



eNews Term 1, Week 11, 2023

Important Dates

Term 1 Concludes -
2.05pm

Friday 14 April 2023

Term 2 Commences
- 8.30am

Monday 1 May 2023

Sports Day 2023

Friday 12 May 2023

June Long

Weekend -

Monarch's Birthday

Monday 12 June 2023

School Closure Day

- Staff Training

Tuesday 13 June 2023

Upcoming Events

REAL Schools

Parent Information

Night

Date: Tuesday 2 May -

Monday 30 November

Time: 6:15pm

Venue: St Joseph's School -

Murray Bridge

Religious Education Week 11



EASTER ~ Joy and Hope for the World

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter celebration and holiday. We believe that the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus are pivotal to our faith, the reason we call ourselves Christians so we need time, like the disciples to reflect upon what this means for us. What actually happened on that first Easter Day?

No doubt, if we had been alive in Jesus' time we, too, would have been astonished by the miracle of a resurrected corpse. There were times through Jesus' life where he raised people from the dead, like Lazarus. So, how was their resurrection different to Jesus'? Pope Benedict XVI tells us that, "Jesus' resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life, into a life that is no longer subject to the laws of dying and becoming, but lies beyond it – a life that opens up a new dimension of human existence. Jesus has not returned to a normal human life in this world like Lazarus. He has entered upon a different life, he has entered the vast breadth of God himself, and it is from there that he reveals himself to his followers".

Jesus' disciples were quite used to Jesus performing the unusual: restoring sight to the blind; restoring mobility to the crippled; curing lepers of their disease. But now they had to grapple with a new understanding of Jesus, and we are given many examples where he was present to his disciples and they were able to recognise him without doubt, although Thomas required a bit more proof.

Another aspect of the Easter mysteries is the presence of the risen Christ beyond the time of his human journey. The Resurrection is not a past event that we merely commemorate. It is part of our lives today, part of the life of the Church since the days of the community that was formed around Jesus of Nazareth, continuing, and building up in love as we experience the Resurrection whenever we bond with those we love because they are gifts of God.

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Upcoming Prayer and Service Times

Event	Date	Time
Year 4 Mass	21 June	9.30am
Reception Prayer Service	23 June	9.30am
Year 2 Prayer Service	30 June	9.30am
Year 1 Prayer Service in Church	7 July	9.30am

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From the Principal Week 11



Dear parents, carers, teachers and students,

Our journey through Lent and Holy Week is over. The liturgical cloths and colour of purple that has adorned our churches the last forty days have gone and have been replaced with shades of gold and white. We now sing Alleluia with joy and celebration. The Lord has risen! This week has been the most significant time in the Liturgical calendar of our Church. May the coming two weeks of school holidays and a rest for the St Joseph's School staff and students be a time to renew one's energy as we embark on the year's cooler weather months when we resume Term 2.

Last Thursday, we attempted to meet as a school community to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week, with plays prepared by Mrs Lynne Liebich, Miss Caitlin Angel, the Year 5 teachers and their students. This is an extraordinary and sacred time in the Church Year. Unfortunately, the wet weather caused us to cancel the event. As much work and effort went into the school reenactment, the event was held today, April 13 at 10 am. We appreciated the number of parents who did come along at short notice. Also, seeing the attention and respect the other students in the school displayed while our Year 5 students performed the events of Holy Week around our school site was beautiful.

End of Term

We conclude Term 1 on **Friday, April 14, at 2.05 pm**. School resumes on Monday, May 1.

REAL Schools Parent Information Night

Next term we are promoting and continuing our ongoing partnership with REAL SCHOOLS to help our students, staff and community become the best version of themselves. As a staff we have engaged in professional learning with Mr Adam Voigt, and currently our leadership team is working with Kirsty Lush, our partner from Real Schools.

We invite our parent community to a special evening with Kirsty Lush. Please see the [attached flyer](#). Or view the [video](#). We wish to share with parents the work we are doing with students and staff on restorative practices.

Many of her tips and skills are most certainly very useful at home as well as the classroom and playground.

St Joseph's School Street Parking

This year, I have been asked numerous times about parking difficulties, especially at the end of the school day. The reality for St Joseph's School site for almost 100 years of Catholic schooling is we are situated on the corner of a street block, and one of our perimeter roads, Mannum Road, is marked a non-stopping area Monday to Friday. This will stay the same in the near future; however, we will continue to review and work towards a better solution for parking in our master planning. As Principal, I will continue to make these areas as safe as possible for students within our school site. I cannot change anything regarding local road rules, restrictions or fines for inappropriate parking. All I can do is continue to ask drivers to be patient and respectful towards each other and avoid obstructing entrances, driveways or doing a u-turn near school drop-off points. Please see this [flyer regarding parking around schools](#) from the Murray Bridge Council.

I wish everyone a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Mrs Ros Oates

Principal

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Easter Play 2023

Our Year 5 students put on the Annual Easter Play last week despite having been formally cancelled due to the rain. The students still braved the wet and performed the play with no audience so it could be recorded for the other students to see. It was a great effort and students did a wonderful job. However none of this could have happened without the incredible hard work and support of many teachers and staff who set up the props, rehearsed and coached the actors - even hauled around audio gear and moved props in and out of the rain several times. So we want to thank Mrs Liebich, all the Year 5 Teachers, Mrs Holland, Mrs Clifford, Mrs Watkins, Mrs Scott, Miss Angel, and even Mr Dougall and the grounds keepers who helped set-up and dismantle much of the sets and scenery.

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Easter Raffle Winners!



A PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER

Our annual Easter Egg raffle fundraiser was once again a huge success due to the many donations of Easter eggs and the generosity of our community in purchasing the raffle tickets.

We managed to put together 100 prizes with many happy smiling winners at the assembly on Tuesday. A big thank you to the Pithers family (from Cottage Box Chocolates) for the beautiful donation of an Easter basket made up.



Congratulations to the 1st 3 prize winners:

3rd prize – Mark Nash

2nd prize – Boston Williams

1st prize – Rayne Esma

Due to the generosity of our community through the Easter Egg raffle and Project Compassion Boxes we will be able to send to Caritas \$1,598.00 for the wonderful work they do around the world supporting communities with many projects to improve their lives.



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From the Classroom - Year 4



Integrated Studies

Throughout Term 1, the Year 4 students have been learning about the diversity of experiences of Aboriginal peoples in Australia prior to 1788 and the importance of the environment and sustainable management of resources in two South Australian Aboriginal groups. They have been creating presentations that represent their knowledge and understandings around these areas.

Mathematics

The students have been learning about the properties of odd and even numbers, place value, area and perimeter, 2D shape, chance and probability and multiplication and division with arrays. This learning has been supported using concrete materials to help build understanding and support the development of knowledge and skills in these areas.

English

This term we have been engaging with the mentor text *James and The Giant Peach* written by Roald Dahl. The students have constructed recount texts that narrate what has happened in their school holidays, on the weekend and the story so far in their mentor text. They have also been given opportunities to write a persuasive text and learnt about the parts of speech needed to write a convincing argument within this task. The students work on their handwriting, reading, spelling and word knowledge daily during the morning literacy block and take part in a spelling test fortnightly.

Religious Education

In Week 9, the Year 4 students held a Mass. Given the time of the year, their focus was Lent- A Time to Grow in the Image of God. The students have learnt the Lent is a special time to grow and change and to reflect on their choices, to think about others and to be the best person they can be. In the classroom, we have been learning about gratitude through identifying what they are grateful for, how they can show God they are grateful and how they can show others they are grateful.

Performing Arts

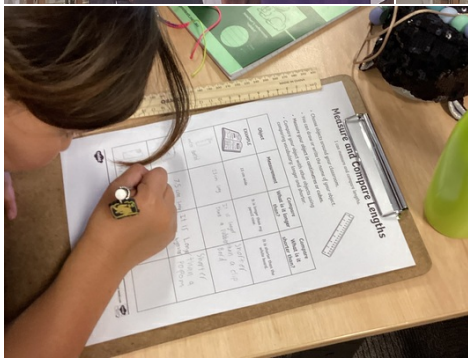
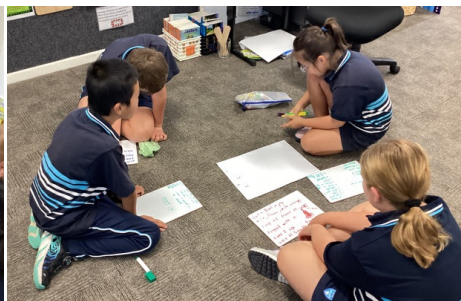
Throughout Term 1, the Year 4 students have engaged in Footsteps. This is a dance programme where the students learn choreography to multiple dances including one for Sports Day which is coming up in Term 2.

Health

We have been learning about the concepts of Mindfulness, Bucket Filling and the Catastrophe Scale to help us build resilience, social and problem-solving skills and emotional regulation strategies.

Science

In Science, the students have been learning about the Earth's surface and how it changes over time through processes such as erosion, weathering, and deposition. The students have investigated why rivers curve, how different landforms such as beaches and mountains are shaped, and the impact humans and other animals have on the world around us.





Catholic School Swimming Carnival



On Thursday, 30th March, 13 students represented our school at the SA Aquatics Centre in Marion to compete in the Section 5 Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. Students had been selected from School Swimming Trials and had also trained after school for their events.

The Year 6 swimmers were Jace MaCauley, Bridget Farmer and Charlie Ireland. The Year 5 swimmers were Leo Sobels, Jack McCauley and Kailem O'Hara. The Year 4 swimmers were Amelia Schutz-Wellington, Aaron Abeynayake and Chloe Millan. Max Sobels, Isabelle Farmer, Alessandra Jarvis and Amelia Farmer represented the Year 3 swimmers.

All our students competed to the best of their abilities and enjoyed the opportunity to swim in the state-of -the-art pool under race conditions.

Notable results:

Isabelle Farmer – 4th (25m Freestyle), 3rd (25m Breaststroke)

Amelia Farmer – 4th (25m Freestyle)

Charlie Ireland – 3rd (50m Freestyle), 2nd (50m Backstroke), 3rd (50m Breaststroke)

Bridget Farmer – 2nd (25m Freestyle), 2nd (25m Backstroke), 2nd (25m Breaststroke)

Jace McCauley – 3rd (25m Freestyle), 4th (25m Backstroke), 3rd (25m Breaststroke)

The team narrowly missed out on placing in 7 other races throughout the carnival finishing 5th 7 times. Swimmers were assisted on pool deck by our ESO, Georgina Kooistra, who settled their nerves and gave swimmers some last minute encouragement before heading to the start block. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who supported from the stands, especially Jodie Austin, Amy Sobels, Rebecca Schutz and Carmel Jarvis for taking on officiating duties on behalf of our school.

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Art Prizes for Students



Art prizes were awarded to the following students for excellent in their efforts and achievement in Media Arts in Term 1.

Linhan Weng 8R

Evelyn Ellis 8R

Leo Sobels 5M

Thank you to Mr Hepplewhite for his donation of the most fabulous art prizes to encourage our students to achieve their best.

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Catholic News

We are pleased to present [The Southern Cross](#) news and the online edition of [The Southern Cross March 2023](#).

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School Uniforms

It is pleasing to see over 90% of the students in their correct school uniform. Thank you. Parents are asked to communicate any difficulties with uniform ordering, purchasing or product quality via the school email address info@stjomb.catholic.edu.au

It is appreciated if families do not express their grievances on any school matter, especially uniforms, through social media. I remind families that working with Vinnies is the most cost effective and easiest way to access uniforms, and prices remain reasonable, if not below cost for the quality, due to Vinnies supporting the school as a non-profit organisation. Please see further information below.

PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING UNIFORMS

We have been working with Vinnies to help improve the process for our families to either book a uniform fitting order or place an order for the new uniform. This can now be done via scanning QR codes using a mobile device such as your mobile phone.

Book a Fitting

A reminder from Vinnies - 'Please book any future appointments online or they can call the store direct and we can book a fitting for the same day if needed, that way we won't get double booked and the parents won't be disappointed if asked to wait or come back at a later time.'

Please scan the QR code and make a booking for a suitable time. Opening hours at Vinnies in Murray Bridge are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 – 5:00 pm. Please call the store manager Rochelle on (08) 8532 6699 if you have any

questions.

Place an Online Order

Please scan the below QR code to be directed to the St Joseph's Murray Bridge - School Uniform online order form. Or visit <https://vinniesuniformshop.simplybook.me/v2#/book> Once you scan the code, you will be directed to the Vinnies Shop page and will need to scroll to the bottom of the page to locate the school's online uniform order form. There is also a link to the School's Uniform Price List as of 13 October. This is also attached in this week's newsletter.



The banner features a blue background with white text and graphics. At the top center is a logo of a hand holding a coin, followed by the text "Vinnies Uniform Shop" in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the text are white line-art illustrations of a short-sleeved collared shirt and a pair of trousers. In the bottom right corner, there is a large QR code. To the left of the QR code, the text "Scan the QR code to book a uniform fitting." is written in a yellow, sans-serif font, with a yellow arrow pointing towards the QR code. At the very bottom of the banner, the URL <https://vinniesuniformshop.simplybook.me/v2#/book> is displayed in white text.

Drum and Guitar Lessons



One-on-One tuition for drum and guitar is available at St Joseph's School on a weekly basis.

For more information on lessons and costs please contact Nathan Hill on 0448 426 946

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