



Important Dates

PINK DAY

Friday 28 June 2024

Festival Choir

Assessment Day in
Mt Barker

Tuesday 2 July 2024

Outdoor Ed Walk

Wednesday 3 July 2024

Last day of School

Friday 5 July 2024

Year 5 Mass

Wednesday 3 July 2024

Training and
Formation for
Lectors (Readers)
and commentators
at the Parish Hall

Sunday 7 July 2024

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 22 July 2024

Year 4 - Overnight
AFL Max Camp

Wednesday 24 July 2024

Year 4 - Overnight
AFL Max Camp
Returning

Thursday 25 July 2024

Pupil Free Day

Friday 6 September 2024

From the Principal



Dear parents, carers, teachers, and students,

This week, we had the privilege of showcasing the exceptional work of our teachers to the Directors of the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO) and a cohort of five staff members from Catholic Education South Australia. The visitors observed our teachers providing explicit instruction, demonstrating effective teaching methods in mathematics, and utilising learning intentions and success criteria. Our students were excellent, actively engaged in learning and participating enthusiastically in the classroom. Thank you to Mrs Jo Gibbon, who leads this work in our school across all year levels Rec-9 and supports the teachers.



Semester One reports will be going home with the oldest student in each family on **Thursday, July 4th**. Please look out for them in your child's bag. If you have any questions regarding the school reports, staff will be on-site Friday until the end of the school day. Please do not hesitate to make contact.

As this is the last newsletter for Term Two, which ends on Friday, July 5th, at 3:05 p.m., I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and relaxing holiday break.

A few key dates for Term Three are below:

- **Week 10 (Wed 3rd):** Outdoor Ed Walk
- **Monday 22 July:** Pupil Free Day / Staff Professional Development – Eastern Region Conference in Adelaide (school closed)
- **Tuesday, 23 July:** Term Three begins
- **Week 1 (Wed 24th - Thurs 25th):** Year 4 AFL MAX overnight camp
- **Thursday, 8th August:** Mary MacKillop Celebration Day
- **Week 5 (Mon 19th – Frid 23rd)** Catholic Schools Open Week and Book Week (Grandparents Day)
- **Friday 6th September:** Pupil Free Day – Catholic Day (school closed)
- **Week 9 (Wed 18th - Fri 20th):** Year 5 Wirraway Camp
- **Friday, 27 September:** Term Three ends

I extend my warmest wishes for a safe and joyful break to all our staff, students, and parents. This term has been bustling with numerous events and activities showcasing our children's dedication and hard work. As we look forward to the holidays, I hope everyone takes the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Ros Oates
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REMINDERS



JOEY'S **FREE** TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



- **FREE** program for pre-school students to help transition smoothly into Reception 2025 January start school environment*
- Students attend 1 full school day per week (same day each week) over 13 sessions. Weeks 3-8 of Term 3 and Weeks 1-7 of Term 4.
- Register your preferred day on the link below or visit the QR code.

*All students looking or already enrolled at St Joseph's School Murray Bridge 2025



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St Joseph's School offers the Joey's transition to school program for pre-school students to help them transition smoothly into Reception and become familiar with the school environment.

If you would like to be involved, please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wa0P0VzGi>

Pyjama Day!

More information to come.



Pyjama Day!

Week 10
Last Day of School
July 5th, 2024



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Canteen News

Canteen Volunteers Needed – Terms 3 & 4

In Term 3 our Canteen Manager Wilma O’Sullivan will be taking some well deserved leave. We would like to invite anyone who has some spare time in the morning between 8:45 am & 12 noon to join Bronwyn Van Dalen , Wilma’s replacement, to assist prepare and serve the daily lunch orders.

What do you need?

- Provide a Current WWC Check from DHS or a Catholic Diocese Police Clearance
 - Provide a Mandatory Notification certificate. This process needs to be done through Plink. (Fundamentals Course)
 - Completed and returned forms provided from St Joseph’s School – Induction Pack for Volunteers
- Any assistance will be appreciated, 1 hr to 4hrs or anything in between.

Please contact Louise O’Neil for further information.
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National Breast Cancer Morning Tea

See images below of our wonderful National Breast Cancer Morning Tea fundraiser:
As a school, we raised \$681 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.
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Religious Education



~SPIRITUALITY~

An Important Piece of Life's Jigsaw

Spirituality is a word much like the word love in that it is used loosely to describe many things concerning the human condition. However, most would agree that it includes an inner sense of being connected to something or someone greater than oneself and that it is the process of recognising that there is meaning and purpose to our existence. In fact, spirituality is not an "add-on" extra; it is there already, a part of being human. Spirituality is a big part of the jigsaw of life and, if we don't see it, the picture won't make sense.

Children are quite capable of their own spiritual experiences and knowing, for they have an uncluttered simplicity, an openness to spiritual matters; they are trusting in relationships and dependent on others. Children do not always have the language to articulate their spirituality but that does not mean they do not have an active spirituality. Parents and teachers need to take care that religious teaching does not stifle spiritual growth rather than aid it. Many adults today still bear scars that reflect the hurt they received from religious educators, when they were young.

As adults, we need to listen to our children and value what they tell us. Jesus tells us that children are whole persons who should be valued for who they are, not just for what they will become: "...you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children". Luke 10:21. Spiritual awareness cannot be taught; it is part of the biological inheritance that makes us human. So, we need to spend at least as much time helping children experience God, as we do teaching them about God.

One of the greatest needs of children is relationship, and spirituality is their encounter and relationship with God. Like our children, we have the breath of God within us and like our children we are growing up in Christ. We can further develop our own spirituality, as we assist our children to develop theirs, for this development is not limited to talking about God, using special language or going to church; simple things like watching rain fall, sighting a rainbow, being cuddled, gazing up into the night sky, hugging a tree, seeing things grow can be spiritual events. Of course, there is no better way for a child to learn of God's love, than to experience unconditional love from a parent.

End-of-Term Prayer

We thank you, Lord, for our term together.

We are grateful for the successes, the challenges, and what we have learned this term. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right, to be witnesses of our faith. Keep us safe in our activities; give us rest and good fun. As we prepare for Term Three, bring us back refreshed and ready. Thank you to our friends and classmates, including staff, families and the St Joseph's School, who care for us all.

Amen

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Performing Arts

This term, junior primary students have been sharing simple Dreamtime stories to learn about the cultural significance of music and storytelling in First Nations Australian communities.

The students enjoyed retelling "How the Birds Got Their Colours" by Mary Albert and "Tiddalick the Frog" by Robert Roennfeldt. They used movement and musical instruments to express their ideas and bring the stories to life.

Using colourful scarves, the students performed their interpretations for the class, having a lot of fun while gaining a deeper appreciation

for these cultural stories.

The Catholic Schools Festival Choir will be heading to St. Francis De Sales College in Mt. Barker during Week 10 for a combined rehearsal. This event will showcase and workshop the 10 songs they have been practicing over the last two terms in preparation for their upcoming performance at the Festival Theatre in Adelaide, scheduled for Week 10 next term. The 17 students in the choir have been doing an outstanding job. Well, done!

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Murraylands Schools Basketball Competition

On Tuesday, 18th June, our school competed against 5 other schools in the Murraylands District Year 5/6 Basketball Competition.

The girls had some tough competition but finished with a win against Swan Reach. Many of the girls in the team had not played basketball before, so it was a great way for them to experience the game.

The boys drew against Mannum and had wins against Swan Reach and Mypolonga. Our games against North and Unity were close but our shooting was off and our defensive pressure dropped.

Thank you to Amy Rogerson for supporting the girls' team. Thanks also to Coral Schutz and Amy Sobels for scoring the games.

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5/6 Knockout Netball

On the 21st of June the 5/6 Knockout Netball team attended Round 1 at Unity College. St Joseph's played Unity and Bordertown, two excellent teams, and unfortunately were unsuccessful in securing a win for the day.

Two full games of netball proved extremely tiring, but the girls gave their full effort at every pass, intercept and shot. St Joseph's played their games with passion and respect, cheering on opposing teams and congratulating them at their wins. It was excellent to see the girls trying new positions and being supportive of their teammates. The girls should be very proud of their efforts, with Unity and Bordertown coaches also congratulating them on their improvement of standard of play and their teamwork as a group.



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Year 7/8 Netball

The year 7/8 girls knockout netball team went to Murray Bridge High School on Tuesday and played two games of back to back netball against Murray Bridge High School and River Murray District. Girls play exceptionally well given the weather conditions and skill set we

had as a team. Although we didn't come out with any wins, the girls enjoyed their time and represented the school proudly.

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From the Library

St Joseph's School is a very multi-cultural school, and we are proud of the many cultures represented.

Mrs Coulter has set up a display in the library and over the next Semester we will focus on each of the countries represented in our school culminating in a Multi-cultural Festival in Term 4.

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Community Prayer Special Visitor

This week at Community Prayer, Mrs Pamela Holmes, who worked in our school library before retiring last year, visited us to present to the school a special blanket.

Last year, during lunch and recess times several students worked in the library with Mrs Holmes where she taught them how to knit. Over the course of the

year these students knitted scarves and hats. Mrs Holmes took the scarves home and joined them together to make a beautiful blanket for our library. The students who were part of this group were thrilled with what Mrs Holmes had made from their scarves.



SAPSASA Netball

Congratulations to Kate Schutz Wellington and her team for receiving the Gold Medal in the Division 4 for the Country girls SAPSASA State Carnival.





Vinnies Winter Appeal



St Joseph's School is once again through our Religious Leaders Group going to support The St Vincent de Paul Society 2024 Vinnies Winter Appeal.

In the office area we have a Vinnies bin to collect warm clothing and blankets etc. If you can give non-perishable food items there is also a container for these. We will leave these containers in the office area until the end of July.

Thank you for your support of the homeless in our community.

Recent Features in the Murray Valley Standard

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Social

St Joseph's School Murray Bridge students participated in National Reconciliation Week celebration on Friday, May 31

Discover who's been seen



- 1: Leo Sobott was happy to learn about bags during Reconciliation Week celebrations. 411147
- 2: Charles Lin was fascinated with the bags presented during National Reconciliation Week. 411147
- 3: Sophie Allen, Felisa Peris, My Wanning and Oliver Nully were proud of their artwork. 411147
- 4: Oliver Coker was happy to colour in during Reconciliation Week celebrations. 411147
- 5: Fletcher Robson was proud of his artwork he made. 411147
- 6: Grace Ash had fun participating in Reconciliation Week activities. 411147
- 7: Ivie March had fun creating arts and crafts during the Reconciliation Week celebrations. 411147
- 8: Dallas Jankar was proud of his colouring in. 411147
- 9: Mia Ripley and Oliver Coker were learning all about bags and bags. 411147
- 10: Arny Roberts had a great time colouring in and learning about Reconciliation Week. 411147

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Thursday, 23 June 2022 | THE MURRAY VALLEY STANDARD 31

Murray Bridge young achiever recognised

KAITLYN GIBBONS

A Year 9 student from St Joseph's School Murray Bridge has been awarded and recognised for her academic efforts. Rong (Mary) Huang recently competed in an online academic competition against global entrants, mainly from Australia and New Zealand. Mary signed up for the competition because she was looking for ways to extend her academic skills and she stumbled across the Education Perfect Championship. The championship was held for a week and during the week, Mary would answer questions relating to her chosen topic, and for her that was maths. Mary said Education Perfect was an app where she was able to learn more about certain subjects.



Picture: KAITLYN GIBBONS

championships that give you like a week of time and you're supposed to answer questions on that. "So I answered quite a lot of questions, 2168 questions in a week of time." Mary said answering more than 2000 questions resulted in her getting a gold award. "I feel proud of myself," she said. Mary said competing in the challenge was a great way for her to extend her academic knowledge. She said while her favourite subject was physical education, she really enjoyed maths and learning about numbers. "I really like maths and physical education, I would like to be able to have a career in it," Mary said. "I want to graduate university and study

physical education or maths, probably be a teacher, being able to teach people." Mary said the competition was a once a year challenge and she said she would be participating again next year, but she would be aiming to answer more questions. "I think it was good for me to do," she said. Mary's middle school maths teacher, Brianna Schencher, said for more than two years Mary had been a dedicated student who has excelled at working above her year level. "She diligently worked on the competition on top of her accelerated curriculum work and won a gold award placing her in the top two per cent of entrants," she said. "Congratulations Mary on all your hard work." Mary answered 2168 questions and she earned 2011 points, placing her in the top two per cent of competitors from around the world.

Holiday Flyer

Monday
8th July
@
Woodlane Reserve
Mypolonga

Kayaking Holiday Activities

Tuesday
9th July
@
Hume Reserve
Murray Bridge

10am-12pm

A free activity with sit on top kayaks, all gear supplied. Wear closed in shoes and be sun smart

To book in and register please contact
Lyllat at Centacare on 0437 389997

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