



St Joseph's School

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 8

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

Book Fair 8:30-4:00

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH

Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN
Numeracy Test

Book Fair 8:30-4:00

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

St Joseph Feast Day

9:10 AM whole school liturgy –

All welcome

2:00 – 3:00 St Joseph's Feast Day

Activities

Book Fair 8:30-4:00

NAPLAN Catch Up Tests

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

Book Fair 8:30-4:00

NAPLAN Catch Up Tests

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

Catholic Schools Swimming

Carnival - Clare

Wear Orange for Harmony Day

Book Fair 8:30-4:00

WEEK 9

MONDAY 24TH MARCH

9:10am Year 2/3/4 Assembly

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

Year 7-9 Art and Science

Excursion - Adelaide

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

9:10am R/1 Class Assembly

WEEK 10

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

TUESDAY 1ST APRIL

Secondary Athletics

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL

9:10am 5/6 Class Liturgy

WEEK 11

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

5:30pm AGM

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

Last Day of Term 1 – 1:00pm

Early Dismissal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ST JOSEPH

St Joseph's Feast Day is on the 19th March and this year falls on Wednesday. We will celebrate this special day with a day of prayer, learning and fun. I imagine that this is what Joseph's home would have been like with Mary and Jesus. It would have been a home that was centred around love and care. This is what we want our school to be – a home away from home. We want it to be a safe and happy place for all children where they can grow, learn and have fun.

St Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect, and enlighten families. Pope John Paul 2nd



NAPLAN

NAPLAN Testing for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students commenced last week and continues this week with the Conventions of Language and Numeracy Tests. These tests provide useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national results and are a means of identifying 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.

Any students who missed a test due to absenteeism will have the opportunity to catch up their missed test/s this week. We wish all students well for the remainder of their NAPLAN tests and are proud of each student for their efforts.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

Our AGM is scheduled for 5:00pm on Wednesday, 9 April (Week 11). All parents/caregivers are encouraged to come along to our AGM. An important part of the AGM will be electing our School Board. The School Board is an essential part of the school community. It sets direction for the school in the best interests of the students.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

You will receive a letter home this regarding student led conferences which will be held in Week 10 and 11. Please complete the meeting time sheet and return to school as soon as possible. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss your child's learning and achievements. Please note that your child is

expected to attend these conferences as they will be sharing their learning with you. An opportunity will be provided to talk with your child's teacher alone within the allocated interview time if needed.



EASTER RAFFLE

Our Parents and Friends Committee will again be running an Easter Raffle this year. We are collecting donations for this annual raffle and each family is asked to donate an Easter chocolate or goody by Friday, 28 March. All donations can be dropped off in the Front Office. Raffle tickets will be available from later this week with the raffle drawn on the final day of Term 1.

BOOK FAIR

A reminder that our Scholastic Book Fair is on this week in our Library. This is always a wonderful opportunity to update your child's reading materials as well as stock up on some gifts for those upcoming birthdays or even Christmas if you are super organised! Sales will be open on Wednesday & Friday from 8:30 – 4:00pm.

-Taylor Meyer

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, 4 March, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. Our School Captains Isabella, Madison and Karlee cooked pancakes and handed them out to Peterborough community members in the Main Street. We thank Fr Ramel for supporting the students on the day and the Peterborough Post Office for allowing us to use their shaded space, allowing this to happen. We are grateful for all the generous donations on the day which will go towards our Project Compassion fundraising. All students then enjoyed delicious pancakes during lunchtime at school. There were lots of happy faces and full tummies!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 5 March marked Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. We marked the day through a whole school mass, celebrated by Fr Ramel at St Anacletus Church. During the mass, ashes were used to mark the sign of the cross on our foreheads. The ashes are a reminder that we belong to God, and that we are sorry for the times that we have done wrong.



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.

THE BIG WATER WALK – PROJECT COMPASSION

This Year our students will be participating in Project Compassion’s Big Water Walk. Throughout the season of Lent, classes will endeavour to walk 10km in recognition of the hard work many young people overseas living in poverty have to walk long distances to obtain clean drinking water. You can donate to our fundraising campaign through the QR code. Thank you to Miss Millie Smart and the SRC for organising this great initiative for our school.



SCHOOL NEWS

SPORTS DAY

The school community enjoyed a wonderful day for Sports Day on Friday, 17 March. The day was celebrated in good spirit with lots of encouragement and support given to the students. This year we again held our events over two days with the main event being held on Friday. Well done to all the students for their involvement. Thanks to the staff who supported the students in preparation for the occasion. A big thank you to Mrs Regina Farr (Sports Coordinator) for her leadership in the lead up to Sports Day and on the day which allowed the day to run smoothly and be a great success. We also appreciate all the volunteers who judged events and scored and to the Rotary Club of Peterborough for your support with the BBQ.

**St Joseph's School
2025 Sports Day**

Spirit Shield

**1st Norton
2nd MacKillop
3rd Lonergan**



**St Joseph's School
2025 Sports Day**

Marching and Health Hustle

**1st Lonergan
2nd Norton
3rd MacKillop**



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2025 Sports Day**

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Year 4/5 Champion Girl: Sophie Cassin
 Year 4/5 Champion Boy: Hendrix Howe
 Year 6/7 Champion Girl: Samantha Mitchell
 Year 6/7 Champion Boy: Hayden Lange
 Year 8/9 Champion Girl: Madison Poltorasky
 Year 8/9 Champion Boy: Memphis Howe



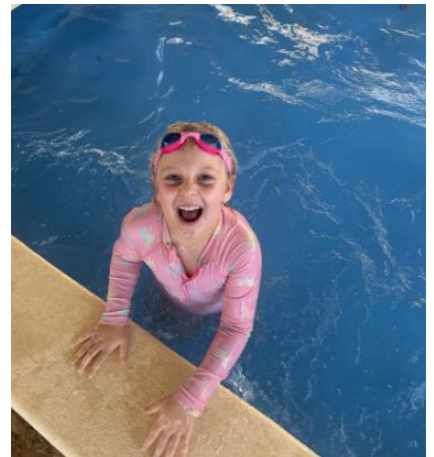
SRC

The SRC has had a busy start to Term 1. We are currently raising money to refresh the cubby house and create a new mud kitchen area for our students to enjoy. To support this initiative, the SRC have been doing several things to raise money including selling school ribbons, Cadbury chocolate boxes and Zooper Doopers. We have also sold strawberries and ice-cream and milkshakes.



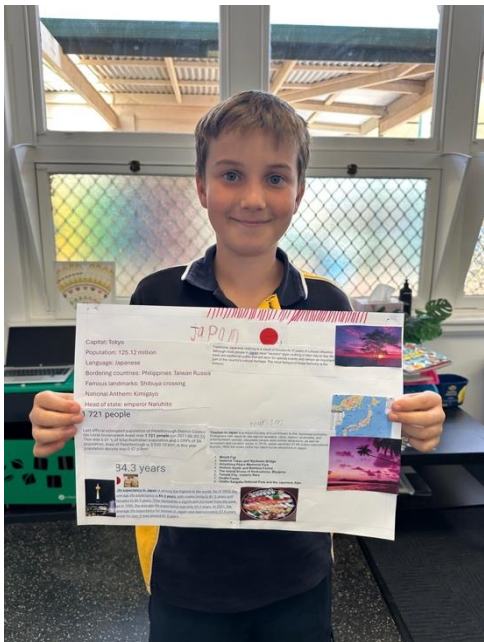
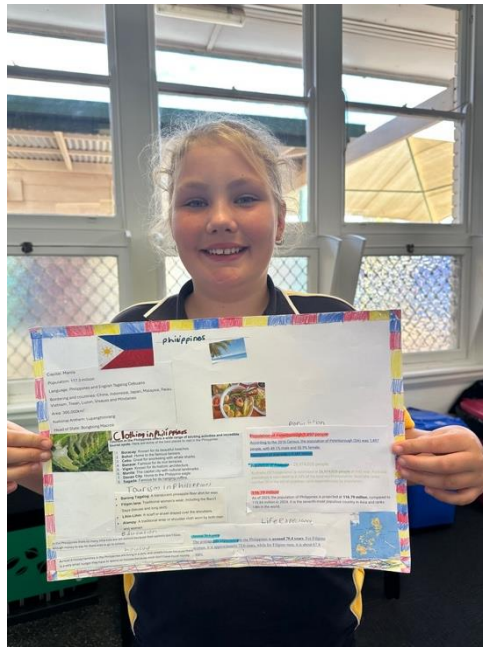
SPLASH AFTERNOON

Our Reception – Year 9 students ventured to the pool for a Splash Afternoon on Friday, 7 March. It was a great afternoon where students had the opportunity to practice their water safety skills and enjoy being in each other's company outside of the school gates. Thank you to the Peterborough Pool for having us and all the St Jo's staff for making the afternoon a great success.



Year 5/6 News

This term in HASS the Year 5/6 students have been learning about Australia, the seven continents and Asia. Each student spent several weeks researching specific information about a country in Asia. Here are some of their findings.



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. Our school greatly appreciates your support. *Please note, if we do not have volunteers on Mondays or Wednesdays Canteen will not be available.

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 1			
	CANTEEN (Mondays)	CANTEEN (Wednesdays)	SAUSAGE SIZZLE (Fridays)
WEEK 8	Katrina Hill 17/3	Katrina Hill 19/3	Rotary Club 21/3
WEEK 9	Katrina Hill 24/3	Katrina Hill 26/3	Bill Hill 28/3
WEEK 10	Katrina Hill 31/3	Katrina Hill 2/4	Rotary Club 4/4
WEEK 11	Katrina Hill 7/4	Katrina Hill 9/4	EARLY FINISH – NO CANTEEN 11/4

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 to be involved in the **Parents & Friends (P&F) Committee** and warmly invite anyone to come along and join in. 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 continue 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 2025, 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 J

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 2025. 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 _____

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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