



St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 9

THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Swimming Lessons 9:30 – 12:00pm
Advent Prayer Service 1:45pm
End of Year Mass – Basketball
Court 6:30pm

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Nativity Play (2/3/4 Class)
9:15am
SPLASH HOUR 10:30 – 11:30am
Early finish 1:00pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



2022

OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY

Open between 9am – 3pm

FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY

Open between 1pm – 3pm

WEEK 1

MONDAY 31ST JANUARY

First Day of School

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Official Opening & Blessing of
Secondary Building 9:30am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF THE YEAR

The end of the year is a special time. It carries with it the opportunity to reflect on all the successes and challenges that we have encountered throughout the year. This year, COVID-19 and its challenges continued to impact our lives and this can easily overshadow the good that was witnessed, experienced and achieved, it is important that we don't let that happen.

The end of the year also comes with great excitement for what lies ahead. This will certainly be the case for our school as we begin Secondary education in 2022. We celebrate our Yr 6 & 7 Graduates but also share in joy that they are continuing their education journey with us. We keep in our prayers the families and students that are leaving Peterborough and wish them well in their new homes, schools and work places.

Similarly, for the Church it is the season of Advent and during this time we prepare ourselves for the joy of Christmas. I hope that for everyone in our school community, Christmas provides a special time with family and friends to receive the story of Jesus.

Lord, We seek your peace. Guide our hearts to find peace in the midst of the storm. Help us focus our eyes on You and through your grace, discover your divine peace. Bring to us a great relief and knowledge of trust in You, Lord. Amen.



FAREWELLS

As our school year ends, some students and families will be leaving us as they are relocating to other locations in SA. We bid farewell to:

Dexter, Brad & Sonja; Maggie, Christopher, Ca & Matt; James & Pamela. I wish to thank these families for their contributions to our school in many ways and wish them well in their future endeavours. You will all be missed in our school community.

END OF YEAR MASS

This Thursday 9th December we invite all parents, family and friends to attend the End of Year Mass to celebrate the year and to congratulate our Year 6 & 7 students as they complete their Primary schooling and others who are leaving our school community. We will present our school based & a special community award at this special gathering.

This year the Mass will be held on our basketball court area and we ask that the students and their families arrive in plenty of time to do the COVID check in and find their seats before Mass starts at **6:30pm**.

Students needs to be in full school uniform.

Please note that this is a compulsory school event for students to attend.

REPORTS

Student reports have been sent home with students today. Please take the time to look closely at these and celebrate the successes your child has had this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please organise a time to meet with your child's teacher.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners of two of our three community based awards which were announced at the End of Year Concert last Thursday night. Both Shelby Marchant and Bill Hill were worthy recipients of their respective awards.



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



We will present the final Community Award this Thursday at our End of Year Mass.

ROTARY CLUB CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This award goes to a student that has demonstrated excellence in community spirit.

SCHOOL BASED AWARDS

These awards will be presented at our End of Year Mass on Thursday night. 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.

STAFFING FOR 2021

Please see below staffing arrangements for next year, it is always possible for changes to occur over the Christmas break, so please be mindful that whilst every effort is made to have staffing arranged, things can change. We warmly welcome Ms Sandra Gresch to the St Joseph's Staff in 2022. Sandra previously taught at PPS for 6 years so is no doubt known to the community. We look forward to her bringing her expertise and gifts to our school community.

Role	Person(s)
Principal	Bec Fahey (I will also be taking over the RE Leader role while Ally Kelly is on Maternity leave)
Leader of Learning	Jasmine Wardrop
R/1 Teacher	Millie Smart & Regina Farr (Wed)
2/3/4 Teacher	Kylie Wells (Mon) & Nicki Morgan (Tue – Fri)
5/6 Teacher	Kaitlin Hier
7/8 Teachers	Jasmine Wardrop & Sandra Gresch
Health & PE R-9 & Arts R-4	Regina Farr
Literacy & Wellbeing Leader	Kylie Wells (Tues - Thurs)
Educational Support Officers	Kelly Limburg (Admin- Mon-Fri) Chris Malycha (Admin -Wed & Fri) Megan McMillan (Curriculum-Mon-Fri) Brooklyn Virgens (Curriculum- M, Tu, Th, F)
	Keely Malycha (Curriculum -Mon & Fri) Shane Perrott (Curriculum- Mon-Fri) Jemma Howe (Curriculum -Mon-Fri) Sue Malycha (Curriculum Tue-Thu)

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."

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 sustainably
- creating a safe environment for everyone

END OF YEAR CONCERT- GO NOAH!

I want to thank everyone who came along to our Noel production in the Peterborough Town Hall last week. It was another wonderful performance by the students. We try to make this event a spectacle each year and I am very proud of the staff and students for the effort they put into the performance, both in the lead up to and on the night. I am also incredibly proud of how well the school community support the event. Thank you!



FRONT OFFICE OPENING HOURS – 2022

The Front Office will be open next year for two days in Week 0 for uniform purchases and enrolment or other enquiries. The office will be open between 9:00am and 3:00pm on Tuesday 25th January and 1:00pm – 3:00pm Friday 28th January.

KIDS CAFÉ / CANTEEN

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the Kids Café this year. The P&F raises money from this weekly fundraiser, which in turn benefits the children in our school. This year the Canteen profits have continued to fund our Breakfast Club which is fantastic and ensures that this service is sustainable for our students each year. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS

Another huge thank you to everyone that has volunteered in any way shape or form this year. School's always need volunteers to support students, run events, fundraise etc. We truly appreciate all of your assistance no matter how big or small throughout the year. Thank you! We hope to have all events and opportunities for volunteering back up and running in 2022.

P&F 2022

Thank you to our P&F Committee who worked together to organise and run fundraisers, help convene events throughout the year, help run the Kids Café/Canteen and worked alongside the Principal & School Board to make our school community vibrant and engaged. We always love parent support so please consider contributing your time and skills to this group in 2022 and if you are interested, please let the front office know or speak to Jenny White or Nicole Lock. The more the merrier 😊

SAVE THE DATE – OFFICIAL OPENING & BLESSING OF SECONDARY BUILDING

On Friday 4th February, Week 1 of the new school year, we will host a very special celebration to officially open and bless our brand new learning space. This will be a special event with Bishop Karol leading the ceremony and dignitaries invited from Catholic Education, Parliament, Local Government, Building Project Team & our school community. Official invitations will be circulated mid January so please keep an eye out on Facebook, Instagram and your inbox! The event is planned for 9:30am and will include a morning tea afterwards.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas. May you share many moments of grace over the holiday break and let God shower you with his blessings. May Christ bless you with all the happiness and success you deserve!

**THANK
YOU!**

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Today, the 8th December, we honour the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We celebrate our belief that Mary was full of God's grace from the first moment of her life. God gave Mary this honour because she would be invited to be the mother of the Saviour.

Luke 1:26-32, 34-35, 38

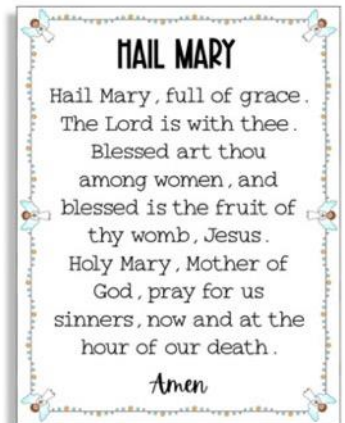
God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee with a message for a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph from the family of King David. The angel greeted Mary and said, "You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you."

Mary was confused by the angel's words and wondered what they meant. Then the angel told Mary, "Don't be afraid! God is pleased with you, and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. The Lord God will make him king, as his ancestor David was."

Mary asked the angel, "How can this happen? I am not married!"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God's power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God."

Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said".



ADVENT

Over the past two weeks, we have been celebrating the season of Advent. The word Advent means 'coming'. As we celebrate each week of Advent we light a candle which symbolises the coming of light (Jesus). This Advent we have been learning to act and pray for a fair world, with hope, peace, joy and love.

We will continue to learn more about Advent and share our Advent Calendar, and on **Friday at 9:15am, the 2/3/4 class will be sharing the Nativity Play in the school hall.** All parents and community members are most welcome to join us in this special celebration. Please wear masks and check in.

THE JESSE TREE

On Monday & Tuesday the whole school gathered to learn about the Jesse Tree and they joined together to make their own salt dough symbols of the Jesse Tree.

What is a Jesse Tree?

The symbol of the Jesse Tree comes from Isaiah 11:1-2

"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse:

From his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him."

Each branch of the tree is a story, one of the stories that make up the whole sacred Story of God's relationship with his people, with us. These stories remind us who God is and who we are.

Their roots sink deep, all the way back to the beginning, to the creation of the cosmos and of this small planet. Their branches reach wide, embracing the whole Story of God-with-us, from Eden to Bethlehem.



A Jesse Tree helps us remember our story, the story of God's people, who waited so long for the coming of the Messiah. Just as we are waiting through the days of Advent for Jesus.

-Bec Fahey

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>



5/6/7 Class Thank You:

Camp Fundraising

The 5/6/7 class would like to say a big thank you to the school community for supporting us in raising funds for our camp that we attended earlier in the year. The final day to purchase a Zooper Dooper for 50cents will be **tomorrow at lunchtime!**

Eco Warriors

The St Joseph's School Eco Warriors Committee would like to extend many thanks to Jason O'Connell and Jen Taylor for their advice and support in implementing our beehive at school. We look forward to working together to educate students at our school of the importance of bees to our local community. We are also very grateful to them on the donation of some tools we will be using during the honey harvest.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The CWL Ladies will be selling homemade Christmas Wreaths at the Twilight Christmas Markets on Friday 10th December.

Bring a chair for the movie!

The Lions Club of Peterborough,
together with the Rotary Club of
Peterborough invites you to...

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKETS

Friday 10th December | 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Peterborough Town Square
Followed by a Christmas movie

30+ Market Stalls | Visit from Santa Claus | Food Vans |
Coffee Van | Golden North Ice Cream | Fairy Floss |
Goodie Bags | Live Music | Games and activities |
Christmas movie

Sponsored by Red Cross and The District Council of Peterborough

Community Christmas Day Lunch

11am - 2pm

Victoria Park

Queen Street Peterborough

Join us in Carol singing

Special visit from Father Christmas

Gifts for children (must RSVP details)



Free Sausage sandwich - soft drink - Ice block

For catering and Covid19 requirements, please RSVP by 10th December

Email: springpeterboroughspn@gmail.com or Judy on 0458692339

Peterborough Post Office: place your RSVP in the box.

This is an alcohol free event. Children must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult please. You are encouraged to bring your own chairs or picnic blanket and welcome to bring your own picnic.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

RSVP due 10th December 2021 at Peterborough Post Office

Adult's name/s _____

Contact phone number _____

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Child's full name _____

Child's age _____

Child's sex _____