



# SCHOOL Events

## Term 3, 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 3, 2024.

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

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### Pupil Free Day

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. Sometimes, it is necessary for our staff as a whole to attend training together, and we do this on "Pupil Free Days". 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 3 Pupil Free Day: Wednesday 4 September*

### Sacramental Program- Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a healing sacrament. Through this Sacrament we restore our broken relationships with God, self and others by acknowledging the wrong or hurtful choices that we have made.

We ask for God's forgiving and healing love to repair and restore these relationships. During Term 3, several Catholic students in Year 3 will prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All

Year 3 students undertook learning about this Sacrament in Term 2 in their Religious Education lessons. The first Parent/Student session will be on *Wednesday July 31 at 6:30pm*.



### Mum's Day

We have a three-year cycle where we put aside a day each year to celebrate significant people in our students' lives - Mums, Dads and Grandparents. This year, we celebrate Mum's Day - the first for several years due to the interruption of Covid.

During the day, we invite Mums to join with their children for part of the day. We ensure we give advanced notice so that Mums can negotiate time off to attend. The staff organise a variety of classroom activities which either build on the skill set of Mums or are interesting and engage/demonstrate student learning. It is also a great opportunity for Mums to be on site, meet others, share a meal and be valued. Some classes attend a Mass or Liturgy. We vary the activities and run each session for 45mins so that parents can spend time with each child (especially those with 4 children). If mum cannot attend the day, we are happy for a "significant other female" figure in your child/ren's life to attend so that your child is not disappointed. If this isn't able to occur, we "buddy" the student up with another Mum.

*Mum's Day - Friday 2 August, Week 2*

### Dance Lessons

We are fortunate to be able to contract specialist Dance lessons for students in Rec to Yr 6, conducted by Kate Mensforth (Clare Valley School of Dance). Dance is part of the performing arts program in the Australian Curriculum, and we feel is best taught by a specialist (and not by a 60-yr old with two left

feet!). Students wear Sports Uniform on these days: *Tuesday 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, 20/8 and 3/9*





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### Mary MacKillop Celebration

The Solemnity of "Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop" is held each year on [August 8](#). A solemnity is a feast day of the highest rank in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Rite. It celebrates a mystery of faith such as the Trinity, an event in the life of Jesus, His mother Mary, or another important saint.



Mary MacKillop is the only Australian Saint and it is the order of sisters that she and Tenison Woods founded, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who began St Joseph's School way back in 1869. We need to remember, and give thanks, that if it hadn't been for Mary MacKillop, we would not have St Joseph's schools.

At St Joseph's, we celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop in a variety of ways, including our Mary MacKillop Service Week, where classes take on the gospel value of service to others, in line with the Josephite Charism. During this week, classes undertake acts of service in our school and wider community, such as visiting Carinya, thanking our emergency service personal and cleaning up community areas. These services will be shared in the newsletter during the term.

### Sapsasa (SA Primary Schools' Sporting Assoc)

Term 3 is a very active term for Sapsasa - basketball, soccer, golf, athletics and hockey are all offered during this term.

**Basketball** is a District competition ([7 August](#)), for girls and boys in Years 5 and 6. The winning teams then progress to a regional final ([Kadina, 23 August, TBC](#)).



**Soccer** is a three-day boys and girls State Carnival, held in Adelaide, [14-16 August](#). Trials are held in the lead up to this and students are chosen to represent the Mid North District team.

**Golf** - this competition has changed and now offers participation in the Mid North District Golf Championship for students in Years 5 and 6 (Yr 4s who are currently playing for a club may also be eligible). [Monday, 19 August](#). This event is used to select players to contest the Sapsasa State Country Day at West Lakes, [7-8 September](#).



### Catholic Schools Cross Country

Each year, the Catholic Schools Sporting Association run a number of events, Cross Country is one of these. The competition is run by Year level and is open to boys and girls in Years 3 - 6. There are 3 divisions, with the coordinating teachers allocating which division a student competes in using the standards provided. The Carnival is held in the Adelaide Parklands, [Wednesday 7 August](#).



### Athletics

The Mid North Athletics Day will be held at Clare High School on [Friday 30 August](#). Students need to be born in either 2012, 2013 or 2014 to be eligible. Our school will hold trials to select students as there are standards that need to be met (this is not a Come and Try day). Nomination forms will sent home. From this event, students may be selected to represent the Mid North in the State Country Athletic Carnival, [Monday 16 September \[TBC\]](#).

### Hockey

Students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to try out for the State Country Hockey Carnival (boys and girls) which will be held in Adelaide, [9 - 11 September](#). If you require more information, please contact Chris Slattery, Kylie Murphy or Peter Shearer.

### Book Week

Book Week is celebrated nationally each year at a set period of time - normally, the mid-point of Term 3.

This celebration has continued since 1945 and each year they announce and celebrate award-winning books. Class teachers select from the "short-listed" book list, then work with their class to bring the book alive for our Book Week Parade with a short 3-5 minute dramatisation. It is a great way to celebrate Literacy and is a favourite event of students and parents. This year's parade will take place in our New Hall on [Monday 17 August, 9am](#). Normally a whole school event (Rec-Yr 9), however our Year 9s will be on camp.





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### Camps

Students in Years 3 to 9 attend a camp at some stage during the school year. Camps are designed to build on the community and family atmosphere of the school by giving children the opportunity to interact with each other in their class groups outside the regular school environment and routines. This takes place within a well-structured and active program which combines adventure, team building and educational experiences that complement the classroom curriculum.



The *Year 3 Camp* provides an interactive and hands-on approach to learning, through visits to places such as the Adelaide Zoo, Adelaide Oval, Bounce and Morialta Play Space and waterfall walk. Being the students' first overnight camp, they will focus on enhancing their resilience, teamwork and cooperation whilst building their confidence. Please refer to our Camps Overview on the school website for more information about school camps. *Year 3 Camp, Adelaide, 15-16 August*

The *Year 9 Camp* takes our students on a "Journey to the Heart" of Australia and themselves, taking them to Uluru and back over a 10-day adventure. This camp fosters student independence, resilience and teamwork skills. The camp enables students to make a meaningful and real connection to indigenous culture and heritage, on a journey of self-reflection and discovery to their heart and the heart of our country.

*Year 9 Camp, Uluru, 12 - 22 August*

### 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. This year, 12 students in Yrs 5-7 have taken up the opportunity and have been attending 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.

Our 12 choir students will attend a combined rehearsal with other schools in Adelaide on *Monday 26 August*, with the performance in the Adelaide Festival Theatre taking place on *Monday 23 September*.

### Pulse Check-In

CESA takes the wellbeing of all students attending Catholic schools very seriously. As a result, they introduced an online survey a couple of years ago to gain information about the wellbeing of all students.



The survey is conducted each term during Weeks 5 or 6 and asks the same questions each time. This is so we can compare the data, term to term and year to year.

Teachers are provided with an overview of the results, allowing them to 'drill down' if they require further information. Delvene Mathie (Wellbeing Coordinator), Tom Gilligan and Peter Shearer have access to this data and monitor it accordingly.

### Parent/Teacher Conversations and 3-Way Interviews

Midway through Term 3 each year, our staff conduct 3-Way Interviews (Parents & Student attend) or Parent/Teacher Conversations (Parents only attend). This term, the Year 3-9 classes will be involved in Parent/Teacher Conversations, whilst the Rec-Yr 3 students will have 3-Way Interviews.

Both formats are designed for the parent & teacher to have a conversation about the student's successes, challenges and goals - including academic, study habits, organisation, wellbeing, social and physical. Regardless of the format, the student is always at the heart of the conversation. Further information will be sent home.

*Wed 28/8, Mon 2/9, Thu 5/9*



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### Bikes 'n' Brekky

In Week 5 of each term, our local schools gather in the carpark at the top of Lennon St (adj Riesling Trail) to either walk or ride to school. The event commences with breakfast at 7:30am, provided by Rotary Club of Clare. Our staff join the students and either ride or walk with them to school. There is a long and a short ride to cater for different ages and abilities. Parents, grandparents & friends are invited to join in. We do ask that bicycles are road-worthy, helmets are worn and children can ride a bike. We transport the childrens' school bags to school, making the bike ride easier and more enjoyable. A fantastic way to start the day.



*Thursday 22 August, 7:30am, Lennon St*

### FETE

The Fete is an annual fundraising event which involves the Sevenhill Catholic Parish and the school community working together to raise funds, build and strengthen the partnership between school and parish, and provide a fun experience for our students, parishioners, wider general public and school community. Stalls include BBQ, Baked Goods, Art Competition, Homewares, Craft, Lollies, Plants & Produce, Hair/Face-Painting, Raffle, Scones, Coffee & Drinks, Bric-a-Brac, Second-Hand Books and this year, we are introducing a Second-Hand Clothing stall. The Fete is a highlight of the students' year. There will be lots of information available in the lead-up to the event, inviting you to assist in different ways. It is an event where many hands make light work.



*Friday 13 September, School Hall*

### Sports Day

This is an R-9 event which will usually be held towards the end of Term 3. As a Sun-Smart School, we are encouraged to not hold the event in Terms 1 or 4 due to the risk of sun damage. The timing also links well with the Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival and Sapsasa Athletics, ensuring our students are well prepared for these events. We are fortunate to be able to use Clare High School's facilities for our Sports Day. Events include Tabloid (sports and athletics skills which are age appropriate), Championship Sprints & Distance races, relays and team games. All students are involved in tabloids and usually in at least 2 of the relay/team games. Championship sprinters are selected from time trials held prior to the day (all students would have participated in sprints during the tabloid events).



This is a day when the students represent their House Teams. It is a great family day.

*Friday 27 September, Clare High School*