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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 5

THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

Leap Day! – Pyjama Day

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

Chrim Mass – Pt Pirie

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

R/1 & 6 Assembly 9:15am

WEEK 9

MONDAY 25TH MARCH

Secondary Athletics Carnival -
Adelaide

R/1 & 6 Palm Sunday Liturgy

2:45pm

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

Stations of the Cross 12:15pm

Easter Raffle 2:45pm in Hall

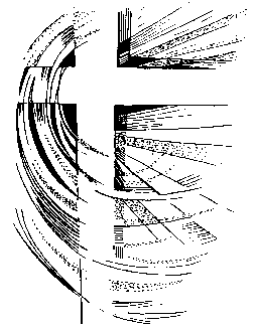
FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY (No School)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LENT

We are currently in the Church season of Lent which began on Feb 14th, on Ash Wednesday. Lent lasts for 40 days, counting from the first Sunday of Lent through to Holy Thursday. Lent is a serious time where we look to prepare for the miracle that happens at Easter. Part of our preparation to receive the Risen Christ at Easter is to pray, fast and give alms. "Alms" means to give to people in need. I hope that everyone in our school community can use the season of Lent to find the many blessings that present themselves in subtle ways each day and to be the blessing in someone else's life.



"Loving God, we thank you for the promise that Easter will follow the hard work of Lent. We thank you for the days when we can rejoice together. We thank you through Christ our Lord. Amen"

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This 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. **A reminder that photos need to be purchased online – no cash sales. Instructions can be found on Seesaw, School Facebook Page & on the school website under 'newsletters'.** 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last year, the Diocese of Port Pirie launched a scholarship program to encourage existing support staff at regional schools to train as teachers. We are delighted to announce that Brooklyn Virgens has been awarded a scholarship to assist her with her studies to become a qualified teacher.

Initiated by the Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie, the program is providing a number of Education Support Officer (ESO) staff in the region with financial and professional support as they undertake a teaching degree. The Transition to Teaching Scholarship program offers financial assistance, placements, targeted professional learning, unique on the job experience, as well as mentoring and coaching opportunities throughout the recipient's university course.

In return, on successful completion of their studies, the scholarship recipients will commit to working as permanent full-time teachers in a Catholic Education South Australian (CESA) regional school for a minimum of two years.

This is supporting the Diocese of Port Pirie in its initiative to grow local talent and recognises the invaluable skills, experience and passion that our existing ESO staff bring to our regional schools.

We would like to extend our congratulations again to Brooklyn and we wish her all the best in her endeavours to teach and inspire the next generation!

NEW SMOKING & VAPING LAWS

There are new laws that come into effect on 1st of March that prohibits anyone to smoke or vape within 10m of the school boundary. Thank you in advance for your awareness of this law change and your participation in following the new law.



A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL

Ensuring our school is a safe place for all

As the school year has commenced, I want to assure all parents and carers of our absolute commitment to ensuring that St Joseph's School is a safe place for all.

- Our staff are committed and trained to protect the children and young people in our care.
- All staff and regular volunteers have current Working with Children checks.
- We teach our children age-appropriate strategies to keep themselves safe through South Australia's *Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum*.
- Staff complete certification and undertake regular updated training in *Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care*.
- We also promote strategies to minimise bullying and help students stay safe online.

You can read more about our commitment to the wellbeing of your child on our website.

Additional information about the broader protection policies of Catholic Education SA can be found on their website.

<http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>

The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on a range of topics including anxiety, depression, bullying and how to support your child.

If you have any questions or concerns about child safety, please don't hesitate to contact me by phoning the front office.

GENERAL CONSENT FORM

With today's newsletter, families will receive a general consent form that needs to be completed for each child which gives permission for local walking excursions or local bus excursions (using the school owned bus). You will only need to give your permission once and then will be notified via text or Seesaw if your child will be participating in a local excursion. We thank you for your diligence in completing and returning the form as soon as possible.

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

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

The School Board is an essential part of the school community. It sets direction for the school in the best interests of the students. The School Board AGM will be held on **Wednesday 13th March (Week 7) at 5:30pm in the hall**. All positions are vacant, and we are calling for nominations to join the School Board.

Please find nomination forms included in today's newsletter and return them to school prior to the AGM. I urge anyone who is interested to come along. Meetings are held twice a term on a Wednesday.

Regular meetings are held at 5:30pm. If you have children, we can accommodate them at school during meeting times as well if that makes it easier for a parent to volunteer their time.

If you are interested, don't hesitate to speak to a current member or myself to find out more about being involved or simply fill in a nomination form included in today's newsletter.

Elected members

- Daniel Cherry (1 year remaining of current term)
- Jenny White (1 year remaining of current term)
- Nicole Lock (1 year remaining of current term)
- Kelly Limburg (term has expired, eligible to renominate)
- Tania Limburg (term has expired, eligible to renominate)

Role of the Board

Each diocesan School Board has responsibility for the overall wellbeing of its school. In practice, this means that, in a spirit of partnership, Boards act in an advisory capacity to:

- develop policies that nurture the religious dimension and guide the direction of the school;
- develop the relationship between the school and the local Church;
- ensure that the academic standards of the school must be at least as distinguished as that achieved in other schools in the region;
- support the administration of the school;
- offer pastoral care to the school community;
- protect children;
- monitor buildings and grounds development and maintenance;
- exercise financial stewardship of the school;
- ensure compliance with legal obligations.

Potential members of a School Board should:

- possess an enthusiasm for and willingness to promote the mission of Catholic schools;
- bring to the Board their gifts and skills;
- desire to give service to their school community;
- have an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all members of the Board;
- be prepared to undertake formation;
- have an ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters;
- have sufficient time to devote to Board duties.

-Bec Fahey



Second Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 26 February)



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partner in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Watch [Ronita's Story](#)

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or online by scanning the QR code to the left. This QR code will take you to St Joseph's School's fundraising page.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia



Third Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 4 March)



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Watch [Leaia's Story](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

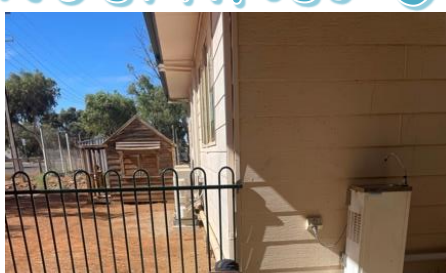
2/3 CLASS



Sophia brought in a bubble machine as Focus Student last week. The whole class had so much fun! We then used this experience to find out how bubbles are made and why they are always round.



Numberlines Galore!!



-Nicki Morgan

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 5	Volunteer Needed 26/2	Veronica Tuckwell 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

EASTER RAFFLE

This year we will again be having our annual Easter Raffle. Each family is asked to sell tickets and to donate AN EASTER CHOCOLATE / EASTER GOODY.



Donations can be dropped off at the Front Office anytime from now until Wednesday 27th March.



Each family will receive one raffle book with today's newsletter. Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each.

Please return ticket stubs and money to school by **Wednesday 27th April**. The raffle will be drawn at approximately 3:00pm on Thursday 28th March.

COMMUNITY NEWS





ST JAMES POP-UP SHOP

JAMES CHURCH HALL

ACCESORIOS



15th March - 2pm-7pm
16th March - 9am-4pm
17th March - 9am-4pm

TABLE - SATURDAY TRADING TABLE - BBQ
& DRINKS AVAILABLE

FOR THE ST JAMES SCHOOL OVAL UPGRADE



GRAND FINAL 9TH MARCH 2024

1pm: Minis exhibition
matches and presentations

3.45pm: Junior Girls GF
4.45pm: Junior Boys GF
5.45pm: Junior Presentations

6pm: Senior Womens GF
7.30pm: Juniors Vs Legends
8pm: Presentations

8.30pm: Senior Men's GF
10pm: Presentations

Door Prices

\$5 14years up
\$3 5years - 14years
Under 5 free

Lions Canteen

BBQ by the Rotary Club

Hot Potatoes by the Miniature
Railway

Bar from 6pm

Entertainment supplied by
DJ Mendo



NGADJURI COUNTRY

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.

SCHOOL BOARD RETURN SLIP

I wish to nominate _____ for a position on the St Joseph's School Board for 2024. I have spoken to this person, and he/she has accepted this nomination.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

OR (for current members wanting to continue)

I _____ wish to continue on the School Board in 2024.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____



Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2024 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the Australian Education Regulations 2023, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- names and residential addresses of the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **The SRN cannot be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected is used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

In 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the collection data. For more information see [Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\) Methodology](#).

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (the Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act, the *Australian Education Act 2013* and Australian Education Regulations 2023.

Your personal information provided to the department through the collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#)
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may audit a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose

- disclosed to our service providers for the purpose of providing the department with information and communications technology support
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and modify personal information held by the department
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).