



Week 5 Term 3 2024 - Bags of Love

Important Dates

Book Week Parade
at 9am
Friday 23 August 2024

Preschool Fathers
Day Stall at 9am
(Koalas & Joeys)
Monday 26 August 2024

Assembly at 9am
(STEM focus)
Thursday 29 August 2024

Father's Day Stall
Thursday 29 August 2024

Father Michael 10
year ordination
celebration at 7pm

Father's Day
morning at 9:15am
Friday 30 August 2024

Father's Day
Sunday 1 September 2024

SCHOOL HATS
BACK ON
Monday 2 September 2024

SACPSSA Touch
Footy Carnival Yr 6s
Thursday 5 September 2024

SCHOOL CLOSURE
DAY Student Free
Day (No OSHC
available)
Friday 6 September 2024

Tournament of
Minds Showcase
Saturday 7 September 2024

ReLAT Assessment
this week (Year 4s)
Monday 9 September 2024

R U OK Day 2024
Thursday 12 September
2024

Year 4 Mass at
9:15am
Friday 13 September 2024

From the Principal

Book Week and Celebrating Reading

This week is 'Book Week'! This year's theme, 'Reading is Magic', really should be promoted, as there is so much to cherish about reading – I include the benefits of reading below.

First, I take this opportunity to thank our Library staff, Ms Manuela Ciniglia and Ms Giovanna De Meo, for the additional work in the lead-up to, and during Book Week.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Book Week Parade tomorrow, on the asphalt, commencing at 9:00am.

A core purpose of Book Week is to celebrate literature, books and reading. I provide the benefits children achieve by engaging in reading.

- Reading improves listening and early literacy skills.
- Reading builds vocabulary; there is research indicating that one of the common links between successful individuals in their careers, is they each have a large repertoire of language.
- Another benefit of having a large vocabulary includes being able to process information at a faster speed; once you know and understand a word, it lightens the load on your working or short-term memory.
- An extensive vocabulary also builds the connections in your brain so that new lines of reasoning open; all of which help with higher order learning and thinking and understanding.
- Reading prepares children for school and beyond.
- Reading improves academic performance – in all subject areas.
- Reading positively affects and boosts children's mental and physical health.
- Reading literature allows students to put themselves in someone else's shoes, as one can gain a perspective of what the characters in the book are experiencing.
- Reading can build a development of empathy, as it helps students build and maintain better relationships; for example, play time is more positive for students who can listen to others, articulate their opinions rationally and be flexible in their approaches to others.
- Reading daily can reduce stress in our body.
- Reading promotes sleep; when reading before bed, it tends to reduce tension in the body, which then fosters sleep.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last week, many of our Year 4 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thank our Parish Priest, Fr Michael Romeo, Sr Josie, our APRIM, Mrs Patrizia Puglia, and Year 4 teachers, Ms Bernardette Robinson, Ms Rosanna Parrella, Ms Sara Altobelli, Ms Melinda Harding, and the respective families for preparing the children to receive this Sacrament.

Catholic Schools Open Week

This week is also 'Catholic Schools Open Week'. It is a time to highlight what is great about Catholic Education and closer to home, acknowledging the magnificent work that happens here at St Joseph's. Thank you for choosing St Joseph's Catholic School Payneham and your contributions to the school community.

Fr Michael Romeo, 10-year ordination anniversary

As highlighted at the beginning of this term, Fr Michael Romeo celebrates his 10-year anniversary as a Catholic priest on Thursday 29 August. This is an important milestone for Fr Michael and our community. Mass in the church will occur at 7:00pm, followed by light refreshments in the school Gym. It would be wonderful to show our support for Fr Michael on this significant occasion.

STEM MAD (Make a Difference) Congratulations

Recently some students at our school participated in the STEM MAD challenge at UniSA (Mawson Lakes campus), made up of the following Year 6s – Lilly D., Aidan N., Louisa M. and Hugo H-B. My congratulations to the team for achieving third place, but more importantly for their commitment, innovation and collaborative spirit devoted to the initiative. A big thank you to Mr Nick Polvere, for his work and support he gives to STEM MAD.

Meeting with teachers

A reminder that you can make a time to meet with your child's teacher/s at any time throughout the year. A quick email or chat indicating that you'd like to meet with the respective teacher to work out a convenient time is all it takes.

Surname displayed in car for Marian Rd after school pick-up and moving efficiently on Marian Rd

As promoted, if you collect your child/ren in the 'pick-up' area along Marian Road after school, we'd love to trial having your family surname written on a piece of A4 paper, placed on the front passenger side windscreen. From a staff perspective, this will allow for easy visibility, so when on yard duty the staff member can call out the surname ahead of time, preparing your child/ren ready for pick-up, and hence speed up the collection process. Obviously, your help is required, in writing your family surname on an A4 white, keeping it in your car, and placing it on the front passenger dashboard when collecting your child. If there are family members who regularly do the pick-up, promoting this initiative with them will be appreciated. Thank you to those who have already got on board.

Further, please ensure there is efficiency when dropping-off and picking-up your child on Marian Road. Moving along in a safe and proficient manner assists with traffic flow.

Carlo Acutis Building Opening

I was recently provided with a date for the official opening of the Carlo Acutis Building. This will be taking place on Thursday 20 February 2025 at 10:00am. Please place in the diary for early next year.

National School Improvement Partnership Survey

A final reminder about the National School Improvement Partnerships (NSIP) survey. The survey is being offered to Catholic schools across South Australia. When you access the survey and enter the specific code for our school community (details below), all the relevant information will be sent to our school. Staff and Year 2-6 students have participated in a similar survey, and like the parent/caregiver survey, all responses are confidential. Please click on the following link www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the unique school code **SJSPHLLLP**. The survey closes on Friday 23 August 2024.

Father's Day Morning, Friday 30 August

A reminder to all dads and significant men in our community, about our Father's Day morning on Friday 30 August. Complimentary coffee will be available from 8:45am (from just outside the Gym), followed by a Q+A session with Mark Ricciuto (starting at 9:30am). If you are yet to RSVP and would like to attend, please email the Front Office at jcolangelo@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

Further, thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee for organising the upcoming Father's Day Stall and I wish all dads, and father figures a Happy Father's Day on Sunday 1 September.

Hats are back on soon

From the start of September, as per our Sun Smart Policy, students need to be wearing hats when outdoors i.e., recess, lunch, P.E. lessons, after school sport trainings, OSHC, etc. Please ensure you remind your child/ren to place their labelled hat in their school bag each day. From the start of Week 7 (Monday 2 September), children not wearing a school hat when outdoors will be directed to an

undercover area.

School Closure Day, Friday 6 September

As per the Term Three Calendar, please note that Friday 6 September is School Closure Day. This means that it is a Student Free Day, and unfortunately OSHC will not be available.

Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- The Sassano family (Emilio, 3MM) and the Freda family (Sienna, 2TM and Alessia, Preschool), on the passing of their maternal grandmother.
- The Koutsounis family (Nikolas, Preschool), on the passing of his paternal grandfather.
- The Salem family (Andre, 6AM and Sebastian, 4PA), on the passing of their maternal great grandmother, as well as paternal uncle.

My Leave

As recently communicated, I will be on leave from next week, 26 August until 27 September 2024 (the last five weeks of Term Three). As detailed, Mr Michael Musolino will be Acting Principal and Ms Tania Melfi will be Acting Deputy Principal in my absence. I know the school is in good hands. Please show your support to them during this period.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

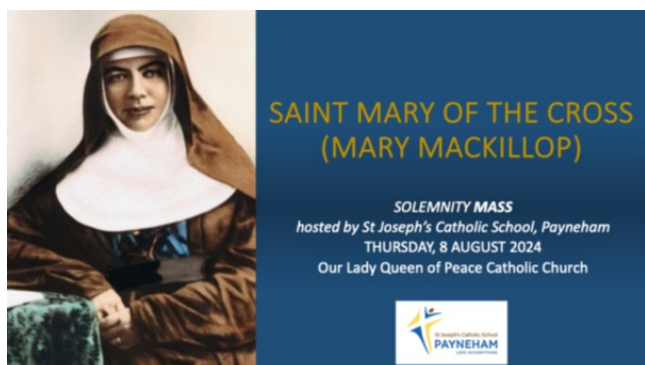
From the APRIM

Happy Celebrations!

We have lots to celebrate. This week marks Catholic Schools Open Week and as we welcome new families to visit our school, we hope that they see what we see. When families enter St Joseph's Catholic School Payneham, we hope that they have the impression of entering a place illuminated by the light of faith and learning pedagogies that nurture and inspire our young children's minds and hearts. We take pride in the meaningful religious celebrations that foster both faith and community spirit among our students. These moments not only honour significant feasts and sacraments but also ground our daily lives in the Gospel spirit of love.

Solemnity Mass of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

One of the highlights of our religious calendar this term was the whole school celebration of the Solemnity Mass of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Saint Mary MacKillop embodies a spirit of resilience, compassion, and dedication to education. In celebrating her life, we encourage our students to embrace her example: "Work on humbly with the means God has placed at your disposal." Her sentiments affirm the Gospel passage in Matthew 25:40, where Jesus says, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." It reminds our school community that through acts of kindness and service, such as those exemplified by our beloved Saint, we are serving Christ himself.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Another significant moment in our school's faith life was the Feast of the Assumption, celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary's bodily ascent into heaven. This solemnity draws attention to Mary's unique role in salvation history and her profound faith in God's will. The Gospel of

Luke (1:46-55), known as the Magnificat, beautifully captures Mary's humility and trust in God's promises. When we gather for the Mass of the Assumption, we are invited to reflect on Mary's unwavering faith and to nurture in our students a similar trust and devotion to God. This celebration encourages our school community to honour Mary not just as the Mother of God, but as a model of discipleship for all.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is another key religious celebration in our school. This sacrament marks the deepening of the students' relationship with the Holy Spirit and their commitment to living as Catholics. The Gospel passage from John 14:26, where Jesus promises, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you," serves as a powerful reminder of the guidance and strength that comes with Confirmation.

Fr Michael extends his "congratulations to the Year 4 children of the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday and Wednesday evening last week. The Vicar General, Fr Dean Marin conferred the Sacrament on the candidates. Fr Marin captured the attention of the candidates with an interesting homily which encouraged the candidates to follow the right path in life which we discover in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. He thanked the parents for their example of faith and invited them to remember to make prayer a part of daily family life. He also mentioned that he discovered a few new saints from the variety of different saints that the children had selected for their Confirmation. We continue to keep the children in our prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in November.



Bags of Love for the Homeless

Finally, our 'Bags of Love for the Homeless' fundraising event beautifully complemented our religious celebrations to date by putting faith into action. It was inspiring to see the whole school community, from our Piccolini to Year 6 students, come together. They decorated 200 bags and wrote messages of hope for our homeless brothers and sisters. Each bag was filled with essential items. To uphold the human dignity and sense of worth of each person, we kindly requested only new items be donated. The children learnt about the issue of homelessness in South Australia, pondered on some provocations, such as: "What are some ways our community can help people who don't have homes? What can we do as individuals to make a difference? And one by one, together, they chose to make a difference.

For those families and staff who preferred to make a monetary donation, they could do so via Qkr! The link will remain active until the end of the month. We wish to thank our community wholeheartedly. Your gifts will support Catherine House, Hutt Street Centre, Vinnies, and Catholic Mission in providing food, loving care, and a smile to their faces. Last week, some of our Year 6 Student Leaders and the Year 4 Eco Squad, helped by the P&F and Mrs Puglia, packed all the items in the bags. It was truly touching to witness the students pack each 'Bag of Love' with such thoughtfulness and intention, pouring their hearts into every detail to support those in need. Jacinta Munro, Communication and Engagement Coordinator Hutt Street Centre affirms, "The idea of teaching care and compassion at such a young age is wonderful and thank you for choosing to support people at risk of or experiencing homelessness through the "Bags of Love". Today Hutt Street Centre collected their share of 'Bags of Love'. The remaining organisations will collect their goods shortly.

This initiative directly reflects the teaching found in the Gospel of Matthew 25:35-36, where Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes, and

you clothed me." Through this experience, our students not only learnt the importance of compassion and generosity but also experienced firsthand the joy of serving those in need, aligning their actions with Jesus' teachings.

These celebrations, grounded in the Gospel, provide our students with profound spiritual experiences that shape their understanding of faith, service, and community. They help our school to live out its mission 'Love in everything', nurturing both the hearts and minds of our students in the light of Jesus.



With Gratitude

Patrizia Puglia

Library News

BIG THANK YOU from the LIBRARY

A very big THANK YOU to the students and their families for donating their preloved books to the library.

Donated books will have a notice placed, inside the front cover with the students name and class.

These books will continue to be cherished for many years to come.

Piccolini is now available on Tuesdays



St Joseph's School
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Piccolini Occasional Care

Welcome to St Joseph's Payneham,
Piccolini Occasional Care - an Early Years
Program for 3-4 year old children.

Two sessions per day available each
week from **Tuesday to Friday**.

Session 1: 9am - 12pm

Session 2: 12pm - 3pm

Bookings are essential via the Qkr App
and open up 24 hours prior to each
session with a maximum number of 15
children per session at a cost of \$25 per
session.

Our friendly Piccolini Coordinator,
Celesta Seal meets and greets families in
the Preschool play piazza and
multipurpose areas. We look forward to
seeing you!



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OSHC

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Canteen

Canteen Sponsorship

Does your business need Promoting or Advertising?

Do you want to get involved and support your child's Canteen?

Sponsor the Canteen for just \$250 (tax deductible)

By becoming a Sponsor you will receive free advertising for the whole term in the School Newsletter and on the St Joseph's Payneham social media pages.

Any queries please contact Mrs Helen Crosato on 8206 5103.

2024 School Term Dates

29 January to 12 April

29 April to 4 July

23 July to 27 September

14 October to 11 December

Term 3 Calendar of Events 2024

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