



St. Joseph's Primary School

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Events Calendar ...

Next Week ...

Advance Notice...

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
- Performance 'Beats And Pieces'

Friday 2nd August
- St Joseph's Trivia Night

Monday 5th August
- First 100 days of School
Celebration: Foundation

Wednesday 7th August
- Parliament Regional Education
Program: Yr. 5/6

Thursday 8th August
- Feast of Mary MacKillop Liturgy

Friday 16th August
- Flying into Foundation 10am

Thursday 22nd August
- St Joseph's School Athletics Day

Friday 23rd August
- Kerang Book Parade

Friday 30th August
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Student Spirituality Day in
Cohuna

**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,

Principal Appointment for St. Joseph's

It is with much pleasure that I am able to notify our community that **Mr Justin Colville** has been appointed as **Principal of St. Joseph's**.

As the senior leader for the last 6 years Justin is well known to our community. I would like to take this moment to congratulate Justin on his appointment and wish him all the best as the new principal of St. Joseph's.

I'm sure he will be really excited that I found this photo to share on the front of the newsletter!!



Mallee Division Winter Sports



Congratulations to **Amaya, Ayla & Mabel** who were part of the Kerang & District team that competed in the Division 2 netball last Friday. Their team went through the day **undefeated**. Well played girls!

Jack McClelland was part of the Kerang & District team that competed in football. His team was in Division 1 and battled hard against strong opposition all day. Well done Jack!

I must admit it is quite a strange feeling typing this final newsletter for the St. Joseph's Community, but I would like to reiterate my sentiments from the wonderful assembly that I was very privileged to experience on Monday. Being the principal at St. Joseph's has been an honour and joy for me. I have been extremely lucky to have the opportunity to interact with an amazing group of students and staff, as well as receiving great levels of support from the parent and parish community!

Successfully educating children from an academic, behavioural or well-being perspective isn't the job of any one person, it is a team game that requires a whole lot of people teaching, supporting and challenging students appropriately, thus providing students with **'what they need, when they need it'**.

I look forward to bumping into families around the traps and hearing stories of the great deeds that the students of St. Joseph's achieve in the future.

Thank you for the privilege of being the Principal of St. Joseph's,

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 24th June ‘24
Respect of Self, Others and Environment

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| F-NB | Aria E Respect for... Self by staying focused and on task. |
| 12-KD | Parker K Respect for... Self and others during floor time, well done. |
| 12-KS | Tristan W Respect for... Self for working hard to ensure you’re using finger spaces in your writing. Keep up the great work Tristan. |
| 34-AJ/JO | Maddison B Respect for... Self for listening and being ready to learn during spelling. |
| 34-AM | Thea J Respect for... Self and Others by making good choices for herself and her classmates. |
| 56-JC | Mabel S Respect for... Self for always being such a positive member of our class. |
| 56-JR | Ally G Respect for... Self and other for showing great responsibility and reliability around our school. |



Back: Ally, Thea & Maddie
 Front: Parker & Tristan

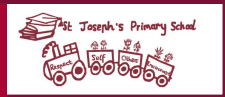
Academic Award – Monday 24th June ‘24

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| F-NB | Evie E... Using her fingers to sweep under the words as she is reading. |
| 12-KD | Ryder B... For your fantastic persuasive writing about a wellbeing dog. |
| 12-KS | Frankie P-W... For using the Bump It Up wall to assist in developing your persuasive writing. |
| 34-AJ/JO | Haddie C... For working extremely hard in maths showing great persistence. |
| 34-AM | Harry G... For making excellent connections to what we are learning in the classroom to real life experiences. Ollie W... For his great persistence with maths and spelling and zooming through a new series of books borrowed from the library. |
| 56-JC | Mya H... For her consistent approach to her learning, always striving for great success. |
| 5/6-JR | Lachlan S... For consistent work habits. |



Back: Haddie, Mya, Lachlan, Ollie
 Front: Evie, Frankie & Ryder

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Birthday Celebrations

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

June
29th – Gilbert M

July
10th – Ally G
11th – Corey M & Mason M

Farewell & Thanks

THANK YOU

On behalf of the St. Joseph's community, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Chris for his five and a half years of service and dedication to our school. His leadership has guided the staff and inspired both staff and students to achieve new heights. Chris' dedication to education and commitment to our students' success have made a lasting impact on our school community. Thank you for everything you've done. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

With heartfelt appreciation,
St Joseph's School Community

School Newsletter

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

Bus Families

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

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

admin@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au



Footy Tipping

As round 15 comes to an end the battle of the Edwards continues with John and Arlie at the top of the leader board with a score of 88! Well done to the 4 tippers that got all 6 tips right this week, great job! As we are now getting to the end of the year, make sure you get your tips in and tip carefully. Good luck to all tippers!

Round 15 Leader board

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|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1 st | JohnCedwards | 88 |
| | Arlie Edwards | 88 |
| 2 nd | hhayles | 85 |
| | Scratch3 | 85 |
| 3 rd | Crellcon | 84 |



Brodie Meehan

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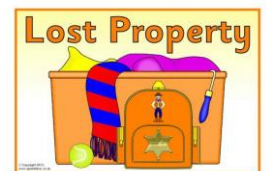
Canteen

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.

Stacey Turner - Canteen Manager

Lost Property

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



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.

Head Lice



Over the term we have noticed a recurrence of Head Lice in the school. The school holidays would be a great opportunity to check hair and treat as necessary.

For more information please visit

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/Head-lice-identification-and-treatment>



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.

COVID-19 Update

PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Wash your hands regularly
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Keep 1.5 metres away from others (as much as you can)

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.

PBiS

Congratulations to everyone for reaching our second milestone of 3,500 tickets! This remarkable achievement showcases our commitment to Respect for Self, Others, and the Environment. You all should be extremely proud. Today, we celebrated with a small chocolate treat.

The winning House for the ticket competition was Nolan. Congratulations! We celebrated with some extra playtime today.

Term 2 GOAL
~~2000 tickets~~ ✓
New Goal: 3500 tickets ✓

| | Points earned | Term total to date |
|----------|---------------|--------------------|
| Burgoyne | 200 | 1600 |
| Fitzroy | 100 | 1500 |
| Nolan | 300 | 1700 |

Current School Total:
3591

Trivia Night

It's that time of the year again. Time to organise your table for the St Joseph's Primary School Trivia Night.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY AUGUST 2nd 7:00 pm

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL

Tables of 8
\$40 per table
All money raised will be donated to CARITAS

BYO NIBBLES & DRINKS (18+ EVENT)

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!
Book a table: admin@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au

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

CDF Pay



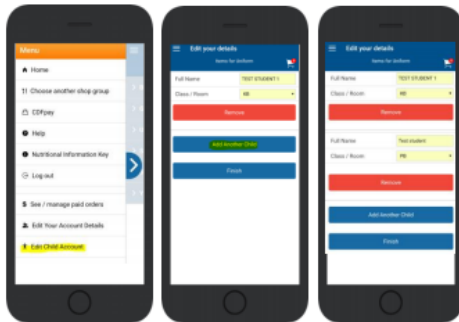
Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Pay is a new cash-free solution for St. Joseph's parents. The initial roll out of CDF Pay will provide a cash-free online portal to the Uniform Store and Canteen.



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.

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** - 3rd Wednesday, 10am - 11:30am, Monthly.
4. **Netstars Netball Clinic** - Wednesday 10th July - Kerang Basketball Stadium.