



# St. Joseph's Primary School

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Newsletter No. 18

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## Events Calendar ...

### Next Week ...

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

- Kerang Winter Sports Carnival  
Yr. 5/6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

- Confirmation / Eucharist  
Preparation, 6pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

- Mallee Winter Sports Yr. 5/6,  
Swan Hill

### Advance Notice...

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

- Confirmation / Eucharist  
Preparation, 6pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

- Last Day of Term 2

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

- First Day of Term 3

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

- School Advisory / Event  
Committee Meeting

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

- Flying into Foundation 10am

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July

- Mackillop Transition

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,

### **KDPSSA Winter Sports for Yr. 5/6 Students**

Unfortunately, the Winter Sports for Yr. 5/6 students had to be cancelled today due to the likelihood of inclement weather. This decision was prompted due to the likelihood of rain and the format of the day which involves children playing multiple games, which involves them spending time playing, but also viewing others playing in between matches. Given that there is a tight timeline for the selection of representative teams from this day being required to compete in Swan Hill next Friday, June 21st, the **Winter Sports** will be held on **Monday June 17th** at Riverside Park Sports Reserve and Kerang Basketball Stadium.

### **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 onsite for the duration of the visit, so a cuppa and morning tea will be available onsite.

### **Preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist**

On Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Judson Tonkin, Sienna Maritz and Emaline Murphy will be participating in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at St Patrick's Church, Kerang. These students have recently begun the journey of preparation for the sacraments and we wish them all the best and keep them in our thoughts and prayers during this time of preparation.

### **Catholic Education Sandhurst News**



The Catholic Education Office Sandhurst is celebrating 50 years, and are calling all who have worked in the Office to join in a celebration on **Sunday, 18th August 2024**. Mass will be celebrated at St Kilian's Church, Bendigo at 11:30am followed by light refreshments at 120 Hargreaves St, Bendigo incorporating displays and memorabilia. If you know anyone who has worked in the Offices in

Bendigo, Wangaratta, Tatura, Benalla or Shepparton; please let them know!

Have a great weekend,  
Chris

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

Email: [stpatker@bigpond.com](mailto: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 – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June '24**  
*Respect of Self, Others and Environment*

<b>F-NB</b>	<b>Gilbert M Respect for...</b> Self by working so well independently to complete his work during reading groups times.
<b>12-KD</b>	<b>Noah K Respect for...</b> Self and others for always being kind, respectful, caring and empathetic towards others. Quietly working hard at everything you do and checking in on fellow classmates and Mrs Dunstan when they need help.
<b>12-KS</b>	<b>Ruby H Respect for...</b> Self and others by working hard to achieve success in all of her work, and for ensuring everyone is included in activities.
<b>34-AJ/JO</b>	<b>Emaline M Respect for...</b> Self for her persistence when faced with challenges.
<b>34-AM</b>	<b>Joe O Respect for...</b> Self by making good choices to try new things.
<b>56-JC</b>	<b>Alby L Respect for...</b> Self for having a positive mindset towards his learning.
<b>56-JR</b>	<b>Jamie S Respect for...</b> Self and other for continued initiative and responsibility around our school.



Back: Emaline, Alby & Jamie  
 Front: Ruby & Gilbert

**Academic Award – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June '24**

<b>F-NB</b>	<b>Dempsey H...</b> using what we have learnt in Auslan to sign his name and ask his partner how he is going.
<b>12-KD</b>	<b>Elise H...</b> For your fantastic writing in your 'Peace at Last' recount. Taking your time to think about what you want to say before writing and fixing up punctuation and spelling to make it your best work – well done Elise.
<b>12-KS</b>	<b>Isla C-R...</b> For showing great progress in her writing to provide great reasons for why dogs are the best pets!
<b>34-AJ/JO</b>	<b>Stella M...</b> For her perseverance towards practising her speech.
<b>34-AM</b>	<b>Sienna M...</b> For always trying her very best to produce a high quality standard of work
<b>56-JC</b>	<b>Will T...</b> For his dedicated approach to writing his biography and resulting in a terrific outcome.
<b>5/6-JR</b>	<b>Ally G...</b> For getting her work completed in an independent and efficient manner.



Back: Will, Sienna & Ally  
 Front: Isla, Dempsey & Stella

# AROUND THE SCHOOL



## Birthday Celebrations

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ...to students who celebrate their birthday on the following days...

**June**  
18<sup>th</sup> – Charles H

## School Newsletter

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

## Footy Tipping

Great work to all tippers this week with another tough week of tipping! At the top of the table we have John Edwards vs Arlie Edwards both have a score of 77 not far behind on 75 is Mr Murray and Mrs Higgs on 74. Great Job to Arlie Edwards who got the top score this week of 7 which now sees her on top with her Dad. Best of luck to everyone this week and make sure you get your tips in!

### Round 13 Leader board

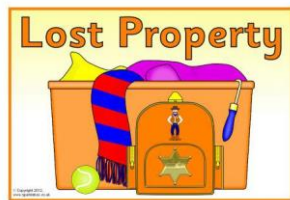
1 <sup>st</sup>	JohnCedwards	77
	Arlie Edwards	77
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke Murray	75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	hhayles	74



Brodie Meehan  
[bmeehan@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bmeehan@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au)

## 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.

## 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](mailto:admin@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au)



## COVID-19 Update

**PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU**



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.

## 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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18th June - Hot Dogs



25th June - Taco Bowls



**Canteen Roster**

**Roster:**

DAY	DATE	VOLUNTEER
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> June	Kate Spitty & Jess Bray
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Jen Moore
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sarah Wood

Volunteers are required for the following times:  
 Tuesday 12:30pm – 1:45pm  
 Friday 11:00am – 1:45pm

Canteen orders need to be placed on CDFpay before 9:15am each morning. Just a reminder to double check which date/day you are placing your order and that you complete the order to the green receipt page.

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**

**CDF Pay**



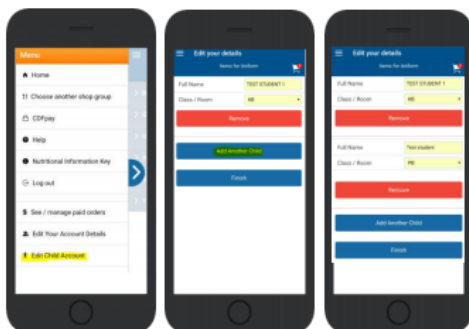
Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Pay is a new cash-free solution for St. Joseph’s parents. The initial roll out of CDF Pay will provide a cash-free online portal to the Uniform Store and Canteen.



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.

**Wellbeing News**

We have some exciting news!! Our school now has our very own SchoolTV!



SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing.

This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward or difficult to tackle.

Please see attached flyer for more information.



To access and explore SchoolTV please click the link below or scan the QR code. <https://sjkerang.catholic.schooltv.me>



Empower confidence.



**Because parenting doesn't come with instructions**

Modern-day parenting can be challenging. Like never before, parents are seeking clear, fact-based solutions. SchoolTV delivers credible and current information from wellbeing experts via a unique digital platform. Browse through the resource library and find practical strategies on a variety of topics that address the challenges of raising happy, resilient young people in our ever-changing world.

**A resource to support modern-day parenting**

- A unique digital platform designed to support parents, caregivers and educators
- Watch video interviews with leading AU, NZ and international wellbeing specialists
- Browse the library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and videos
- Access to a series of mental health topics such as cybersafety, anxiety, screen time, positive parenting and many more
- Discover new topics every month and access an archive of past topics 24/7

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**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)

**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 10am – 11:30am, Monthly.
4. The Gannawarra Refugee Support Group – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, St John's Church, 6:30pm – light meal provided. Donation at the door.

