Author Visit Yr 2-7

WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

BOOK FAIR Sales 8:30-4:00pm
7-9 Come & Try Afternoon 3:30-5:30pm

THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 - 10:30 am

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

BOOK FAIR Sales 8:30-4:00pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FEAST OF ST MATTHEW

This coming Tuesday, September 21st, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Matthew. He was one of the twelve Apostles and is the author of the first Gospel in the New Testament. He was a tax collector before Jesus changed his life and called him to be an Apostle. May we all have the courage to recognise and respond to what God calls us to do in this life.

"Whatever I say to you in the dark, you must tell in the light"
- Matthew 10:27



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder to parents, as per our Assessment & Reporting Policy, you are invited to attend an interview with your child's class teacher in Term 3. This is an invitational interview and should you wish to meet with your child's teacher please contact them via your child's diary or by calling the office to make an appointment. Parents are welcome at any time to meet with their child's teacher and are encouraged to do so.

7-9 BUILDING UPDATE

So close, yet so far... the fencing has been removed and top soil placed around the building where we will re-establish grass. There are still a few elements in the interior of the building needing completion before handover can occur. Hopefully this can happen by the end of the term, but we are still waiting confirmation on a handover date. We had planned to host our first Come and Try afternoon in Week 10, however due to the delay in handover, even if we can get access to the building, we won't have furniture in the building making a Come and Try session a little difficult. **We will host two afternoons early in Term 4 for any interested students and families to come along and hear more about our Secondary offering beginning in 2022.**

STAFFING TERM 4

Due to Ally Kelly going on maternity leave in Term 4, we have needed to advertise for a replacement teacher in R/1 for Term 4. I am pleased to announce that Ms Rebekah Sweet has been employed to take on this role on Wed-Fri in Term 4. We look forward to officially welcome Rebekah to our school next term and I know that you will all make her feel welcome in our school community.

SUN SMART POLICY - HATS



The beginning of Term 4 means that all children are required to wear a hat when playing or learning outside according to our Sun Smart Policy. If a child does not have a hat, then 'No hat. No play' applies. If your child's hat is not currently at school then please remember to look for it over the

holiday break. Please ensure your child's name is on their hat as well.

STUDENT FREE DAY

The Board has approved a Student Free Day for **Monday Week 3 of Term 4, October 25th**. This day will be used for staff to engage in professional learning focussed on Literacy and more specifically Reading.

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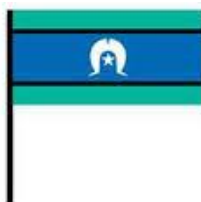
Students in Year 3, 5 & 7 that sat the NAPLAN assessment earlier this year, will bring home their results today. This assessment is one form of data collection that we use at St Joseph's to measure student progress and growth, and to inform teaching and learning and individualised plans. If you have any questions about your child's NAPLAN report or interpreting the results, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Stephanie, George, Sammy & Abigail on the birth of their daughter and sister Avril. We wish you all the very best as you welcome this new addition to your family!

FR RAMEL CITIZENSHIP

On Tuesday next week, 21st September, Fr Ramel will officially become an Australian Citizen. This is a very special occasion for Fr Ramel and we congratulate him on becoming an Aussie! There will be an official ceremony in Melrose on Tuesday, but we will celebrate with Fr Ramel as a school on Thursday next week.



SCHOOL FEES 2022

At our recent Board meeting held last week, the board approved our school fees for 2022. We are pleased to confirm for our parents that there will be no increase in fees for next year. We continue to be proud of the low fees that we have at St Joseph's as well as the many ways that we can support families to pay fees throughout the year. The 2022 Fee Policy is included in today's newsletter for your information. There are some small modifications to the policy for 2022, these are mainly around the debt collection process and a time frame required for informing the school if you will be moving on/ ending your child's enrolment, so please ensure that you read the updated policy.

LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder that **Friday 24th September** is the last day of Term 3 and we will be finishing school at **1:00pm**. Please put a reminder in your phone/calendar to ensure that your child is picked up at the correct time. Thank you and we hope all of our families and students enjoy a great holiday break.

Our Catholic Identity

GOSPEL VALUE

Simplicity

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."

- Luke 10:27

JOSEPHITE VALUE

Mutual Relationship & Recognition

In the Josephite tradition, communion is nurtured by a deep spirit of mutual respect and relationship. We must be the change we see in others. Neither do we presume to fully know or own or be able to define the MacKillop charism: we are filled with joy when we recognise it in the spark of it in others.

Our Values

VALUES – what is important to us

Resources

At St Joseph's School we are committed to:

- building capacity of individuals and groups within the school community
- effective stewardship of resources to ensure they are used wisely and

- *Bec Fahey*

FROM THE APRIM

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

On Tuesday the 14th September, it was the feast of the Holy Cross. The cross is a symbol for the way Jesus defeated sin, hatred and death. We mark ourselves with the Sign of the Cross at the beginning and at the end of prayer. The Sign of the Cross shows our willingness to follow Jesus and our joy at being part of his family.

On this feast of the Holy Cross, let us look at the cross below and think for a moment about how much Jesus loves us.



Lord, we see in this cross

A sign of your great love.

May the cross be our comfort in trouble,

Our shelter in the face of danger,

Our safeguard on life's journey.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September - at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

PRAYER

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most
vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children
and adults at risk
who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those
whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by
those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now
upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace
and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God
forever and ever.

Amen

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is your last chance to bring in
donated items or make a
monetary donation by the end of
this term for Operation Christmas
Child. Thank you for your
participation in this worthy cause!



- Ally Kelly

SCHOOL NEWS

2/3/4 CLASS NEWS

Monarto Camp

We spent an amazing 2 days away enjoying an overnight excursion to Monarto Safari Park in week 7. The children engaged in many fantastic experiences, and many “firsts”. These included being away from home overnight, going to a safari park, cooking marshmallows over campfire, night walks, seeing animals up close and of course, being junior zookeepers and picking up Bison poo. We are grateful to have shared this occasion with our students, and we all have made many, very special lifelong memories.

Off we go...



Marshmallows, games, and chats around the campfire.



Working with John to clean up the Bison area... this involved picking up lots of poo 😊.



Teamwork activities.



- Nicki Morgan & Kylie Wells

SCHOOL NEWS

CHINESE IMMERSION DAY

We had a wonderful day celebrating Chinese culture on Friday of Week 5. Students were engaged in making Terracotta Warriors, painting pandas, decorating lanterns and fans as well as indulging in a Chinese banquet for lunch.



R U OK? DAY

Thursday last week, our whole school focussed on R U OK? Day, a very important day in the calendar to be aware of wellbeing of those around us and learning how to check in on our friends and family. The students made biscuits, posters to spread the message of the four steps to check in and did some colouring.



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 9	Deb O'Dowd	13/9	Katrina Hill	15/9
				Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER 17/9
WEEK 10	Deb O'Dowd	20/9	Katrina Hill	22/9
				EARLY FINISH – NO CANTEEN 24/9
Kids Café - Term 4				
WEEK 1	Deb O'Dowd	11/10	Katrina Hill	13/10
				Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER 15/10
WEEK 2	Deb O'Dowd	18/10	Katrina Hill	20/10
				ROTARY CLUB 22/10
WEEK 3	NO CANTEEN – STUDENT FREE DAY	25/10	Katrina Hill	27/10
				Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER 29/10
WEEK 4	Deb O'Dowd	1/11	Katrina Hill	3/11
				ROTARY CLUB 5/11
WEEK 5	Deb O'Dowd	8/11	Katrina Hill	10/11
				Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER 12/11
WEEK 6	Deb O'Dowd	15/11	Katrina Hill	17/11
				ROTARY CLUB 19/11
WEEK 7	Deb O'Dowd	22/11	Katrina Hill	24/11
				Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER 26/11
WEEK 8	Deb O'Dowd	29/11	Katrina Hill	1/12
				ROTARY CLUB 3/12
WEEK 9	Deb O'Dowd	6/12	Katrina Hill	8/12
				NO CANTEEN – EARLY FINISH 10/12

THANK YOU ROTARY!

A very big thank you to the Peterborough Rotary Club for their very kind donation of sausages for every child last week. The students were most excited to get their free snags. Your generosity towards our students is wonderful and truly appreciated. From all the staff and students at St Jo's - Thank You!



COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Our next fundraising event will be a Billy G's Cookie Dough fundraising event. All families will be provided with an order form to order cookie dough tubs of various flavours. These products will be delivered to the school and pick up / drop off arrangements will be made to get items to individuals.

Fundraising Begins: Order forms will be sent home in Week 10. Each family will get one order form each and can put several orders on the one form. If more are needed there will be some spares in the front office.

Fundraising Ends: Order forms and money are due back on Friday 15th October (Week 1). This gives people all of the holiday break to get orders and collect money.

Delivery of Cookie Dough: Orders will arrive at school on the 5th November and distribution will be organised and communicated to families closer to this date.



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>



School Development Update September 2021

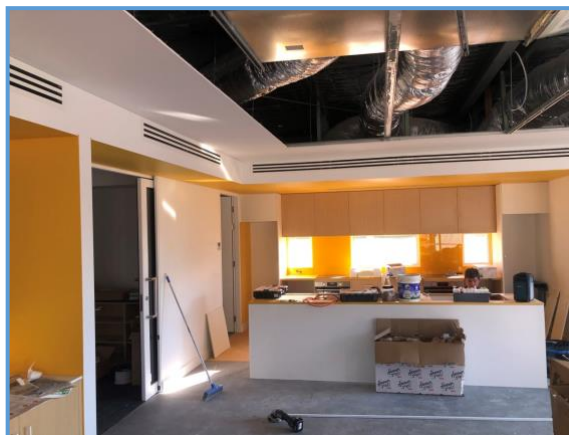


August recap ...

- ☐ Commenced establishment of CESA ICT Systems for additional Year Levels (8/9)
- ☐ Commenced Curriculum Development: Scope & Sequence, Reporting & Assessment Policy, Timetabling, and Resources
- ☐ Information session held for Parents of St Joseph's School on 10 August
- ☐ Commenced recruitment of Teaching staff
- ☐ Finalised internal/external painting
- ☐ Finalised concrete paving around perimeter of new Secondary Learning building
- ☐ Installed Cabinetry and completed tiling in Secondary Learning building
- ☐ Completed Flooring in Secondary Learning building

What's happening in September ...

- ☐ Finalise Maker Space Equipment including, Virtual Reality, 3D Printers, Drone Technology and Laser cutter
- ☐ SEQTA development for 2022 Curriculum
- ☐ Continue Curriculum Development: Scope & Sequence, Reporting & Assessment Policy, Timetabling, and Resources
- ☐ Review external service provisions e.g. Cleaning, Uniform, Security
- ☐ Complete 7-9 Secondary Learning building; 2nd Fix Services, final suspended ceiling fit out, fume cabinet install, pinboards, master keying and final build clean





School Fees 2022

Aim

Living through Mary Mackillop's vision, St Joseph's School prides itself on making a Catholic education accessible to all. Our commitment to our school families is to offer a high quality Catholic education that is accessible and affordable.

School fees are approved by the school board in consultation with the finance committee. The payment of fees is a responsibility and commitment by Parent/Guardian and ensures the school maintains quality education and resources for the benefit of all students.

Annual School Fees 2021 R-9

Full Fee	\$990
Lower Income Fee	\$594

What is included:

The tuition fee above covers all tuition, levies and charges for each child's education.

Extracurricular activities, excursions, camps, and uniforms are excluded and will be charged separately.

Lower Income Fee:

An automatic fee reduction will be granted to families who are in receipt of approved School Card assistance. Families who are not eligible for School Card assistance but still require support to pay school fees, can apply to the school for the Low Income Fee. This can be arranged via a meeting with the school Principal and or Bursar.

Discounts & Remissions

St Joseph's School offers discount fees for families with more than one child attending the school. The school will be compassionate in situations where unforeseeable circumstances change to create hardship for a family. Parents/caregivers need to make an application for fee relief at the time of difficulty.

Full Fee		Total	Approximately	
	1 Child	\$990	\$19	per week (over 52 weeks)
	2 Children	\$1,485	\$29	per week (over 52 weeks)
	3 Children or more	\$1,733	\$34	per week (over 52 weeks)

Low Income Fee		Total	Approximately	
	1 Child	\$594	\$12	per week (over 52 weeks)
	2 Children	\$891	\$18	per week (over 52 weeks)
	3 Children or more	\$1,040	\$20	per week (over 52 weeks)

Payment Options

Payment Methods

Payments can be made in full or by an approved payment plan. We encourage all families to set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debit payments

Payment options include:

- ☐ **Direct Deposit** – electronic transfer from your bank account (Kelly can help with this if needed).
- ☐ **Centrepay** – a deduction from Centrelink payments (Kelly can help with this if needed).
- ☐ **Eftpos, Cash or Cheque**

Frequency of Payment

You can choose to make your payments up front in full, weekly, fortnightly, monthly or termly.

Families Experiencing Financial Difficulty

It is acknowledged that there will be occasions where some families experience financial difficulties such that they are not in a position to meet the cost structure set by the school. Prompt communication with the school is essential in these situations. If parents/caregivers are experiencing financial difficulties then they should arrange a private and confidential meeting with the school Bursar or the Principal. In such circumstances the school will work with the parents/caregivers to negotiate a plan forward with the best interests of the student(s) at the centre of its decisions.

Early Withdrawal of a Student from School

There can be various reasons that would result in a family withdrawing your child from our school. In these instances, you are required to give the school Principal a minimum of 1 terms notice. This notice should be in written form addressed to the Principal. Should a family not comply with these expectations, you can be charged one term's tuition fee.

*Please note – we acknowledge that sometimes change occurs quickly and with limited notice for families. In these situations, you are required to speak with the Principal as soon as possible about any changes in enrolment and arrangements will be made regarding fees.

**This does not include a change of mind about the school

School Fee Payment Flowchart

The School Fee structure is as follows:

Term 1	School Fees + Levies invoices sent home Statement sent home in Week 3 and Week 7
Term 2	Statement sent home in Week 3 and Week 7
Term 3	Statement sent home in Week 3 and Week 7
Term 4	Statement sent home in Week 3 and Week 7 All payments must be finalised



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Payments must be maintained regularly and punctually and will be monitored by the Bursar. If payments are unable to be made on time it is expected that parents/caregivers contact the Bursar and negotiate payment options.



Statements are sent home regularly (twice a term). If payments are not made on time then a reminder letter will be sent to encourage families to meet their school fee obligation and selected payment option.



Families who have not paid their fees or contacted the school after the reminder letter will be contacted by the Principal to arrange a meeting to discuss payment options.



Failure to adhere to the school's Fee Policy and make contact with the school will result in the school taking further action. The account will be handed over to the CEO Debt Collection team for debt recovery.



Ratified by the St Joseph's School Board in September 2021 (due for review Sep/ October 2022)

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