



Important Dates

Joey's Parent Information Session
Friday 26 July 2024

Green & Gold Dress Up Day
Friday 2 August 2024

Mary Mackillop Celebration Day
Thursday 8 August 2024

Catholic Schools Open Week
Monday 19 August 2024

District Athletics Day
Tuesday 20 August 2024

Grandparents Day
Wednesday 21 August 2024

Book Week Parade
Friday 23 August 2024

Pupil Free Day
Friday 6 September 2024

Year 5 Wirraway Camp Start
Wednesday 18 September 2024

Year 5 Wirraway Camp Finish
Friday 20 September 2024

Last day of School
Friday 27 September 2024

Upcoming Events

Green & Gold Dress Up Day
Date: Friday 2 August
Venue: St Joseph's School - Murray Bridge

100 Years of St Joseph's School!
Date: Friday 7 February - Saturday 8 February
Venue: St Joseph's School - Murray Bridge

From the Principal



Dear parents, carers, teachers, and students,

We hope you had a restful holiday and stayed warm. Our students have returned enthusiastically and are already experiencing great learning opportunities. The Year 4s have also been on an overnight camp, which they loved.

The Exciting Events This Term:

- Green and Gold Dress-up Day
- Murray Bridge Show
- Grandparents Day
- Book Week
- Preparing for 100 Years School Celebrations in 2025

Term Three is an important time for our new Mid-term enrolments and our transition to school program, Joey's, which provides a chance for new and current families to begin the transition to our school. We are also in the process of preparing for new enrolments in the upcoming year, 2025.

We're excited about the term ahead and all the wonderful activities planned!

Get Ready for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games!

Excitement is building for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, one of the biggest events ever held in France! From July 26 to August 11, 2024, athletes worldwide will compete in 19 days of thrilling sports action.

A total of 10,500 athletes will go for the gold in 329 events across 35 different sports. Our very own Australia is expected to send a strong team of 460-480 athletes, ready to make us proud!

Paris will join London as the only city to have hosted the Olympics three times, having previously done so in 1900 and 1924. Next week, the students and staff are invited to get into the theme of celebrating this event by dressing in green and gold and donating a gold coin to a local sporting organisation. Let's cheer on our athletes and get ready for an unforgettable Olympic Games!

St. Joseph's School News: Living Learning Leading Survey – Week 2

Upcoming Survey Participation

Next week, St. Joseph's School will roll out the Living Learning Leading Survey to all parents, students, and staff. This initiative is part of a broader effort across all Catholic Education System schools within the diocese. Developed by Catholic Education SA, these surveys are crucial tools for evaluating our school's progress and effectiveness according to the principles outlined in our guiding framework.

Purpose of the Survey

The data gathered from these surveys will play a key role in our school's self-assessment process, particularly in four main areas:

- **Catholic Identity**
- **Curriculum and Co-constructed Learning and Assessment Design**
- **Student Agency, Identity, Learning, and Leadership**
- **Community Engagement**

By analysing the feedback, we can align our improvement strategies more effectively with the needs and perceptions of our school community.

Key Information

- **Survey Duration:** It will take approximately 3-5 minutes to complete.
- **Significance:** This is a valuable chance for parents and caregivers to share their experiences and insights about the school.
- **Confidentiality:** Individual responses are anonymous. The results will be compiled into collective graphs representing all parent and caregiver feedback.
- **Multiple Children:** If you have more than one child enrolled, please base your responses on your experience with your eldest child at the school.

We value your input and are committed to listening to and using your feedback to enhance the educational experience at St. Joseph's School. Thank you for your participation and support!

Staying Connected with Teachers

Our staff is excited for a fantastic term ahead, focusing on both learning and your child's well-being. We value open and respectful communication and are dedicated to partnering with families.

Communication Tools:

- **Seesaw App:** Use this app for regular updates on classroom activities and events.
- **School Newsletter:** Distributed online and via email link in Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9, this newsletter provides important information from school leadership. Please visit the front office if you need help setting up these apps or want a printed copy.

Important Notes:

- During teaching hours or supervision duties, teachers cannot engage in in-depth conversations or check emails and Seesaw messages.
- For urgent matters, please get in touch with the office so they can relay messages promptly. Alternatively, you can schedule an appointment for face-to-face discussions.

Response Time:

- Staff will respond to emails/seesaw app and messages within 48 hours during business hours. Please note that responses will not be made after hours or on weekends.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Have a great fortnight! "Go for Gold Aussies"

[View this article online to read more](#)

From the Classroom - Receptions

Celebrating the 100th day of school at St Joseph's School Murray Bridge marks a joyful milestone for our Reception children. It's a

special occasion where we celebrate their journey of learning and growth since the school year began. From making new friends to learning letters and numbers, each day has been filled with discovery and excitement. Through games, activities, and reflections, we honor their progress and accomplishments, fostering a love for learning that will continue to grow. This day is not just about numbers but about the wonderful memories and experiences that shape their educational journey.



[View this article online to read more](#)

Year 4 Camp - AFL MAX!

The Year 4 students recently had an amazing overnight camp at AFL Max. The camp focused on promoting well-being and teamwork with the theme "Healthy Body, Healthy Food, Healthy Minds, Healthy Team." The kids enjoyed rock climbing, football skills, team-building activities, learning about healthy food choices, and bouncing on trampolines, which ensured everyone found something they loved.

The camp was organised into a '4 Quarter Model,' just like a footy game, making it easy and fun for the kids to understand and engage with these important life skills. They got to improve their fitness, learn about developing a growth mindset, and the importance of keeping positive when things get challenging. Team-building activities helped them work together and strengthen friendships across the year level in a supportive environment. At the end of day one, the students enjoyed a movie on the big stadium screen. Both students and staff had a fantastic time. This adventure at AFL Max was a blend of fun, learning, and laughter, making it a truly memorable experience for all.

[View this article online to read more](#)



From the Library - BOOK WEEK!



This term we celebrate Book Week in Week 5. There will be many fun-filled activities throughout the week including a Book Treasure Hunt, Matching Teachers to their favourite Books, Buddy Activities & Reading, Grandparents (and Special Friends) Day, Celebrity Guest Readers and of course the Book Week Parade on the Friday.

We are also lucky to have Author/Illustrator Martin Chatterton visit our school for an exciting and engaging presentation for all students on Friday 9th August (Week 3), as well as a Book Week Performance called 'Maybe a Miracle' for Reception to Year 4 students run by Perform Education on Monday 12th August (Week4).

Don't forget to start thinking about your child's Book Week dress up costume for Friday 23rd August. Students can come dressed up in any book or book character or even something to do with this year's theme 'Reading is Magic'.

[View this article online to read more](#)

The Southern Cross

Please see [The Southern Cross](#) newsletter and the online edition of [The Southern Cross September 2024](#).

[View this article online to read more](#)

Bridge Bricks Expo



The poster is yellow with a blue and red border. It features the Mobilong Rotary Club logo (a blue gear with 'ROTARY' and 'SERVING' text) and the Murray Bridge High School logo (a blue square with a white 'M' and 'H' and the motto 'PALJI NAMAMI - THE FUTURE IS OURS'). In the center, there are several colorful Lego bricks. The text is in bold black and blue fonts.

Mobilong Rotary Club

MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
PALJI NAMAMI - THE FUTURE IS OURS

BRIDGE BRICKS EXPO 2024
Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th August
10.00am - 4.00pm
(To be held in the Murray Bridge High School Gymnasium)

Display your skill and creativity using Lego or come along to be inspired by the amazing works on display

Judging Categories including People's Choice Award

- ** Something seen at Monarto Safari Park
- ** Vehicles
- ** TV / Movie Inspired
- ** Dinosaurs
- ** Princess / Fairies
- ** Open

For information contact Bronwyn Heard 0417 197 219 or email bridgebrick.expo@gmail.com

*LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this event.

[View this article online to read more](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Please be aware of not parking in front of any garbage bins if they have been put out by the road.



**ST JOSEPH'S
SCHOOL**
IN ALL THINGS KINDNESS



STRONGER FAMILIES: A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY



**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OUR SPEAKERS



MAGGIE DENT

HELP ME
HELP MY TEEN



PAUL DILLON

TEENS, PARTIES,
ALCOHOL AND VAPES.
WHAT DO PARENTS
NEED TO KNOW?



**MADHAVI
NAWANA PARKER**

BEING CALM IN
THE EYE OF A
PARENTING STORM

**THE SANCTUARY
ADELAIDE ZOO**
1 PLANE TREE DRIVE

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 31**

**9AM
REGISTRATION**
9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix

www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-conference

cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events

