



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

To live, to learn, love in all things

Proudly learning on Ngadjuri land

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT

- Mon 9th RELat test - Yr 4
Yr 5 Hot Shots Tennis
- Mon 9th - Wed 11th Sapsasa Hockey
- Tues 10th Yr 3&4 Hots Shots Tennis
- Wed 11th Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm
- Frid 13th FETE
- Mon 16th Festival Choir Performance Rehearsal Sapsasa State Athletics Adelaide
- Tues 17th Hart Field Days Yr 8/9
- Thur 19th LEAD fundraiser Casual Clothes - be kind/anti-bullying Yr 5/6 Knockout Cricket Balaklava
- Frid 20th Hosting Wine Makers Association Luncheon YR 4LL & 2SL Buddy Mass 12pm
- Mon 23rd Festival Choir Performance - Adelaide
- Wed 25th Assembly
- Frid 27th Sports Day - last day Term 3

OCT

- Wed 16th - Frid 19th Year 6 Camp
- Sat 19th Year 7 depart for Canberra

NOV

- Thurs 14th Brekky & Bikes
- Thurs 21st Christmas Concert

DEC

- Wed 11th Yr 9 Graduation & End of year Mass



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From the Principal...

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

Sincere thanks to the teachers who have been conducting the Parent/Teacher conversations. I trust you have made the most of the opportunity to celebrate the successes of your child/ren, set goals for them and also learn more about their academic and social progress. The teachers spend a considerable amount of time preparing for these sessions and I would like to acknowledge their efforts, and the parents for valuing the opportunity to strengthen the home/school partnership.

STAFFING

I would like to acknowledge and thank Kylie Webley who ably assisted in teaching the Year 1 class whilst Sheree Schmaal was on leave. We welcome the return of Sheree to the Year 1 Class.

Sarah Werfel is currently on a well deserved Long Service Leave break, we look forward to receiving a postcard at some stage from France. Whilst she is on leave Tessa Weckert will be assisting in the front office and Chris Collins (CESA) will be working one or two days a week, undertaking the Bursar role. It is great to be well supported by CESA.



Tessa Weckert

Please make Tessa & Chris feel welcome.

ASSEMBLY COFFEE

I hope you were able to attend our recent school assembly where we acknowledge the achievements of our students.

We always receive positive feedback from these celebrations however, this time it would appear our newly trained baristas stole the show.



Alice, Ella C, Macy & Maddie making coffee at assembly

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024
WEEK 7, TERM 3

I have had numerous people comment on how well our Year 8s did in making and serving the coffee. This is a credit to them and their families, but also highlights the success of our Middle Schools Micro Credentialing, where they undertake real life training in skills that provide them with an increased opportunity to be employed. They have undertaken Bronze Medallion Swimming Accreditation, First Aid, Australian Rules Football Umpiring Certificate and Barista Training.

ST MICHAEL'S HALL

Currently we are undertaking the final costings for the renovation of St Michaels Hall. This project was due to commence at the beginning of September, however, it will be delayed by a couple of weeks. This has allowed us to work with the Parish in tidying up all the "treasures" that have accumulated over 60 plus years. With any building project it also provides the stimulus to cull excess equipment/furniture which has not been used for a number of years. Please keep your eyes out for the sales or give /aways that may become available.

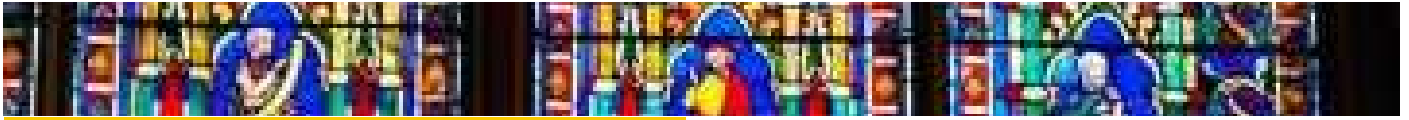
BREKKY & BIKES

In Week 5 a number of staff and students were involved in our Brekky & Bikes which is held once each term. This is a great way to start the day, have a bite to eat then a ride to school with friends.

If you would like to be involved in the next one mark it in your calendar - November 14 - we are hosting so we would like to see as many students, parents and staff as possible.



Zara, Jack, Mr Shearer, Oscar L, Ashton C, Archie, Codie & Mason enjoying their ride to school. The next Brekky & Bikes is hosted by St Josephs on Thursday 14 November, would be great to see lots of students, parents and staff attend.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DANCE

We are coming to the end of our R-6 dance program which, once again, has been a hit with our students. I would like to thank Kate Mensforth and her team for the dance program they offer. It is great to see the students engaging with this program in the new hall.



Dance with Kate



St Josephs Athletics team 2024



James and Olive with Pennant Flag

BASKETBALL

On August 23, our boys and girls St Joseph's basketball teams travelled to Kadina to compete in the knockout basketball. Teams were required to finish in the top four to qualify for state SAPSASA in Adelaide which will be held in October. Our girls team finished first out of eight teams, only dropping a game by one point. They demonstrated excellent teamwork and stamina. The boys had a sluggish start but battled it out to make it through to the top four. Well done to both teams who demonstrated excellent spirit to make it to Adelaide.

We would like to thank Mrs Ruffles and Kimberley Mitchell for coaching, and Kristy McCarthy and Peta Manhood for umpiring. A special mention to our scorers for the day. We look forward to our next opportunity in Adelaide where we can represent our school proudly and hope for further success.

ATHLETICS

Last Friday, Kylie Murphy, Brooke Stockman, Ellie Redden Carmen Kells and myself, along with a supportive group of parents, coordinated our athletics team in the Mid North Sapsasa Track & Field Championships held at CHS.

It was a fantastic day with many students competing at an athletics carnival for the first time. At the end of the day two school leaders, Olive H & James M, had the honour of accepting the Championship School Pennant on behalf of their team mates.

The District Team was announced for the Country Track & Field Championships which will be held on Monday 16 September in Adelaide.

To gain selection for the Country Championships most team members had to win their final. We had an enormous amount of students selected, congratulations to the following:

Nnamdi, Elroy, Matilda M, Lewis, Darcy, Chinyere, Clara, Sam, Cody, James, Damon, Henry, Maddison H, Amali, Ellie, Madeline.

I was very proud of the way our students followed direction, did their best and supported each other. An individual highlight was Nnamdi breaking the 10 year olds 200m record which had stood for 22 years !!!!



Back: Mrs Ruffles, Rubi, Ellie, Sophie, Maddison, Front: Sophia, Taylee, Matilda.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Back: Nick, James, Cody, Syd, Kimberley Mitchell.
Front: Harry, Sam, Wesley.

NETBALL

On Wednesday August 28 (Week 6), our Year 7/8 Netball team headed off to the Division 2 State Finals held at Netball SA Stadium.

It was a great competition, playing against some big schools and strong players. We had a successful day winning 3 out of the 4 games. Whilst we had this success, we unfortunately just missed out on playing in the Grand Final by percentage.

It was a great experience and we are proud we could make it to the Finals to represent the school.

We would like to thank Peta Manhood for coaching us across the 3 competitions, Kathryn Ackland for Team Managing/ Scoring, Miss Carling for organising and our parents for all their support.



Back: Peta Manhood, Isla, Bridget, Alice, Maddie, Ella L, Leah Carling.
Front: Ella C, Millie, Sophie, Macy.

BOOK WEEK QR CODES

We recently held our Book Week Performance, it was a fantastic celebration with each Class doing a performance based on the shortlisted books.

As many parents were unable to attend we have recorded the performances and you can access them below via the QR codes - we hope you enjoy them as much as we did.



Rec- LT



Rec- MP



01SS



01DL



02SL



2/3 LM



03 LN



04LS



04LL



05JW



06ER



06DH



07KM BA

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nicole, Tim, Millie, Stella & Marnie on the arrival of Charlie Clarence Hancock, born on 24 August at 2.12am at a healthy 3.53kg's and 50cm long.

He is a very loved addition to the family.

Millie, Marnie & Stella with new brother Charlie.



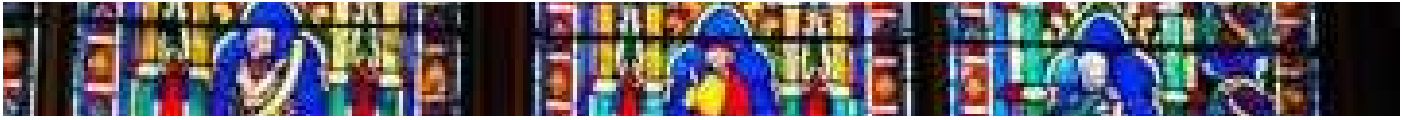
THANKYOU

A big thankyou to Olivia who on Thursday brought in a beautiful orange cake that she had baked with her mum for the staff.

It was delicious and much appreciated.



*God Bless
Peter Shearer*



ORGANISATION (O) GETTING ALONG (GA) PROGRAM ACHIEVE (PA) EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE (R) CONFIDENCE (C) PERSISTENCE (P)

ASSEMBLY

On Friday 23 August, we held our first Assembly for Term 3 2024. Program Achieve awards were given out for each Roll Class and also Honour Awards to students across the school. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates for demonstrating the values inherent in these keys.



REC LT

Maggie (GA), Alice (PA), Henry (GA), Archie (GA).



REC MP

*Lilia (P), Helena (C), Oliver (P),
Absent: Koda (GA).*



01 SS

*William M (O), Eva (ER), Sophie (PA), Ruby (ER),
William S (P), Florence (C), Millie (P).*



01 DL

*Walter (GA), Bodie (C), Delphie (O),
Angus (PA).*



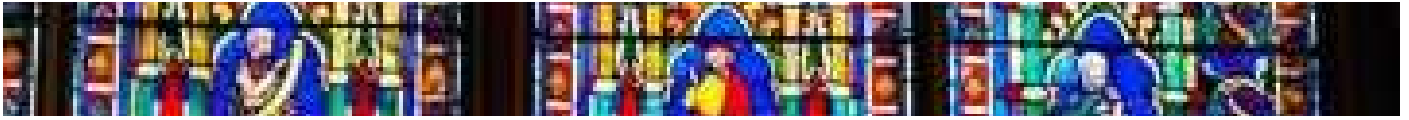
02 SL

*Eloise (GA), Charlotte P (O), Sid (C),
Kai (ER), Charlotte M (C).*



2/3 LM

*Bridget (PA), Mabel (PA), Archie (GA),
Cayden (ER) Codie (P).*



ORGANISATION (O) GETTING ALONG (GA) PROGRAM ACHIEVE (PA) EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE (R) CONFIDENCE (C) PERSISTENCE (P)



03 LN
*Leo (P), Ky (GA), Jack (GA),
 Summer (PA), Jess (GA),
 Collins (PA).*

04 LS
*Luka (PA), Kingsley (P), Ellie (ER),
 Greta (PA).*



04 LL
Lucy (C), Eliza (C), Rory (PA), Ari (C).



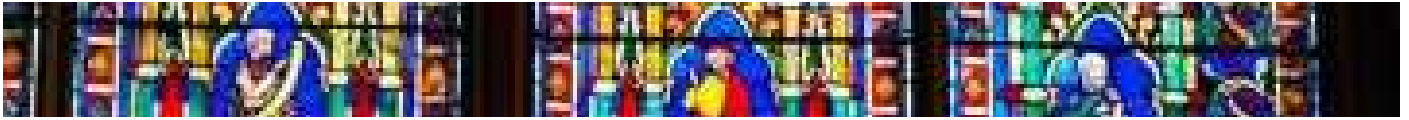
05 JW
*Flynn (GA), Luke (C), Penelope (PA).
 Insert: Bohdi (P).*



06 ER
*Sebastian (O), Hayley (GA), Scarlett (C),
 Absent: Sophia L/S*



06 DH
Tom (ER), Damon (C), Caitlin (GA), Amity (C).



07 BA

*Archie (GA), Charlie (GA), Grace (O),
Absent: Harry (GA).*



07 KM

Madison (O), Zoe (P), Lucas (P)



08 LC

*Macy (C), Ella (C), Alice (C), Kelley (C & GA),
Will N (C), Jack (C).*

09 MC

*Nick (ER), Hamish (ER), Matilda (PA), Ebony (PA),
Lucy (ER), Absent: Bryce (PA).*

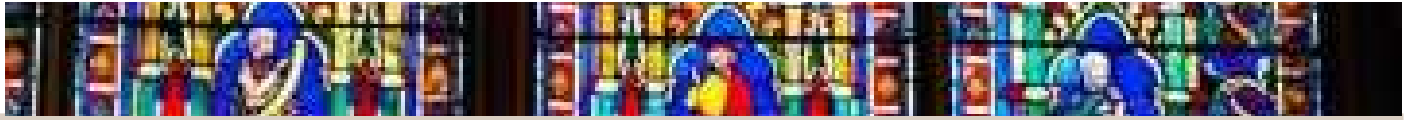


HONOUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

*Back: Lucy W, Elle, Jazlyn, Casey.
Front: Kade, Angus, Syd, Morgan. Absent: Ben.*

HONOUR STUDENTS

Honour awards are presented to students who are outstanding in all areas. These students are selected by class teachers in Junior, Middle, Upper Primary and Middle School. The recipients wear the Honour Badge with pride for 5 weeks and are then presented with a certificate.



YEAR 9 CAMP

The Year 9s *"Journey to the Heart"* camp was another huge success. The students spent the 10 days enjoying the outback in almost perfect weather. There were so many experiences we were lucky to be a part of. The students spent time with Adnyamathnha Elders at Iga warta and experienced some unique Welcome to Countries took part in an Ochre Ceremony that drew connection and strength from the various colours of Ochre and prepared them for their upcoming journey outside of St Joes. We were hosted by Jane Fargher for lunch at the Prairie Hotel where our students took part in a gourmet outback food tasting experience.

Our students got to meet outback personalities at William Creek and sit in various small aircraft that had flown in for a bronco branding event. Each night we slept under the stars in our swags except when we slept underground in Coober Pedy. When we reached the Northern Territory it was four massive days of experiencing the outback at Kings Canyon, Kata Tjuta and Uluru. One magic piece of luck was having the rising full moon making is way up into the sky right next to Uluru as the sun was setting painting the landscape and sky in beautiful colours.

Wherever we went we were complemented on how fabulous, how respectful and engaged our students were. People could not help themselves but find out more about our trip and were amazed at how lucky our students are to have an experience like this. The students grew exponentially from the experience and have grown together as a cohort. We are truly proud of our young people and the way they embraced this experience.

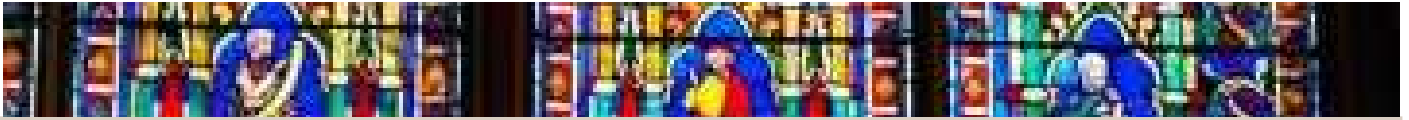


My favorite part of camp was when we were at Coober Pedy we visited Josephine's art gallery and Kangaroo orphanage and I got to hold the baby Kangaroo



Camp was such an awesome experience that has made memories we will all remember for the rest of our lives. It brought us all together and has created an unbreakable bond. My favourite highlight from camp was when we had been driving for a long time and were arriving in Coober Pedy and 'groove thang' came on and we had a party while the song was on. Shane would turn the lights on and off with the beat and then move the window wipers. We laughed till it hurt and we all had an awesome time.





My Camp highlight was Uluru. I really enjoyed running the 10 kilometres around the rock, it was also great visiting the waterholes around it. I also enjoyed learning about the local aboriginal communities. The sight of Uluru was astonishing, especially when we watched the sun rise and set over it.

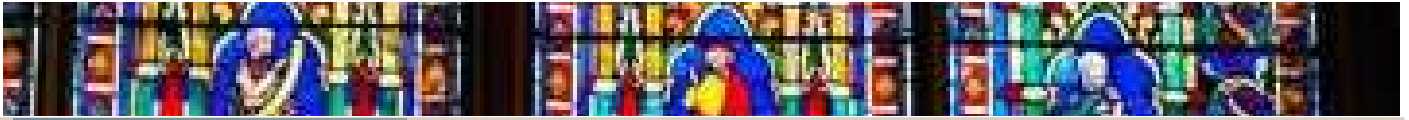
My highlight of our recent camp was the nights around the fire and playing games before bed. We shared stories around the fire and got along during games.



My highlight for this camp was seeing everyone bond together. I think that because it was the last camp for all of us to be together, that made it very special. I also think it was very special to have Mr Packer with us, especially as I remember his class very well. I liked getting to know Shane, and learn more about the teachers. I think it was good to see everyone so tired and grumpy, we all felt vulnerable and it was interesting to see.



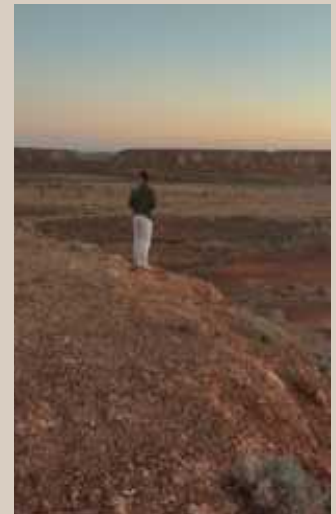
My favourite part of year 9 school camp 2024 was seeing the majestic Uluru, it really Enlightened my mind and showed me how important the land is and was to Indigenous people. This was my favourite because I have always wanted to go to Uluru and it sure did live up to my expectations

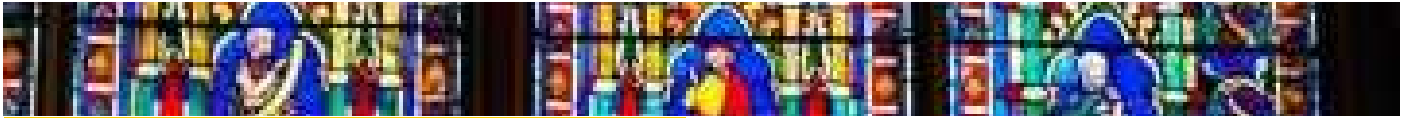


My highlights from this year's camp were the long bus rides because we all made our own fun and just got along really well. Another highlight would have been Iga Warta I enjoyed the memories that were made there, I loved the ochre pit and learning about all the different meanings for each of the colours. I enjoyed how Terry and Vinny made us feel like we were at home. This camp will definitely be one to remember.



My camp highlight was the William Creek tour. Being able to see the planes up close and even getting to sit in the pilot seat was fascinating. Learning about what bush pilots do and what their lives are like in the bush as well as their day to day lives of working on and in the planes showed all the different career paths in the outback. Another highlight was the garden of Eden where we all sat in silence. The peacefulness of the wildlife and the water in Kings Canyon brought a sense of belonging to the group.





MIDDLE SCHOOL

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Back at school, our Year 7s are preparing their stalls for Fete, there has been a buzz of activity and a lot of talk about profit and loss. I love watching them go head first into such a hands on learning task that combines many aspects of their learning from Design to Maths, English and Economics.

Year 8/9 Ag students have been off to the show as part of the Royal Adelaide Show School Science Competition. Our students designed a scientific enquiry and presented in front of experts and many other schools.

The outdoor education students have been practicing their orienteering skills. I have enjoyed seeing them persist with learning a new and difficult skill.

The 8/9 Hospitality entrepreneur students have been preparing for their major catering gig at the Hart field days where they will be selling rolls and salads. We will also be selling student made barista coffee.

The 7/8 Knockout Netball girls have played a huge knockout series going through to the finals undefeated. The girls put up a brilliant fight down in Adelaide winning 3 out of their 4 games narrowly missing out on the grand final by a percentage count back. This effort by our girls was amazing, considering the size of the schools we came up against and the pool of players they had to choose from. Thanks to Mrs. Manhood for coaching and all the parents for supporting the girls through their games.

This time of the term provides our students with many additional opportunities at school, it is a really good time to revisit routines and expectations so that our students can be well rested and prepared to successfully manage their workloads and additional commitments.

POETRY IN ACTION

We also had the team from Poetry In Action visit our school again. They performed a show that highlighted the many different poetic techniques and styles. Our year 7 and 8 students had just completed a unit of poetry and what was brilliant to see was that they were able to connect the show to what they had learnt in class. They engaged with the actors showing their knowledge by answering questions and giving examples of different poetic styles.



Poetry in Action Team



Students and staff were very engaged in the performance



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Ag students**

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ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW - SCIENCE INVESTIGATION AWARDS

The Year 8 & 9 Ag class attended the Science Investigation awards held on Monday 2nd September at the Royal Adelaide Show. Students worked in pairs or individually to plan, design and conduct investigations of their own choice over the past 5 weeks. They had to then write a science report and construct a poster to meet the awards criteria. Whilst at the Show they had to present their science poster to 2 separate industry judges, discussing their findings and research. It was a great opportunity to share their science inquiry skills and get feedback from scientists and people who work in the agricultural industry. It was a great opportunity to see the science posters from the 100 student finalists throughout the state from Years 4-9 and we are grateful to Belinda Cay (AgCommunicators) and the RAHS for their continued support of these awards. We are looking forward to preparing our entries for next year, already thinking of how we can improve our science communication, topics that we would like to investigate and gaining some valuable experiences in our learning.

Congratulations to Will Mitchell and Will Nicholls who were awarded third place in the Year 8 Category for their research about vegeburgers and beef burgers – can consumers tell the difference?



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Science Investigation Topics that were presented at the 2024 awards by St Joseph's:

- Paper versus plastic decomposition
- Growth of carrots under different light conditions
- Vegeburgers versus beef burgers – can consumers tell the difference
- Effect of soil pH on canola germination
- Germination test of different aged wheat varieties
- Effect of rainwater, dam water and tapwater on seedling growth
- Effect of fertiliser on lettuce chlorophyll
- Effect of storage on bread quality
- Oxidation of apples
- Effect of preservation method on strawberry quality
- Effect of seeding depth on pea seedlings
- Do crops grow better in grazing or cropping soil?
- Flower longevity in the vase – which solution is best?



Nick



Lucy & Charlotte



Abby & Sophie



Alliahna



Will M & Will N



Ben



Bryce

NETBALL SUCCESS

In February this year Macy trialled for the Jamestown Adelaide Thunderbirds Academy (14-16 Yrs), she was lucky enough to be selected for the 2024 program - along side 19 other talented netballers from as far as Roxby, Barossa, YP and everywhere in between!

Sessions were held monthly on a Sunday in Jamestown, led by Katie Leibelt and Lauren Amey, sharing their extensive netball knowledge with the group of girls.

As well as playing for local club MinMan when she can, Macy has also been playing at Contax in Adelaide where she has had the opportunity to be part of their internal Junior Academy Program as well. There has been a lot of Netball this winter!



Ella L



Jack



Macy & Alice

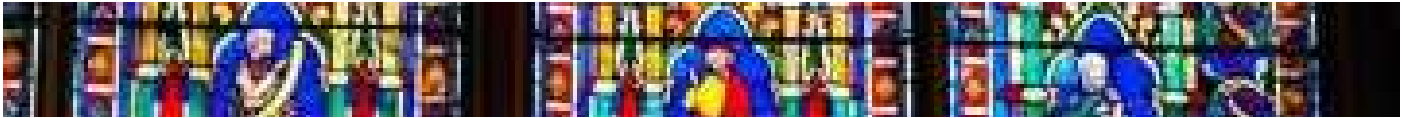


Maddison & Sophie



Macy

God Bless
Tom Gilligan



FROM THE APRIM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Next Wednesday, September 11, the following students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The service begins at 6:30pm in St Michael's Church, all family and friends are invited to attend.

Sachi, Archie, Jack, Dulcie, Leo, Kade, Wilbur, Summer (St Joseph's) Jimmy and Patrick (Parish).

MITIOG

During this Term classes undertake learning from the Made in the Image of God Human Sexuality Curriculum. Letters were sent home about what is covered in each year level. All staff undertake training in leading this program. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Later this term, I will be seeking people to join our MITIOG committee which is an opportunity to view the curriculum in full and discuss the content.

FAMILY MASS

The next Family Mass is on Sunday September 15 at 9am. We would love to have helpers of all ages for readings, choir and all ministries. Please let me know if you would like to undertake a role.

Everyone is invited to stay for morning tea after Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

This week information regarding the 2024 Catholic Charities appeal has been sent home. Catholic Charities include Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools, Hutt Street Centre, Centacare Catholic Family Services and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

SEASON OF CREATION



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the 'cry of Creation'. This year's theme is 'To Hope and Act with Creation' with the symbol 'the first fruits of hope', inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

We are called to together to listen and care for our common home, and to work together to make our world a better place.

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and

finishes on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

I recently got to share the absolute wonder and awe of creation on the Year 9 camp, exploring many of the amazing wonders of our country. It is vital that we work together to ensure such places are maintained and respected.

Prayer

*We are blessed with the great gift of Creation
and with God's patience and forgiveness for our
failures to care for it wisely and lovingly.*

*May our Creator God bless us all with deep,
contemplative gratitude for the beauty and
richness of Creation.*

*Holy Spirit of God, you plant the word of truth in each of
us and call us to be doers of the
word and not hearers only....*

*May Christ open our eyes and ears, minds and hearts to
love and care for each other and for all
Creation. Amen.*

Helen Hay

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

WELLBEING

DADS

So how should fathers go about building connectedness with their daughters? These ten tips were put together with the help of several fathers of girls, and I thank them. These fathers aren't perfect, but kids don't need perfect dads. They need 'good-enough dads', just like they need 'good-enough mums'.



TOP 10 TIPS FOR BUILDING FATHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIPS

1. Tell your daughter every day that she is loved

Tell your daughter every day that she is loved, smart, beautiful, worthy, capable and all those things that you know her to be. She should feel your love, respect, and belief in her all the way to her core.

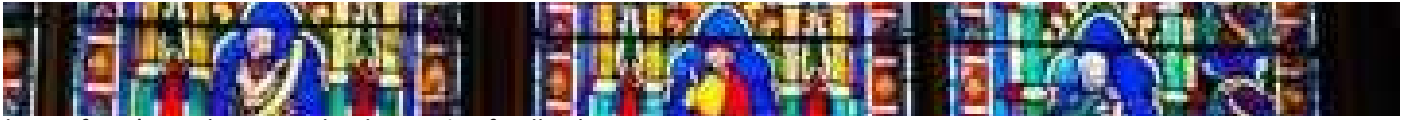
If you don't tell her she is loved, capable, and worthy, you leave her vulnerable to inauthentic people who will win her over with words. When someone in her future flatters her, she should think, 'Yes. I know that, my dad told me. Now, what else have you got besides compliments?'

2. Ensure your daughter knows she can talk to you and you will love her no matter what she tells you

You need to be a safe space for your daughter. That will mean turning off your ego. It isn't about you listening to find a solution, it is about listening to understand. Breathe, be still and focus on what she is saying verbally and with her body language. You will soon see what it means to her that you listen without judgement.

3. When you make mistakes, don't be afraid of starting again.

When you make mistakes, don't be afraid of starting again. Take the hit to your pride, apologise and start again. You don't become a better parent by beating yourself up for getting things wrong, you become a better parent by learning from your mistakes. It's also important to realise you only really



know if you're making mistakes by inviting feedback. Honest feedback can be confronting, but it's important.

4. Be involved in your daughter's education

Talk regularly with your daughter about school and her assigned work, and get involved! Discuss issues presented at school. Check homework. Read with her, go to the library with her. Discuss her dreams for her future, without imposing your own.

5. Know that time always matters.

People talk about quality time over quantity of time. What even is quality time? When your daughter looks back on her life with you, she is going to remember whether or not you were there. She will remember you being around.

6. Provide a stable base for her to launch from

As girls become teenagers they strive for and explore independence. At this time, they can often push away from their parents and that can really hurt. Don't take it personally, don't react with anger, it will only drive them further away. Communicate boundaries effectively but support her in her development and be there as a stable base when she needs you.

7. Do the school drop-off whenever you can

The school drop-off will keep you connected and in the know. A quick stop for hot chocolate or chips on the way home will only cost you \$4 but it is one of the best investments you'll ever make.

8. In times of conflict...pause

Got a problem? Pause. Rather than trying to control or fix things, it is much more effective to stop and first look at the issue being discussed. Is it even important? A pause will help you find the guidance and learning in the situation, for your daughter and for yourself. You can then act instead of reacting.

9. Build traditions and rituals

Traditions and rituals create bonds and keep you connected even in difficult times. They don't have to be fancy traditions. They can be having a photo in the same place at the same time every year. It might be reading part of a favourite book together every night, a funny handshake or a monthly date night. In times of stress and upset, these familiar spaces will be a place where you can reconnect.

10. Be prepared to make a fool of yourself in front of your daughter.

Daggy dancing, singing out of key, having a go at activities you have no mastery over are all fun and important in your daughter's formation and in your relationship. Not only will you laugh together, and laughter is bonding, but she will learn that 'looking good' all the time simply isn't a priority, having fun and experimenting is.



FINAL THOUGHT...

No family situation is the same and very few are perfect, and that's okay. Kids know when you love them and are doing the best you can, and that counts for more than anything.

Adapted from <https://lindastade.com/>

Delvene Mathie

Wellbeing

VOCABULARY - SOMETHING WE CAN ALWAYS

LEARN

Vocabulary – the knowledge of words – is highly correlated with reading fluency and understanding (Scarborough 2001), so the more words you know, the better you understand what you are reading. Vocabulary is an important focus of literacy teaching and refers to the knowledge or words, including their structure (morphology), use (grammar), meanings (semantics), and links to other words (word/semantic relationships).



This excerpt from The Department of Education and Training, Victoria, explains why we need to teach vocabulary.

Oral vocabulary refers to words that children can understand or use while speaking and listening. Oral vocabulary is closely related to reading vocabulary, which is the words that children can recognise and use in their reading or writing. Children need to have a rich vocabulary that continually grows through language and literacy experiences, to comprehend and construct increasingly complex texts, and engage in oral language for a variety of social purposes.

Most of our everyday language uses simple vocabulary. But when we are learning new concepts in Science, Humanities, Technologies and other subjects, we need to understand more complex vocabulary; most of which have Latin and Greek origins. By learning the meaning of Latin or Greek root words, prefixes or suffixes, you can better understand, and more easily remember, all the vocabulary words built on these elements that exist in English words.

So, how can I help my child?

When you are reading together, discuss new or unknown words, their meaning and origin. And discuss various meanings of the same word – understanding the "depth" of words is important too (think of words like park, novel or interest that can have different meanings, depending on how they are used).

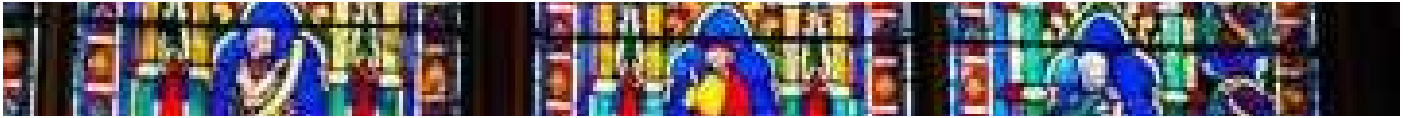
If a teacher sends home some vocabulary words for a particular topic that students will be learning about, spend some time learning about the meanings with them. Discuss the meaning, other words that may have the same origins, and how you might use the words in a sentence.

Learning new words is lifelong. Encouraging your child to enjoy finding out about words will add to their understanding of word origins and vocabulary knowledge, making reading a more enjoyable pursuit, whether it be for purpose or pleasure.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Last chance to get your reading challenge form in! The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes TODAY Friday 6th September. If you haven't handed in your form to receive a certificate/medal and join the celebration in Term 4, please ensure you do by next Friday (13/09/2024).

Michelle Edmondson



Sevenhill Parish & St Joseph's School FETE

Music's Alive



13 | SEPTEMBER 2024

9:30 - 2pm

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH THE FRONT OFFICE NOW!

On the school grounds
29 Victoria Rd, Clare

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS ASSISTANCE.

- PLANTS
- PRODUCE
- BOOKS
- CRAFTS
- BRIC A BRAC
- TOYS

ST JOES FETE Bake Stall

Seeking the following:

- Log/Slab Cakes
- Uncut Slices
- Cupcakes/Biscuits
- Other baked goods

Thank You!

Abbe Weckert, Sam Mackay & Cassie Fuller

SCONE BAKING DAY

Wednesday the 28th August 6:30-7:30pm

Andy will be holding a Scone Bake Day in the Middle School kitchen. He is looking for volunteers to join him.

Please contact the office if you can spare any time to come bake and have a chat. Many hands make light work.

Are you strong and free Friday 13th between 2 & 3pm?
We would love your help packing up the heavy items like fencing and tables :)

Gifts and Homewares

Look at these amazing blankets and quilts we have for sale this year. Hand made and generously donated!!



ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL FETE Lolly Stall

SEEKING THE FOLLOWING

- HOME MADE FUDGE
- JELLY CUPS
- LOLLY POPS
- WRAPPED LOLLIES
- SOUR LOLLIES
- JELLY BEANS
- FUN SIZED CHOCOLATE BARS

SKYE BOLLEN, GRADY STANLEY & KATE WEHR

Are you feeling creative? Bows & Scrunchies made from old school dresses were a best seller last year.



Lolly Bags



Whizz Fizz Zappos Fruit Chews

Fete Sign Up Genius

Please log into the sign up genius to choose

SECOND HAND CLOTHING!!

We are looking for good condition clothing (without holes and stains) sizes 4 to 16 year old girls and boys.

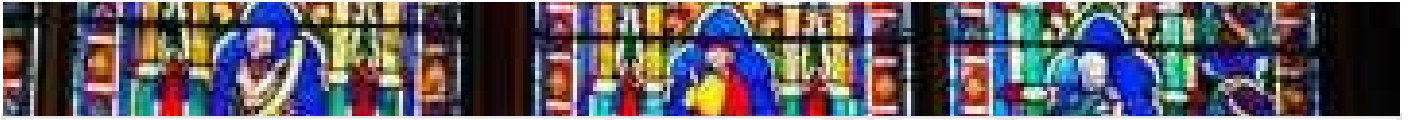
No underwear, socks or bathers please

Clothing will be sold at 2 price points, \$5 and \$2

This is a great opportunity for a Spring Clean and to reuse and recycle. New clothes with tags also welcomed.

Please drop items off to the front office.

Please call / message Amanda on 0438 641 477 if you have any questions.



Performing Arts Newsletter

The Performing Arts are alive and well at St Joseph's School Clare!

This year we have enjoyed performances including Silly Scientist, Say No to Bullying, Taiko Drumming, Poetry in Action, and most recently the Elder Conservatorium Big Band. As well as the ongoing Year 4, 5 and 6 immersions with Kerry Davy in recorder, guitar and drums, all of Reception to Year 6 have loved participating in dance workshops with Kate Mensforth.

We are encouraging our budding singers and players to participate as leaders in School Masses this year and have already enjoyed some great guitar playing (along with Mr. Harding) and some confident singing from the Year 4 cohort.

Our small (10 students), but very keen Catholic Schools Choir members can't wait to perform in the Wonderful Catholic School Music Festival on Monday 23rd September in the Festival Theatre (tickets available via Ticketek)

Book Week Celebrations this year began with gusto when teachers and students created drama, dance and music performances to share with our community in Week 5.

The middle school students were once again treated to a fabulous Poetry in Action performance last week.

The recent Big Band visit was a resounding success. We were very fortunate to have this outstanding ensemble in our school. The student musicians and their teachers and coordinators were generous and gracious. For many students it was their first chance to experience Jazz Music and get up close and personal with many of the instruments. Some students including ex-student Graham Furler on trumpet, joined in a performance with the band at the evening community concert.

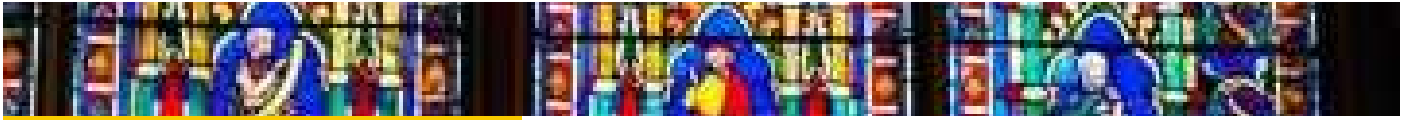
We have had many students express their interest in learning a brass, strings or woodwind instrument as well as vocals, guitar and percussion. We are currently looking for more instrumental teachers who may wish to add to the program that already runs successfully at our school. Our current teachers have a significant waiting list, and we would like to be able to offer additional spaces. If you know of anyone who may be qualified and interested, please let us know.

Please find below a link to the Regional Scholarship Program which assists students from across South Australia to access the world class resources of the Elder Conservatorium of Music. This program is available to all students at any entry level from beginner to more advanced. It is worth looking into if you have a budding musician in the family.

<https://able.adelaide.edu.au/music/engage/open-music-academy/centre-for-young-musicians/regional-scholarship-program>

- Applicants are eligible for:
- 1:1 lesson tuition fee support (lessons are face to face in Adelaide*). Please note full tuition fees are payable prior to the term's commencement, with awarded scholarships being paid at the end of the term.
- Advanced students will also be eligible for our Local Stars program. To be considered for a place in the Local Stars program, students must be at AMEB Grade Level 5 or equivalent, provide a teacher recommendation and a short video of a performance - 5 minutes or less.
- The maintenance and purchase of instruments.
- *Tuition can be provided as hybrid, face to face/online modes for students if distance is a barrier to travelling to Adelaide





CANTEEN NEWS



Canteen Roster Semester 2: 2024

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

Term 3

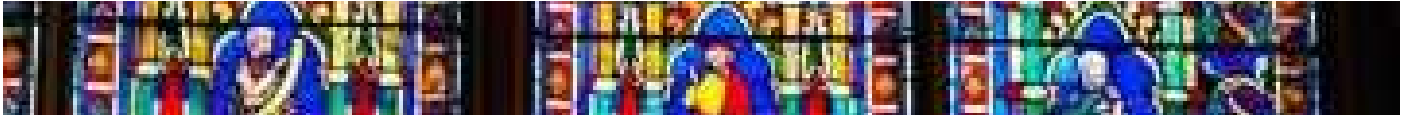
DATE	THURSDAY 9:00am – approx. 11:00am	DATE	FRIDAY 9:00am – approx. 1:30pm
Week 1 (25 th July)	Stephanie Coles Cassie Fuller	Week 1 (26 th July)	Jen Chestnut Kristy Woodlands Alana Young
Week 2 (1 st Aug)	NO CANTEEN – MUMS DAY AUGUST 2ND		
Week 3 (8 th Aug)	Jane Adams Katrina Pilkington	Week 3 (9 th Aug)	Jen Chestnut Fiona Sullivan Lucy Woolford
Week 4 (15 th Aug)	Jess Redden Amanda Redden	Week 4 (16 th Aug)	Belinda McDonnell Kate Holmes Emma Zanette
Week 5 (22 nd Aug)	Kate Wehr Gabrielle Jones	Week 5 (23 rd Aug)	Kate Mensforth Christy Clothier Natalie Sommerville
Week 6 (29 th Aug)	Amy Abbott Skye Bollen	Week 6 (30 th Aug)	Louise Lehmann Matt Ward TBC
Week 7 (5 th Sept)	Yana Zanette Donna Stewart	Week 7 (6 th Sept)	Amy Trengrove Laura Davidson Katherine Maitland
Week 8 (12 th Sept)	NO CANTEEN – FETE FRIDAY SEPT 13TH		
Week 9 (19 th Sept)	Geordie Beath Tim White	Week 9 (20 th Sept)	Denika Koch Larni Ward Peggy Mitchell
Week 10 (26 th Sept)	NO CANTEEN – SPORTS DAY FRIDAY SEPT 27TH		
<p style="text-align: center;"> New to Canteen Experience in Canteen Experienced and willing to help less experienced </p>			

****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 😊



ST JO'S PATCH

Unfortunately we are having to water the garden already!! Would be lovely to get another big rain but instead we have had lots of wind and warm weather which is drying out our patch.

Stella & Greta planted 3 different types of potatoes and covered them to protect them from the frost. It was hard work turning over the green manure crop but someone has to do it! We need to refresh the soil and replace some goodness.

Seed Bombs

The students have really enjoyed making the seed bombs and they are now ready to go on the Fete garden stall for purchase. There are a mixture of seeds (herbs and flowers), watch out for them as they look amazing. I have left the instructions on the page so you can make them at home to either plant in your garden or donate to the garden stall for FETE.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q. How do you offer a dinosaur a drink?

A. Tea, Rex?



Finished Seed Bombs



Charlii, Oscar, Amity and Chloe pulling out the old Cauliflower to feed the chickens.



How to Make DIY Seed Bombs

You will need:

- ¼ cup of mixed seeds
- 1 cup of soil
- 2 cups of air-drying clay
- ½ cup of water (may need more or less depending on consistency)

Method:

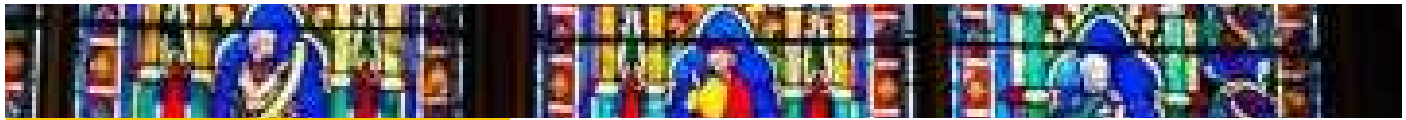
1. Mix the soil, clay, and seeds with a little over half of the water to make a dough, kneading it gently until smooth. You should end up with a texture like modelling clay or Plasticine. Add more water a little at a time if the mixture is too stiff or doesn't come together.
2. Shape the dough into balls, using a little extra water if the mixture is too flaky. Moistening your hands a little can help the balls to form evenly, but avoid making the dough too wet and mushy.
3. Place the shaped balls on the brown paper for a day or two to dry out.



Turning over the green manure crop.



Chloe & Amity making seed bombs.



COMMUNITY

We're in town
See you soon, Clare
30 September to 11 October

Australian Red Cross
Lifeblood

Clare Mobile Donor Centre
180 Main North Road,
Clare SA 5453

Book your donation now

QR code, phone icon 13 14 95, and give blood logo.

Got a bit of time this September/October? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Clare will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into Clare from the 30 September to 11 October. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at donateblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

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SPARKS FAMILY RIDE DAY

Sunday 22nd September
\$25 Juniors
\$70 Seniors
Free balance bike track for the little ones

308 Old Terowie Rd, Belalie North

CASH ONLY

Sign in: From 8am
Riders brief: 9:45am
Ride: 10-4pm

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

Saturday Evening
Live music
Free camping
BYO food and drinks

Anglican Parish of Balaklava, Bungaree, Clare
invite you to join them for a

Blessing of Animals & Fleece

Sunday, September 29 – 10:30 am

Bungaree Station Woolshed
431 Bungaree Road

Please bring your pets or animals for a blessing but make sure they are contained or restrained

If you can stay, a catered lunch is available

Cost: \$20 per adult, \$10 per child \$50 per family

*“Bookings are essential for catering purposes.
Contact Damien ph. 0400 691 167”*

RSVP by September 24.