



eNews Term 1, Week 7, 2024

Important Dates

**NAPLAN - Years
3,5,7,9**
Monday 18 March 2024

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3,5,7,9**
Tuesday 19 March 2024

St Joseph's Day
Tuesday 19 March 2024

**Whole School Mass
- Year 5**
Wednesday 20 March 2024

School Board AGM
Monday 25 March 2024

**Good Friday -
Public Holiday**
Friday 29 March 2024

**Easter Monday -
Public Holiday**
Monday 1 April 2024

Sports Day
Friday 5 April 2024

Term 1 Concludes
Friday 12 April 2024

Upcoming Events

Sports Day
Date: Friday 5 April

From the Principal



Dear parents, carers, teachers, and students,

Welcome to Week 7. I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. The extra break was well-timed in our term and some reprieve from the heat.

St. Joseph's School Celebration Week!

Next week, **St. Patrick's Day** is Sunday, March 17th, **St. Joseph's Day** is Tuesday, March 19th, and International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (**Harmony Day**) is Thursday, March 21st.

St. Joseph's School community will have a Celebration Day, highlighting our Catholic faith and Australia's rich cultural diversity.



Our day of celebration is **Wednesday, March 20th**. To begin the day, there is a whole-school Mass led by the Year 5 students at 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. Students are also invited to participate in a Free Casual Clothes Day (refer to poster). To raise money for Project Compassion, families can choose to order a special sausage sizzle lunch via the QKR App. The Mass will honour our Catholic patron saints, St. Patrick and St. Joseph, while also celebrating the cultural diversity of our school community.



CELEBRATION DAY
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
 In colour's of celebrations;
 green, orange or tradie.
St Joseph's (Tradie) St Patrick (Green)
Harmony week (Orange)
 Sausage sandwich, \$2 each
 Order via the QKR App
 Orders close Monday 18/3 at 12pm
 No QKR App or cash orders available on the day
 (Canteen orders available as per normal)
 All money raised will be donated to Caritas for Project Compassion
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH!

St Patrick

As a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century, he is regarded as the founder of Christianity in Ireland and, therefore, the Patron Saint of Ireland. When he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals; he lived there for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. The colour green and the shamrock are associated with St Patrick. St Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to teach about the trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

St Joseph

The Saint whom our school is named after, Our Patron Saint. St Joseph was married to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and was the foster father of Jesus. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of workers and is associated with various feast days. The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. He is associated with lilies, often appearing in images with him and as seen in our old school logo. Lillies symbolise integrity and reflect that Joseph was a virtuous man who was pure and obedient to God and loved and cared for his family. St Mary MacKillop was attracted to Joseph because of his humility and obedience. For this reason, the order of sisters she established with Fr Julian Tenison Woods became known as the Sisters of St Joseph – of course, the founders of our school.

Celebration Week is also a timely opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the beginning of Ramadan, the holy month for our Muslim families. Classes will explore the similarities between our Catholic Lenten practices of fasting or giving to others and the Muslim practices during Ramadan. Like many faiths, both Catholics and Muslims approach these periods of reflection and preparation with increased prayer and devotion. During Lent, Catholics prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter, and during Ramadan, Muslims prepare for the Festival of Eid al-Fitr.

Ramadan

A holy month for Muslims around the world. During Ramadan, healthy adult Muslims observe a daily fast from dawn to dusk. This fasting is an act of worship that strengthens their connection with God and fosters compassion for those less fortunate. It's also seen as a way to develop patience and self-discipline.

Throughout Ramadan, Muslims rise early for a pre-dawn meal called suhoor and break their fast at sunset with a meal called iftar. Mosques often host large iftars, especially for the underprivileged. After iftar, special night prayers called Taraweeh are held. Ramadan traditions vary between cultures. Some families prepare specific dishes, while others prioritise sharing iftar with extended family. These traditions, often inspired by Islamic values of generosity, involve sharing food and inviting others for iftar meals.

Following the Lunar Calendar

The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle, causing Ramadan to fall roughly 10 days earlier each Gregorian year. The exact start and end dates of Ramadan in 2024 depend on the sighting of the crescent moon, with a probable start date between March 10th and 11th. Ramadan will likely last 29 or 30 days, concluding around April 9th. Eid al-Fitr, the celebratory feast marking the end of Ramadan, is expected to begin around April 10th, with a possible variation of a few days.



HOLY WEEK - Play Performances by Year 6 Students!



In just over a week, we will reflect on the major events leading up to Jesus' death. The week includes five days of special significance. The first is Palm Sunday, 24th March, commemorating Jesus' humble entry (on a donkey) into Jerusalem to observe Passover. The next are Holy Monday, Tuesday, The Last Supper, Holy Saturday, and the Stations of the Cross. Please join us during Holy Week as the Year 6 students present a special play reflecting on the significant events leading up to Easter.

Performance Dates:

- Monday, March 25th: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (approx.)
- Tuesday, March 26th: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (approx.)

Location: Performing Arts Centre

After the performance: We invite you to stay for refreshments, including coffee/tea and hot cross buns, in the Auditorium. To help us plan for seating and refreshments, please RSVP using the following survey link:

[2024 HOLY WEEK - Play Performances \(office.com\)](https://office.com)



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From the Classroom - Year 2

During our Science lessons, the Year 2 classes have been studying space. We have learned about celestial objects including the planets, stars, moon and sun. We discovered that the Earth rotates to cause day and night and revolves around the sun to cause seasons. To finish the unit we explored some visual art techniques including stencil making, blending with oil pastels and smudging with chalk. Students then used these techniques to create amazing artworks showing what they had learned about space.

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Year 7 Aquatics Camp

The Year 7 cohort have recently returned from their school camp to Aldinga. We were blessed to have three beautiful days of sunshine, and students had a fantastic time participating in various activities such as surfing, body boarding, beach games, orienteering and team building games.

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From the Library



This year Robyn Coulter and Vanessa Jaensch are working together to run the school Library.

The library is a calm and inviting space and the children are enjoying the changing displays, stories being read and their weekly class visits.

As new books are being introduced the students are showing an excited interest in the new material and borrowing has been very encouraging so far this year. Graphic novels have been especially popular.

Students are also enjoying coming into the library during Recess time to read or sit quietly doing mindful colouring.

There are lots of exciting fun activities planned this year so we will keep all families informed.

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1. Type in eplatform in your web browser.
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3. Choose from either Primary or Secondary
4. Sign in using your computer log in
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Easter Raffle

EASTER RAFFLE

We are kindly asking each family to donate an egg or small Easter gift towards our raffle.

- Purchase your tickets via the QKR App. Your tickets will be printed at school and entered into the draw.
- Tickets are 50c each, the Easter Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 2nd April.
- Extra ticket sheets are available from the front office for cash sales.
- Money raised from this years Easter Raffle will be donated to Project Compassion



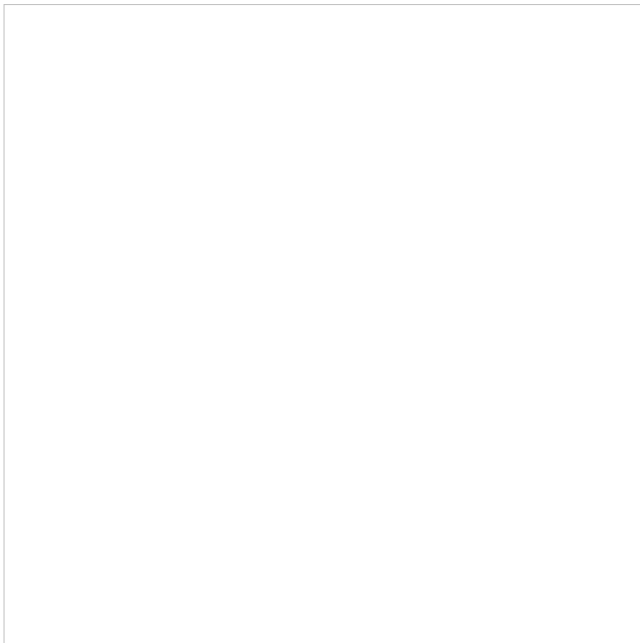

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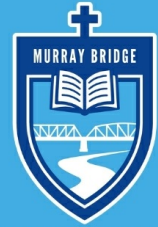
Poolin' Around at Murray Bridge Swimming Centre



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Absentee's Number

WHILE WE AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF A
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SCHOOL**
IN ALL THINGS KINDNESS

PLEASE USE THE BELOW NUMBER TO NOTIFY OF ABSENTEE'S

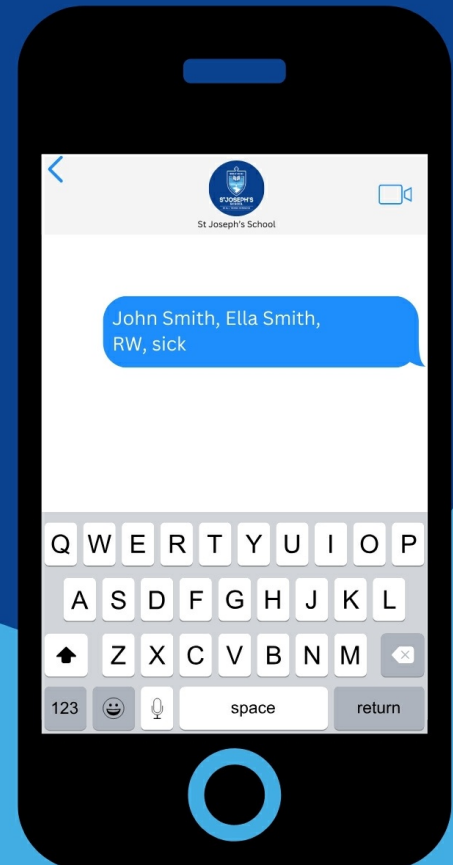
Please send a text message including carers name,
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Number
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MISSION XIII PROGRAM



St Joseph's School

Address: 1 Florence Street MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

Phone: 0450 776 742 Program Times: 08:00 am - 04:00 pm

<p>Mon 15 Apr Mission Takeoff XIII: Camp Explorers</p> <p>Get set for an adventure-packed camping themed day! Master navigation with your handmade sundial and compass. Dive into Aussie tradition with damper bread making. Plus, team up for tent decorating fun with friends!</p> <p>Full Fee \$92.00 After Max. CCS* \$9.20</p> <p> Project IncurSION</p>		<p>Tue 16 Apr Adventure: Kung Fu Panda 4 at Cameo Cinema</p> <p>For the first time in almost a decade, the world's most unlikely hero is back in theatres in Kung Fu Panda 4! With his unmatched courage and martial arts skills, Po, is called upon by destiny to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace.</p> <p>Full Fee \$117.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.70</p> <p> Excursion</p>	
<p>Wed 17 Apr Operation: Jungle Craftopia</p> <p>Embark on a wild jungle adventure where you might craft paper chain pythons, have some jungle-themed sensory play, and explore the wild safari in various ways. Let the roars of the jungle ignite your imagination!</p> <p>Full Fee \$75.00 After Max. CCS* \$7.50</p> <p> Base Camp Day</p>		<p>Thu 18 Apr Project: Rainbow Pasta Party</p> <p>Craft your very own, all-natural rainbow-coloured pasta! Whip up signature pasta sauces and immerse yourself in the rich Italian culture with trivia and games for a party like no other! You'll get to take home a special Rocketeers rolling pin too!</p> <p>Full Fee \$97.50 After Max. CCS* \$9.75</p> <p> Project IncurSION</p>	
<p>Fri 19 Apr Operation: Pyjama Party</p> <p>Don your PJs for a day of fun at Base Camp! Let's have a blast with awesome sleepover-themed activities as we munch on some classic sleepover snacks and dive into fun dreamy adventures. It's a sleepless party like no other!</p> <p>Full Fee \$75.00 After Max. CCS* \$7.50</p> <p> Base Camp Day</p>		<p>Mon 22 Apr Big Art Day: Umbrella Art Showcase</p> <p>Get set to explore the theme of belonging through creativity! Dive into an engaging book before unleashing your artistic flair on a blank umbrella. Then, at the end of the day, showcase your vibrant art with a gallery exhibition hosted at Base Camp!</p> <p>Full Fee \$96.50 After Max. CCS* \$9.65</p> <p> Project IncurSION</p>	
<p>Tue 23 Apr Experience Takeover: Forensic Investigations</p> <p>Put on your detective hat and solve a mystery! You'll learn basic forensic science skills and challenge yourself to crack the case as you race against the clock. Gather the clues, analyse fingerprints, breakdown codes and solve the crime!</p> <p>Full Fee \$101.50 After Max. CCS* \$10.15</p> <p> Experience Takeover IncurSION</p>		<p>Wed 24 Apr Adventure: Country Escape at Hahndorf Farm Barn</p> <p>What do you get when you blend a farmyard and wildlife park? The ultimate country escape, of course! Experience cow milking, cuddle cute baby animals, and unleash your imagination at the playground too!</p> <p>Full Fee \$115.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.50</p> <p> Excursion</p>	
<p>Fri 26 Apr Operation: Spooktacular Spectacles</p> <p>Let's have a hauntingly good time as we dive into a day of spooooooky chills and thrills. You could be doing anything from ghost hunts, creepy slime crafts to skeleton building games - it's up to you and your Base Camp!</p> <p>Full Fee \$75.00 After Max. CCS* \$7.50</p> <p> Base Camp Day</p>			

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Blue Light - Ten Pin Bowling



MURRAY BRIDGE TEN PIN BOWLING



**TUESDAY 16TH
APRIL**
AGE 5-17
YEARS

BRIDGE BOWL
ADMISSION \$8 INCLUDES 1.5 HOURS BOWLING,
SHOE HIRE AND FRUIT.
6A MAURICE ROAD, MURRAY BRIDGE 5253
PRIZES TO WIN! 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



2 X SESSION TIMES. CHOOSE EITHER 1PM TO 2.30PM OR 2.30PM TO 4PM. TEAMS OF 5
(OR BE ALLOCATED TO A TEAM). A SUPERVISOR WILL ALSO BOWL WITH THE TEAM.
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