

Messages from Don:

Dear Parents, Students and Families,

Remembrance Day 11th November:

It is with great honour and respect that I start our newsletter acknowledging Remembrance Day. Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11am on 11th of November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. We are very proud that we will have a presence from Staff and Students at our local service on Saturday morning. We also held our own school service which was led by our Year 5 students.



Transition Days:

Today we continued our 2024 Receptions Transition Program. This was another wonderful day with our 45 new students visiting for their second Transition Day. St Joseph's was filled with much excitement as our whole school warmly welcomed students and their Parents/Carers. Our Year 5 students showed outstanding leadership, support and guidance as they embraced their responsibility as buddies of our new students. We look forward to further success with their final visit next Friday.

As we approach the final weeks of 2023, St Joseph's continues to strive for excellence in all that we do. Recent gatherings of parents whose children are in the Reception transition stage have indicated that St Joseph's enjoys an excellent reputation in the wider community. They have provided such positive feedback about our school and our Transition Program. It is affirming, as Principal, to know that what we do with children and young people to improve their learning and wellbeing is effective. As always, those students and families who support their children to develop the habits of excellence are the ones who achieve continued success. Parents are the first and most important educators and can influence significant learning. I encourage you as the year is drawing to a close, to keep encouraging and supporting your child to:

- be at school everyday.
- be punctual for school and lessons.
- complete work assignments.
- give their best.
- be involved and be positive with the St Joseph's community and beyond.



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4 Nov Sat 6.30pm
12 Nov Sun 9.00am
18 Nov Sat 6.30pm
26 Nov Sun 9.00am

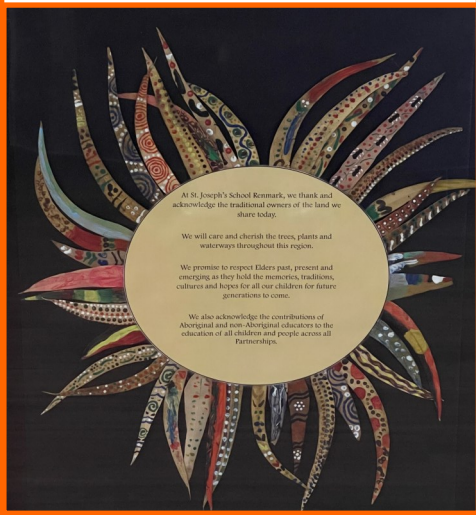
UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 6 9.15am Assembly by 1/2TL
- 7 Melbourne Cup
- 10 2025 Receptions transition
- 10 Remembrance Day Celebrations
- 11 Year 6s attending Remembrance Day in Renmark
- 16 Little Rippers water safety visit
- 17 2025 Receptions transition
- 17 9.30am 3/4TH Parish Mass

Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that St Joseph's School students, staff and community live, study and work on Erawirung Land. We acknowledge the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee as Traditional Custodians of the Riverland region and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We respect the deep connection Aboriginal people have with land, animals and waters.



Volunteer Award:

We sincerely appreciate the considerable contribution many volunteers make to our School Community. We would like to present the Volunteer Award at our end of year concert. This is an opportunity to recognise and acknowledge a volunteer who has made a positive impact in our community. Please see the enclosed flyer for details about nominating a person who may fulfil this criteria.

School Uniform:

As mentioned previously we are 'raising the bar' this term with higher expectations across the board. The School Uniform is one area we will be focusing on. As we head towards the end of the year, please ensure that your children still maintain a high level of presentation and have all correct uniform requirements. This includes hair, hats, jewellery and shoes. It might be time to check the length and sizing of their uniform as I'm sure they've grown. If any clothing items are damaged or misplaced, please send a note in with your child explaining why they have incorrect uniform and try to rectify the problem as soon as possible.



National recycling Week – 13th -19th Nov:

Recycle Week 2023 is a dedicated campaign that aims to raise awareness about the importance of recycling and encourage individuals, communities, and organisations to take action to reduce waste and promote sustainability. Mrs Thompson and our SRC's are very passionate about recycling and how we can think of ways to reduce waste to help protect our environment. We look forward to promoting this important message with multiple activities and lessons next week.

Congratulations – Essay Writing Competition:

The Renmark RSL held an ANZAC Writing Competition for Year 6 students. The theme was 'When I Went To War'. Students were asked to use facts and their own imagination to create a piece of writing depicting life of a soldier/nurse and the impact on their family during war. Judges from the RSL not only looked for well written works but the use of key facts, originality and the evoking of emotion. The Judges were impressed with the students' overall level of knowledge and literacy. I wish to acknowledge the outstanding effort from all our Year 6s who showed significant respect and learning with this project. I appreciate the support and guidance from our Year 6 teachers Mr Luxton, Miss Williams and Miss Hauptman.



Sylvie and Imogen with their awards,

I am very proud to announce and congratulate the winner, Sylvie Gill for her amazing essay. I am also pleased to announce, Imogen Neilly who was awarded second place for her detailed and thoughtful piece of writing. I commend and congratulate the whole class for their efforts and sincerely thank the RSL for encouraging this excellent initiative.

Social Justice in our school:

One of our key components of our school is the promotion and education of social justice. We aim to teach our children that everyone deserves the right to be happy, safe and healthy. With this we consider the marginalised, the poor, the sick and those less fortunate than ourselves. We promote values of empathy, kindness, compassion and always look at ways to raise money for those who may need our help.



Max, Georgie and James with McHappy Socks

This year we are happy to support parents in our school Brenton and Louise, managers of McDonalds Renmark, to promote McHappy Day. This community event helps provide support for local families of seriously ill and injured children. To help raise money for this day, families are encouraged to also buy a pair of Peace Collective McHappy Socks. These socks are also available from our front office.

Class Structures and Staffing:

After considerable planning and collaboration, I am pleased to announce the following 2024 class structures and staffing. There is a deliberate process that is followed when constructing and finalising class lists and school structures, with the students' best interests at the centre of our decision making.

Principal: Mr Don DePalma
 APRIM: Mrs Chrissie Grocke
 Year 6: Mr Jackson McGuire
 Years 4/5: Miss Rowie Williams

Years 4/5: Mr Tony Luxton
 Years 4/5: Miss Paige Hauptman
 Year 3: Miss Hannah Manning
 Year 3: Mrs Tamara Hayes/Mrs Ella Smith
 Years 1/2: Mrs Kassie Charnstrom
 Years 1/2: Miss Shania Pfeiler
 Years 1/2: Miss Kearley Venables
 Reception: Mr Paul Hooper
 Reception: Mrs Laura Sever & Mrs Elisha Hill
 Reception: Mrs Mikalya Luxton & Mrs Elisha Hill

Inclusive Education Coordinator: Mrs Rachel McLeod
 Languages & Technologies: Mrs Giulia Del Zoppo
 The Arts: Mr Greg Reeks
 Physical Education/Health: TBA (MP & UP)
 Physical Education/Health: Mrs Amy Thompson (JP)
 Multisensory Literacy Intervention - Mrs Amy Hunt
 Intervention - Mrs Belinda Pfeiffer
 Finance Officer: Mrs Karen Trenwith
 Secretary: Mrs Lyn Leuders
 School Counsellor: Mrs Keisha Barber
 Wellbeing Coordinator: Mrs Linda Lawton

Education Support Officers:
 Mrs Jami-Lee McKelvie
 Miss Lily Haynes
 Miss Bianca Halliday
 Mrs Reeni Blackley
 Miss Kiara Lodge
 Mrs Larissa Bright
 Mr Dimitri Kanakaris
 Mrs Eva Matulick
 Miss Dana Hansen
 Grounds & Maintenance: Mr Adrian Hunt
 WHS: Mrs Rachel Dring
 Chaplaincy: Mrs Desiree Guy

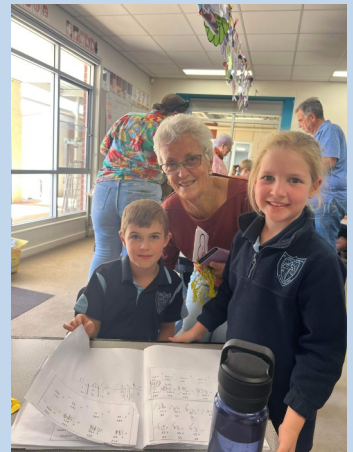
I value putting together our newsletter which helps promote and celebrate what we are about at St Joseph's. We enjoy and understand the extra dimensions of community that is a feature of St Joseph's. We aim to work with our whole community, to bring to St Joseph's the confidence, skills, knowledge and particularly the enthusiasm necessary to see our students reflect on their schooling firstly as enjoyable, with memorable relationships, a spiritual dimension to their life and an attitude that learning is a life-long process.

Regards
Don DePalma
Principal

Religious Identity & Mission:

Grandparents Day

Last Friday we celebrated Grandparents and Special Persons Day. The students welcomed their Grandparents and the Special elderly people in their lives, acknowledging and celebrating the gift of them and the vital role they play in our lives. We reflected on their great wisdom and experience, which is passed from generation to generation, and we celebrated the gifts all our ancestors have forged for us- the gifts of life and love.



Parish Mass

Miss Mannings Year 3/4 class led our Parish Mass at the church last Friday. The theme for the Mass was to put compassion before the law. It was a beautiful Mass followed by a lovely morning tea back at school. Thank you to Miss Manning and Mrs Guy for their work in preparing the students, Fr Ranjith for celebrating the Mass with us, the parishioners, parents and friends for their attendance and the students for all their preparation and their faith leadership.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Students have participated in prayer to celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The Feast of All Saints' Day celebrates all the Christian saints. As a special remembrance of our loved ones, someone special in their life who may have passed away, a saint that they felt connected to or a special living person in their life, students have decorated candles dedicated to these people which are displayed in the office prayer space.

School Parish Sunday Mass

As we continue our journey of nurturing the faith and values of our students at St Joseph's, we are excited to invite our students to participate in a special Parish Mass on Sunday 26th November. This event not only serves to enhance our students' Catholic identity but also strengthens our school-parish partnership. A letter to all families is included in this week's newsletter inviting you to attend. Please complete the return slip as soon as possible so that we can allocate roles and practice songs.

Chrissie Grocke
REC



Leader of Learning:

Receptions Bookmaking

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Sever's class are loving their Book Making lessons!

The lessons focus on the following:

- Habits of writers (building writing stamina, keeping writing tools organised, giving and receiving feedback)
- Habits of successful writers (dispositions and identity as writer)
- Organisation
- Ideas
- Voice
- Word choice
- Sentence fluency
- Conventions (capitals, punctuation, and handwriting)
- Presentation (publishing, layout and graphic design)
- 1:1 Conferencing with explicit feedback

Remembrance Day

Congratulations to our Year 5 students for their respectful leadership in leading our Remembrance Day School service on Friday. This significant occasion is observed in many countries around the world. It serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by brave men and women in times of war. We celebrate the day to honour and pay tribute to those who selflessly served their countries, protecting the freedoms and values we hold dear.

This day holds deep historical and emotional significance. It originated from the armistice signed between the Allies and Germany, marking the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Since then, Remembrance Day has become a symbol of remembrance for all those who lost their lives in conflicts throughout history.

Chrissie Grocke
Leader of Learning



END OF YEAR FAMILY NIGHT

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
5.30-7.30PM

We welcome current and 2024 students and families to join us in celebrating the end of the 2023 school year with a BBQ dinner, drinks and outdoor games.

BBQ and soft drinks provided.
BYO chairs or picnic rugs.

RSVP appreciated:
www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-events-calendar-events/events

Parents and Friends:

Well Term 4 is here, and our parent minds go into end of school teacher presents and the hotter weather coming quickly.

Our teachers and staff helpers assist our children every weekday with learning, guidance and emotional support, and I for one am very thankful for them all. St Joseph's have such a great team of teachers and staff supporting our children, making them very lucky. Thanking our teachers can be a great opportunity for our children to put their crafts into action. I for one go to Pinterest for my inspiration.



With the weather heating up helping our children cool down can be challenging but fruity pops are easy to make, delicious and you can mix with different fruits your child/ren like.

How to make Mix Fruits Popsicles:

1. In a popsicle mould place a few kiwi, mango, strawberry and grape slices.
2. Pour in coconut water
3. Cover and freeze for 8 hours or until sets completely.
4. Finally, unmould the mix fruits popsicle and enjoy!



Stacey Beer
P&F Committee Member

Star Student Awards:



Back: Peter Kniter, Fereidoon Rajabi, Amelia Wang, Chloe McLeod, Ryleigh Adamczyk & Myles Broughton
Front: Foster Farr, Anna Elliott, Navraj Dhaliwal, Harry Lloyd & Lydi Gittos



Back: Isla Martinson, James Murray, Harper Brown, Lara Stoneham & Jacob Albanese
Front: Jett Lever, Annie Hooper, Yuvraj Sahota, Taylee Pobke, Joel Stoeckel & Riley Maywald.

Champion Citizen Awards:



Congratulations to
**Clara McLeod, Oskar Liebich and
Ava & Elsie Lindner**
who were recently presented with our
Champion Citizen Awards.

Student Wellbeing:

Importance of Learning Cooperation

This week's school value is cooperation. Teaching children the art of cooperation makes them realise the importance and value of teamwork, develop trust with others, enhance empathy, and imbibe social skills. It teaches them the value of listening to others and showing patience during a conflict.

A child can learn about cooperation and its importance through their family members. For example, when they see parents help each other while cleaning the house or doing dishes. Or when they notice how one family member takes turns when more than one person wants the same thing. They watch, listen, and learn cooperation skills by imitating the actions and words of the parents. When your child watches you experience the joy of cooperating with others, it inspires them to imitate and re-create meaningful experiences for themselves. Teaching children to be cooperative can be challenging. However, as parents, we can nurture these positive traits in our children from an early age. Some ways to encourage your children to learn collaborative skills can include:

Solve problems together: Finding a solution to a problem with your children can be a great way of teaching cooperation. It is the easiest way to make them understand the importance of cooperation and how it helps us solve real-world problems. For example, if your little one wants to visit the park, but it is too hot outside. Instead of directly denying, you can bring your toddler into the conversation to try to problem-solve together. You can present it as a problem that needs a solution. "We might not enjoy play outdoors right now as we might get sunburnt. How about we playing some indoor games today? Can you think of any?" This way, your toddler will understand how cooperation leads to solutions.

Talk about family rules: Realising the importance of having and following expectations at home is vital to learning cooperation. Explain house rules to your children and tell them there are consequences when we do not follow them. For example, if it is a family rule to leave your shoes out before entering the house, you can say, "If we do not take our outside shoes off, then dirt and germs may enter the house."

Acknowledge and praise their efforts: Always appreciate your children's efforts to learn and follow collaborative skills. When they help you with the chores, highlight the impact of the contribution i.e. tell them that they helped you finish the task quickly just in time for dinner.

It's important to keep looking for opportunities to teach and role model cooperation to children. You can teach them the importance of collaboration while narrating stories where characters help each other. Children always learn by observing or listening. Make sure you practise cooperation so that your child can mirror your actions.

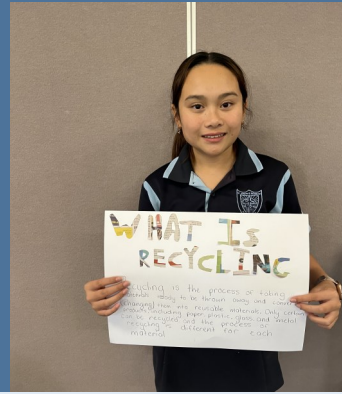


Charlie-in-action

Charlie enjoyed spending time with the reception students during their discovery time. He joined in with the box making, the obstacle course and cubby building. He loved the endless pats and cuddles, and it was admirable watching the students interact with Charlie showing great love and care for him.



Year 6 Miss Hauptman & Mr Luxton's class learning:



The students of 6HL have been busy making eye-catching posters to spread the word about National Recycling Week across the school. The purpose of the posters is to highlight the importance of recycling and cutting down on waste, making it fun and engaging for everyone. Their creative posters are a reminder for us all to do our part in caring for the environment.

