



# SCHOOL Events

**Term 4, 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 4, 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**

Our Staff will meet on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to 'handover' their current students' academic, social and emotional information and other details which will assist the children's 2025 teachers. I believe this is one of the most important days of the year as it provides the next teacher with the opportunity to think, research and prepare for providing the best possible learning environments in the following year. Specialist teachers Michelle Edmondson (Inclusion/Literacy), Delvene Mathie (Wellbeing) and Charlotte Heinjus (Numeracy) are also involved in these meetings as required.

As a result we will be holding a Pupil Free Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. We will liaise with Clare OSHC to ensure our students have access to this facility.

***Term 4 Pupil Free Day: Friday 13th December 2024.***

## **Transition**

In Term 4 several students transition to Clare High School and other Metropolitan Schools. Our staff work with the relevant schools to ensure our students are well supported in their transition to their next school socially, physically, emotionally and academically.

## **Christmas Concert**

Our annual school Christmas Concert is held at the Jesuit Community grounds, between the college and winery. It is a picnic style concert where each class perform an approximately 5 minute item. This event also includes some farewells and thankyou's. In the past the Year 6 class families have provided a BBQ tea option as part of their Canberra trip fundraising. This year the concert will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November which allows us the Friday as a 'back up day'.

***Christmas Concert: Thursday 21st November 2024 (Friday will be the 'back up day')***

## **Swimming Lessons**

In Weeks 7 and 8 our Reception to Year 5 students will take part in swimming lessons conducted by Department for Education at the Valleys Lifestyle Centre. These lessons are designed to develop students' fundamental swimming techniques, raise awareness of water safety and provide a safe and engaging learning environment for all students to thrive. Our Year 6's have used their 'hours,' taking part in the Aquatics camp to Port Vincent and our Middle School have been involved in the Bronze Medallion Program.

***Swimming Lessons: Weeks 7 and 8 for Reception to Year 5.***

## **Assembly**

Twice each term we gather mid-way and at the end of term to celebrate the achievements of our students at a whole school assembly. Each class acknowledges students who have earned a Program Achieve Award (Getting Along, Persistence, Organisation, Confidence, Emotional Resilience). We also present our prestigious Honour Award to students who have displayed excellence in one or more of the Program Achieve areas. These are only handed out for every two year levels (eg: Rec/Yr 1/ Yr 2/ Yr 3, and so on). Special achievements and awards are also acknowledged at Assembly. Our LEAD students organise, conduct and present our Assemblies. Once again, all parents and school community members are invited to attend Assembly. The P&F have the coffee machine running, with the assistance of our middle school student baristas. At our final Assembly we will thank our Admin Staff.

***Term 4 Assemblies will be held in Week 5 on Friday 15/11 @ 9am and Week 9 on Wednesday 11/12 @ 9am.***



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## SAPSASA (SA Primary Schools' Sporting Assoc)

Term 4- Once again our students have many SAPSASA events to take part in. It needs to be noted that selection for many of these events took place in Term 3. Term 4 activities include:

**Girls Australian Rules** state football carnival which will be held in Adelaide on the 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Selected girls from Years 5/6 will represent the Mid North District Team.



**Basketball** Our St Joseph's girls basketball team have progressed from the local, then regional and now to the State Finals which will be held in Adelaide on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. This is a Year 5/6 team.

### Cricket

**Girls cricket** State Carnival will be held in Adelaide Monday 4-6<sup>th</sup> November. This is a zone team which is made up of Year 5/6 girls from SAPSASA districts.



**Boys State cricket** carnival will be held in Adelaide Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November. This is a Year 5/6 team.

**Tennis** The girls and boys Mid North tennis team will compete in the State Carnival in Adelaide on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. This is a Year 5/6 team.

The Year 5/6 boys cricket team has progressed to the next round in the SAPSASA 'knockout' competition. Their semi-final will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

## SACPSSA Athletics

South Australia Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association conduct Track and Field Championships at Mile End. This year our students are in Division 3 out of 9. This competition is open to schools from Year 3-6 and has boys and girls competitions. It will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Selection is made from nominated students trials, and sports day and SAPSASA results.

**SACPSSA Athletics: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**



## 7-9 KO Sports

In Term 4 we have nominated our summer sports, Tennis and Cricket as well as Volleyball which has been a focus in Year 8 PE lessons. Knockout sports provide students with the opportunity to play against teams in our local area and if they win, to progress along and play other schools across the state.

**Tennis** – This is offered as a 7/8 competition and 9/10 which will be played in weeks 4 and 5 respectively. Looking at the number of keen Tennis players, a trial will be required in Week 3 to determine these teams.

**Cricket** – We have entered a 7/8 Boys team and 7-9 Girls Team. The boys will play in Week 1 against Maitland. The Girls will play against Nuriootpa in Week 3.

**Volleyball** – A competition we are new to. Our Year 8 class are very enthusiastic and eager to join this competition in Week 2 to showcase their new skills and love for a new sport.

## 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 children's school bags to school, making the bike ride easier and more enjoyable. A fantastic way to start the day.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30am, Lennon St.**



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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.



**Year 5 Camp** will be held in Week 2 from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October. They will be travelling to Victor Harbour.

**Year 6 Camp** was held in Week 1 from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. They are going on an Aquatics Camp to Port Vincent.

**Year 7 Camp** will be held in Week 2 From Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. They are travelling to Canberra as part of their Civics and Citizenship Program.

## 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 and 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.

**Pulse Check in: Week 5 and 6.**

## Scholastic Book Fair

Each year we run a Scholastic Book Fair – designed to give students the opportunity to browse and buy affordable books like the ones they borrow from the library. Held in Term 4, families can take the opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts in advance. Scholastic also provide families with the opportunity to purchase books throughout the year via the Scholastic Book Club. The bonus of both is that we earn “rewards” that allow us to purchase more books and classroom resources based on spending. Partnerships like these assist us to promote a love of reading to all our families, with high quality, recently published and Australian authors highlighted in each catalogue.



**Book Fair: Week 3 29<sup>th</sup> October- 1<sup>st</sup> November 8.30-8.50am and 3.20-4.00pm.**

## Year 7 Retreat

The Year 7 retreat is centred around a theme of 'What is my brand' as a Middle Schooler. Now that students have had a year in Middle School, they look to create a motto and 'brand' that they would like to follow that aligns with their values and our School's Christian values.

**Retreat: 5<sup>th</sup> November Week 4- Tuesday at School.**

## Advent Liturgies

Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ at Christmas in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar. Advent is a 4 Week period that begins in December. During Advent we learn more about the nativity story and anticipation that Christians have for the coming of Christ at Jesus' birth. One way we prepare for this is by coming together as a school community in prayer during Advent. All members of our community are welcome to join us.

**Liturgies: 27/11/24 Primary, 28/11/2024 Middle School, 4/12/2024 Primary, 5/12/2024 Middle School, 9/12/2024 Whole School.**



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## Music Concerts

At St Joseph's we have a vibrant and active music program. To celebrate the achievements of our bands, private students & classroom ensembles (recorder, guitar & drumming) we hold a couple of concerts to celebrate these students' achievements. Thursday 28 November 1.40 – 3.00pm Bands, private students including band and ensemble, then Thursday 5 December classroom ensembles 1.40 – 2.40pm.

Everyone welcome.

***Music Concerts in the New Hall: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1.40-3.00pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1.40-2.40pm.***

## Clare Christmas Pageant

Our students have a long history of being involved in community activities, as a result each year we take part in the Clare Christmas Pageant. It is a great way to showcase our students' role modelling of leadership and our buddy program as the older students accompany our younger students in the pageant. This year's pageant will take place on Friday 6 December.



***Christmas Pageant: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.***

## Special Line up – Week 9

On Monday 9 December we get to say farewell to our students and families who will be leaving our school at the end of the year.

This is a special way we can celebrate the achievements of these students and their families who, whilst not graduates, they have made a significant contribution to our school. Our custom is to present them with a school pen.

***Special Line up: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December***

## Graduation

At the end of the year, we celebrate the graduation of our students from St Joseph's. As we are a R-9 school we celebrate their graduation at the conclusion of Year 9.

This year this special and meaningful event will take place on Wednesday 11 December in the St Joseph's Hall. The graduation ceremony will take place within the Mass which will commence at 6pm. Last year this event was an extremely powerful and moving celebration. Our Year 9s have been great role models, captains, leaders, helpers, big buddies and have done much to improve the lives of all students and families. This is our opportunity to say thankyou by being present. We request that you mark the date in your calendar.

***Graduation: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm St Joseph's New Hall.***





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