



St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 3

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
School Board Meeting – 5:30pm

WEEK 4

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
R/1 & 6 Class Assembly - 9:15am
Open Morning following Liturgy

WEEK 5

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
Yr 6 Camp – Adelaide
TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
Yr 6 Camp - Adelaide
WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
Yr 6 Camp - Adelaide
FRIDAY 1ST MARCH
SCHOOL PHOTOS 9am
7/8/9 Assembly – 2:45pm

WEEK 6

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
2/3 Liturgy -9:15am

WEEK 7

MONDAY 11TH MARCH
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 12TH MARCH
4/5 Assembly 2:45pm
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
School Board AGM – 5:30pm
THURSDAY 14TH MARCH
Secondary Sports Day (Pt 1)
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
SPORTS DAY R-9

WEEK 8

BOOK FAIR NAPLAN
TUESDAY 19TH MARCH
St Joseph's Feast Day
7/8/9 Liturgy 9:15am
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH
Chrism Mass – Pt Pirie
FRIDAY 22ND MARCH
R/1 & 6 Assembly 9:15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ST VALENTINE

Today, 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.

OPEN MORNING

On Friday of Week 4 (23rd February) after the R/1 & Y6 Class lead us in Liturgy, we will be opening all of our classrooms for Parents & Friends to visit. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see your child's classroom and explore some of the learning that they have been engaging in over the first few weeks of school. Staff and students warmly invite you to join us and hope to see many of you there!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 1st of March we will have Master School Photography from Gawler (Jamestown has sold to Gawler) at school to take our 2024 School Photos. All students will have their photo taken and are required at school by 9am in full school uniform.



This new company requests families use online order forms and payments. Attached to this newsletter is a flier with a link and instructions as to how to order photos for your child/ren. If anyone needs assistance ordering online, please feel free to see Kelly who is happy to assist.

SPORTS DAY DATE CLAIMER

Our twilight Sports Day will be held on **Friday 15th March (Week 7)**. 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 has been included in today's newsletter, please return to the front office as soon as possible and by Friday 8th March.** Thank you in advance for your assistance on the day!

SECONDARY SPORTS DAY EVENTS – Thursday 14th March

Our Secondary students have three events to compete in the day before the official Sports Day. These events do not fit in to our regular schedule on Sports Day so they will be held on Thursday at 11am. Spectators are very welcome to attend on the School oval for the events of Triple Jump, Discus & Javelin. All events are official and the results will be contributing to overall team scores as well as individual championship points.

SCHOOL CARD

The table below indicates the income limits for accessing school card for 2024. The gross annual income is for the 2022/23 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	\$70,994	\$1,365
2	\$72,262	\$1,390
3	\$73,530	\$1,414
4	\$74,798	\$1,439
5	\$76,066	\$1,463
Each additional dependent child	Add \$1,268 for each child	Add \$25 for each child

School Card Applications for 2024 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 or Helen in the front office as soon as possible.



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

This year we continue our relationship with Centacare Catholic Country SA to provide a counsellor at our school every Friday and we welcome back Naomi Wilkins 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. Students can seek the counsellor's services themselves or they can be referred to the counsellor by a parent or teacher.

NAPLAN ONLINE

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be involved in Literacy and Numeracy Testing, (NAPLAN Tests) in **Term 1** this year. The testing window is open from the **12th to the 22nd March**. These tests provide useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national results and are a means of identifying particular needs at each year level. They are, however, one mode of assessment in the overall learning program and St Joseph's School uses a variety of assessment strategies. As the tests are online, we have a 9 day window to catch up any students who are absent during the scheduled testing sessions. Please see me as soon as possible if you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing.

WELCOME

We warmly welcome three new students to our school! Charlie & Nate Marsh joined us during Week 2 in Year 5 and 2 respectively. This week, we welcome Hunter Delany in Year 1. We hope you all settle in well to the St Jo's community!

CONDOLENCES

We offer our deepest sympathies to Bianca, Tyler, Seth and Parents Michelle & Brad on the recent loss of their Pop/Dad/Father-in-Law. We are thinking of you all at this difficult time.

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

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

In Week 2 we officially opened our 2024 school year with our Opening School Mass. Our Mass focussed on our Diocesan Theme 'Let Your Light Shine'. We also blessed and commissioned our 2024 student leadership group. This was followed by our staff commissioning where all staff pledged a commitment to their mission as educators in Catholic Education and were blessed by Fr Ramel. This was extra special to share with students, families, and parishioners this year.



SHROVE TUESDAY



In Australia and Britain, the day preceding Ash Wednesday is popularly known as Shrove Tuesday. It is also frequently called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday as well as by its Latin name, Mardi Gras, which when translated from the French also means "Fat Tuesday."

But it is the name "Shrove" that shows its religious origins. Shrove is the past tense of the English verb "Shrive" which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and by doing penance.

With Shrove Tuesday taking place before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, it was the day when Christians were encouraged to go to confession in preparation for the penitential season that would end 40 days and 40 nights later with Easter Sunday. Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which are traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast.

Not only was Shrove Tuesday a last chance to gorge on such foods but it was also a way to use them up before the fast began.

Yesterday our students enjoyed their pancakes with yummy toppings! Thank you to Mrs Wells and her 7/8/9 helpers who cooked and served pancakes to students and staff. All money raised from the sale of pancakes will go towards Project Compassion.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is today. This day marks the beginning of the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. As a school community, we participated in an **Ash Wednesday Mass** today led by Fr Ramel in St Anacletus Church at 11:30am. At the Mass, students and staff received 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.



PROJECT COMPASSION



During the season of Lent, we support Caritas Australia and Project Compassion. All classes learn about the work of Caritas Australia through their outreach and social justice projects. We also participate in fundraising events in order to raise money for Caritas Australia to continue the amazing work that they do throughout the world to support, educate and empower communities. Each family will receive a money box with today's newsletter that we ask you to please collect your loose change or ask family and friends for donations between now and the end of term.

This year we also have an option for online donations, just scan the QR code and it will take you to our school fundraising page. We thank you for your generous donations ☺



SCHOOL NEWS

R/1 Class

This year we welcome two new reception students, Gianni Staunton and Khai Murray.

Gianni – My favourite thing at school has been running around the court and learning.

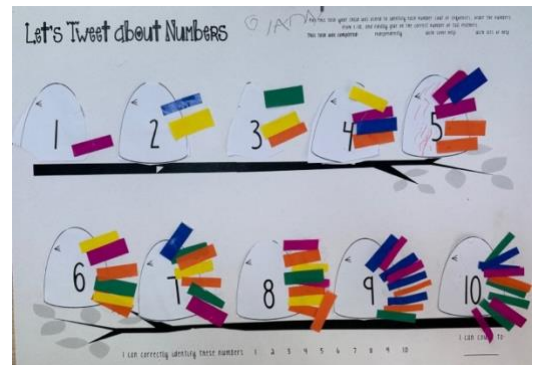
Khai – My favourite thing at school is investigations.



Mathematics

Learning Intention: For students to connect number names, numerals, and quantities, including zero, initially up to 10 and then beyond.

In mathematics we are learning about number. We had to order the birds and then add the tail feathers to them.



-Millie Smart

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. ***If no Volunteers, then NO CANTEEN**

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	Katrina Hill 12/2	Katrina Hill 14/2	Bill Hill & Russell Sleep 16/2
WEEK 4	Volunteer Needed 19/2	Katrina Hill 21/2	Rotary Club 23/2
WEEK 5	Volunteer Needed 26/2	Volunteer Needed 28/2	Bill Hill & Russell Sleep 1/3
WEEK 6	Volunteer Needed 4/3	Katrina Hill 6/3	Rotary Club 8/3
WEEK 7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO CANTEEN 11/3	Katrina Hill 13/3	SPORTS DAY 15/3
WEEK 8	Volunteer Needed 18/3	Katrina Hill 20/3	Rotary Club 22/3
WEEK 9	Volunteer Needed 25/3	Katrina Hill 27/3	GOOD FRIDAY – NO CANTEEN 29/3
WEEK 10	EASTER MONDAY – NO CANTEEN 1/4	Katrina Hill 3/4	Rotary Club 5/4
WEEK 11	Volunteer Needed 8/4	Katrina Hill 10/4	EARLY FINISH – NO CANTEEN 12/4

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

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.



This year we plan to utilise Facebook Messenger as a communication tool so if people are unable to make face to face meetings, they can still be included and involved in our group chats. If you are interested in joining the committee in 2024, please complete the slip below and drop into the front office. We will create a Messenger group and add everyone and then schedule our first meeting 😊

All parents are welcome to join but you do need to have a valid Working With Children Check to volunteer within the school. We can easily arrange for a WWCC to be completed with a 100 point check at the front office.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE RETURN SLIP

I _____ wish to be involved with the P&F committee in 2024. I am happy to be added to a Facebook Messenger Group as part of being on this committee.

I can be available for face to face meetings: (please circle all that apply) during the day _____ after school _____ evening _____

Signed _____



SPORTS DAY VOLUNTEER RETURN SLIP

SPORTS DAY – 15th March 2024

HELPER'S RETURN FORM

A roster will be included in the Week 5 newsletter

Parent's Name(s): _____

12.00 noon setup tea/coffee, cool drinks, cakes etc (for sale)

Judge/official

Please indicate time of day available: _____

Cook BBQ Serve BBQ Sell drinks

Please indicate time of day available: _____

5:00 – 5:30pm Pack up & Clean up (BBQ, Drinks, Kitchen)

OR Help where needed



Please return to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help. These days cannot happen without parent volunteers.