



# St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

### WEEK 7

#### THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Reception Transition 9-3:20pm

#### FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

2/3/4 & 7/8/9 Assembly 9:15am

Year 6 to 7 Transition session 12  
– 1:00pm

Choir Performance @ St  
Anacletus Church 2pm

### WEEK 8

#### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

R/1 & 2/3/4 Excursion

**Board Meeting & Dinner 5:30pm**

#### THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Christmas Carols on the Oval  
6pm (Students arrive at 5:30pm)

#### FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Year 6 to 7 Transition 9 – 3:20pm  
Year 9 to 10 Transition morning  
@ PHS

### WEEK 9

SWIMMING LESSONS

#### THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

End of Year Mass & Graduation  
6:30pm on Basketball Court

#### FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Splash Day 11-12pm  
Early Finish 1:00pm

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### ADVENT

Advent is the season of waiting as we prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered. I hope that this special season of joyful expectation brings much hope and anticipation for everyone in our school community.



*God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.  
Amen.*

### CAROLS ON THE OVAL

Our Community Carols on the Oval Event will be held on **Thursday 7th December** on the School Oval at **6:00pm**. BBQ tea will be available from 5:30pm and families are encouraged to bring deck chairs and or picnic rugs and enjoy a night of carols and Christmas cheer! The more the merrier.

***Students will need to be dropped off at 5:30pm to have tea (sausage in bread & fruit box provided free of charge) and get ready. Students are asked to dress in Christmas colours or Christmas themed outfits for the evening.***

This event is free of charge. We look forward to seeing you there and joining in with the singing! Let's hope for sunny weather!

### END OF YEAR MASS & GRADUATION

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9) we invite all parents, family and friends to attend the End of Year Mass & Graduation to celebrate the year.

At this special Mass, we will acknowledge the Year 6 students as they complete Primary school and transition to Secondary year levels. We will also farewell our first group of Year 9 students as they graduate from St Jo's.

Our annual awards will be presented as well as farewells acknowledged.

This year we will again hold our Mass outside on the School Basketball Court at **6:30pm**. This Mass is a compulsory school event so all students are expected to be in attendance. We ask students and their families to be at school by 6:20pm ready for Mass to begin at 6:30pm.

## COVID-19 - Reminder

As many of us would be aware, Covid -19 is making a return in our communities, and we need to be vigilant in keeping infections to a minimum. A reminder that students, staff, and site visitors who are showing Covid-19 symptoms should stay away from school until acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever) have cleared.

## TRANSITION

This Friday our Year 6 students will have a visit to the Tennison Woods Building to explore some aspects of our Secondary learning environment. They will then experience a full day on Friday of week 8 when they will engage in various lessons and get a taste for what is to come for them in 2024.

## CLASS STRUCTURE 2024

Our class structures will be slightly different next year. We are expanding to four classes in the Primary section of the school and will have two Pastoral Care groups in the Secondary section. Classes and allocated Teachers are listed below.

R/1 Class – Millie Smart

2/3 Class – Nicki Morgan

4/5 Class – Regina Farr & Tracy Wu

6 Class – Kaitlin Hier

7/8 Pastoral Care – Jessica Robinson

9 Pastoral Care – Mary Gazzola

Further information will be shared in the next newsletter regarding specialist subjects and ESO staffing.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons will be held in Week 9 of this term. A consent form and note will be sent home with today's newsletter. Lessons will be held Monday 11th – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. R/1 and 2/3/4 Classes will have 45-minute lessons and the 5/6 and 7/8/9 Classes will have 1 hr lessons. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a 'Splash Day' with an hour of fun and games at the pool. Please return consent forms and payment as soon as possible. *Please note, students who do not participate in swimming lessons, will not be permitted to participate in the Splash Day event on Friday.*

## SRC DRESS UP DAY

Our SRC students have decided to host a dress up day on Friday of Week 8 (8<sup>th</sup> December) to raise money to purchase a Global Gift through Caritas Australia. Students and staff are asked to dress up as something starting with the first letter of their first name or last name. There is a gold coin donation to participate. We look forward to seeing some great costume ideas next Friday!

## REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9) with the newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please organise a time to meet with your child's teacher before the end of the year.

## HELP NEEDED

We require helpers for the BBQ on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December for our Carols on the Oval event. If you can help by cooking or serving BBQ and drinks we can ensure that our community are fed and we can raise funds for the school which go towards your children by being able to purchase learning resources. Without parent volunteers, we are unable to provide this important service to our community. Please let Kelly or Bec know if you can help out. You won't miss out on the concert as we will all be out on the Oval together 😊 Thanks to Katrina & Bill Hill who have volunteered, we still require a couple more parents to help out.

## Our Catholic Identity

### GOSPEL VALUE

#### Freedom

Freedom allows the capacity to face and learn from mistakes and failures. Students need to be helped to be more capable of accepting responsibility for their lives and of courageous, compassionate and generous service.

### JOSEPHITE VALUE

#### Simplicity

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we are called to live simply, in mind and heart, to travel lightly and to make room for all because we are not encumbered with too much nor desire to have it all.

## Our Mission

### VALUES – what is important to us

#### Student Identity

It is important to us that all students of our school community:

- have voice and choice to influence their own learning and assessment

*-Bec Fahey*

# CATHOLIC IDENTITY

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December we begin the season of Advent. The season of Advent reminds us that we can look forward to and prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. It is a season of so many things: of expectation, reflection, hope and trust.

Over the last few weeks of term, the students and staff at St Joseph's will be gathering together to learn and reflect more on what advent means to us. We will be gathering together to share Liturgies, prayer services and to learn about the Jesse Tree.

We look forward to learning together about this special and important season of the Church.



### Some Simple Things to Pray For During Advent:

1. Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.
2. Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.
3. Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.
4. Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.
5. Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of a loving community.
6. Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.
7. Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.
8. Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.
9. Pray for joy and a sense of humour.
10. Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.
11. Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.
12. Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.
13. Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.
14. Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.
15. Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

~ Edited from Whitney Hople's "Pray for Simplicity this Advent"  
<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/12-advent-prayers.html>

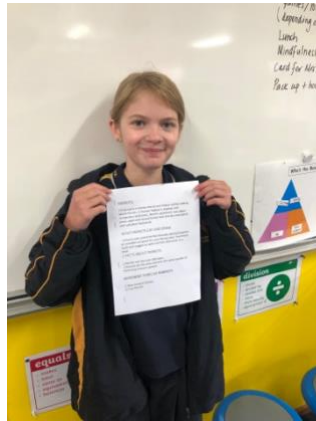
# SCHOOL NEWS

## 2/3/4 CLASS NEWS

A mixed bag of experiences in Term 4 so far...



Australian Landforms

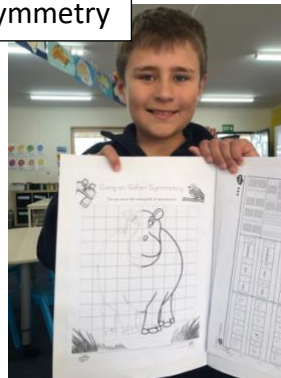


Measuring Capacity



Australian Flora

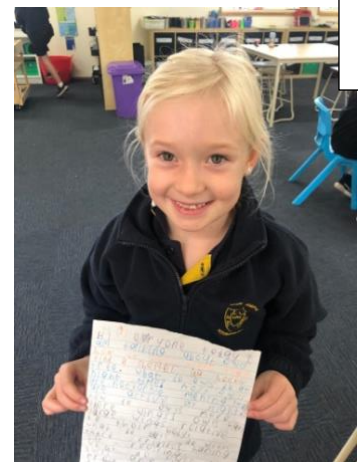
Symmetry



HASS/  
Art



Oral Reports



Fractions



Gallery Walks during the lesson.



*Nikki Morgan & Regina Farr*

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# PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

## KIDS CAFÉ

If you are interested in helping with our Kid's Café please contact the front office. A Working With Children Check and double vaccination is required to volunteer. 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 4					
WEEK 7	Katrina Hill	27/11	Katrina Hill	29/11	Bill Hill + Russell Sleep 1/12
WEEK 8	Katrina Hill	4/12	Katrina Hill	6/12	ROTARY CLUB 8/12
WEEK 9	Katrina Hill	11/12	Katrina Hill	13/12	NO CANTEEN – EARLY FINISH 15/12

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year we are holding our End of Year Celebration, Carols on The Oval, on the School Oval on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm. We will be selling steak sandwiches, sausage in bread and drinks. We would love some volunteers that can help cook and serve the BBQ and drinks. This will be the last P&F event of the 2023 year and is always a good fundraiser. All help is valued and appreciated. If you can lend a hand from 5pm – 7pm (or part of this time) please call the front office and let Kelly know. Thanks, in anticipation!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

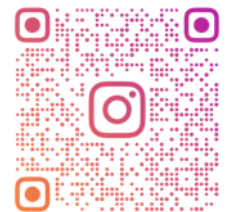


Don't forget that you can also keep up to date with what is happening in our school by liking us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with useful information, photos, videos, etc. Simply click on the following link or type it into your web browser <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsSchoolPeterborough>



## 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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**Is your child due for their dental check-up?**

If your child hasn't had their regular dental check-up yet, the upcoming school holidays is an ideal time to book an appointment without having to worry about taking them out of school.

Prevention is always better than cure – which is why regularly assessing your child's teeth is the most effective way to keep their dental health on track from childhood right through to adulthood.

Your child may also be eligible for **\$1052 FREE basic dental care** every two years through the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

If your child is not eligible for CDBS and lives in a remote area, they will be eligible for the Remote Children Dental Scheme (RCDS), which allows **\$300** of treatment and **one FREE mouthguard** per calendar year.

To book an appointment and/or find out if your child is eligible today, give us a call on (08) 8651 3007.

[www.remarkabledentistry.com.au](http://www.remarkabledentistry.com.au)



## YOUTH CLUB

**Friday 1st December**  
**4PM - 7PM**  
**Ages 10 & over**  
**GOLD COIN ENTRY**

December, 7th 6:00pm

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL INVITES THE  
PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY TO

Christmas Carols on the Oval



St Joseph's School Oval, Bourke St, Peterborough

BBQ & Drinks for sale, bring your picnic rug or deck chairs  
and join us for a night of Christmas cheer!

St Joseph's SRC Present:

"Dress up as the first  
letter of your name"  
Day

**When:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**What:** Dress up as the first letter of your (first or last)  
name

e.g.- Sarah dresses as a **s**heep  
**M**att dresses as a **m**onster  
William dresses as "Where's **W**ally?"

**Cost:** gold coin donation

All money raised will go towards Caritas Australia

**\*\*\* SPRING SPN CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON \*\*\***

**MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2023 – 11-2PM AT VICTORIA PARK**

**EVERYONE** is invited to join our **FREE SPRING SPN Christmas Day Luncheon**.

- Enjoy: Free Bbq sausages & salads – Dessert – Soft drinks – Ice-blocks. Enjoy the Music Entertainment.
- Father Christmas will arrive and bring presents for both the children and adults.

This is a **FREE Community Event** for everyone to enjoy a fun filled day. **So, don't miss out!!**

So, bring your chair and/or blanket & enjoy this Alcohol free event. Children **MUST be supervised at all times**.

For more details, please contact: Peter Hopkins 0487 037 134 or springpeterboroughspn@gmail.com

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for catering purposes, are in the Post Office on the side counter. Please make sure you have all of your Children's details: name, age & gender on the forms.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Change of closing date, is now **SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023**.

Registration Forms will also be available at the Christmas Pageant on Saturday 16 December at the **SPRING SPN stall** for last minute registrations. **ENJOY A FUN DAY OUT!!**