

St Joseph's School PETERBOROLIGH

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IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 8

Middle Years cooking breakfast at kindy THURSDAY, 19 JUNE

World Refugee Day Year 7/8/9 Liturgy – 9:10am

WEEK 9

Year 7/8/9 Science excursion – Alligator Gorge

WEEK 10

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off

Student Free Day

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WEEK 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 7! The past few weeks have been filled with rich learning experiences and community celebrations that reflect the vibrant life of our school. Our choir proudly performed at the Biggest Morning Tea, helping raise funds for a great cause, while our Year 2/3/4 class had an unforgettable adventure at Monarto Zoo for Camp. Students in Years 4-6 represented our school with great enthusiasm at the Tag Rugby Carnival, and our Year 7–9 students explored future pathways at the Careers Expo. We also took time to honour National Reconciliation Week with meaningful learning and reflection, and many of our students have been jumping with energy and purpose as part of the Jump Rope for Heart initiative. It's been a joy to witness the enthusiasm and engagement of our students across all year levels.

WELCOME

This week, we warmly welcomed a new student, Aaron, and his family to our St Joseph's School community. We hope you have enjoyed your first few days with us and look forward to supporting you on your learning journey.

We also welcomed five new students, Thomas, Ivy, Emily, Carter, and Charli on Thursday as part of their transition to school program. They will begin their primary schooling with us in Term 3, and we are excited to have them join our community.

CARE AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

At St Joseph's School, our CARE values guide who we are and what we do each day. We Care for ourselves, others, environment; we Actively Engage in our learning; we Respect ourselves, others, and the environment; and we Establish an environment where everyone feels safe and welcome. These values are embedded in every aspect of school life and help shape a strong, inclusive, and supportive community.

I am incredibly proud to see our students consistently living out our CARE values, both within the school gates and out in the wider



community. A special congratulations to our Year 4–6 girls' Tag Rugby team who were awarded the Respect Trophy at Wednesday's carnival, a true reflection of their sportsmanship and integrity. Well done also to Tyler, who stepped up to join another team that was short of players; despite not playing with his own peers, he gave his all and even scored the winning try! Our Year 7/8/9 students also demonstrated wonderful care and hospitality as they catered for the Rotary Club of Peterborough dinner, warmly welcoming guests and proudly representing our school.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday, 4 July 2025 (Week 10) will be a student free day.

We are excited to share thar we have been building our engagement with Catholic Education South Australia's new program and operational model, CESA Improved Learning through Allied Health (CILAH). This model allows schools to access allied health services through a structured process, supporting the wellbeing and development of our students.

As part of this partnership, we've invited the CILAH Team to lead a Professional Development Day for our teaching and education support staff focusing on trauma informed practices.

MID-YEAR RECEPTION ENROLMENTS

A reminder that St Joseph's School, Peterborough offers a Term 3 Reception intake each year. The criteria for starting Reception on the first day of school in Term 3, 2025 is that your child will have turned 5 on or before 31 October 2025. If your child turns 5 between 1 November 2025 and 30 April 2026, they will be eligible to start school in Term 1, 2026. If you have a child who is eligible for the mid-year intake, please make a time for a school tour and enrolment interview by contacting our front office.

Our transition program for Term 3 Reception students has commenced providing children with the opportunity to meet and get to know their teacher and peers prior to formally commencing their schooling in Term 3. Our Transition Program dates for the remainder of the term are as follows:

together to arrange a suitable plan moving forward. Your child's access to education and wellbeing remains our priority.

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

PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENING – PORT PIRIE

On Wednesday, 25 June (Week 9), parents and caregivers are invited to come along to St Mark's College, Port Pirie for a regional Parent Engagement Evening where renowned parenting and resilience expert, Madhavi Nawana Parker will be leading a session on helping children and teens respond to friendship difficulties and bullying.

We will be taking our school bus so come along and learn with us. Bus will be leaving St Joseph's Peterborough at 4:15pm sharp with an estimated arrival time back at 9:00pm. Please register your attendance by calling the front office on 8651 8100 by Friday, 20 June. Places on the bus are limited to 20.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If your family is experiencing financial hardship and finding it difficult to meet school fee commitments, please don't hesitate to reach out. I warmly invite you to make a time to meet with me so we can discuss your situation confidentially and work

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 <u>loyal service</u> of the Church and the vision of Jesus, then material needs would be taken care of.

Our Values

VALUES – what is important to us

Resources

At St Joseph's School we are committed to:

 Ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for everyone

STRONGER FAMILIES:
A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE
PORT PIRIE

Wednesday June 25, 2025
6pm sharp – 7:30pm

Location
St Mark's College – Bishop Gallagher Centre
Bosco Campus, The Terrace, Port Pirie

FEATURED SPEAKER
Madhavi Nawana Parker
Helping Children and Teens
Respond to Friendship
Difficulties and Bullying
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FREE Event Light refreshments included

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BUILDING WORKS

We are excited to share that building works on the Middle Years transportable will commence in early July. This project will create an additional contemporary learning space for our Middle Years students, aligning with our vision of providing modern, flexible, and future-focused learning environments.

REPORTS

Teachers are currently busy writing and finalising student reports. We use a range of accumulated assessments from the planned learning experiences taught throughout Term 1 and 2 to provide a summary achievement report for parents/caregivers. You will receive your child's report on Wednesday Week 10. Remember that you can see your child's teacher anytime to discuss learning progress or any other matters, and you are encouraged to do so.

ANTI-BULLYING RAPID REVIEW



The Australian Government recently announced an Anti-Bullying Rapid Review. The Review will look at current approaches to addressing bullying in schools, what is working and what needs strengthening, with the aim of providing options for the development of a consistent national standard for responding to bullying and its underlying causes in schools.

The Review is now accepting submissions. The Review co-chairs, Dr Charlotte Keating and Dr Jo Robinson AM, are seeking views from students, parents, teachers, and those involved in school education across the country. Submissions can be made anonymously if preferred.

To provide feedback through the submission process, please visit www.education.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review. This page contains instructions on how to participate, along with the Review's Terms of Reference.

SCHOOL SPORTS VOUCHERS

All South Australian families are eligible for a voucher for children to contribute towards sports club fees. Contact your local club for further details.

-Taylor Meyer

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday, 8 June, we celebrated Pentecost, a special day in the Church calendar that marks the moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, filling them with courage and guiding them to share the message of Jesus with the world. Often called the 'birthday of the Church,' Pentecost reminds us that we are called to be people of hope, peace, and love in our communities. Pentecost invites us to recognise the presence of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives, guiding us to act with compassion, speak with kindness, and build connections across our diverse and multicultural society. It reminds us that we are never alone; the Spirit is with us, helping us to live out our faith through our words and actions.



SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. If your child is 7 years of age (or older) and would like to be involved in the Sacrament Program, please contact Taylor Meyer for further information.

SEEDS OF HOPE

This year, our diocesan theme *Seeds of Hope* invites us to reflect on how we can be people of hope in our world. Aligned with the global Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, it calls us to plant and nurture seeds of faith, compassion, and justice in our daily lives. At St Joseph's School, this theme is woven into our Religious Education curriculum, guiding students to explore how they can be sources of hope within their families, school, and broader community.



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In their Religious Education lessons, our Year 7, 8, and 9 students have been engaging deeply with the *Seeds of Hope* theme. Students have planned and implemented initiatives to plant 'Seeds of Hope' in our Peterborough community, showing leadership, compassion, and creativity in bringing their ideas to life. Below is a description of some of the many initiatives that are taking place with many more still being planned and many more 'Seeds of Hope 'to be planted.

Memphis Howe has worked hard to refurbish the school cubby house, creating a welcoming and imaginative play space for our primary students. This project was supported by funds raised through the SRC, highlighting the power of teamwork and student-led action. Isabella White is nurturing hope through her Blessing Cupboard, a thoughtful initiative



where community members are invited to take what they need and leave what they can, promoting generosity and dignity for all. Preston Arrow, Harrison Sleep, and Roy Smith have launched a second-hand uniform shop, encouraging sustainability while supporting families to access affordable uniform items. With the funds raised, their class has prepared and cooked meals to donate to Uniting Country SA in Peterborough, helping provide warmth and nourishment to those in need this winter. Seth Cassin, Makayla Evans, and Connor Limburg have also been preparing games and activities which they will take to Nayla Lodge, building social connections with residents.

We are proud of the thoughtful and heartfelt ways our students are embracing this theme, demonstrating that even small acts of kindness and understanding can grow into something much greater. Their commitment to spreading hope in our local community is truly inspiring.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CHOIR

On Friday, 23 May, our School Choir consisting of our Year 2/3/4 class and some students from our Year 5/6 class were invited to perform at the Peterborough Lion's Club "Biggest Morning Tea" fundraising event. Our choir practices weekly, and all their hard work and efforts shone on the big stage with some beautiful feedback provided to our school. Congratulations to all our choir students!

-Chris Malycha





YEAR 7/8/9 CAREER EXPO

On Wednesday of Week 5, the Year 7/8/9 class travelled to Port Pirie to attend the Careers Expo. The event featured a wide range of exhibitors, including universities, businesses, organisations, and various programs. Some of the highlights included the BHP stand and the Academy of Interactive Entertainment. Students returned with a variety of brochures and new ideas for possible future careers.

-Jessica Robinson

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We're skipping through the term!

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. St Joseph's School, Peterborough has already raised \$1993.00.

It's not long until our Jump Off Day on the Thursday, 3 July 2025 so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause!

Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details at www.jumprope.org.au/parents

P.S. Don't forget our skipping goal of 10 hours! Currently, we've completed 8 hours. Only 2 hours to go!







School Fundraising

The SRC have done an amazing job at raising funds for the cubby house revamp and mud kitchen. They have completed several fundraisers including fruit kebabs, chocolate frog sales and a pumpkin soup sale.







-Millie Smart

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK



National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and to reflect on how we can each contribute to reconciliation in our country. To celebrate National Reconciliation Week at St Joseph's School, our Year 2/3/4 students led a thoughtful and respectful liturgy, acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we live, learn, and play each day. Throughout the week, students also had the opportunity to engage in cultural learning experiences, including a viewing of *Eddie's Lil' Homies:Yoinks* as part of the SA Country Arts Nunga Screen, and a hands-on damper-making activity. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds, and actions of all of us, and we continue to pray and work together for a better, united future.







What does Monarto Safari Park do with all the animal poo?
After it is picked up (thanks kids!!) it is used to create a nutritionally rich compost called "Zoo Poo". This is available to purchase and is used in many gardens and parks around Adelaide. This supports Sustainable practices and reduces landfill waste.

We helped pick up the Bison and Mongolian Horse poo, shovelling it into buckets and popping it in the Ute.

What a special and fulfilling experience for the students to participate in.

















MIDDLE YEARS FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND THE SAINT'S CAFÉ

Over the past two weeks, our Year 7/8/9 Food Technology students prepared and cooked a three-course menu to share with the Rotary Club of Peterborough and special guest Mayor Ruth. This event highlighted the strong connections we have within our community and gave students a valuable opportunity to showcase their culinary skills while giving back to the dedicated volunteers of the Rotary Club, who generously support our school community. Additionally, students worked towards earning their barista and hospitality micro-credentials by serving at this important community event. Congratulations to all Year 7/8/9 students for your excellent hospitality and genuine care for our community.













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

		KIE	OS CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS – Term	2		
	CANTEEN		CANTEEN		SAUSAGE SIZZLE	
	(Mondays)		(Wednesdays)		(Fridays)	
WEEK 8		16/6		18/6		20/6
	Katrina Hill		Katrina Hill		Rotary Club	
WEEK 9		23/6		25/6		27/6
	Katrina Hill		Katrina Hill		Rotary Club	
WEEK 10		2/7		2/7		4/7
	Katrina Hill		Katrina Hill		Student Free Day – 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

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