



St. Joseph's Primary School

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Friday 7th June 2024

Events Calendar ...

Next Week ...

Monday 10th June
- King's Birthday

Tuesday 11th June
- Confirmation / Eucharist
Preparation, 6pm

Friday 14th June
- Kerang Winter Sports Carnival

Advance Notice...

Tuesday 18th June
- Confirmation / Eucharist
Preparation, 6pm

Friday 21st June
- Mallee Winter Sports, Swan Hill

Tuesday 25th June
- Confirmation / Eucharist
Preparation, 6pm

Friday 28th June
- Last Day of Term 2

Monday 15th July
- First Day of Term 3

Monday 22nd July
- School Advisory / Event
Committee Meeting

Friday 26th July
- Flying into Foundation 10am

Wednesday 31st July
- Mackillop Transition

Friday 2nd August
- St Joseph's Trivia Night

**All dates can be found on the
St Joseph's App and website.**

St Joseph's is a Child Safe school.
We promote the Safety, Wellbeing &
Inclusion of all students.

Catholic Schools
Child Safe Schools



Dear Families,

Sickness & Absenteeism

In our school community, like many others in the area, we've noticed a considerable number of staff and students dealing with a variety of illnesses; colds, flu & COVID. I would like to thank everyone for their dedication to attending school, but it is very important to remember that if children aren't feeling well, it is best for them to stay home and rest. In relation to COVID there are no hard and fast rules, just sensible recommendations, as below:

Management of COVID-19 in schools

It is recommended that staff members, students or visitors who have symptoms of cold, influenza or COVID-19 undergo testing for COVID-19. Parents of symptomatic students should be asked to collect their child from school and keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic. The Department of Health recommends that staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 isolate for a minimum of 5 days and do not attend school until their symptoms resolve.

Flying into Foundation

Next term we will begin our 'Flying into Foundation' school familiarisation program. **Flying into Foundation** is open to all kinder kids, whether the family is intending to enrol at St Joseph's or not. There will be two familiarisation sessions. The date of our first session is **Friday, July 26th, 10am - 11am**. Given that this isn't our formal transition program a parent is required to stay on our school premises for the duration of the visit, so a cuppa and morning tea will be available onsite.

National Reconciliation Week

With the passing of NRW2024 I thought it was important that I highlight what this week is all about:

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week. In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation. Today, National Reconciliation Week is celebrated in workplaces, schools and early learning services, community organisations and groups, and by individuals Australia-wide.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

Have a great long weekend,
Chris

Parish Priest: Fr. Dean Bongat (Fr. Dean)

Email: stpatker@bigpond.com

Presbytery Number: 5452 1041

Sunday Mass Timetable: Cohuna – 8.30am ** Kerang – 10:30am ** (Saturday evening) Pyramid Hill – 6:30pm
2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MASSES BEING KERANG 9:00am COHUNA 10:30am.

For all Week Day Mass Times please see the Parish Bulletin issued each Sunday.

OR Contact: Presbytery - 5452 1041 St Joseph’s School - 5452 1426

Reconciliation & Communion at home is available: by arrangement with Father.

PBiS Award – Monday 3rd June ‘24
Respect of Self, Others and Environment

F-NB	Ollie M Respect for... Others by showing the 5 L’s and listening to instructions.
12-KD	Juddie D Respect for... Self and others by being a fantastic role model during work time – staying on task and challenging yourself in everything that you do.
12-KS	Hudson C Respect for... Self and the environment for taking initiative to tidy his tub and for cleaning up after others at the Good Samaritan Cup. Thanks Huddy!
34-AJ/JO	Jack T Respect for... Self and others for being a great role model at Good Samaritan Cup.
34-AM	Laurie P Respect for... Others by displaying good sportsmanship whilst playing soccer at the Good Samaritan Cup.
56-JC	Jack M Respect for... Self and others by being an empathetic member of our school both in class and in the yard.
56-JR	Jazlyn S Respect for... Self for stepping out of her comfort zone and trying new things.



Back: Laurie, Jack, Jazlyn & Jack
 Front: Juddie & Hudson

Right: Ollie

Academic Award – Monday 3rd June ‘24

F-NB	Zara P... Being willing to share her ideas with the class and have a go at segmenting words to write them.
12-KD	Oliver C... For your exceptional information report writing in your Post CAT including technical language, interesting facts and subtitles.
12-KS	Neave M... For her amazing commitment to learning. Thanks for creating a wonderful report on penguins for homework!
34-AJ/JO	Thea S... For taking on feedback to improve her writing.
34-AM	Stella C... For being a focussed learner during Spellex lessons to obtain great results to improve her understanding of spelling.
56-JC	Sonny G... For working consistently well, particularly with his recent writing tasks.
5/6-JR	Ayla W... For her enthusiasm towards her learning.



Back: Thea, Oliver, Sonny & Ayla
 Front: Stella & Neave

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Birthday Celebrations

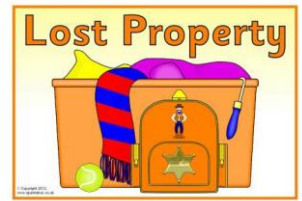


...to students who celebrate their birthday on the following days...

June
14th – Cooper W

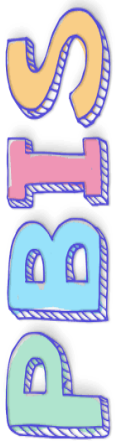
Lost Property

There are a number of unclaimed jumpers, snack/lunch containers & drink bottles waiting for someone to claim. These items are all in the lost property box for collection.



We have several students who are missing uniform pieces. Please check you have your child's uniform and ensure all uniforms are clearly named.

PBiS



Congratulations to this week's PBiS Winners!

School Newsletter

Please contact Bree in reception if you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter each week.

Footy Tipping

As round 12 comes to an end the ladder has changed and a few tippers have snuck up to the top of the ladder. It was an interesting round with everyone tipping different teams which made the ladder change a lot. Well done to the 7 tippers who got 4 tips right of the seven games played! Mr Murray has had a few good weeks of tipping and has now found himself second, with Arlie Edwards now up to forth spot as well. Good luck to everyone this week with a big weekend of footy!

Round 12 Leader board

1 st	JohnCedwards	73
2 nd	Luke Murray	72
	hhayles	72
3 rd	Scratch3	71
4 th	Arlie Edwards	70



Brodie Meehan
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Scholastic Book Club Orders



Orders are due by the **12th of June**. If you would like to place your order online, please follow the link below or download the Book Clubs LOOP app.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

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www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON

Download on the

Bus Families

Reminder St Joseph's Primary School is no longer using the SkoolBag app.

Any changes to school bus arrangements please notify the school either by phone 54521 426 or email

admin@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au



COVID-19 Update



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Uniform

Uniform Store

Store Open: By Appointment only
Please call the school office on 5452 1426 to arrange an appointment.

*Orders in by: Tuesday 8am each week.
(Orders will be sent home on Tuesday)*

2024 UNIFORM ORDER FORMS

Uniform order forms with 2024 prices are now available on the CDFpay app.

Please note all orders need to be placed on CDF Pay. Please contact the office if you are having any technical issues.

Term 2 Canteen Specials

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11th June - Zucchini Slice



18th June - Hot Dogs



25th June - Taco Bowls

Canteen Roster

Roster:

DAY	DATE	VOLUNTEER
Friday	14 th June	Andrea Fowler
Friday	21 st June	Kate Spitty & Jess Bray
Tuesday	25 th June	Jen Moore
Friday	28 th June	Sarah Wood



Thanks to everyone who has put their hand up to volunteer this year.

We are still needing more volunteers in the canteen for Term 3.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the Canteen Volunteer form and return it to school.



If you want to complete the "Do Food Safely" course at home this is the link

<https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/> otherwise you can do it in the canteen on the day.

Stacey Turner - Canteen Manager

Community Events & Information - See School Facebook page for full details

1. The Kerang Children's Singing Group - weekly on Tuesdays 3:30pm - 5pm.
2. Kerang Scouts - weekly on Mondays 7:30pm-9:30pm
3. Gannawarra Parent and Guardian Carer Support Group - 3rd Wednesday, 10am - 11:30am, Monthly.
4. The Gannawarra Refugee Support Group - Thursday 20th June, St John's Church, 6:30pm - light meal provided. Donation at the door.



CDF Pay



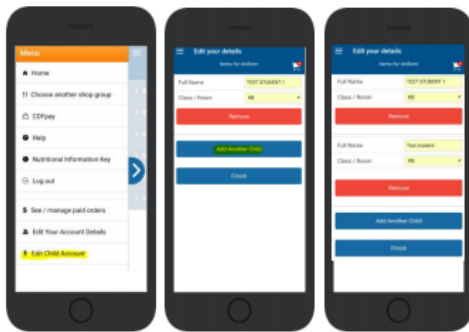
Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Pay is a new cash-free solution for St. Joseph's parents. The initial roll out of CDF Pay will provide a cash-free online portal to the Uniform Store and Canteen.



Activate your New Parent Account:

Adding / Removing Children to your CDFpay Account

- ⇒ Tap the Menu Icon on your device.
- ⇒ Choose **Edit Child Account**.
- ⇒ You can change/remove your current child on this screen.
- ⇒ Or choose **Add Another Child**.
- ⇒ Choose **Finish** once all children are added.



<https://sjkerang.cdfpay.org.au/MonitorOnline/app/#/login>
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Financial Assistance

CSEF

Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent may be eligible for Camps, Sport & Excursions Funding (CSEF). CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps & sporting activities. Forms are available at the school office and will need to be returned this year with a copy of your current concession card.



For more information, please see website:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Opening The Doors Foundation

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in Victoria with educational funding such as school uniforms, books, school camps and other school associated costs. Applications for 2024 grant are now open.

Families eligible for Opening the Doors need to complete the online application:

<https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/apply-now>

For more information, please see website:

<https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/>



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice

Parent Access Module (PAM)

REMINDER:

Could all families please download the Simon Everywhere App.



What is Simon everywhere??

Simon Everywhere is a smartphone app designed to run PAM on your mobile phone

streamlining the communication process for our families.



Parent Communication

Our Parent Access Module (PAM) provides real time access to keep parents updated with their children's progress, important dates and messages.

Key Advantages:

- ✓ Keep up to date with your children's progress in real-time.
- ✓ Book your parent teacher interviews.
- ✓ Download official school reports.
- ✓ Access school documents, calendars and messages

Parent Access Module (PAM) Medical Information

Medical Information:

We have noticed that some families have approved their child/ren's medical information but it has Medicare details out of date or sections that have not been completed. It is a requirement for the school to have current and accurate medical information for all students especially if they are attending an excursion/camp/sporting event. Could all families please take the time to review what information is in your child/ren's file and update if required.



Please contact Bree in the office if you have any questions.

Parent Access Module (PAM) Update

Thank you for your patience as we continue to transition over to our Parent Access Module (PAM).

To date we have introduced:

- Absent Notifications: if parents/guardians can please put these through PAM and not school bag.
- School Activities: permission notes for school activities.
- Sick Bay Pass notifications: these will be sent home after 4pm and can be seen under the students Profile Menu (Sick Passes).
- School Reports: parents/guardians can read or download their child/ren's reports under the student Profile Menu (Assessment Reports)