



St Joseph's School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to Term 2! I trust everyone has had an enjoyable break whether it be enjoying well needed rest, time with family and friends or an adventure.

Over the holidays I had the opportunity to reflect on my first twelve months as Principal of the beautiful St Joseph's School community. It has been an absolute privilege to walk alongside families and students as we work towards best learning and wellbeing outcomes for all children in our community.

We continue building upon the legacy of St Mary MacKillop and the sisters of St Joseph who dedicated their life to serving God through a commitment to excellence in education and serving those at the edges. I express sincere gratitude and thanks to all the staff at St Joseph's School whose dedication and commitment to serving our community is such a gift and a big part of what makes our school the special place it is.

Looking ahead at Term 2, we have another very busy term ahead. We will celebrate Catholic Education Week, Mother's Day and National Reconciliation Week. Our Year 2/3/4 class will be eagerly awaiting their venture to Monarto Zoo later in the term for their overnight camp, our Year 7/8/9 students will attend a Careers Expo, Year 4/5/6 students will participate in a Tag Rugby Carnival and many other events in between. We will also begin welcoming our newest members of our school community, our Term 3 Reception students in their transition visits.

Amongst all the upcoming events and opportunities for our students, our focus continues to be on improving educational and wellbeing outcomes for all of our students in partnership with our families. Towards the end of Term 1 all families met with their child's class teacher to discuss progress and achievement thus far and to discuss next steps to support each child's development and goals. I wholeheartedly thank families for your commitment to walking with us in your child's educational journey and trusting us with the privilege.

WELCOME

This term we welcome back Khalia Duncan to the St Joseph's School community as a student in the year 5/6 class. I am sure everyone will make Khalia feel very welcome.

We also welcome two Pre-service Teachers, Connor Nairn and Joseph Couzner who are completing their third and final year placements respectively. Connor will be working with Jessica Robinson in the Year 7/8/9 classroom with a focus on Mathematics and Physical Education and Joseph will be working with Nicki Morgan in the Year 2/3/4 classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 2

MONDAY, 5 MAY –
THURSDAY, 8 MAY

Mother's Day Stall Open 8:30am
– 9:00am and 3:20pm – 3:30pm

TUESDAY, 6 MAY

8:30am – 9:00am Saints Café
Open

THURSDAY, 8 MAY

8:30am – 9:00am Saints Café
Open

WEEK 3

CATHOLIC

EDUCATION WEEK

MONDAY, 12 MAY

9:10am R/1 Mother's Day
Liturgy, whole school morning
tea and classroom open morning

TUESDAY, 13 MAY

8:30am – 9:00am Saints Café
Open

9:00am Year 7 Immunisations at
Peterborough High School

THURSDAY, 15 MAY

8:30am – 9:00am Saints Café
Open

FRIDAY, 16 MAY

9:10am Year 5/6 Assembly

WEEK 4

TUESDAY, 20 MAY

8:30am – 9:00am Saints Café
Open

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY

Year 7/8/9 Excursion – Careers
Expo

12:00pm National Simultaneous
Story Time Activities Reception –
Year 6

FRIDAY, 23 MAY

9:10am R/1 Class Assembly

TERM 3 RECEPTION STUDENTS - TRANSITION PROGRAM

This term Reception students who are commencing with us in Term 3 will participate in our Transition Program. The Program supports children to get ready for school and allows for the development of relationships with peers and staff members prior to their formal commencement in Term 3. Our Transition Program dates as follows:

- Thursday, 12 June 9:00am – 11:00am
- Thursday, 19 June 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Thursday, 26 June 9:00am – 1:40pm
- Thursday, 3 July 9:00am – 3:20pm

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please re-familiarise yourselves with the school's Uniform Policy, which is available on our school website. Our front office staff are also available to answer any questions that you may have.

It is expected that all students will be in the correct school uniform each day. If the correct uniform cannot be worn on a particular occasion, please include a note in your child's diary to inform their teacher. However, please understand that these 'one off' instances for a child not wearing the correct school uniform must not be extended into an ongoing arrangement. A reminder that hats are **not** compulsory during Term 2 & 3 unless attending a school excursion.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Parents/caregivers, families, parishioners, and wider Peterborough Community members are invited to attend our Mother's Day celebrations. On Monday, 12 May we will celebrate our mother's and special people in our life through a Liturgy at 9:10am followed by a whole school morning tea and an open morning where families are welcome in classes to see their child's learning. We look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL CHOIR

Our School Choir consisting of our Year 2/3/4 class and some student from Years 5-9 have been invited to perform at the Peterborough Lion's Club "Biggest Morning Tea" fundraising event on Friday, 23 May at the Senior Citizen's Club. We are excited for the opportunity for our students to perform after all their hard work.

- Taylor Meyer

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

POPE FRANCIS



This week, the St Joseph's School community joins the global Church in mourning the death of Pope Francis. As our spiritual leader, Pope Francis inspired millions with his humility, deep compassion, and commitment to justice, peace, and care for creation.

On Tuesday morning, the whole school gathered for a special liturgy to honour his life and legacy. It was a peaceful and prayerful moment to reflect on the example he set and the values he championed—mercy, inclusion, service to the poor, and stewardship of the environment.

Throughout the week, classes have been learning about Pope Francis' remarkable work, including his priorities of caring for the marginalised, promoting peace, and encouraging young people to be agents of change. These lessons offer a powerful opportunity for "heart learning"—to not only understand his message but also to be inspired to live it in our own lives.

We give thanks for Pope Francis and pray for his eternal rest. May we carry forward his message with hope and love.

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

Trust

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

Our Mission

MISSION – Why we exist

At St Joseph's School our mission is to embrace the Catholic ethos and build on Mary MacKillop's legacy to provide opportunities for everyone to be creative learners and develop to their full potential in this ever changing world.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Thursday, 1 May is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. As we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, we present St Joseph as a very modern intercessor for those who are unemployed and seeking work. As St Joseph is very frequently looked on as the Husband of Mary and the Foster Father of Jesus, we can forget his role as the Worker in the Family. Work, either paid or unpaid, in whatever form, undertaken in a way that enhances our being, gives glory to God.

St Joseph, may all workers use their strengths and talents to make visible God's new creation, to offer concrete service to society, and to earn wages worthy of their efforts. Amen



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week will begin on Monday, 12 May and will conclude on Sunday, 18 May.

The whole of Catholic Education South Australia will be celebrating this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the great things that happen within our schools.

We will be celebrating Catholic Education Week through an open morning after our Mother's Day Liturgy on Monday, May 12. All families, parishioners and wider community members are invited to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS

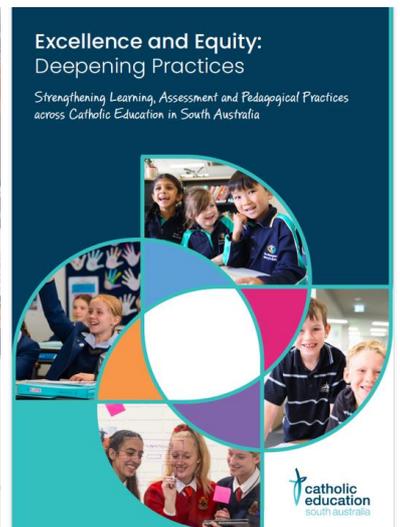
STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

On Monday all teaching staff participated in a session designed to widen our knowledge of a new document produced by Catholic Education South Australia – titled 'Excellence and Equity: Deepening Practices. Strengthening Learning, Assessment and Pedagogical Practices across Catholic Education in South Australia.

Whilst reading through the document, staff prepared questions to go into our custom made 'Excellence and Equity Trivial Pursuit', where teams vied for the winning position.

Staff then put their learning to further use by writing and discussing what practices need to be included in our 'Agreed Practices in Numeracy' as well as our 'Agreed Practices in Literacy'.

This year I am participating in some training on Explicit Instruction and how this can benefit student engagement and retention of information, to be passed onto to all staff. We look forward to sharing more information as the year progresses.



- Kylie Wells (Leader of Learning & Wellbeing)

DATA INFORMED DECISION MAKING

On Monday all teaching staff also participated in a session designed to deepen our knowledge on using assessment data to inform instruction and support improved student outcomes. All students at St Joseph's School from Years 2-9 complete a PAT Reading and Maths Adaptive assessment twice a year (Term 1 and Term 4) and Reception and Year 1 students complete PT Early Years Tests for Reading and Maths. By analysing and interpreting assessment data, teachers create data informed teaching and learning experiences suitable for whole class, small group and one to one instruction, forming a highly personalised and intentional curriculum for all students based on where they are at.

- Taylor Meyer

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 \$2.50 each (sauce free)
FRUIT BOXES \$1.50 each

| KIDS CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS – Term 2 | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | CANTEEN (Mondays) | CANTEEN (Wednesdays) | SAUSAGE SIZZLE (Fridays) |
| WEEK 1 | 28/4 STUDENT FREE DAY – NO CANTEEN | 30/4 Katrina Hill | 2/5 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 2 | 5/5 Katrina Hill | 7/5 Katrina Hill | 9/5 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 3 | 12/5 Katrina Hill | 14/5 Katrina Hill | 16/5 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 4 | 19/5 Katrina Hill | 21/5 Katrina Hill | 23/5 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 5 | 26/5 Katrina Hill | 28/5 Katrina Hill | 30/5 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 6 | 2/6 Katrina Hill | 4/6 Katrina Hill | 6/6 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 7 | 9/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO CANTEEN | 11/6 Katrina Hill | 13/6 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 8 | 16/6 Katrina Hill | 18/6 Katrina Hill | 20/6 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 9 | 23/6 Katrina Hill | 25/6 Katrina Hill | 27/6 Rotary Club |
| WEEK 10 | 2/7 Katrina Hill | 2/7 Katrina Hill | 4/7 EARLY FINISH – 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>



SCHOOL INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Did you know that we also have a presence on Instagram? If you want to follow us, scan the QR code ☺



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7/8/9 CLASS CAMP

KRISPY KREME FUNDRaiser

ORDERS DUE MONDAY 19TH MAY, WEEK 4

ORIGINAL GLAZED DOZEN \$26



ASSORTED DOZEN \$34



STRAWBERRY DELIGHT
DOZEN \$34



CHOCOLATE DELIGHT
DOZEN \$34



ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME & AVAILABLE AT
THE FRONT OFFICE

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL,
PETERBOROUGH

IT'S OUR MOTHER'S DAY SALE!

Week 2

Monday- Thursday

8:30am - 9:00am

3:20pm - 3:30pm

THE SRC ARE SELLING MOTHER'S (OR
SPECIAL SOMEONE) GIFTS. LIMITED
STOCK AVAILABLE.

Located in the school hall.
Cash only.

290 MAIN STREET, PETERBOROUGH

FRI 2ND
MAY



YOUTH CLUB

2025

GOLD COIN ENTRY

4PM - 7PM | 10-18 YEARS

FREE FOOD & SNACKS | DRINKS \$2