



St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 5

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 - 10:30 am – **LAST SESSION**
Reception Transition 9:00 - 1:00pm

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Yr 7 & 8 Transition (@ St Jo's)

WEEK 6

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Reception Transition 9:00 - 1:40pm

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Yr 7 & 8 Transition - Reflection Day in Pirie

WEEK 7

MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Yr 6&7 Leadership Camp – Melrose

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Yr 6&7 Leadership Camp – Melrose

THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Reception Transition – All Day

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Yr 7 & 8 Transition (@ St Jo's)

WEEK 8

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER

End of Year Concert – 6:30pm
Town Hall

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Blessing of Cribs Liturgy 9:15am

WEEK 9

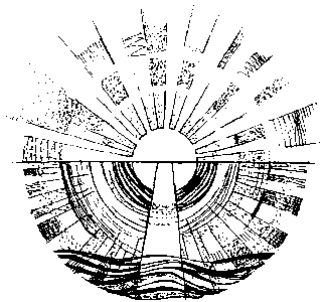
THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER

End of Year Mass – Basketball Court 6:30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BE THANKFUL

As the end of the year draws nearer and nearer and the reality of Christmas arriving is upon us, it can be hard at times not to get caught up in the fast-paced busyness that is life. It is important to take time, even just a minute or two to pause and give thanks for something in our lives. Paul writes "In everything give thanks..." In uncertainty give thanks, in heartache give thanks. In poverty and in prosperity give thanks.



Be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God

wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

TRANSITION

Our new reception students had their first school visit last week and all joined in beautifully with their new peers. We look forward to welcoming them again tomorrow for a longer stay and then again in the following two weeks. It is always an exciting time to welcome new students and families into our wonderful school community.

Pictured right are 5 of our new Receptions: Markus, Khan, Addison, Toby & Isabella.



Our Year 6 & 7 Students that will be continuing at St Joseph's next year, will have their first transition day this Friday. Whilst they are not moving to a different location (other than a new classroom), the move from Primary to Secondary education is an important one and we feel it is a highly valuable experience for our students to experience a transition program that introduces them to the differences of Secondary school such as timetables, subject areas and content.

COVID REMINDER RE: PARENT ACCESS

A reminder that parents are welcome back on school grounds. Masks only need to be worn when entering buildings and that is the same for scanning the QR code.

CATHOLIC ATHLETICS

Thursday last week, 4 staff and 15 students travelled to Athletics SA Stadium at Mile End (Adelaide) to compete in the SACPSSA (South Australian Catholic Primary School Sports Association) Athletics Carnival. The students tried their best and supported each other well as they competed in a variety of athletic events. Several students finished the day with a variety of ribbons for their efforts. Congratulations to the Year 6 boys who won the day overall for our section. Also, congratulations to Andy Mercer who won Year 6 Champion Boy. A fantastic effort by all involved and a long day for students and staff. Thank you to Mrs Wardrop, Mrs Farr, Miss Hier & Shane Perrott for taking the students down and supervising them.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day, as is tradition for our school, we will be walking to the Main Street to participate in the service to honour the men and women who sacrificed so much for us when they went to war and those that still serve today to ensure that we have the freedom's that we do. Student representatives will lay a wreath on our behalf at the ceremony.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

As part of our continual focus on ensuring high quality learning spaces for our students, we have been planning an upgrade of our school playground throughout the year. School Board have agreed that this is a needed expense, and the P&F Committee will be donating some funds to ensure that we can provide an excellent playground for our students from R-9. At the back of the newsletter today, you will find artist impressions of the two new playground areas. There is a main play space which will replace the current playground that sits outside the R/1 Class. This equipment has been designed as a circuit with one side targeted at more JP children and as you move through the play space, the equipment becomes more challenging so as to be suitable for all students. Our students enjoy climbing so we have ensured that there will be many opportunities to do so on the new design! The second play space has been designed with the 7-9 students in mind and is focussed on fitness and exercise with chin up bar, push up and sit up spaces and monkey bars at a higher height to create a greater challenge. This space will be available for all children to play on not just 7-9 students. The two sets of swings will be staying. Students have been consulted and have approved the design as has the school board. We plan to book in installation during Term 1 2022 and are very excited for this new upgrade!

REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home on Wednesday 8th December (Week 9) with the newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns please organise a time to meet with your child's teacher before the end of the year.

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

END OF YEAR CONCERT & GRADUATION MASS

Our concert, Noel, will be held on **Thursday 2nd December** in the Peterborough Town Hall. It will begin at 6:30pm with a BBQ tea. Sausages and steak sandwiches can be purchased for tea, as well as soft drinks. Our community awards will be presented prior to the concert which will begin at approximately 7:00pm. Covid rules will be in place with all attendees needing to QR Code to check in, wear masks when moving around the Hall and socially distance where appropriate. I encourage all parents/caregivers to come along and bring extended family to watch a great performance by the students. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Students ONLY will need to be dropped off at 5:30pm to have tea and get ready.

On Thursday 9th December (Week 9) we invite all parents, family and friends to attend the End of Year Mass to celebrate the year and our graduation Primary students in Yr 6 & 7. We will present our school based awards at this special gathering. This year we will again hold our Mass outside on the School Basketball Court due to continued Covid restrictions reducing the numbers allowed in the Church. To keep out of the heat and the sun that we encountered last year, we will be holding Mass at the later time of **6:30pm**. This Mass is a compulsory school event so all students are expected to be in attendance. We ask students and their families to be at school by 6:20pm ready for Mass to begin at 6:30.

AWARDS

As we edge closer towards the end of the school year we will acknowledge some individual efforts throughout the year at our End of Year Concert evening and the End of Year Mass. We have a number of perpetual awards that we need to honour which are described below. The teaching staff have collaborated to select the appropriate students to receive the school based awards. The school community have been consulted in determining the winners of the community based awards.

COMMUNITY AWARDS (Awarded at the End of Year Concert)

These awards are selected by consultation with the school community and awarded by the Principal. Considerations are made to ensure that the awards recognise the efforts and achievements of all the possible candidates over the entirety of the school year.

DAN VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN AWARD

This award goes to a student who has achieved excellence during the school year in either their learning, community and/or faith.

ROWAN RAMSEY AWARD

The Rowan Ramsey Award recognises the efforts of a staff member or community members that 'goes the extra mile' for our school.

SCHOOL BASED AWARDS (Awarded at End of Year Mass)

These awards are selected by the staff and awarded by the Principal. Considerations are made to ensure that the awards recognise the efforts and achievements of all children over the entirety of the school year.

MARY MACKILLOP AWARD

This award recognises a student who has shown a considerable amount of improvement in the learning they do at school. It acknowledges the hard work and effort they have displayed throughout the year.

FR CRESP AWARD (R-3)

This award goes to a R-3 student that demonstrates leadership in all areas of their school life including learning, community and faith. The recipient will be someone who leads by example and motivates others by their enthusiasm and achievements.

FR LONERGAN (4-7)

This award goes to a 4-7 student that demonstrates leadership in all areas of their school life including learning, community and faith. The recipient will be someone who leads by example and motivates others by their enthusiasm and achievements.

-Bec Fahey

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

RE LEADERS FORMATION DAYS

On Monday & Tuesday this week, I had the privilege of gathering with the RE Leaders of the 14 Port Pirie Diocesan Schools in Port Lincoln. As Ally Kelly is on Maternity leave, I went to this in her place. This gathering is an annual event that provides the RE Leaders with an opportunity to engage in conversation with colleagues and to support one another in the work that is carried out in everyday school life. The reflection days were organised by Helen McKeough who is the Religious Education Consultant for the Pirie Diocese, and we were led in scriptural reflection and Theology by Fr Michael Trainor who is the Parish Priest of Lockleys in Adelaide but also a Theology lecturer at the Australian Catholic University.



The focus of our two days was the 2022 Diocesan theme 'Who is my Neighbour'. We spent time reading scripture and deepening our understanding of these scriptures in order to bring them to life throughout our schools next year as part of the theme.

We look forward to engaging with this theme next year and learning more about our neighbours and what this term really means alongside the teachings of the scriptures.



MISSION DAY

On Friday of Week 3 we hosted Mission Day. Students wore crazy socks to school and the 5/6/7 students prepared and ran various stalls and games that students could pay to participate in. We also ran some free ones for any students who were unable to bring money on the day. Students enjoyed face painting, sponge throwing, lucky dips and much more! We raised **\$400** on the day and that was donated directly to Catholic Mission Australia. Thank you to all our families that donated, what a wonderful effort!



-Bec Fahey

SCHOOL NEWS

R/1 CLASS NEWS

Term 4 is off to a flying start in the Reception and Year 1 classroom. The students have already learnt so much in a short space of time.



It was fun to make an obstacle course during investigations.



JC with the guitar he made during investigations

In Mathematics, the students have been learning to tell o'clock and half past time with Mrs Farr. With Miss Sweet the students have been learning about half and whole fractions. During writing lessons, the students have been using the 7 Steps Program to write a variety of pieces. In Little Learners Love Literacy, the students have continued to learn a range of new letters of the alphabet and blend sounds.

During Investigations, the students have enjoyed making houses, cards, loom band bracelets, participate in sensory activities like playing with the kinetic sand and playdough. As a part of dramatic play, the students have been shopping at 'Bunnings' and have played hairdressers.



Fun at the Hair Salon during Investigations



We are very proud of our pieces of writing!

-Rebekah Sweet & Regina Farr

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 4					
WEEK 5	Deb O'Dowd	8/11	Katrina Hill	10/11	Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER
WEEK 6	Deb O'Dowd	15/11	Katrina Hill	17/11	ROTARY CLUB
WEEK 7	Deb O'Dowd	22/11	Katrina Hill	24/11	Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER
WEEK 8	Deb O'Dowd	29/11	Katrina Hill	1/12	ROTARY CLUB
WEEK 9	Deb O'Dowd	6/12	Katrina Hill	8/12	NO CANTEEN – EARLY FINISH



COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

What a successful fundraiser! A huge thank you must go to our wonderful helpers on Thursday last week, Nicole Lock, Brooklyn, Kelly, Kylie & Josh O'Dea. We found out late Wednesday night that the Cookie Dough was being delivered Thursday and not the planned Friday that we were expecting! Then when 490 boxes arrived and required sorting ready for pick up as quickly as possible so the dough didn't defrost, we needed some special helpers to get the task done!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the fundraiser and to those parents that picked up their boxes of orders and distributed to the people that had purchased. A great effort by all involved.

Well done to Andrew Hume (and his Mum, Bec) who sold the most tubs at a whopping total of 92 tubs!



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>



Playground Images



Main Playground Space –
replacing current play space
outside R/1 Class



Another angle of main play
space – lots of climbing and
upper body strength equipment



2nd play space – fitness design.
Includes: chin up bar, push up
bar, parallel bars & sit up bench



School Development Update November 2021



October recap ...

- ☐ Upskilled key staff in SEQTA, including building timetables and term planners
- ☐ Reviewed policies and procedures
- ☐ Planned Transition events
- ☐ Collated teacher resources e.g. Unit plans and assessments
- ☐ Developed Booklists for schools in 2022
- ☐ Ordered supplies and materials for Science and Food Tech
- ☐ Finalised information around Micro-credentialling/enrichment program opportunities
- ☐ Planning of Open Events for the Community

What's happening in November ...

- ☐ Development of resources and sharing unit plans and ideas
- ☐ Review of the Rite Journey Program
- ☐ Continue work in Scope and Sequence
- ☐ Planning for Transition days and joint Transition/Reflection Day, 19 November 2021
- ☐ Discussion and planning around camps and excursions (including joint Canberra trip)

