

# eNews Term 4, Week 5, 2023



## Important Dates

**Murray Bridge  
Christmas Pageant**  
Saturday 18 November 2023

**Year 5 Mass 9.30am**  
Wednesday 22 November  
2023

**NDIS Coordinator is  
on site for  
Consultation**  
Thursday 23 November 2023

**'Just Too Deadly'  
Awards Yr 6 ATSI  
Students 6pm**  
Thursday 23 November 2023

**Year 8 Camp 27-28  
November**  
Monday 27 November 2023

**Year 4 Mass 9.30am**  
Wednesday 29 November  
2023

**Year 2 Fairy Tale -  
Goldilocks - 2.15pm  
& 2.35pm**  
Thursday 30 November 2023

**Year 3 Prayer  
Service 9.30am**  
Friday 1 December 2023

**Matthew Ahrens  
Piano Concert  
11.30am**  
Friday 1 December 2023

**Year 3 Sleepover  
5pm**  
Friday 1 December 2023

**JOEY's Graduation  
2pm**  
Friday 1 December 2023

**School Board  
Meeting 6.30pm**  
Monday 4 December 2023

**Swimming:  
Reception - Year 4.  
Dec 4-8**  
Monday 4 December 2023

**Year 7 Transition  
Day**  
Tuesday 5 December 2023

**Year 5 Christmas  
Showcase 5.30pm**  
Tuesday 5 December 2023

**Middle Years Mass  
9.30am**  
Wednesday 6 December  
2023

**Year 9 Graduation  
Mass & Dinner 6pm**  
Wednesday 6 December  
2023

**Year 1 Advent  
Prayer Service  
9.30am**

**Student Reports Go  
Home**  
Friday 8 December 2023

**Year 2 Prayer  
Service 9.30am**  
Monday 11 December 2023

**Year 3 Christmas  
Musical - 9.30am &  
12.15pm**

Reception Nativity  
Prayer Service &  
Picnic 5pm  
Monday 11 December 2023

Year 4 Nativity Play  
9.30am & 10.30am  
Tuesday 12 December 2023

End of Year Mass  
(Led by Year 6)  
9.30am  
Wednesday 13 December  
2023

Term Four  
Concludes 3.05 pm  
Wednesday 13 December  
2023

Pupil Free Day  
Thursday 14 December 2023

Pupil Free Day  
Friday 15 December 2023

## Catholic Identity



### DOES GOD PLAY FAVOURITES?

As a parent and a teacher, I try very hard never to play favourites which isn't always easy to do. We are all human with many feelings and emotions and sometimes it is easier to like some more than others.

In an article I read recently from GPBS "Weekly Parables for Catholic Schools" I was reminded that God sees things differently. In the Gospels we are told that God does indeed have favourites. God's favourites are: 'the people who are poor, who mourn, and who face persecution for doing the right thing'. Yes, God loves us all equally, but we are shown over and over again that God's actions favour the powerless and people who suffer. We know this because God sent people like Moses and Jesus to help them.

Jesus tells his disciples that God is working to construct a world that favours the powerless and will change things so that the people on the bottom will have what they need. These are the people that Jesus ate with and spent time with often challenging customs that caused them to suffer and also to show people who abuse power, horde power or hurt others that it's time to change.

The examples Jesus gave us reminds us not to be complacent and to pay attention to what is really important in life. How do we treat the lonely and vulnerable in our communities? Do we work for justice and a fair go for all? Are there people in your life who inspire you by how they favour the poor, the lonely and the vulnerable?

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## Prayer Service and Mass Times Term 4

Wednesday, November 22 – Year 5 Mass	9.30am
Wednesday, November 29 – Year 4 Mass	9.30am
Friday, December 1 – Year 3 Prayer Service	9.30am
Wednesday, December 6 – Middle Years Mass	9.30am
Friday, December 8 - Year 1 Advent Prayer Service	9.30am
Monday, December 11 – Year 2 Prayer Service	9.30am
Monday, December 11 – Reception Nativity Prayer Service & Picnic	5pm
Wednesday, December 13 – Whole School Mass (Led by Year 6)	9.30am

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## From the Principal - Week 5



### **Dear parents, carers, teachers, and students,**

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible experiences our students have had over the past few weeks. It is hard to believe that only two newsletters are left for the year!

This term, every class from Reception to Year 9 had the opportunity to participate in a planned camp, sleepover, and day trip. These experiences were highly successful, with our students creating lifelong memories and learning valuable skills outside the classroom. We are proud of their achievements and grateful for the support of our dedicated staff and parents. Our new Camps and Excursions Policy reflects these changes, and we will continue offering all our students various experiences at each year level, which are heavily subsidised financially to support attendance and families.

I would also like to express my gratitude and acknowledge the parents and guardians who took the time to complete the Preparation for 2024 class survey. This is now closed. Your feedback is invaluable, and our leadership team is thoroughly collating the responses to inform our decisions in the coming weeks. Our unwavering commitment to small class sizes, additional classroom support staff, and specialist small-group support for speech and occupational therapy reflects our dedication to supporting all students and their teachers. Additionally, our vibrant teachers will be allocated to classes where they can best utilise their expertise and skills.

### **What's New in 2024**

I am thrilled to announce the implementation of MultiLit Programs, which are best practices in literacy instruction and intervention. With additional funding from Catholic Education SA, we have already begun training teachers and support staff in preparation for the rollout of the InitialLit literacy program next year. InitialLit is a three-year program (Reception to Year 2) that will provide all students with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers. Additionally, we will expand our well-established intervention program, which includes MiniLit for younger students and MacqLit for small groups of older low-progress readers. These initiatives demonstrate our commitment to providing all of our students with the best possible reading and writing instruction into the future. Mathematics instruction is also an area of focus, with our teachers having access to a numeracy expert yet again in 2024 to develop further and implement our focus of consolidating the 'Big Ideas in Number'.

As your leader, I am dedicated to listening to the needs of our community, addressing areas for improvement, and always striving to provide

the best for our students. I understand that this time of year can be uncertain and anxiety-inducing for many, but I want to assure you that everyone at St. Joseph's works tirelessly to educate and support our children. It is a privilege to be entrusted with the care and education of your children, and all our staff take this responsibility seriously.

In the remaining weeks of school, we have planned exciting class presentations for our community to enjoy. These events are a fantastic opportunity to come together, celebrate the year, and appreciate the achievements of our students. We encourage you to get involved and bring along your friends. There is something for everyone, so we hope to see you there!

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. I'm optimistic that we can continue to provide a nurturing and enriching environment for our students here at St Joseph's.

### **Important Events**

**Note - Our School Community is welcome at Events marked with \***

#### **Week 5**

Saturday, November 18th

\*Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant (note sent to Year 2 and 3 families)

#### **Week 6**

Wednesday, November 22nd

\*Year 5 Mass at 9:30 am

#### **Week 7**

Mon-Tues, November 27th & 28th Year 8 Camp Adelaide

Wednesday, November 29th

\*Year 4 Mass at 9:30 am

\*Matthew Ahrens Piano Concert at 11:30 am

Thursday, November 30th

\*Year 2 Fairy Tale Performance at 2:15 pm & 2.35 pm

Friday, December 1st

\*Year 3 Prayer Service 9.30 am, Year 3 Sleepover Day/Night

\*Matthew Ahrens Piano Concert at 11:30 am

\*JOEY's Graduation and Mid-term Student Prayer Service at 1:45 pm

#### **Week 8**

Monday-Friday, December 4th-8th: Swimming for all Reception to Year 4 classes

Tuesday, December 5th

Year 7 Transition Day St Joseph's

\*Year 5 Christmas Showcase at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 6th

\*Middle Years Mass at 9:30 am

\*Year 9 Graduation Mass and Celebration at 6:00 pm

Friday, December 8th

\*Year 1 Advent Prayer Service at 9:30 am

Student reports go home

#### **Week 9**

Monday, December 11th

\*Year 2 Prayer Service 9.30 am

\*Year 3 Christmas Musicals at 9.30 am & 12:15 pm

\*Reception Nativity Play and Community Christmas Picnic at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 12th

\*Year 4 Nativity Play 9.30 am & 10.30 am

Wednesday, December 13th

\*End of Year Mass led by Year 6 students at 9:30 am

Normal school dismissal at 3:05 pm

Please note that events may be subject to change if there is inclement weather. We will keep you updated on any changes via Seesaw.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Ros Oates**

Principal

## Reminders

**Swimming:** During Week 8, Monday, December 4 to Friday, December 8, the Reception to Year 4 classes will participate in the annual Swimming program at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre. These swimming lessons are important for developing water safety skills for our students, and we are grateful to the School Board for fully funding this opportunity.

**Hot Weather:** As the weather heats up in Term 4, students must wear their School hats when playing outside as part of our commitment to being a SunSmart school.

The **final school closure days for 2023** are:

Thursday 14th December and Friday 15th December – Term 4 (Last two school days of the year) – Curriculum, Data and Handover Day



YOU ARE INVITED BY  
THE RECEPTION  
CLASSES  
TO ATTEND.....

# St Joseph's Christmas

PICNIC DINNER ON THE  
GREEN

MONDAY

11 DECEMBER, 2023

GATES OPEN 5 PM

5.30 PM REC - NATIVITY STARTS

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL  
LAWNS BY THE  
PLAYGROUND

BYO - FAMILY PICNIC  
DRINKS & RUG/CHAIR



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## From the Classroom - Year 6



### **Memorable experiences for Year 6 Students at Murraylands Aquatics Centre**

Year 6 students recently experienced a three-day, two-night camp at the Murraylands Aquatics Centre. Students participated in activities on the river including skiing, knee-boarding, kayaking and small boat handling.

Students participated in activities enthusiastically, embracing all experiences regardless of their experience with the water activities. Students were exposed to various opportunities that increased their water knowledge and safety abilities. Year 6 students worked together within the groups to ensure the activities were successful and they absolutely made the most of their experiences!

The year 6 camp was an unforgettable student. Friendships were strengthened, water knowledge increased, and individual skills developed. This adventure packed experience demonstrated students' ability to embrace new experiences and get to know their peers outside of the classroom.

"Camp was fun being able to ski and stand up paddle boarding." – Dylan Gay

"You should go down and have a try, you might find out some things you would never think would be fun actually are. I never thought I would enjoy sailing or knee boarding, but I had a blast!" – Aaliyah Hughes-Jensen

"The best part of camp was being able to be in the water and hanging out with my friends for three days." – Kane Fiegart

"Our year 6 camp was fun. Both the activities and also being able to see my friends outside of school" – Claire Paul

### **Science**

We have been lucky enough to have Ms Talia Moyle, student teacher for Charles Darwin University, completing her final teaching practicum in year 6. With a background in Science, Ms Moyle has engaged students with lessons focused on energy and light. Students have successfully created small electrical circuits creating a torch and mini buzzer.

### **Maths**

Students have explored various 3D shapes and their cross sections. To strengthen this knowledge, students constructed 3D models of their chosen shape. Students loved the hands-on nature of this task and the ability to physically showcase their learning. Students are now looking at tessellations and creating patterns that are tessellating in nature.

### **MITIOG – Made In The Image of God**

During Religion, students explored growth and development, considering all individuals as unique to being 'Made In The Image of God'. Students engaged respectfully and gained valuable knowledge about respectful relationships with themselves and others.

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## SACPSSA Athletics Carnival 2023



On Tuesday, 7th November, 37 students took part in the Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival at Athletics SA Stadium in Mile End. Students competed against 8 other Catholic Schools in three field events (High Jump, Long Jump, and Shot Put) and seven track events (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Hurdles, 1500m, and the 4x100m relay). Unfortunately, 4 of our boy competitors called in sick. A small team shuffle meant that not too many of their events went without someone from St Joseph's putting their hand up to have a go in their stead. The top four competitors from each event were awarded points and a ribbon. Our team ended up with 30 ribbons from a total 88 events.





Congratulations to all our competitors who gave huge efforts in all events. The school staff and parent supporters were proud of our team's achievements and the behaviours and supportive natures of our community.



Students who placed in the top 4 in an event were:

Evie Zilm – 2nd Year 6 Girls Long Jump

Austin Hempel – 2nd Year 4 Boys Shot Put

Milla Smith – 4th Year 5 Girls Hurdles, 2nd 100m

Hamish Hankin – 4th Year 6 Boys Hurdles, 4th Shot Put, 3rd 100m

Marley Cooper – 1st Year 6 Girls Hurdles, 1st 100m

Amelia Wellington-Schutz – 4th Year 4 Girls 800m, 4th 100m

Max Sobels – 4th Year 3 Boys Long Jump, 4th Long Jump, 4th 200m

Summer Williams – 4th Year 4 Girls High Jump

Jayden Lin – 4th Year 5 Boys Shot Put

Matilda Gillen – 4th Year 3 Girls 100m

Jameson James – 4th Year 3 Boys 100m, 1st Long Jump

Isabella Bormann – 4th Year 4 Girls 100m, 2nd 200m

Felisa Penta – 1st Year 4 Girls 100m, 1st Long Jump, 1st 200m

Blake Buick – 2nd Year 3 Boys High Jump  
Charlotte Ireland – Year 6 Girls 2nd Shot Put  
Logan McFarlane – Year 6 Boys 2nd 100m  
Emily Leckie – Year 5 Girls 2nd Long Jump  
Amalia Hollitt – Year 3 Girls 3rd Shot Put  
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## Children's University



Last week we celebrated the Children's University graduates for 2023 in a ceremony at Bonython Hall in Adelaide. 34 St Joseph's students graduated Children's University this year with a staggering 1920.5 hours of learning recorded. A huge achievement from a dedicated and driven group of students.

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## NDIS Planning Appointments

Helen, the NDIS Coordinator from Mission Australia, will be on site to help students and their families with their NDIS Plan on Thursday 23 November.

If anyone would like an appointment to seek information, discuss concerns with their child's NDIS plan they will need to phone Helen for an appointment time, that way she can provide correct allocation time. Please call Helen from Mission Australia, phone 0436 687 591.



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## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Launch



Traditionally at St Joseph's School we have supported the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal through our Giving Tree and food collections for those in our community who may struggle during the Christmas season. We will send home in a few weeks' time a note reminding families about these 2 ways we can support Vinnies. Our new Religious Leaders will also be organising a fund-raising activity so watch out for notes and Seesaw messages coming home.

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## Camp Australia - Summer Rocketeers Program

**Rocketeers** is an upcoming fun summer holiday program to be run at St Joseph's School. Use the QR Code or find more details at [www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers)

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Outside School Hours Care

# Newsletter

15/11/2023

St Joseph's School OSHC



Your OSHC.



## Rubbish Robots



After School Care  
13-17 November

Book now

### A message from your Coordinator

It's over halfway through the term and we have been super busy not only having lots of fun with our friends at OSHC but we have been trying new foods with our new and improved menu, been investigating recycling and being sustainable. As well as talking about Christmas and our family traditions.

**HATS:** in order to keep children safe, we would like to ask that children please be reminded that they need to bring their hats to OSHC.

**ROCKETEERS;** We are happy to say that we will be open during the school holidays 8am - 4pm. The bookings are now open for you to access this service.

We will be closed from end of day 22<sup>nd</sup> December and opening again on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

Keep smiling.

### Activities coming up

- Recycling week
- Christmas Activities
- Construction with boxes

### Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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## Christmas Lunch



### **Christmas Lunch**

Presented by the  
Combined Christian Churches

Catholic Church Hall  
Corner of Ind & Mannum Road, Murray Bridge.

December 25th 2023  
12 noon for 12:30pm

*If you are on your own and would like to celebrate with others, please register by 16th December 2023 for catering purposes.*

**"Come and find the heart of Christmas in Community."**

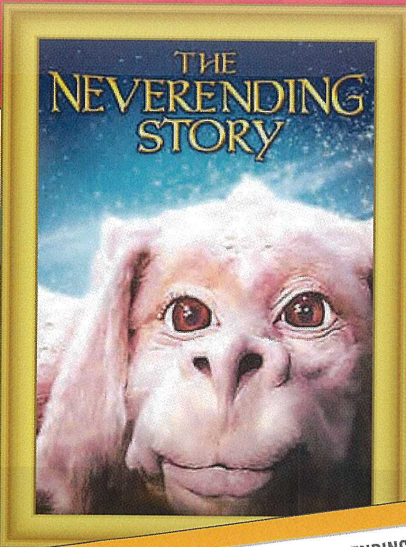
RSVP by 16th December to:  
Murray Bridge Catholic Church 85311699  
Murray Bridge Uniting Church 85325150  
Deacon Arturo 0413800249 or Darren Lovell 0466411784

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## Blue Light Movie Night



# MOVIE NIGHT



TICKET TO: THE NEVER ENDING STORY ★

**THURSDAY**  
**23 NOV 2023**

AGE: 8 - 17 YEARS  
COST \$5 INCLUDES  
MOVIE, POPCORN & DRINK

START: 4:30 PM  
FINISH: 6:30 PM

VENUE: EDWARDS SQUARE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
2 SOUTH TERRACE MURRAY BRIDGE

DOORS OPEN FROM 4PM    TICKETS FROM [WWW.BLUELIGHTSA.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.BLUELIGHTSA.ORG/EVENTS)

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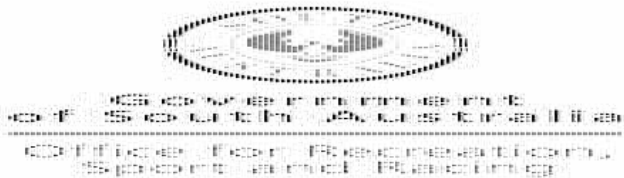


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## School Uniforms Update

Vinnies Uniform Shops are all located within Vinnies Charity Stores and are serviced by appointment only, by making a booking ensures we have an appropriately trained uniform staff member onsite to assist with uniform fittings, selections, and purchases.

Parents can make a booking with Rochelle and the Murray Bridge Vinnies Uniform Shop Team by scanning the QR code or visiting [Vinnies - Uniform Shop \(simplybook.me\)](http://Vinnies - Uniform Shop (simplybook.me))

We encourage parents to contact us by email ([schooluniforms@svdpsa.org.au](mailto:schooluniforms@svdpsa.org.au)) for consideration of appointments outside

available booking times.

For parents who prefer to personally make a selection, or complete fittings themselves, we welcome you at any time during normal Vinnies Shop trading hours (refer to [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) for trading hours) – **no bookings required**. Vinnies Shop volunteers will only be able to assist with finalising the purchase of school uniforms, it is recommended parents make a booking if assistance and advice in uniform fittings and selection is required.



# Vinnies Uniform Shop

Visit  
[vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)  
for store trading  
hours

## Purchase of school uniforms and uniform fittings

Uniform shop staff are available in store by appointment only. **All bookings are to be made by visiting [SimplyBook.Me](https://www.simplybook.me), or scanning the QR code.**

If personal selection and fittings are your preference, we welcome you at any time during normal Vinnies Shop trading hours – no booking required.



[Vinnies - Uniform Shop \(simplybook.me\)](https://www.simplybook.me)

**If your preferred booking time is not listed,  
please email [schooluniforms@svdpsa.org.au](mailto:schooluniforms@svdpsa.org.au)**

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## 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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