



Important Dates

Pupil Free Day

Friday 6 September 2024

Year 1 Excursion

Thursday 12 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

Catholic Schools Music Festival

Date: Tuesday 24 September - Monday 30 November

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Festival Theatre - Adelaide

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,

What a week it's been! We drifted into the enchanting world of books, and what a sensational celebration it was! Our students outdid themselves, dressing up in some of the most creative and impressive costumes we've ever seen. From favourite storybook characters to magical creatures, their enthusiasm and imagination were fantastic.

In all my years of celebrating Book Week, this one takes the prize! We're incredibly blessed to have such amazing families and a dedicated staff who bring these events to life. A huge thank you to our library staff, Mrs Coulter and Vanessa for making our library a magical place, especially this week. A massive thank you to all the families who joined us for Grandfriends Day—the joy on our students' faces was simply priceless. Moments like these highlight our strong, supportive community at St. Joseph's School.

As you flip through this special edition of our newsletter, you'll get a glimpse of all the fun, creativity, and magic that filled our week. The theme 'Reading is Magic' couldn't be more fitting!

Wishing you all a magical weekend filled with stories and smiles!

What is Made in the Image of God?

The Made in The Image of God (MITIOG) Human Sexuality Curriculum is designed for students who attend Catholic schools in South Australia from Years R-12. This curriculum is grounded in the Catholic belief that humans are made in God's image and likeness. It celebrates the Catholic Church's teachings that are focused on the dignity of the human person and, as such, honours the individual's worth and their right to experience respectful and healthy relationships. It is an inclusive curriculum that acknowledges and respects the uniqueness of each person's inherent goodness.

The MITIOG Curriculum has been developed to ensure that human sexuality education is accessible to all Catholic school students and delivered in an age-appropriate and culturally sensitive manner. It is respectful of an individual's right to make healthy and informed choices about their bodies and their relationships. (Catholic Education South Australia, 2022)

This curriculum will begin on Monday, 26 August, until Week 9 - Friday, 20 September.

SAVE THE DATE

Cyber Safe School

At St Joseph's School, we are committed to providing a cyber-safe learning community. Our cyber safety guidelines comply with CESA (Catholic Education South Australia) regulatory and legislative obligations. In Week 10 of this term, the students from Years 3-9 will participate in age-appropriate workshops covering the latest up-to-date information about cyber safety.



Cyber Safety Parent Information Sessions

Monday, September 23rd - 1 parent information presentation (evening 6.30 pm till 7.30 pm)

Tuesday, September 24th - 1 parent information presentation (morning 9.00 am till 10 am)

We want to invite all Parents and Carers to a Cyber Safety Information Session, which will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at St

Joseph's School. The sessions will be run by Cybersafe Families, a provider endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner, to share the latest research and best practice approaches to online safety education for families.

The sessions will provide parents and carers with strategies to help make home environments cyber-safe. All Cybersafe Families presentations are delivered by professionals who understand that all children are at different stages in their online journey.

The parent information session will include:

- Introduction to the most popular and current social media platforms
- Tools to recognise and manage cyberbullying
- Information about online grooming and other risks
- Communication strategies – how to start difficult conversations
- Strategies for supporting positive online behaviour, including tips on managing screen time

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3 Way Conferences

We will be holding 3 Way Conferences for families during Week 7 of Term 3, Monday 2nd –Thursday 5th September.

These meetings will include the class teacher, student, and parents/caregivers.

To make a 3 Way Conference booking with your child's class teacher please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, click on 'Make a Booking', enter the code **5w9de** and follow the prompts.

The booking system will be open from 9am on Friday the 23rd August. The cut off times for bookings are listed below:

- Bookings for Monday 2nd September will close at 4:30pm on Friday 30th August
- Booking for Tuesday 3rd September will close at 4:30pm on Monday 2nd September
- Booking for Wednesday 4th September will close at 4:30pm on Tuesday 3rd September
- Bookings for Thursday 5th September will close at 4:30pm on Wednesday 4th September

Each meeting will be for a duration of 15 minutes and will be held face-to-face in your child's classroom.

Middle Years parents can make bookings with each of your child's subject teachers.

If you have any problems with the booking process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Leesa Angove via the front office on 8534 2000.

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Season of Creation

It feels like spring has come early this year, with the warmer days and the new growth on flowers and trees ready to burst forth in vibrant colours. Spring officially begins on September 1st which also begins the church "Season of Creation".

The Season of Creation is approaching! It begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is 'To Hope and Act with Creation.'

During the Season of Creation, we are called to work together for a future of hope and action to make our world a better place. Hope is an instrument enabling us to overcome the natural law of decay. Hope is given to us by God as a protection and guard against futility. Only through hope we may realise the gift of freedom in fullness. Freedom to act not only to achieve enjoyment and prosperity, but to reach the stage in which we are free and responsible. Freedom and responsibility enable us to make the world a better place. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope emerge

Creation is groaning. Creation is part of God's revelation; we must learn from and with Creation to know how to hope and act for a better future. The African wisdom of Ubuntu teaches us that the sense of self is shaped by relationships with others. It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a cosmic collective family to care for Creation. I am because we are, the same goes with Creation. We are nature, nature is us, we are God's hands for global and cosmic justice.

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From the Classroom - Year 2

We've had a busy term so far! The children loved watching artist and illustrator Martin Chatterton as he drew pictures and talked about his work. We also enjoyed a performance that highlighted some of the books shortlisted for Book Week. We dressed in our green and gold to support the Australian Olympic team competing in Paris.

In Science, we've been exploring the different properties of materials. The children have conducted various experiments to test these properties. For example, they figured out which materials are the best insulators, learned how to make modelling clay float and support a toy car in water, and tested materials to see which are the most absorbent, stiff, and soft. These experiments are helping us understand how to choose the right materials, like finding the best one to make a hat that protects us from the sun.

Now, we're looking forward to the exciting activities planned for Book Week, Grandfriends Day and our upcoming trip to The Round House.

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Grandparents Day Photos - 2024

See photos below of our Grandparents day for 2024:

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Story Time at St Joseph's

Storytime at St Joseph's was a wonderful evening attended with over 65 people including children, their siblings and adults. The night's agenda comprised of story reading, sharing our favourite stories, a short break to enjoy a hot chocolate and a biscuit, watching a story being read on the 'big screen' and a 'Guess the Book - pass the parcel game' with treats and a book prize. It was so wonderful to showcase our beautiful library and to support and foster a love of books and reading.

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Book Week 2024

[See photos of our Book Week Parade for 2024:](#)

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District Athletics Day

On Tuesday, 28 students participated in the Murraylands District Athletics Day competing against students from nine other district schools. The day started with the 800m event followed by the throwing and jumping field events and sprints. Our students did themselves and our school community proud, giving their best efforts on the day and cheering with shouts of encouragement to each other from the sidelines. Overall our school finished in 3rd place.

Congratulations to Isabella Bormann for earning Runner Up Age Champion for the 11 Year Old Girls.

Well done to the following students for earning a spot in the Murraylands Athletics Team who will compete in the State Country Champs later in the term:

- Archie Popplewell, 11 Boys 800m
- Amelia Wellington-Schutz, 10 Girls Shot Put
- Tyler Temo, 10 Boys Relay
- Felisa Penta, 10 Girls Relay
- Isabella Bormann, 11 Girls Relay

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Morning ICT Monarto Visit for Science Week

Last week, the ICT Morning Group went on an excursion to Monarto Zoo to photograph the environments. The students are creating in MineCraft a map of the zoo.

We enjoyed the visit as we saw the new baby giraffe, the hyenas up close and the chimps enjoying their breakfast and the morning sun.

Our zoo map is almost finished. We will then invite our Junior Primary students to explore the zoo we created.

Kind regards,

Annette Lamont

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Science Week!

This week at St Joseph's School students participated in a range of fun science experiments.

Yr 6 students created lots of mixtures whilst investigations solutions and suspensions.

Yr7 students looked at the melting properties of ice under different conditions.

Yr8 students investigated the enzyme catalase in various vegetables.

Yr9 students used light boxes to correct vision problems such as short and long sightedness.

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St. Joseph's Festival Choir

St. Joseph's Festival Choir has been diligently practicing and rehearsing since the beginning of the year. Throughout this time, the choir has had the honour of singing at whole-school Masses and will be performing for grandparents and friends on Grand Friends' Day.

At the end of last term, our choir visited St. Francis de Sales College to sing alongside their choir. Following this assessment, we were awarded the prestigious first-row position for the mass choir performance at the Festival Centre in Adelaide. This exciting event will take place on Tuesday, September 24th. For those interested, tickets are available through Ticketek.

We are also thrilled to share some additional good news: Congratulations to one of our talented choir members, Lulu, who was selected to perform a solo in one of our choir songs. A well-deserved acknowledgment of her talent and dedication. Well done to Lulu and all the choir members for your hard work and commitment!

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Catholic Schools Open Week

Everyone's Welcome at St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge. For a tour of our school and to discover how we can instil a love of learning and values for life, please contact our front office on (08) 8534 2000.

Visit <https://www.stjomb.catholic.edu.au/home> for more information.

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Reception to Year 9
LOW FEES
SMALL CLASSES

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Join us for a School Tour
Reception to Year 9

The Southern Cross

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

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Murray Bridge Life Saving Club Committee

MURRAY BRIDGE LIFE SAVING CLUB COMMITTEE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Express your interest using the link above

EOIs close Monday 26 August 2024

Express your interest to be on the Committee of the Murray Bridge Life Saving Club!

Dear St Joes Families,

Thank you to those who came to our information session last week on starting a Life Saving Club in Murray Bridge. If you missed it, please see a [link to the presentation](#) here.

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join the Murray Bridge Life Saving Club Committee to help shape the next Rippers Program and the future of the Club in the community.

To express your interest, [fill out this EOI Form](#). Expressions of interest close at midnight on Monday 26 August 2024.

First Day Free at our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) programs

Your OSHC.

First Day Free in Term Three!

Don't miss out! Come and try our Before and After School Care absolutely free!



New Family Offer!

Join in the fun at our OSHC program, the first session is FREE!* Register an account, make a booking and we will remove the charge.

What can I expect in Your OSHC?

- Activities designed for your child
- Delicious snacks & food
- Art & Craft
- Sports & Games
- Life Skills
- Construction
- Imaginative Play
- Confidence Boosting
- Plus, time back for you to finish work, study or even going to the gym.



You can even use your free session on Big Art Fridays!

Every Friday, Your OSHC turns into a bustling art studio where your child will connect with friends and express their creativity all afternoon!

On Fridays, we pARTy!

Register free and book now at www.campastralia.com.au

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Camp Australia are thrilled to announce an exciting new offer for your school community. They are now offering a First Day Free at our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) programs! This is a fantastic opportunity for families to experience the benefits of their program without any cost for their first session.

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