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IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 1

WELCOME BACK! WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

WEEK 2

MONDAY 7[™] FEBRUARY Remote Learning continues for

WEEK 3

ONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

WEEK 4

BOARD MEETING - 5:30pm

WEEK 5

ASH WEDNESDAY - Whole School Mass 11:30am

5/6 Class Liturgy - 9:15am

WEEK 6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME

Welcome back for 2022, I trust that our families had an enjoyable break and enjoyed the opportunity to spend quality time with their families and friends.

Whilst this isn't the start to the year that we were expecting, good old Covid just keeps testing us and is certainly keeping us on our toes! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have been keeping up with emails and text messages as we communicated what the first few weeks of Term 1 would look like. We want the first day and first weeks of this year to be just as special and exciting for those learning at home as it is for those able to be at school. We can't wait to welcome all students to face to face learning in

A very special welcome to our new staff members and new students and their families. I have no doubt that our school community will welcome them all with open arms! The new school year always begins with such anticipation and excitement, it was wonderful to see and hear the children exploring their new learning environments this morning. What has made this start to the year even more special and exciting this year is the addition of our Secondary students. It was such a joyous occasion this morning to officially welcome our 14 Yr 7 & 8 students into their brand new learning space.

I look forward to another year where each and every student is provided with opportunities to learn, grow and have fun at our school with the support of the parents and the wider school community. I wish you all every blessing for the school year ahead.

Loving God, with hope and confidence in our hearts, we celebrate this time of new beginnings. Be with us and guide us on our way. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



NEW STAFF & STUDENTS

We warmly welcome three new staff members for 2022. Miss Millie Smart is teaching R/1, Mrs Sandra Gresch is teaching in 7/8 & 5/6 and Aidan Jennings is an Education Support Officer working in the 2/3/4 Class. I know that our community will make them feel very welcome and we look forward to an opportunity in the future to meet and greet and welcome them more officially.

We have a very special group of new students who today had their very first day of school. What a moment! No doubt one of nerves for parents as their babies are now big enough for school! We welcome the following Reception students and their families: Isabella Munro, Michaela Simon, Addison Walker, Khan Murray, Markus Gray and Toby Lock.

We also welcome new students in other grades and wish them very well as they settle in to their new school. Anna-Rose Thomson, Year 1; Lilly Gale, Year 3; Harrison Sleep, Year 6; Jessica Lange, Year 7; Beau Brindal and Latisha Lewis-Smythe, Year 8.

Photos of all of our 'newbies' are included later in this newsletter ©

STAFFING

Please see below an outline of our Staffing for 2022

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 &	Regina Farr
Arts R-4	
Literacy &	Kylie Wells (Tues - Thurs)
Wellbeing Leader	
Educational	Kelly Limburg (Admin- Mon-Fri)
Support Officers	Chris Malycha (Admin -Wed & Fri)
	Shane Perrott (Curriculum- Mon-Fri)
	Megan McMillan (Curriculum-Mon-Fri)
	Aidan Jennings (Curriculum -Tue-Fri)
	Brooklyn Virgens (Curriculum- M, Tu, Th, F)
	Keely Malycha (Curriculum -Mon & Fri)
	Sue Malycha (Curriculum Tue-Thu)

COVID

Due to the current restrictions placed on schools, we will not be able to have our usual beginning of the year events for at least the first four weeks. As soon as we can, we will communicate to parents about any events such as Opening School Mass, and Parent & Teacher meet and greet sessions.

A reminder that all adults and year 7/8 students must wear a mask at all times when indoors on school grounds. Year 3-6 students are strongly encouraged to wear masks as well.

QR code check in is still required for schools so when entering the Office you must scan in or fill in the slip. Any adult entering the school grounds must do so through the Front Office until further notice.

It is critical that if your child is unwell, you keep them home. We need to be diligent and work hard to try and keep staff and students as healthy as possible and avoid Covid for as long as possible. The reality is that we are likely to have an outbreak at some point, if this does occur, parents need to contact the school immediately if your child has covid so that we can enact our plans to ensure that the health and safety of staff & students is managed. Please find the Plan for Testing, Isolating & Quarantine attached to today's newsletter, if you have any questions at all about this please don't hesitate to contact the school or SA Health.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation with Covid requirements / restrictions.

SCHOOL FEES

You will receive an invoice for school fees in the next couple of weeks. The School Board has kept our fees at the 2021 prices. Families will be invoiced the whole amount at the beginning of the year and you will be able to work towards paying off the full amount in whatever way works best for you. Kelly is able to assist in setting up payment plans. We are proud of the discounts offered for siblings and school card families. Our aim, in alignment with Mary MacKillop's legacy, is to make our school a welcoming and affordable place for all. At the same time we need to ensure that the school operates in a financially sustainable manner that provides the best learning opportunities for all students. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Limburg or Bec Fahey.

SCHOOL CARD

School Card Applications for 2022 are available at the front office. If you think you might be eligible, please see Kelly Limburg as soon as possible.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our school's Uniform Policy. It is expected that all students will be in the correct school uniform each day, any short-term variances must be communicated in your child's diary or a phone call to the office to inform us of this. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that the pride of our school is demonstrated through the adherence to the uniform policy. A reminder that all items are to be purchased from the School, with the exception of white socks and sneakers.

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

<u>Trust</u>

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

Our Mission

MISSION - why we exist

It is our mission at St Joseph's School to embrace and build on Mary MacKillop's legacy. We will ensure excellence in teaching and learning, enabling all students to be thriving and capable citizens in their community.

LUNCH ORDERS & CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

These will continue to be available *Monday, Wednesday* and *Friday* from the Kid's Café. In order to provide your child/ren with the opportunity to order lunches, we rely on Parent volunteers to run the canteen. You will find a reply slip in today's newsletter asking you to volunteer some time to work in the canteen. If you are new to working in the canteen, we have parents and staff that are willing to show you what is involved and will happily help any new volunteers. Monday and Wednesday we offer a variety of lunch order items and on Friday we offer sausage in bread and a fruit box. The price list for the canteen is available at the front office and on our school website at any time and is also included in today's newsletter. *Please note – volunteers must have a Working With Children Check and must be fully vaccinated. We need to see documentation of both in order to volunteer.

HEALTHY SNACKS

As most of you will be aware, we allow students the opportunity to eat healthy food snacks and drink water during class. Specifically, we encourage healthy food snacks in the morning block before recess. Allowing the students to eat fruit and vegetable snacks and drinking water helps sustain their thinking throughout the day. Furthermore, we want to support families in encouraging all of our students to make healthy eating choices, therefore, other types of food and drinks are not allowed during this time.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle at school every day. They can fill them up at the drinking fountain, but SA Health guidelines suggest that drinking fountains are not to be used to drink directly from with the mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.



IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Jillian and Willow as they welcomed a new baby daughter & sister, Fallon to their family recently! All the best with your newest addition!

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CLEARANCES

As with all Catholic schools we are a mandated child-safe environment with legal, policy and procedural requirements for staff and volunteers. In order to be a volunteer or be involved in school-based activities a working with children check is required. This includes LAP helpers, canteen workers and other volunteers. Creating and maintaining a safe and supportive school environment is a priority. If you require a Working with Children Check Form, simply see the front office staff and we can organise it for you. You will need to do a 100 point check so please bring appropriate ID along with you. There is no cost for volunteers.

STUDENT CONTACT & MEDICAL DETAILS

As we begin a new school year, it is important that we review student contact and medical details and make sure that they are correct and up to date. Today you will find a copy of the current information that we have for your child/ren with the newsletter. Parents are asked to please review this information and send the form back so that we can update our records accordingly. Even if there are no changes to the information, we ask that the form be returned with 'no changes' written on it so that we can be sure that all families have received the form and reviewed it. Please return these forms by Monday 14th February (Week 3).

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to Megan McMillan on the recent passing of her Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time Megan.

Sr Joan Barry rsj passed away on the 10th January aged 99 and 9 months. Sr Joan was a dedicated member of the Port Pirie Diocese and she served the community of St Joseph's, Peterborough in 1954-56, 1965. May she rest peacefully in God's loving care.



OFFICIAL BLESSING & OPENING OF SECONDARY BUILDING

As we finished last year, we were eagerly anticipating the new school year with an exciting event to Officially open and bless our new 7-9 Learning space. Unfortunately, Covid has caused the postponement of this celebration which would have been occurring on Friday. We now wait to see what the next few weeks brings for us and will then reschedule this important occasion so that we can celebrate as a community and share in the joy of the expansion of our school community. Watch this space! In the meantime, have a look later in the newsletter where we reveal the building name and why this was chosen along with some pictures of the students enjoying their new space.

CLASS LITURGIES & ASSEMBLIES

This year we are introducing Class Assemblies into our term calendar. Each term, each class will host a Liturgy and an Assembly. An Assembly will include prayer and then will showcase student learning. It will be student led and we look forward to sharing classroom learning with Parents and Friends in this new format. Each Friday at 9:15am we will have a Liturgy one week and then an Assembly the following week. Please check the Important Dates section of the newsletter to see which class is coming up. *Please note that at the moment these events will be Student & Staff only due to Covid restrictions.

- Bec Fahey

SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

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



New Reception students: Michaela, Addison, Markus, Khan, Isabella & Toby



Anna-Rose, Yr 1; Lilly, Yr 3 & Harrison, Yr 6



New Secondary students: Jessica, Yr 7; Beau Yr 8 & Latisha Yr 8

NEW STAFF

We also warmly welcome our three new staff members ©

Aidan, Sandra & Millie



SCHOOL LEADERS

At the end of last year students and staff voted and selected our School leaders for 2022. The below students were recognised by their peers and staff to have the necessary leadership skills to fulfil these important roles. The 8 students will be formally presented to the school community at a later date. We wish them all the best with their leadership roles this year.

School Captains: Shelby Marchant & Anakin O'Riley



House Leaders:

NORTON	LONERGAN	MACKILLOP	
CAPTAIN – Amelia Evans	CAPTAIN – Memphis Howe	CAPTAIN – Zara Lang	
VICE – Anakin O'Riley	VICE – Andy Mercer	VICE – Taghan Jennings	







2021 GRADUATION MASS

Congratulations to all the students who received an award at last year's Graduation Mass:

SCHOOL BASED AWARDS

FR CRESP AWARD (R-3) – Samantha Mitchell FR LONERGAN (4-7) – Caitlin Evans MARY MACKILLOP AWARD – Josh O'Dea

COMMUNITY BASED AWARDS

DAN VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN AWARD – Shelby Marchant ROWAN RAMSEY COMMUNITY AWARD – Bill Hill

TENISON WOODS CENTRE

Part of the project of building our 7-9 learning space, was coming up with a fitting name for our new building. We wanted to continue our connection with our Josephite traditions and as our Hall is named the Mary MacKillop Hall, we found another name that would honour our traditions and also connect to our vision for this learning space.

Below is the rationale for choosing the name 'Tenison Woods Centre'. This name was developed through a consultation process with students, staff & board members, it then went to the Director, Nichii Mardon & Bishop Karol for approval before being passed on to SACCS, our governing body, for the final approval.





Rationale:

As a Josephite School, we have a deep connection to St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph. This connection is foundational to the Mission, Vision & Values of St Joseph's School, Peterborough.

Julian Tenison Woods played such a pivotal and important role in the beginning of Catholic Education in South Australia and of course for St Mary MacKillop and the formation of the Sisters of St Joseph.

We believe that it is important for our school community to bring to life the role of Fr Julian within our School story by naming this new building in his memory and honour.

Fr Julian was a great scientist and a lover of nature and art. At St Joseph's School we highly value our role as custodians of God's creation and have a strong focus on ecological awareness. We also have a vision for our Secondary Learning Centre to be a hive of exploration, innovation and creativity through all curriculum areas; with an added focus on STEM and developing inquisitive, knowledgeable, faith filled people. An example that we believe Fr Julian Tenison Woods has set for our school and our students.

We are so proud to be expanding our educational offering at St Joseph's and it has been so wonderful to see this project come to fruition today welcoming our first Year 7 & 8s into the learning space. Mrs Wardrop & Mrs Gresch are very much looking forward to the year ahead and supporting the students to achieve and explore within their learning.



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. 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 1						
	CANTEEN	CANTEEN	SAUSAGE SIZZLE			
	(Mondays)	(Wednesdays)	(Fridays)			
WEEK 1	STUDENT FREE DAY – NO CANTEEN	2/2 School Staff	School Staff			
WEEK 2	7/2 School Staff	9/2 School Staff	11/2 School Staff			
WEEK 3	14/2	16/2	18/2 Bill Hill & Volunteer			
WEEK 4	21/2	23/2	25/2 Rotary Club			
WEEK 5	28/2	2/3	8 Bill Hill & Volunteer			
WEEK 6	7/3	9/3	11/3 Rotary Club			
WEEK 7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO CANTEEN	16/3	Bill Hill & Volunteer			
WEEK 8	21/3	23/3	25/3 Rotary Club			
WEEK 9	28/3	30/3	1/4 Bill Hill & Volunteer			
WEEK 10	4/4	6/4	8/4 Rotary Club			
WEEK 11	11/4	13/4	GOOD FRIDAY – 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



LAP HELPERS

We look forward to welcoming our LAP Helpers back to school to continue the fantastic work they do with our students. In the past LAP Helpers have volunteered their time to listen to students read, which is invaluable for both the students and the teacher. If you wish to continue or are interested in becoming a LAP Helper please complete the below return slip so we can assign you a class to work with. Teachers will be contacting LAP Helpers over the next 2 weeks.

LAP HELPERS RETURN SLIP			
I	wish to be a LAP Helper at the school this year. Please provide your		
phone number	so a teacher can call you to arrange a time to work with the students.		
Please provide us with the following in	formation which will help us provide you with a time and class.		
Do you have a preferred class or age yo	ou that you would like to work with?		
What days and times suit you best for	school visits?		

UNIFORM POLICY

At St Joseph's School the presentation of our students is important. The uniform policy exists to ensure appropriate and safe standards of dress. All students who attend St Joseph's School must wear the approved school uniform. The wearing of our school uniform is a requirement as stated in the enrolment forms but more importantly is one way we can all take pride in our school.

Compulsory enforcement of our uniform policy enables consistency in dress standards throughout the school and is a way of identifying students who are part of the St Joseph's community. If for any reason your child is unable to wear a particular item of our school uniform, they should provide a note from their parent/caregiver advising the school of the situation and take appropriate steps to correct the uniform as soon as possible. This is not permission to wear incorrect items for an extended period of time.

This Uniform Policy also addresses accessories which are acceptable. Again, approval of such accessories takes into account the safety, both physical and environmental, of each child.

To ensure consistency for students and across the school *all clothing items must be purchased through the school*. Therefore, similar items of clothing purchased from other sources will be deemed as not correct school uniform.





White or Navy Blue Socks





PLEASE NOTE: Canvas material is not acceptable

ACCESSORIES

School Hat

Navy Blue with St Joseph's Crest (No Hat - No Play)



Earrings	Jewellery	Hair
Students are only permitted to wear no more than one stud or sleeper in the lower ear lobe. Stud to be plain silver/gold or can have a school coloured stone (blue/gold)	Students are permitted to wear a necklace but it needs to be worn under the shirt. Wrist watches are allowed to be worn also.	Collar length hair must be tied back with a natural hair colour or school colour ribbon. (Navy/gold)
Make-Up	Nail Polish	
Students are not permitted to wear any form of facial make-up. Sunscreen and moisturiser are allowed.	Students are not permitted to wear nail polish or artificial nails.	

Uniform 6-9 – Commemorative Items

In **Year 6**, students design a special Polo shirt and Jumper that can be worn as part of their school uniform. This is to recognise their final year of Primary School. This is a special item of the uniform that can be worn from Year 6 through to the end of Year 9.

In **Year 9**, students will also design their own polo and jumper as a symbol of their final year of Schooling at St Joseph's School.

These items of uniform are only able to be purchased at Year 6 and Year 9.

All other items of the unform are to be worn from R-9. These commemorative items are unique to Yr 6-9 and are worn in addition to the regular uniform.

Please make sure that all uniforms are clearly marked with your child's name.

St Joseph's School Canteen

2022 Price List

Available Mondays and Wednesdays

Fridays – Kids Café sausage in bread - \$2 each

HOT FOOD

Chicken noodle cup	2.00
Burger - chicken or beef with the following option	s-
Lettuce, tomato, cheese, sauce or mayo	
Hot dog – Plain	
Hot Dog with sauce	
Hot Dog with cheese and sauce	
Mini Ham & Pineapple Pizza	
Cocktail Pies / Pasties *ADD 50c for sauce	1.00
Pies / Pasties *ADD 50c for sauce	4.00
Sausage Rolls *ADD 50c for sauce	3.00
COLD FOOD	
Chicken Lettuce & Mayo Roll	
Sandwiches – Ham, Cheese or Chicken	
Vegemite	
Extras ADD 50c each - Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato	
DRINKS – Available Monday – Wednesday – F	riday
Pop Top Juice – orange or apple	
Big M flavoured milk - chocolate or strawberry	
Fruit Box	

ESTING, ISOLATING ND QUARANTINE OR SCHOOL SETTINGS

THE SCHOOL AND ISOLAT FOR 10 DAYS



CONTACT DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Student

Students attending the site and undertaking learning activities



someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 they shared a classroom or interacted with (teacher, ESO, ancillary staff or student) Parents will be informed there has been a positive case of COVID-19 by the school.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- if the student has symptoms, they must not attend school and get tested as soon as possible
- encouraged to continue attending school if they students (aside from the positive case/s) will be don't have any symptoms
- student attendance at OSHC should be avoided where possible for 7 days
- extra-curricular activities for 7 days (such as camps excursions, interschool sport, combined choir etc). students should avoid attending school related

A STUDENT IS AN ESO 1:1 CLOSE CONTACT IF:

ested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes they were helped 1:1 by an ESO or teacher who has and face masks were not able to be worn.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO

7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' to return to school. If the student is unable to test, they must quarantine for 7 days

Student support in 1:1 settings of cer in classroom settings Teacher or school services

People working 1:1 with students (eg ESOs disability support, allied health workers) YOU ARE AN ESO 1:1 CONTACT IF:

student/child contact, ground keeping etc contractors

you shared a classroom with someone who

permissions with RAT 'test to stay' will be considered on an importance to the wellbeing of certain students, work * in the event that a 1:1 ESO is considered of critical individual basis by the site leader.

7 days quarantine (as per standard community

requirement)*

7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' and attend work if

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

member or student)

you receive a negative result

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO

vou spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19*

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adult who has tested positive for COVID-19*

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO

 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)

indoors (except if it's impeding your ability to communicate while teaching). Workplace contacts should be minimal. +All education staf are required to wear a mask when

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while teaching). Workplace contacts should be minimal.

7 days quarantine (as per standard community

requirement)

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO

Ancillary staf

and

Administrative positions with limited

has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, ESO, staff member or student)

proximity and face masks were not able to be worn

you supported a student or child 1:1, who has tested positive for COVID-19 indoors, in close

you shared a classroom with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, ESO, staf

YOU ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF:

People working in classroom settings (teachers, AEWs, ESOs)

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO

 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' and attend work in a classroom if you receive a negative result

YOU ARE A WORKPLACE CLOSE CONTACT IF

you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19*

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO

 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)

indoors (except if it's impeding your ability to communicate while teaching). Workplace contacts should be minimal. *All education staf are required to wear a mask when

HOUSEHOLD CONTACT REQUIREMENTS

If a staf member or student tests positive to COVID-19, all people who live in that household must quarantine for 7 days (or 14 days if the household cannot separate).



CLASSROOM CONTACT ADVICE

The Chief Public Health Officer advises it's good practice for classroom contacts to do the following to minimise risk to others, when outside of the school, preschool or early childhood education and care setting:

- avoiding high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events
- wearing a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home
- avoid working across worksites unless an approved risk management plan is in place (eg rapid antigen testing)
 - avoiding non-essential activities where possible (eg where there are lots people, inside, in close contact) avoiding contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
 - avoiding shared spaces and maintain physical distance.