



St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 10

THURSDAY, 3 JULY Final Day of Term 2 FRIDAY, 4 JULY Student Free Day

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

TERM 3

WEEK 1

MONDAY, 21 JULY

Term 3 Commences
Welcome Mid-Year Reception
Students

WEEK 2

WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY 5:30pm Board Meeting

WEEK 3

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WFFK

MONDAY, 4 AUGUST

Year 7/8/9 Camp – Mylor TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST

Year 7/8/9 Camp – Mylor WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST

Year 7/8/9 Camp – Mylor 4/5/6 Soccer

ERIDAY & ALIGHST

Feast Day of St Mary the Cross MacKillop

Reception – Year 9 Feast Day Celebrations – Bundaleer Forest

WEEK 4

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST Student Free Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Term 2 of 2025 concludes, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, families, and staff for their unwavering commitment and enthusiasm throughout the term. Guided by our Diocesan theme, *Seeds of Hope*, we've continued cultivating a community rich in faith, growth and excellence where the seeds we have planted will support our students in raising hearts and minds to be thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires.

As we enter the holiday break, I wish all students, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable break. May this time be filled with peace and reflection, allowing us to return refreshed for the adventures and opportunities of Term 3. Let us continue to sow seeds of hope, nurturing a community where faith, learning, and love flourish.

STUDENT FREE DAY

A reminder that tomorrow, 4 July will be a student free day. Staff will join the staff from St Joseph's Parish School, Gladstone to engage in professional learning around trauma informed practice. This day will be led by expert members the CESA Improved Learning through Allied Health (CILAH) team and we look forward to our continuing partnership to promote best outcomes for our young people.

Friday, 15 August (Week 4, Term 2) will also be a student free day. Staff will engage in a faith formation day facilitated by myself and Mary Manning, Catholic Identity and Mission Advisor for the Port Pirie Diocese.

REPORTS

Yesterday you would have received your child's Semester 1 report. The information contained in your child's report is a summary of their achievement for this semester. Your child's report plays a key role in developing effective school/family partnerships to support your child's ongoing learning. Therefore, please take this opportunity to celebrate the successes your child has achieved throughout the semester. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to discuss their child's report with their child's teachers.

ABSENT DAYS

It is important that your child attends school every day. Understandably, there are occasions when students need to stay home when there is genuine illness, family reasons or medical appointments. It is important to know that frequent absent days can interrupt your child's learning, therefore, the more often they are at school the better it is for their learning and education.

DID YOU KNOW!

- ✓ Regular attendance is a learned behaviour.
- ✓ When children engage in activities outside of school such as sport, employment or even going to the movies - arriving on time is regarded as essential
- ✓ Attendance patterns are established in the early years of school.
- ✓ Many parents hold the belief that children will not be adversely affected by missing school.
- ✓ Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

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

BUILDING WORKS

We are excited to share that building works on the Middle Years transportable will commence on Monday, 14 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.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all uniform items are *clearly labelled*. At this time of year we have a lot of jumpers and jackets left around the school and many are not named therefore providing a challenge to find their rightful owner. Please also ensure that if you have a secondhand item, that you remove the old name and write your child's name instead. Any unnamed items of clothing are taken to the <u>red lost property bin</u> at the front office. If your child has misplaced any items, parents are invited to check the lost property box at any time.

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:

 Recognising and using the skills of everyone in the school community

ANTI-BULLYING RAPID REVIEW



Use the QR code to visit www.aducation.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review and share your experiences.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our warmest congratulations to Mrs Renée Porter, who successfully completed her final professional experience placement this term, marking the completion of her tertiary studies. We are incredibly fortunate to have Renée as a valued member of our staff, and we look forward to her continued contributions throughout the remainder of the year.

FAREWELL

In Week 8, we farewelled Pre-service Teacher Mr Joseph Couzner, who spent most of the term working with our Year 2/3/4 class. We thank Joseph for the energy, care, and dedication he brought to our school community and for the positive relationships he built with our students. We wish him every success as he continues his studies and journey into teaching.

-Taylor Meyer

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

On Tuesday, 1 July, our school community gathered with parishioners to celebrate our Whole School Mass. It was a beautiful opportunity to pause, come together in faith, and reflect on the many blessings of Term 2.

The Mass provided a meaningful moment to express gratitude for the learning, growth, and community spirit that has flourished over the past ten weeks. Our 2025 Diocesan theme, *Seeds of Hope*, was woven throughout the celebration, reminding us of the hope we find in God's presence and the way His love helps us grow, even in times of challenge. During his homily, Father Ramel spoke about being open to God's work in our lives and recognising that it is through Him we can grow and flourish. His words reminded us that, just like seeds, we need nurturing, care, and faith to become the people God calls us to be.

We are thankful to Father Ramel and to the parish for sharing in this celebration with us, and to all students and staff who helped prepare and participate in the Mass. It was a joyful and hope-filled way to mark the end of another wonderful term.



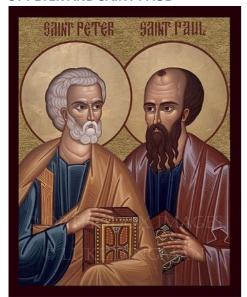








ST PETER AND SAINT PAUL



On Sunday, 29 June, we remember Saint Peter and Saint Paul. They shaped the church in the early years. Peter, who was originally named Simon, was given his name by Jesus. His name means 'rock' or 'stone'. In Peter, Jesus gave the Church a solid leader.

Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Saint Paul was originally known as Saul, and he was a Roman citizen and a Pharisee. He was the patron saint of missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope and saddle makers, and tent makers.

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.

YEAR 7/8/9 SEEDS OF HOPE PROJECTS

Our Year 7/8/9 students continue to sow 'Seeds of Hope' for those within and beyond our school community during their Religious Education and Integrated Learning lessons. Congratulations to Year 8 student, Memphis Howe who with the support of his peers along the way, has refurbished the cubby house so that younger members of our school community will soon have an additional play space. Memphis has creatively brought the cubby house to life again and we cannot wait to see the happy faces and hear the laughter and joy that this project will bring.





Our Middle Years students were deeply saddened to hear of the events that have recently impacted upon Marigold, her family and local communities in the Mid-North Region. Our students have come up with an idea to host a quiz night to raise funds and to Plant Seeds of Hope for a young person, family and community of people. All profits raised from the quiz night will go towards CareFlight as per the wishes of Marigold's family. We hope you can come and help us sow Seeds of Hope with us.

SCHOOL NEWS

SRC - SEMESTER 1

Congratulations to all the students who were members of our Primary SRC in Semester 1. This group of future leaders have made a profound impact implementing initiatives throughout the school to make our community a better place. We that Miss Millie Smart for her leadership and look forward to the exciting initiatives next Semester with a new SRC Team.

- I have enjoyed being able to participate in helping raise money by doing different projects that people find fun and enjoyable Jasmine Crack
- Making and selling different foods like pumpkin soup, fruit sticks and strawberries and ice cream because of all the happy faces when they ate it Hendrix Howe

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- Having a pyjama day because everyone got to wear pyjamas to school and I wore Bluey ones River Jennings
- Pyjama day because people were happy Gabe Munro
- I like the meetings that I got to go to because I helped make decisions for our school Ellyse Richards













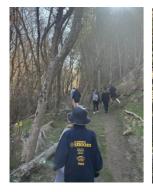


YEAR 7/8/9 CLASS

On Monday of Week 9, the Year 7/8/9 class headed out to Bundaleer Forest for a hands-on biodiversity survey. During our visit, students explored the forest environment, observing the local flora (plants) and fauna (animals) in their natural habitat. They looked closely for signs of wildlife, including fallen leaves, tracks, and animal droppings, to help identify the different species living in the area.

Back at school, students used their findings to create food webs, showing how all the living things in Bundaleer forest are connected and rely on one another to survive. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect classroom learning with the real world and deepen our understanding of local ecosystems.









Jessica Robinson

ST JOSEPH'S SPORTING NEWS

During Term 2 we have had several wonderful sporting celebrations. Hendrix Howe trialled for SAPSASA Football and Max Lock trialled for SAPSASA Netball. Both boys were skilled enough to be chosen to represent North Eastern in Adelaide. During Week 7 students in Year 4/5/6 travelled to Jamestown to compete in a tag rugby carnival. The students played 10 games and represented our school with pride. The girls' team was awarded the respect trophy for the day.

















PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

KIDS CAFÉ

Please fill out the below table if you can 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 3			
	CANTEEN	CANTEEN	SAUSAGE SIZZLE
	(Mondays)	(Wednesdays)	(Fridays)
WEEK 1	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 2	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 3	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 4	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 5	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 6	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 7	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 8	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 9	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	Rotary Club of Peterborough
WEEK 10	Katrina Hill	Katrina Hill	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 $\mbox{\em } \odot$









