



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

To live, to learn, love in all things

Proudly learning on Ngadjuri land

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Sun 5th	Marian Procession 2pm Sevenhill
Tues 7th	Board Meeting
Tues 7th & Wed 8th	School Photos
Wed 8th	Confirmation Meeting - Parent session 6.30pm, Library
Frid 10th	Trinity Gymkhana Walk Safely to school
Mon 13th	Cross country - Burra Primary & MS
Tues 14th	Student leaders Yr 6-9 AFL Max Adelaide
Wed 15th	P&F Meeting
Sun 19th	Family Mass 9am St Michael's Church
Mon 22nd - Wed 24th	Year 4 Camp
Wed 22nd	Winter Hub 2 - Riverton
Mon 27th - Wed 29th	Sapsasa Boys Football
Thurs 30th	Bikes & Brekky
Frid 31st	Assembly 9am

JUNE

Frid 7th Pupil Free Day

REMINDER

All visitors and volunteers accessing the school grounds must sign in and out at the front office.

Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please either phone the front office (88424400) or advise via email -

adminstaff@stjoclar.catholic.edu.au

Our admin staff will alert the class teacher.

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents & Friends of St Joseph's School, Clare,

I trust you were able to spend some quality time with your child/ren and enjoy the beautiful weather we experienced. Let's hope and pray that the agriculture industry get the long awaited rains.

During the holiday period our school was once again a hive of activity. Our JP Internet connection was upgraded, we installed a commercial glass washer in the hall kitchen, our hall hosted the Red Cross as they conducted their blood donation drive, plus achieved a number of other minor upgrades.

MCCARTHY FAMILY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the McCarthy family and all Mark's family and friends. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all those who were able to join with the CHS community by catering and assisting with the celebration of Mark's life. We will need to continue to support Mark's family in the immediate future and also the coming weeks, months and years. The attendance at his celebration was symbolic of the lives that he and his family have touched.

Delvene has sent some information regarding how you can best support your children through the process of grief. If you have any queries, concerns or need extra assistance please do not hesitate in contacting Delvene, myself or your class teacher.

SCHOOL CROSSING

Just a reminder to all parents to please take care when travelling along Victoria Road when school crossing signs are up. Please adhere to the speed limits and the crossing monitor signs. There have been instances recently where this is not happening and cars are travelling too fast. Our priority is the safety of our students and we appreciate your assistance.



LONG SERVICE LEAVE

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a few staff on LSL during Term 2. We are extremely fortunate to have the staff, plus their willingness to be flexible, to provide coverage for those on leave which provides consistency for our students.

Leanne Nield will be taking Long Service Leave during Term 2, as a result, Kylie

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Murphy will be teaching Tuesday - Friday and Chris Slattery will be teaching in the Year 3 Class on Mondays and taking Kylie's JP PE classes on Tuesday. This provides great continuity for the Year 3s, thanks Kylie & Chris. Please note due to this, Primary classes will need to wear PE uniform on a Tuesday and Thursday for Term 2.

Whilst Michelle Edmondson (Week 1-4), Helen Smith (Week 1 - 4) and Frankie Sandow (all of Term 2) are on LSL, Carmen Kells will be working as an ESO covering a range of roles. We look forward to working with Carmen who has been an ESO at a couple of other schools - welcome, Carmen.

YEAR 8 CAMP

During Week 11 of Term 1, I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying Leah Carling & Molly Ross on the Year 8 camp to Deep Creek - what an amazing and enjoyable camp.



Year 8s ready to go

The students were involved in mountain biking, hiking, overnight hiking which included carrying all your provisions (food, shelter, cooking equipment etc), abseiling and surfing. It was a fantastic opportunity which exposed students to new experiences and was challenging to the point that it took them well out of their comfort zone. To watch extremely weary hikers arrive at their campsite and set up camp, prepare their meals using a Trangia, and complete all tasks necessary to get a good night's sleep was inspiring.

The Year 8s rose to the challenge at every stage and at times surprised themselves. Their team work, determination, independence and problem solving skills were tested and I am proud to say, what I witnessed was inspiring, what a great opportunity.

I would like to thank the Middle School for providing the students with this opportunity.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC day is a tremendous time to stop, reflect, pray and pay tribute to those currently serving, those who have served, those who continue to suffer, those who have been injured and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure we have the freedom and quality of life we are able to enjoy. Each year, I attend the Dawn Service with pride as I watch our students lay wreaths and pay respect. My pride is further heightened by the increasing number of old scholars and their families who attend the service.

We are extremely fortunate to have a member of our school community, Matt McDonnell, who is so passionate and dedicated to ensuring the members of the Clare township are able to experience such a moving, reflective and informative Dawn Service.

ANZAC day is a special day for all Australians however, it is of special significance to our Year 7 students who visit the Australian War Memorial, learn about Democracy and learn about the symbolism and planning of Canberra. Our students have been fortunate enough to take part in a wreath laying at the "Last Post Ceremony" where a story behind one of the names on the "Roll of Honour" is shared. Lest We Forget.



Macauley & Fr Gill at the Mintaro service



Laying a Wreath at the Clare Service



Grace, Hamish & Lucas at the Watervale Service



INSURANCE

This year has seen some big changes in insurance for Catholic schools due to Catholic Church Insurance winding down its business at the end of 2023.

As a result, CESA now has policies with several different companies for its various coverage needs.

For our school families, you will mostly be interested in changes to Student and Volunteer cover.

Student Cover: As a result of the change, our students are no longer covered 24/7. Under the new policy, students are covered during school hours, and for any school activities (this includes extracurricular school activities such as camps).

Volunteer Cover: Volunteers are covered whilst engaged in School activities (during school hours or extracurricular such as camps).

Both these insurance policies are included as a result of your child/ren being enrolled in a Catholic school.



Tyson, Lachie & Vedanshi laid a wreath at the Clare service

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Helen Smith on the safe arrival of her beautiful new grandsons, Bowie Bruce (6 lb 8 oz) and Makai John (7lb 2oz), a very welcome addition for Brianna & Declan and big sister Remy. Helen will be a very busy nanny to her 6 grandchildren.



Chinyere, Olive, Tess, Cody, Amali & Buddy at the Clare service



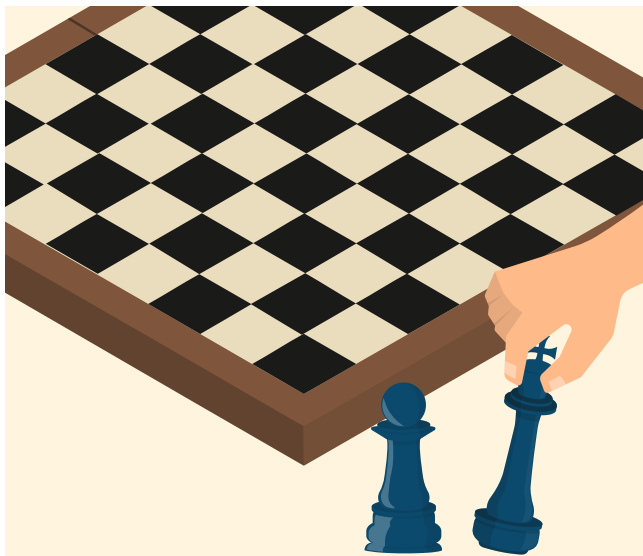
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WELL DONE

Charlotte is the winner of a \$25 Peekaboo gift voucher from Clare Library for her guess of how many Lego pieces were in the jar.

There were 259 pieces, and Charlotte's guess of 260 pieces was the closest. Congratulations to Charlotte.

Catherine Driscoll - Clare Library



WANTED: CHESS COACH

Do you know of anyone who would like to assist us in establishing a Chess Club for our students?

The club will be open to students of all year levels. When and where the club will be conducted will depend on:

- number of students interested; &
- availability of coach/mentor (eg: it could run at lunch times or after school if that suits the coach best)

Support & training will be provided by the school. Grandparents, community members - all encouraged to be involved.

Please contact:
Peter Shearer or Sarah Lawson
08-8842 4400 peters@stjoclar.catholic.edu.au

CALENDAR

Attached to the newsletter is the Term 2 calendar. This will also be uploaded onto the website enabling us to update it regularly. Again, the only issue with attaching the Term 2 calendar with the newsletter is there maybe several updates - we will ensure we highlight any changes under "important dates" on the front of the newsletter. We have also included an overview of School Events in Term 2.

St Joseph's School Community Dinner



JUNE 22ND 2024

Join in the fun at our annual School Community Dinner!

Tickets: \$80pp



Round up your friends and get ready to Rock and Roll!

Reserve a table of 10 or just a few tickets.

Our front office staff will assist you.

e: adminstaff@stjoclar.catholic.edu.au
p: 8842 4400

Auction items wanted

Do you have any items you could donate for our Auction on the night of the dinner?

Please contact our Front Office Staff.

e: adminstaff@stjoclar.catholic.edu.au
p: 8842 4400



God Bless,
Peter Shearer



MIDDLE SCHOOL

During Week 11 of last term, our students were able to take part in two very unique experiences.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Our Year 8s embarked on their adventure camp led by Ms Carling, Ms Ross and Mr Shearer. The students stepped outside of their comfort zones and undertook four significantly challenging experiences: mountain bike riding, surfing, abseiling and an overnight hike. This camp is perfectly situated at the end of Term 1, as we know our students are ready to start spreading their wings, assess and take on risks, support each other and have the maturity to act independently. While they are ready for these challenges, this camp provides a safe environment and the push they may need to take that next step. We see a huge growth in their maturity and self confidence over the four days and then see it continue when we get back to school.

Overall, the experience is fun but they take away a huge amount from the camp. You will hear later in this newsletter from the students about their highlights from their time on camp.



NORTHERN YORKE REGIONAL FORUM

Our Year 9s were able to participate in the Northern Yorke Regional Forum for Regional Resilience, which was held in our Hall on the last day of Term 1. Our school leaders had the opportunity to welcome the delegates including Federal Minister for Environment & Water, Tanya Plibersek, Federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey, as well as experts in the fields of environment, agriculture, health and resilience. The school captains delivered a 10 minute address that highlighted to the forum what makes our school so special. They explained the four key domains that makes our school unique: community, catholic, academic success and never seeing a need without doing something about it. They received brilliant feedback and represented our community exceptionally well. Our students were able to listen in to some sessions with the experts and open their minds to some of the cutting edge initiatives that are happening in communities around Australia. Ms Crawford incorporated this experience in to their learning and assessment in the Year 9 Science class. Another element of this experience was to see a one-of-a-kind welcome to country; it was a celebration of people and place, it taught us about culture but also it was a call to action to continue our steps on the road to reconciliation. You could have heard a pin drop in the room as Quentin spoke and sang.

Our Communications Ministers also had a one-on-one

mentoring session with ABC journalists to hone their interviewing skills and techniques. We are really fortunate to have had this opportunity. We also acknowledge the enormous efforts of our Parents and Friends who catered for the event, set up and packed up. I loved every second of working with some of our youngest students in the kitchen and a full range of age groups who helped in the hall.



Belinda Heinrich and Polly helping with the catering



Aboriginal Elder, Quentin Agius, delivering a very moving Acknowledgment of Country



Middle School students enjoying the forum



Tyson addressing the crowd

LOT 21

Finally, a huge thank you to Brad and Adrian who gave us a day of their time at Lot 21 pouring a slab for the new day-old layer facility. I had a great time working with these guys and I learnt a thing or two from them. We are making progress at Lot 21 and we have the first sprouts of growth coming out of the ground. We are looking forward to the next phase for this space.



Preparing and pouring the cement for the Layer facility



COMMUNITY DINNER

Plans are well under way for the upcoming Community Dinner on Saturday June 22. Get a group together and book a table or buy a couple of tickets and join a table, polish up those dancing shoes for a fun night of Rock 'n' Roll. Contact Sarah Werfel to book your table and tickets can be paid via QKR.

*God Bless,
Tom Gilligan*



YEAR 8 CAMP

The Year 8s Adventure camp to Deep Creek was a fun and challenging success. Our nightly routine was to debrief around the camp/cooking circle, reflecting on the day's events using the 4 H's: Highlight, Hero, Hurdle and Horizon. In groups, the students have shared their own summaries of the camp, using the 4 H's.

Charlotte, Bridget and Keira

Highlight - Surfing at Middleton Beach, it was great fun and overall, an amazing learning experience. The camp was a great exposure to nature and the challenges. Getting to hike and camp were things that we had not really had the chance to do before. It gave us a chance to readjust, take a break and breathe.

Hero - Jess (Instructor). Jess was such a brilliant, kind and understanding instructor. She encouraged us throughout the whole camp, especially in the hard times and we appreciate everything she did for us and our class. She made up heaps of fun games to keep us engaged. We loved being able to bond with a positive young women, she also had really fun socks!

Hurdle - The long hike on Day 3. It was quite difficult and hard for all of us, however we all got through it together.

Horizon - When abseiling, turning around and looking back at the pretty and big ocean behind us.



Tess and Ella

Highlight - Surfing was excellent, it was great to see each other getting better over the time we had. It was fun catching waves with other people. Mountain biking in the rain and going down the hill was awesome, getting to watch each other have heaps of fun was also great. It was fun playing a whole class game of wave at Trig Camp Ground and around all the Yucca's.

Hero - Our tour guide, Tegan, was really nice and understanding, she made us laugh. She was a cool young woman. She pushed us to make us do our best. It was sad that she got sick before we went on our hike.

Hurdle - Hiking up the big hills.

Horizon - The view from the cliff face whilst abseiling.



Will M, George and Jack

Highlight - Surfing because it was fun. We hadn't been surfing before and it was good to be able to progress to be being able to stand up and catch big waves.

Hero - Kelley for hot chocolate sachets, we had these on the last night and it was a nice way to finish the day.

Hurdle - Going up the steep hill and around every corner it would get steeper. When you got to the top of the hill you got to see KI and all of the little islands around it. The views were awesome.

Horizon - Looking at the views on the bluff.





YEAR 8 CAMP

Macy, Ella C and Alice

Highlight - Surfing because we learnt a new skill and were physically active the whole time. It was also just fun being in the water with your friends.

Hero - Miss Carling because she helped us get up the biggest hills with her positive vibes (40 more steps!!).

Hurdle - Walking up the steep hills with a heavy rucksack and not knowing completely when you will reach the finish line.

Horizon - The views on the walking trails, we loved seeing where we had been once we had conquered the hill.



Maddie, Sophie, & Isla

Highlight - Our highlight for the camp was surfing, mostly because we did water sports at our Year 6 camp and it was a great progression. Surfing was also another chance for us to learn a new skill and practice independently. Nose diving was also fun (sometimes).

Hero - Miss Carling on the walks because she had such a bright energy and would keep us entertained with games along the walk. She also fanned us when we were walking up the vertical hill. Mr Shearer for supporting the students at the back and keeping everyone together as a team. He also was the only teacher that braved the cold and joined in on the surfing.

Hurdle - Rock climbing hill/the vertical hill. It was very hard but so rewarding.

Horizon - Finishing the last walk on top of the hill, the views were amazing.



Kelley and Will N

Highlight - Mountain Biking in the rain, surfing, making it to the destination (usually on the top of a big hill) and being able to fit in the abseiling on the last day. Hiding in the Yuccas at Trig camp ground was also a lot of fun.

Hero - All the boys for sharing beef jerky, hot chocolates, and other various snacks, it kept us going all day.

Hurdle - Trying to keep stable going up the big hill.

Horizon - Looking down as you go over the edge of the cliff to abseil and looking back at the trail and seeing how far we have come.



FROM THE APRIM

Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion

During this term, 14 students from our school and parish will prepare to receive the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. Please keep the following students in your prayers;



Ellie M, Stella H, Madeline P, Stella P, Luka Z, Rory, Ellie R, Lucy R, Charlie J, Ari, Lizzie, Luka S, Harry W (St Joseph's) Isaac W (Parish).

They will be learning about the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion as part of their Religious Education Curriculum.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday May 8 - Confirmation/Communion Parent-Child Session 1 6:30pm in St Joseph's School Library

Sunday May 19 or Sunday June 16 9:00am - Candidates presented to the Parish Community Family Mass, St Michael's Church, 9:30am. All families invited to stay for morning tea following Mass.

Last 2 weeks of May exact date TBC - Sacrament Program Home Mass in the evening.

Wednesday June 5 - Confirmation/Communion Parent-Child Session 2 6:30pm in St Joseph's School Library

Tuesday 11th June, 5pm or Wednesday 12th June, 3:30pm- Optional Reconciliation time offered for Confirmation and Communion Students.

Wednesday June 19 - Communion and Confirmation Retreat at Sevenhill, during the school day. All candidates invited.

Sunday June 30 10am - Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and Communion at St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill.

Jesuit Parishes Conference

I will be attending the Jesuit Parishes conference in Sydney in mid May along with Fr Kieran and other members of our parish. The purpose of this conference is to further explore synodality in our parish, a concept that is focussed on a new way of 'Being Church'.

"Synodality means journeying together as the People of God. It indicates a way of listening to each individual person as a member of the Church to understand how God might be speaking to all of us. In this way, synodality reminds us of the work of the Holy Spirit through each of us and through all of us working together for our common mission."

<https://laudatosimovement.org/synodality/>

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in Catholic schools throughout South Australia from May 13-19, 2024.

This week is an opportunity to reflect on and share all the things that we love about St Joseph's School and what makes our community special.

Family Mass

Thank you to those that helped out at the Family Mass in the holidays, it was great to have some of our older students taking on ministries, down to some future enrolments.

Everyone is invited to our next Family Mass on Sunday May 19 at 9am in St Michael's Church.

God Bless

Helena Hay- Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

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POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Our whole school focus for Pastoral Care in Term 2 is 'Positive Relationships'.



Students develop social and emotional skills that nourish their relationships with themselves and others. They explore the importance of connectedness and strong relationships for wellbeing. They develop skills in effective communication, collaboration and responding to the needs of others. Students are empowered to navigate the online social world with the knowledge of how to interact with others responsibly.

YCDI Focus – Getting Along

Key Ideas/Learning – Relationships, Getting Along, eSafety

Healthy connections are important for your mental health. Spending time with people you care about, and who care about you, can help you feel supported. Putting time into your connections can help you feel good, boost your energy and help you keep a healthy headspace.

We know connections with others aren't always easy. Finding a new connection can often be scary. And if you're experiencing mental health difficulties you may feel like disconnecting from people, rather than reaching out. But here's the thing, the more you work on your connections with others, the stronger they get.

How do connections boost your mental health? When you spend time connecting with and supporting others, your wellbeing can improve too. Working on connections boosts your energy, improves your sense of belonging, helps you relax and helps you feel supported.

How do you look after your relationships?

- Every connection can bring you different benefits, so try to keep a variety of people in your life.
- Communication is important. When you're open with people, they're likely to be more open with you – which can help strengthen your connection.
- Socialising and keeping in contact can sometimes be hard. Occasionally you may feel left out or not all agree. Just remember, it's normal to feel this way sometimes.
- Setting safe and respectful boundaries helps you let other people know how you'd like to be treated.
- Your relationship with yourself is an important relationship too. Take time to look after yourself and recharge. When you look after yourself, it can teach you how to look after others as well.

And remember..... **Focus on positive connections that make you feel good about yourself. Those where you support each other and where you feel you can be yourself!**

The following tips have been shared before to keep you child safe and experiencing positive interactions online.....

1. **Start the chat.** Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce good online habits such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience.
2. **Create a family technology agreement.** Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide



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together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: when devices are to go away and be placed in a central spot each night, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour.

3. Set up parental controls. Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here.

4. Choose games and other apps carefully. Carefully consider things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app

5. Use digital technology together. Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved

RELATIONSHIPS





ATSI NEWS

YEAR 4 HISTORY AND CIVICS VISITORS

Last term, we were incredibly blessed to have an Aboriginal elder called Quentin Agius come to our school and show us a real Welcome to Country. It was amazing to be able to listen to singing and stories and it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to witness.

Every year, we have the opportunity to create a personal statement regarding an Acknowledgement of Country. We share these at important times such as line-up, assemblies, mass and other events.

We asked Quentin to come back in the future to tell us more stories about waterholes. He had tears welling in his eyes while he was singing on stage. He told us this was because his brother came back to his family. They were tears of joy and he told us they are going to have a good day together.

Quentin taught us that Aboriginal kids are exactly like us in many ways. They hate being told off and they do anything in the world to avoid this. We learnt a lot from Quentin.

We also were happy to have the local mayor visit. Mayor Allan Aughey came to let us know all the important things a council does for us. They empty the bins, fix up our footpaths, mend the roads, mow the parks and even look after our lost dogs!

He was very happy to share his stories with us and told us that the Council has a very important role in keeping our community safe and looking good. This was because we all want people to come to Clare and enjoy their time. We gave the Mayor a copy of all our Acknowledgement of Country statements for him to use at his meetings. We found out he likes to wear very colourful clothes.

Nnamdi and Jesse, on behalf of the Year 4 Lang/Packer Class.

ST JOSEPH'S ATSI KIDS

In last week's newsletter we listed all our ATSI kids but omitted Taj, my apologies.



Taj



Aboriginal Elder Quentin Agius and Mayor Allan Aughey OAM with the Year 4 Lang/Packer class

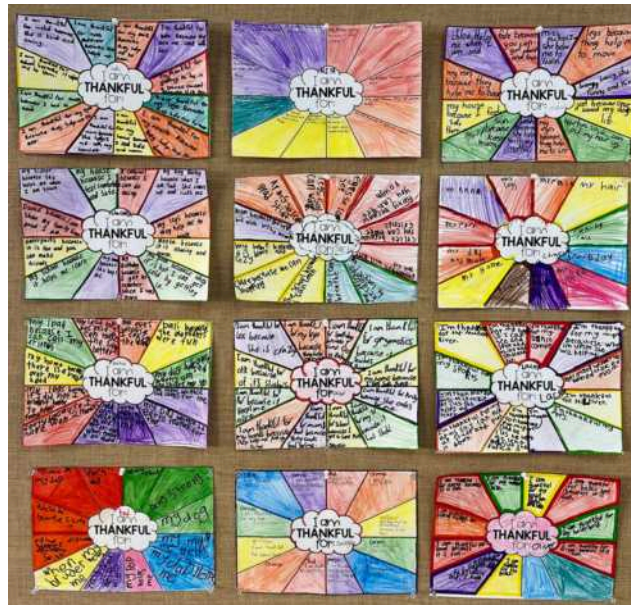


What are you thankful for?

The Value of the Week is:
Thankfulness

In the Year 2/3 classroom, we've been immersing ourselves into the wonderful value of thankfulness! Together, we've been exploring what it truly means to be thankful and reflecting on all the people and things we're thankful for in our lives. It's been wonderful to see the students' growing understanding of the importance of appreciating the little things and the big blessings around them.

Let's all take a moment to express thankfulness for the abundance of goodness in our lives.



By 2/3LM



NUMERACY

8 ways we use maths in everyday life

Maths can seem abstract in the classroom, but the truth is it's a crucial tool we use everyday.

It's the question every student asks and every maths teacher hears at some point: 'When will I ever need maths in everyday life?' If you've ever heard this from your own child, you might struggle to think of a response.

Maths can seem abstract in the classroom, but the truth is that we use it all the time – we just might not realise it.

Maths helps us to make decisions, predict outcomes and keep our lives in order. On a larger scale, maths underpins everything around us. Here are just a few of the ways that we use maths in everyday life that can connect to your child's interests and that you can have handy next time you get those homework help requests!

1. Personal finance

The most obvious place to start is with something we all have to deal with – money. Arithmetic skills are important for creating a budget, making a savings plan or working out whether something we want to buy really is a bargain. If we understand percentages, for example, we can work out the real cost of a credit card, online payment platform or loan, or the potential return on an investment.



2. The built environment

All the buildings, roads, bridges, transport systems and other structures around us are part of the built environment – and they're all built on maths. Architects use geometry, algebra and trigonometry to design buildings that are aesthetically pleasing and structurally sound. Construction engineers use calculus and statistical methods to ensure that large structures such as bridges and towers stay standing up. And builders need maths skills to work out the quantity of concrete, timber and steel they will need.

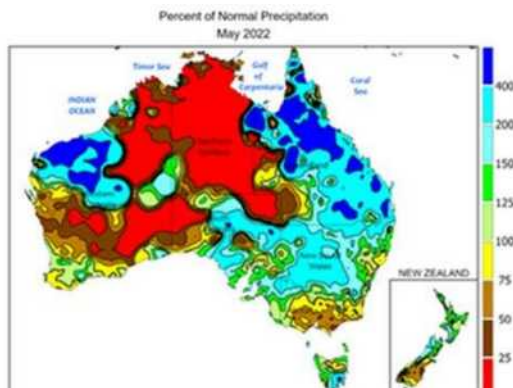
3. Sports and games

Sports superfans love to keep track of scores and statistics, and maths helps athletes play better. Geometry and trigonometry can help sports statisticians to find the best way for athletes to kick the ball, or the most efficient way for them to run around a track. Probability helps us figure out the chances of our favourite team winning or losing a match. And if tabletop board games are more your style, probability also determines the most likely outcomes of the rolls of the dice.



4. Transport and travel

Everything that moves is based on physical laws determined by maths – take the well-known equation $F=ma$, or force equals mass times acceleration, for example. Engineers use maths in everyday life, such as algebra and calculus to design and build planes, trains and cars. You might even use maths when planning a holiday for your family, from calculating the amount of fuel needed for a road trip to converting foreign currency or adding up local taxes overseas.



5. Weather and climate

Meteorologists use statistical modelling to predict future temperatures, rainfall, humidity and other weather conditions. Climate scientists use mathematical skills like differential equations to model different climate change scenarios using historical data. Maths can also be used to predict natural disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes and bushfires – and insurers use this information to assess risk and set their premium prices.

6. The internet

Has your child ever wondered how Google finds search results so quickly, how Netflix knows which shows they might like, or how YouTube targets ads? Social media, streaming services and search technologies use algorithms to learn more about you and tailor their offerings (and ads!) to what you or your child is likely to be interested in, or what they know about their demographics. Algorithms are sets of instructions that tell computers how to find relevant items in massive amounts of data. Websites take whatever information they have about the user and match it with what's in their database to deliver the content the user is most likely to want.

7. Cooking and baking

They say that baking is a science and cooking is an art, but they both involve maths. Following a recipe involves measuring ingredients accurately, converting temperatures or measurements from imperial to metric, and using ratios to adjust the results. If you want your kids to be able to bake the perfect cookie, maths is the secret ingredient!

8. Computers and technology

Computer programmers and software designers use maths in all sorts of ways. Algebra is used to develop algorithms, statistics helps users analyse data, and calculus powers graphs and images. Video game animators and designers also need maths – they use algebra and trigonometry to build characters and other elements that move realistically on the screen.

Understanding how to use maths in everyday life can help your child discover that maths is relevant to what they are most interested in – and not just in school!



ST JO'S PATCH

In week 11 of last term Lewis, Percy & Tanner planted broccoli, chives & coriander seedlings. We emptied a compost bin & spread it where the potatoes were growing. We found millions of worms in it- yay! The boys planted radish seeds in a pot to take home & look after during the holidays.

This week's recipe is an easy, yummy autumn one, just 5 ingredients and ready in 45 mins - easy for kids to make as well. Hope you all enjoyed the Clare Autumn Garden Festival during the holidays and got to say hello to Sophie & Costa.

Happy gardening!

Jenny Vine

We wish Jenny a speedy recovery from her recent knee replacement, we are sure she will be up and about very soon (can't keep a good woman down!), Tren will be keeping an eye on the garden in her absence.



Percy & Tanner with their radish seeds, can't wait to see the final product



Tanner & Percy planting broccoli, chive and coriander seedlings in the garden beds

WANTED
Bags of aged sheep manure
- if you can help please drop off at St Jo's Patch, bags will be returned.

Joke of the week

Q. Why does pasta always have to pay so much for car insurance?

A. Because his car always ends up al dente.



5-ingredient chicken and mushroom pasta bake

INGREDIENTS

- 375g penne
- 1/2 Hot Roast Chicken, skin and bones removed, meat coarsely shredded
- 490g jar creamy mushroom sauce
- 120g pkt Australian Baby Spinach
- 250g pkt shredded mozzarella

METHOD

Step 1

Preheat oven to 200°C. Cook the 375g penne in a large saucepan of boiling water following packet directions or until al dente. Drain well.

Step 2

Combine the penne, 1/2 Roast Chicken, skin and bones removed, meat coarsely shredded, 490g jar creamy mushroom sauce and 120g pk Australian Baby Spinach in a large bowl. Season. Spoon into a 10-cup (2.5L) baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with 250g pkt shredded mozzarella.

Step 3

Bake for 20 mins or until top is golden brown and pasta mixture is heated through. Serve immediately.





CANTEEN NEWS



Canteen Roster Semester 1: 2024

ALL VOLUNTEERS: Must sign in and out at the front office

Term 2

DATE	THURSDAY 9:00am – approx. 11:00am	DATE	FRIDAY 9:00am – approx. 1:30pm
Week 1 (2 nd May)	Yana Zanette Tim White	Week 1 (3 rd May)	Vicky Stewart Bree Christie Andrew Haines
Week 2 (9 th May)	Emma Meaney Kirsty Modystach	Week 2 (10 th May)	Carlyn Sheriff Edwina Mitchell Madison Pike
Week 3 (16 th May)	Annabelle Ottens Alice Duncan	Week 3 (17 th May)	Jen Chestnut Miriam Furler Emma Zanette
Week 4 (23 rd May)	Karyn Heath Lucy Drummond	Week 4 (24 th May)	Kathrynn Ackland Michelle Weckert Lucy Woolford
Week 5 (30 th May)	Jane Adams Tim White	Week 5 (31 st May)	Amy Trengrove Samantha Hogben Belinda McDonnell
Week 6 (6 th Jun)	NO CANTEEN – Pupil free day Fri 7th June		
Week 7 (13 th Jun)	Stacey Butler Donna Stewart	Week 7 (14 th Jun)	Sophie Millington Natalie Sommerville Nikki Pruess
Week 8 (20 th Jun)	Kirsty Tilley Jaspreet Soodan	Week 8 (21 st Jun)	Melanie Considine Laura Davidson Nadja Uden Moller
Week 9 (27 th Jun)	Shelley Tregilgas Skye Bollen	Week 9 (28 th Jun)	Jen Chestnut Kara Johnson .
Week 10 (4 th Jul)	Kirsty Gillings Jourdanne Burgess	Week 10 (5 th Jul)	Kate Mensforth Abbe Weckert .

New to Canteen Experience in Canteen Experienced and willing to help less experienced

****If you are a volunteer, please request to join our Facebook page. Search St Joseph's School Clare Canteen**

If you need to swap your day, please call/use Facebook group to swap with a person with the same or more experience than you from the current roster where possible.

Please notify Jen Chestnut (0457050108) of any changes ASAP so the roster can be kept up to date.

Thank you for volunteering your time 😊



COMMUNITY NEWS

CLARE VALLEY YOUTH A COMBINED CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP
YEARS 7-12 TERM 2 2024



BOARD GAMES & PJ'S

FRIDAY MAY 3RD
7.15pm – 9.30pm

Please bring \$2 and supper to share

FRIDAY MAY 17TH
7.15pm – 9.30pm

GLOW GAMES

Meet @ Clare Uniting Church

Please bring \$2 and supper to share



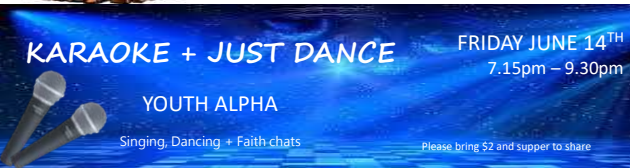
**BONFIRE
+ HIKE**

FRIDAY MAY 31ST
7.00pm – 9:45pm

Meet at the church @ 7pm

Returning to the church @ 9:45pm

Please bring \$2 and supper to share



KARAOKE + JUST DANCE

FRIDAY JUNE 14TH
7.15pm – 9.30pm

YOUTH ALPHA

Singing, Dancing + Faith chats

Please bring \$2 and supper to share

FRIDAY JUNE 28TH
7.15pm – 9.30pm

MAKE A MOVIE



With the Dreamers Youth @ Clare Uniting Church

Please bring \$2 and supper to share

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: 0437 703 258

Hockey Australia

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

GET STARTED WITH HOOKIN2HOCKEY

**First Session
8th of May**

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT PACK

EST. 1983
CLARE AND DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOC.

REGISTER BELOW

HOCKEY.ORG.AU/HOOKIN2HOCKEY

the **Parenting Revolution**

Justin COULSON

Tuesday, 7th May | 6:30PM

Clare Primary School Hall

Free creche available

RSVP to Clare Valley Children's Centre | Ph: 8842 2483

happy families. SCHOOLS PARENTS SESSION

Join us for the next...

Family Mass
to be held at
St Michael's Church, Clare

Pentecost Sunday
19th May at 9am

PENTECOST
COME, HOLY SPIRIT

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit"

Clare / Sevenhill Parish

ALL FAMILIES, VISITORS, AND CHILDREN MOST WELCOME.
MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW.



SCHOOL *Events*

Term 2, 2024

At St Joseph's, Clare, we have a number of Core Values that underpin our School Strategic Plan. One of these is **Continuous Improvement**; we are always striving to do better.

To assist our school families, and in line with best practice, here is an overview of events & activities for Term 2, 2024.

Remember - events are also listed in our fortnightly newsletters and on our website for your ready reference.

School Photos

Each year, we provide the opportunity for families to purchase photos of their children, taken here at school. Parents can select to buy photos of the individual student, the whole class, a photo of siblings or a combination - there are different 'packages' available. This is an activity coordinated by our P&F. Over the years, we have settled on *Vanessa Size Photography*, as the P&F has deemed them the best to work with, providing high quality, natural photography at a competitive price.

We try to plan School Photo days at a time when there is less likely to be a clash with other events. The P&F requests that all students wear their formal winter uniform for photos.

Once again, the P&F provides excellent assistance on the day - coordinating classes, avoiding clashes with specialist lessons where possible, and ensuring the students look their best.

Ordering is done online, per the emailed instructions sent to each family in Term 1.



School Photos - Tues 7/5 and Wed 8/5 (Week 2)

Sacramental Program- Confirmation and First Holy Communion

During Term 2 we prepare for and celebrate the Catholic Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The entire Year 4 class learn about these Sacraments as part of their Religious Education lessons during this term. We also hold 2 parent and student sessions, led by Fr Kieran, Helen Hay and the Year 4 teachers, for candidates and their families to deepen the students' understanding and build connection as a parish group. Later in the term, the Sacrament Candidates will participate in a retreat day to reflect upon the Sacraments that they are about to receive. Parents are also invited to attend this day if they are able.

At Confirmation, the candidates 'confirm' the promises made on their behalf at their baptism by their parents and godparents. They are supported at this Sacrament by a sponsor. At the same ceremony, candidates receive the blessed Sacrament of 'Holy Communion' (the bread consecrated during the Eucharistic prayer), for the first time. We encourage their classmates to support them on this journey by joining us at Family Masses in the lead up to and at the ceremony itself. We would love for them to be a part of our choir, or to come along and sit with one of their friends.

This year, the celebration of Confirmation and Communion will be held at *10am on Sunday June 30* at St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill. A shared morning tea will follow the service.



Sapsasa Winter Hub (South Australian Primary Sporting Association)

Winter Hub involves schools within our Mid North District playing in a football and netball carnival which has been held at Blyth Oval for a number of years. Students in Yrs 5 & 6 nominate to participate and attend trials from which they may be selected to represent their 'hub'. There are three hubs - Clare District, Burra District and Balaklava District. The students' performance at this carnival may result in them being selected to represent the Mid North District in the 3-day State Country Carnival, held in Adelaide, later in the year. Whilst students need to be of a good standard, and be comfortable with the rules of the game, the Winter Hub is a good 'entry level' to Sapsasa Football and Netball. *Winter Hub - Wed 1/5*



SCHOOL

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Term 2, 2024

Sapsasa Winter Hub 2

This year, Sapsasa has introduced a second Winter Hub event, in which the Mid North Girls Football Carnival will combine with the Central Country Region Boys Netball Carnival. (The Central Region is a brand new concept.) The purpose of this event is to provide the opportunity and space for girls in Yr 5 & 6 to play football, and boys in Yr 5 & 6 to play netball. As a result of the day, a Mid North District Girls Football Team will be selected to compete at the Sapsasa State Carnival in October and a Central Country Regional Boys Netball Team will be selected to compete at the Sapsasa State Carnival in June.

Winter Hub 2 will be held on 22 May in Riverton.

Walk Safely to School

Walk Safety to School is an annual event coordinated by the Pedestrian Council of Australia. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport & environmental benefits that regular walking or alternative active transport (especially to and from school), can provide for the long-term wellbeing of our children - not just for this particular day, but every day.

We are conscious that many of our students arrive to school via bus or are transported by car. Therefore, we suggest options such as parking the car a manageable distance from the bus stop or school and walking the remainder of the way. Alternatively, we have school leaders and staff who provide an opportunity to walk around the oval when students arrive to school.

Participants receive a "Walk Safely to School" sticker.



Walk Safely to School - Friday 10/5

Pupil Free Days

Staff participate in training during evenings, after school extended PD and many attend courses on weekends or during their holidays. We have a number of staff undertaking Graduate Certificate and Masters degrees.

We try to coordinate our Pupil Free days with the other schools in the region and, where possible, dovetail them with long weekends so it may provide an opportunity for families to have an "extra" long weekend and provide students with an extended break to revitalise.

We endeavour to provide as much notice for these days as possible and always liaise with Clare OSHC to ensure it is open. The availability of presenters often dictates when these days are held.

Term 2 Pupil Free Day: Friday 7 June

School Community Dinner

Each year, our Year 7 parents coordinate the annual School Community Dinner. The evening is our major fundraiser, providing valuable funds for student resources across Rec-Yr 9, as well as supporting our Year 7s excursion to Canberra. We encourage you to book a ticket or a table of 2 and join us for what is generally regarded as a highlight on our school calendar. Whilst our Year 7 parents coordinate and host the dinner, everyone is welcome. It is a great opportunity to meet new people or have fun with those you already know. Tickets at \$80ea are available to purchase via QKR! This year, the event has a fun "Rock'n'Roll" theme!



School Dinner - Saturday 22/6



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Year 4 Camp - Glenhaven

Our Year 4 students will travel to Glenhaven for a 3-day camp where they will work through a series of challenges which enhance group cooperation, teamwork and leadership skills. This camp promotes problem solving and critical thinking abilities, whilst building confidence and self-esteem. Please refer to our Camps Overview on the school website for more information about school camps.

Glenhaven - 22-24 May

Pedal Prix

St Joseph's School, Clare, has been involved in Pedal Prix races for approximately 18 years. Previously, Pedal Prix had been only a Year 7 activity (as we were an R-7 school). With the growth to Middle School, we are able to offer the opportunity to students in Years 8 + 9 as well. Last year, we invested in 2 new vehicles bringing our total number of trikes to 8, which ensures all students (Yrs 7-9) get a chance to be involved.

Pedal Prix sees our students racing pedal-powered vehicles around a set course over 6 - 8 hours, depending on which event they are competing in. For Year 7s, the race occurs at Victoria Park in Adelaide. For our older students, the races take place at The Bend Motorsports Park.

Students spend their PE lessons learning about fitness, training programs, they examine data in Maths lessons, and they learn how to work as a team. The Year 8s and 9s do bike maintenance and study aerodynamics as part of a technologies subject and they also attend trainings at the Clare Aerodrome. Many students do extra bike rides, after school and on weekends with staff support, to increase their 'pedal fitness' in preparation for the races.

Pedal Prix is an outstanding event and is another opportunity for us to build community while providing our students with unique and memorable experiences.

Sat 18/5 - Yr 8+9 race at Tailem Bend; Sun 16/6 - Yr 7 race at Victoria Park



Catholic Schools Music Festival

For the last 6 years St Joseph's School, Clare, has been proud to offer students the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Schools Music Festival.

More than 5,000 audience members, nearly 2,000 student performers, and countless support staff attend the festival each year. There are approximately 65 Catholic School Choirs involved in the festival and our students will sing on one night in Week 10, September 2024 with another 350 students on stage.

Our choir of 13 Year 5,6 and 7 students attend weekly rehearsals where they enjoy practising their performance and singing skills, whilst learning words of approximately 11 songs, some with choreography. The benefits of choir singing are well documented. Choir provides a safe group setting for young people to joyfully experiment with and find their own unique voice. It also broadens their musical aptitude and appreciation. These skills, learnt in choir sessions are transferable to other areas of learning such as language development and physical health and wellbeing.

Of course, participating in the final performance in September will reward the students for all their commitment and hard work and will be a highlight of their primary years for their whole lives.



We will release details about tickets, closer to the end of Term 3 and in between time, will continue to have fun singing!

TERM PLANNER Term 2 2024

Updated 2/5/2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
DATES	29/4/24	30/4/24	1/5/24	2/5/24	3/5/24	4/5/24	5/5/24
1			SAPSASA Winter Hub @ Blyth Yr 7 Pedal Prix ride 3:30-4:30pm Run Club 3:45-4:15pm Clare (Yr 3-9)Town Oval		Yr 3-6 Mass Midday		Marian Procession 2pm @ Sevenhill
	6/5/24	7/5/24	8/5/24	9/5/24	10/5/24	11/5/24	12/5/24
2		School Photos School Board	School Photos Confirmation Parent Session 6:30pm Yr 7 Pedal Prix ride 3:30-4:30pm Run Club 3:45-4:15pm (Yr3-9) Lennon St Carpark	Yr 7/8 and 9/10 Mountain Bike – Sturt Gorge	Primary School Mountain Bike – Sturt Gorge Walk Safely to School Trinity Gymkhana		Mother's Day
	13/5/24	14/5/24	15/5/24	16/5/24	17/5/24	18/5/24	19/5/24
3	Lower North Cross Country – Burra SAPSASA Cross Country Burra Catholic Education Week	AFL Max – student leaders Yrs 6-9	Yr 9/10 Football TBC P & F mtg 7:30am Yr 7 Pedal Prix ride 3:30-4:30pm			Gourmet Pedal Prix yr 8/9 - Taillem Bend	Family Mass Sunday
	20/5/24	21/5/24	22/5/24	23/5/24	24/5/24	25/5/24	26/5/24
4	Rotary Art Show 18 – 25th	Carinya 10am host: 2SL&KW	Yr 4 camp – Glenhaven National Simultaneous Story Time (Bowerbird Blues) Winter Hub 2 @ Riverton Girls Football & Boys Netball Class Liturgy: Year 1 SS 9am Yr 7 Pedal Prix ride 3:30-4:30pm Run Club 3:45-4:15pm Clare (Yr 3-9) Town Oval	Yr 4 camp – Glenhaven	Yr 4 camp – Glenhaven Year 2/3 & 5JW Buddy Mass 12pm		
	27/5/24	28/5/24	29/5/24	30/5/24	31/5/24	1/6/24	2/6/24
5	SAPSASA Boys Football National Reconciliation Week		Yr 7 Pedal Prix ride 3:30-4:30pm Run Club 3:45-4:15pm (Yr 3-9) Lennon St Carpark	Bikes & Brekky – CPS host	Assembly Yr 7/8 District Basketball Balaklava		
	3/6/24	4/6/24	5/6/24	6/6/24	7/6/24	8/6/24	9/6/24
6	Mabo Day		Communion Parent Session Yr2/3LM Liturgy 9am Taiko Drumming Workshops in Middle School Hall (all day) Yr 7 Pedal Prix ride 3:30-4:30pm	State Cross County Oakbank	Pupil Free Day		
	10/6/24	11/6/24	12/6/24	13/6/24	14/6/24	15/6/24	16/6/24
7	Kings Birthday	Backflips Against Bullying Rec-Year 9					Family Mass Pedal Prix yr 7
	17/6/24	18/6/24	19/6/24	20/6/24	21/6/24	22/6/24	23/6/24
8		Carinya: 10am Host: RLT	Sacrament Retreat		Year 3LNKM Mass Midday Mid Year Reception Transition 9 – 1 (TBC)	Hall - Community Dinner	
	24/6/24	25/6/24	26/6/24	27/6/24	28/6/24	29/6/24	30/6/24
9	Yr 9/10 Netball TBC Yr 7/8 Netball TBC SAPSASA Girls & Boys Netball ATSI excursion CARCLEW R-6		ATSI Excursion CARCLEW Yr 7-9		Mid Year Reception Transition 9 – 1 (TBC)		Confirmation Communion 10am Sevenhill
	1/7/24	2/7/24	3/7/24	4/7/24	5/7/24	6/7/24	7/7/24
10	Coming of the Light Yr 7/8 Football TBC		ASSEMBLY		R-3 Mass midday		

Middle School Religion SAPSASA

School Holidays 6th July – 21st July 2024
NAIDOC week 7th to 14th July