



St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 3

MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

All Students Face to Face ☺

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

R/1 Class Liturgy – 9:15am
(Students & Staff Only)

WEEK 4

WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

BOARD MEETING - 5:30pm

THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

P&F Meeting 2:45pm (Hall)

FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

7/8 Class Assembly - 9:15am
(Students & Staff Only)

WEEK 5

MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

New Playground Installation

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY – Whole
School Mass 11:30am (St
Anacletus Church)

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

5/6 Class Liturgy - 9:15am
Clean Up Australia Day

WEEK 6

FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

2/3/4 Class Assembly - 9:15am

WEEK 7

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 14TH MARCH

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH

Book Fair Sales 8:30am – 4:00pm
RAA Road Safety Sessions

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

St Joseph's Feast Day
Celebrations

Book Fair Sales 8:30am – 4:00pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ST VALENTINE

On Monday, February 14th, we remembered Saint Valentine. He was a bishop who bravely died for his faith. His name means 'valiant' and 'brave'. This day is connected to love and it is important to remember that love is all encompassing. It is looking after a sick relative. It is doing something special for someone you care for. It is doing something for someone who is less fortunate than you. This week I pray for our school leaders who are called to show 'love' each and every day at school by caring for and leading the students in our school.



Lord, bless the love that brings people together and grows ever stronger in our hearts. Keep us safe throughout the year and turn our hearts to you that we may be light for our world. Amen.

DIOCESAN THEME

Each year the Diocese of Port Pirie takes on a theme that all schools within the Diocese celebrate and unpack throughout the year. This year the theme is 'Who is my neighbour?' We will use this as a focus throughout the year and look forward to exploring who our neighbours are, how we can look after our neighbours and what Jesus teaches us about loving and caring for one another. This is a lovely theme and one that fits in well with our school motto of 'Love at all times' as well as the vision and passion of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Aspects of the theme will be shared in the Catholic Identity section of our newsletter throughout the year.



COVID RESTRICTIONS

We are still bound by restrictions at school which currently prevents parents and friends and other non-essential visitors from entering the school grounds unless via the Front Office. At this stage, these restrictions will continue until the end of Week 4. We hope that by Week 5 we will be able to welcome parents and friends into the school grounds and can then host a Welcome BBQ to meet and greet with your child's teacher and welcome our new staff to the school community. We will then also be able to welcome family to attend Liturgies and Assemblies on Friday mornings. We will notify families via text, SeeSaw and Facebook as soon as restrictions change.

The R/1 Liturgy on Friday will be recorded and shared with parents via SeeSaw. This way you will still be able to see your children speaking, reading and singing as they lead the school in our first Liturgy of the year.

UNIFORM - HAIR

Our Uniform Policy was sent home with our last newsletter; however, I fear that many parents are yet to refresh themselves on our policy. Currently we have many students not following our Hair expectations. Our uniform policy states **'collar length hair must be tied back with a natural colour or school colour hair tie / ribbon'**. This means, that if your child is choosing to have a mullet hairstyle, then as soon as their flowing locks reach their collar, they need to tie it back. This is the same for anyone who chooses a bob style cut, once it grows back to their collar, they need to tie it back. Similarly, any student who has a ribbon or hair tie in their hair, must stick to a natural hair colour tie and for a ribbon: blue/navy and yellow/gold, as these are our school colours.

SPORTS DAY **DATE CLAIMER**

Our twilight Sports Day will be held on **Friday 1st April (Week 9)**. Please put this date in your diary as it is a wonderful community event that we encourage everyone to take part in. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with cooking & serving the BBQ throughout the day, timing races and officiating field events. A slip will be included in the next two newsletters. Thank you in advance for your assistance on the day!

SCHOOL CARD

The table below indicates the income limits for accessing school card for 2022. The gross annual income is for the 2020/21 financial year. The gross income increases depending on the number of school aged children (see below)

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$62,440	\$1,201
2	\$63,555	\$1,223
3	\$64,670	\$1,245
4	\$65,785	\$1,267
5	\$66,900	\$1,289
Each additional dependent child	Add \$1,115 for each child	Add \$22 for each child

School Card Applications for 2022 are available at the front office or you can complete them online (www.sa.gov.au). If you think you might be eligible, please see Kelly Limburg as soon as possible.

PLAYGROUND

Our new playground is due to be installed on Monday 28th February. There will be some minor disruption to the yard while the current playground is dismantled and removed and then the new play equipment installed. We are very excited to be updating our play space and look forward to watching the students enjoy this new addition to the yard.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

This year we have again joined with Centacare Catholic Country SA to provide a counsellor at our school every Friday and we welcome back Caroll Wang who consulted with students and families last year. Wellbeing is a very important aspect of our mission at St Joseph's and we look forward to continuing this service for our school community. Any new students / families to the school will today receive a consent form seeking permission for your child to speak with the counsellor should they need to at any time. This consent form does not indicate that they have sought out services, we are simply seeking pre-approval that they have permission should they ever wish to speak with Caroll.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

As part of your child's enrolment in our school, all parents automatically become part of our Parents & Friends. We highly value Parents, Grandparents, caregivers & other family & friends and warmly invite anyone to come along and be a part of the Parents & Friends (P&F) Committee. This group meets once or twice a term and it is a very casual gathering. We discuss fundraising ideas, prepare for events such as Sports Day BBQ and reach out to other parents & friends that might be able to assist us with different events. We will have our first meeting on **Thursday 24th February at 2:45pm** in the Hall, just before school pick up. We understand that this time may not suit everybody, so if you are interested in being a part of the P&F but cannot attend the meeting, please let Kelly or Bec know at school and we will pass on your name. Currently the P&F is convened by Jenny White & Nicole Lock so feel free to also speak with them to find out more or express your interest in joining.

Our Catholic Identity

GOSPEL VALUE

Hope

As a believer in God you can confidently say, 'Although I don't know what the future holds, I know who holds the future'.

- Deuteronomy 1:29-30

JOSEPHITE VALUE

Charity

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

- Acts 20:35

Our Vision

VALUES – what is important to us

Catholic Identity

It is important to us that all members of the school community develop:

- Their faith and relationship with God.
- Critically evaluate how society and culture shapes and influences their personal identity



- *Bec Fahey*

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY

DIOCESAN THEME

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, this year our theme is 'Who is my neighbour?' This theme will be a focus for the whole year and there will be four smaller themes within this. Each term we will focus more closely on one of the following themes:

Being a good neighbour to others

Being a good neighbour to creation

Being a good neighbour to our school community

Being a good neighbour to our town community

Our theme for term 1 is: Being a good neighbour to others. As we will focus on Project Compassion during Lent as well as all of the new beginnings that a new year has to offer, we will explore this theme of 'others' and learn about how we can be good neighbours to those around us both near and far.

Diocesan Prayer



Generous God

You gave us the example of Jesus who reached out with acts of love, welcome and compassion to all who were in need.

May we be inspired by the example of Jesus to help others with neighbourly acts of generosity and kindness.

May we be moved to care for our neighbour and our planet, and work together to make our world a place of peace, harmony, and unity.

We pray that we will always have the love and courage of Jesus

to help us to "go and do likewise".

Amen

THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (2nd March, Wednesday Week 5). This day marks the beginning of the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. As a school community, we will be participating in an **Ash Wednesday Mass** led by Fr Ramel in St Anacletus Church at 11:30am. At the Mass, students and staff will receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads as a sign of our humanity and an opportunity to reflect on our sins and seek forgiveness so we may become closer to Jesus.

All parishioners and community members are most welcome to attend. Sign in sheets and QR codes will be at the entrance of the Church.



SHROVE TUESDAY



Tuesday 1st March (Week 5) we will be selling Pancakes at lunch time for 50 cents a pancake! Various toppings will be available. You do not need to pre-order, just bring your money on Tuesday morning and give it to the child's classroom teacher. Don't forget to pack your lunch as well! All money raised from the sale of pancakes will go towards Project Compassion. More information will be shared about this in the next newsletter.

SCHOOL NEWS

7/8 CLASS NEWS

The 7/8 class are excited to be putting their very first page in the newsletter! We are learning the new routines of been in a secondary space and enjoying the responsibility and independence it has brought.

One of the new spaces we are exploring is STEM. Last lesson we explored the careers of Scientists, Technologists, Engineers and Mathematicians. Below are careers or aspects we find interesting in the different areas.

<p><u>Scientist</u></p> <p>Dylan: Paleontologist and archeologist because I like dinosaurs</p> <p>Andy: I want to learn about the different types of rocks</p> <p>Jacob: rocks are cool and I would like to learn about them</p> <p>Jessica: I would like to be a medical science because its sound fun</p> <p>Zara: I like doing experiments</p> <p>Shelby: I like experimenting with things and my brother is a scientist</p> <p>Anakin: I like testing things</p> <p>Josh: Geologist</p> <p>Beau: This could help me be able to cure cancer</p> <p>Caitlin: because Scientist get to help other people and I want to help others</p>	<p><u>Technologist</u></p> <p>Zara: it's interesting and you can use your imagination</p> <p>Jesse: I want to be a data analysis</p> <p>Josh: I want to do make better technology for machines.</p> <p>Jacob: I like technology and it would be cool to see how they were made</p> <p>Logan: computer and design interest</p> <p>Jessica- I want to be designer of some sort</p> <p>Shelby- I want to be a designer of some sort because I am very creative.</p> <p>Dylan: I want to learn about computers</p> <p>Latisha: making cooking equipment better</p> <p>Seraphina: I would love to be an online designer</p>
<p><u>Engineer</u></p> <p>Logan: mechanic because I have a lot of experience</p> <p>Jesse: I would like to engineer stuff for NASA like rockets or more efficient rockets for second stages</p> <p>Josh: working with heavy machinery</p> <p>Jessica: I would like to be a mechanic because I can learn more about all the stuff you can do</p> <p>Beau: I like to build stuff</p> <p>Dylan: I want to learn about engines</p> <p>Seraphina: I enjoy making stuff, including woodwork and wire work</p>	<p><u>Mathematician</u></p> <p>Shelby: I really like Math's and enjoy doing it, I might like to be a teacher or some sort of sport that involves Math's or fashion designer, so measurements</p> <p>Anakin: I like using Mathematical skills</p> <p>Josh: Excavator driver, needs to know about different measurements</p> <p>Caitlin: I could work in the shops and pair this with my communication skills</p>

Our STEM project for this term is to identify a problem that is affecting our bees at school and come up with a solution following the design thinking process. We look forward to sharing this with you all.

- Jasmine Wardrop & Sandra Gresch

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

FISH FINGER FRIDAYS

During Lent we will again dedicate some Friday's to fundraising for Project Compassion. Traditionally, in the Catholic Church, we do not eat meat on Fridays during Lent. This abstinence is in connection to the fact that Jesus sacrificed himself on Good Friday.

In **Weeks 6, 8 and 10** we will offer 2 Fish Fingers and a bowl of Rice for \$2. Orders are to be placed using a brown paper bag as per normal lunch order procedures.

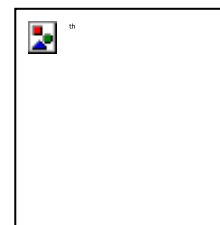
PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

As mentioned on the front page of the newsletter, we will have our first meeting on **Thursday 24th February at 2:45pm** in the Hall. This is a great opportunity to gather, become a part of the group and find out a little bit more information about the types of things that the P&F do for our school. This is an informal meeting and any parent is welcome to come along.

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 information which will help us provide you with a time and class.

Do you have a preferred class or age you that you would like to work with? _____

What days and times suit you best for school visits? _____



JPFNC are seeking expressions of interest for junior netballers **MINIS (Year 5)** and **SUB-MINIS (Year 4)** please email jpnetball@gmail.com with the name and DOB of interested players by Friday 25th February.
 Junior netball registrations (players in year 6,7,8,9 and 10) have now closed if you wish to be considered for a late player registration please email the above address.

	<p>05 MAR 2022</p>	<p>2.00 PM</p> <p>Grand FINAL</p> <p>Minis start at 2.00pm (presentations to follow) Juniors VS Legends at 5pm Junior Girls All Star at 5.30pm Junior Boys All Star at 6.30pm (presentations to follow) Senior Men's Grand Final at 7.30pm</p> <p>Entry prices: under 5 free, 5-16years \$3, over 16years \$5</p> <p>Food and Drink stalls provided by The Lions Club of Peterborough and the Peterborough Miniature Railway</p>
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