

Messages from Donny

Dear Parents, Students and Families,

As we finish another term, we reflect on the events, activities and learning of the last few weeks. We also look forward to Term 4 with excitement and optimism as we complete another term of amazing and varied learning opportunities. As always, the school has been a hive of activity, with winter sports finishing off, teachers winding up learning programs for the term and students excited about their time at school, but also looking forward to the well-deserved break.



Sports Day:

This proved to be a fantastic day for our whole community and the effort and participation from the students was excellent with lots of energy and enthusiasm. We promoted team spirit, effort and sportsmanship as a priority, and this was evident in many cases. I was especially impressed with the Year 6s who demonstrated excellent leadership throughout the day. Special mention to Mr Smart, Mrs Thompson and the Sports Committee for their organisation and for all the many hours of extra work that was required. They were well supported by the whole staff who I also wish to acknowledge. Once again, the parent helpers proved extremely valuable. Thanks to Mr Sampson, Mr Hayes and the students at St Francis of Assisi College, and to the Parents and Friends Community for their contribution throughout the day. Highlights were definitely the Toddler Race and our amazing staff winning the Students v Parents v Staff Relay!!!!. Finally, a big congrats to St Patricks who after 38 years won the Sports Day Shield.



Students v Staff v Parents relay at our Sports Day on Wednesday.

Card Board Box Sleepout:

This was another amazing activity filled with fantastic learning and community spirit. The year 6s were humbled by the experience and we hope they gain a true sense of what some community members experience regularly. They showed resilience, care and compassion towards those in need. We will announce the final amount of funds raised for St Vincent de Paul later, once all money has been received.



ST. THERESE'S RENMARK

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MASS TIMES

19 Oct Sat 6.30pm
27 Oct Sun 9.00am
2 Nov Sat 6.30pm
10 Nov Sun 9.00am

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

14 Student Free Day
17 St Therese Team
celebration
18 Optional Transition for
2025 Receptions
22 LAT Carnival
25 Grandparent's Day

End Of Term 3 Reading and Learning Journal Report:

As mentioned, many times, we have a specific focus on Reading, that is included in our Home Learning expectations. Research has also shown that parental engagement promotes better student outcomes. At St Joseph's we are strongly encouraging parents to be connected with the Home Learning. It is expected that you check and sign your child's Journal every night, recording how long your child has read. We have been keeping a record of the number of nights all students have read, with the aim being to increase student reading across the whole school.

As we complete another term of learning, we are reporting how this is going. Across the school we have seen many students becoming more engaged with reading both in class, as well as at home through their Reading & Learning Journals. Your child will receive an letter about how your child is tracking. This information has been collated from their Reading & Learning Journal.

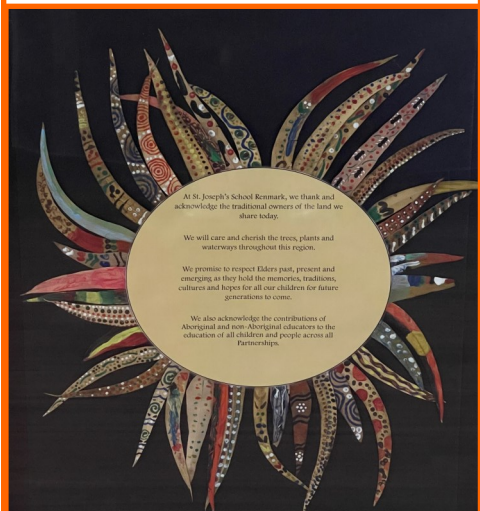
I understand that encouraging children to read can sometimes be a challenge at home but I truly appreciate and thank parents/carers for their ongoing support, commitment and responsibility with this important structure.



It was fantastic to see the huge gathering of parents and carers.

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.



2025 Staffing and Class Structure:

As mentioned in our last newsletter I have completed all prospective enrolment interviews and with the very positive numbers I am pleased to announce the following Class Structures for 2025. The teachers will be allocated and announced next term.

- Reception x 2 classes
- Year 1 x 2 classes
- Year 2 x 2 classes
- Year 3/4 combination x 3 classes
- Year 5 x 2 class
- Year 6 x 1 class

When I was looking at classes for next year, I considered many aspects including the learning needs of the students, social/emotional/behavioural needs, family/sibling/friend combinations and the available resources of the school. Given the steady increase of enrolments over the past few years, class size is also a very important consideration, along with ESO support.

Parent Requests for Classes in 2025:

As outlined in our previous Newsletter, parents who wish to request consideration for their child's placement in classes for 2025 are to submit their requests in writing to me outlining sound educational reasoning for the request. I will extend this invitation and send a reminder via seesaw that all requests are sent to me in writing by the end of Week 1 of Term 4.

P&F events – Disco and Sports Day Cake Stall

I congratulate and sincerely thank all members and volunteers of our wonderful P&F community for the recent events including School Disco and the Sports Day Cake Stall. Not only were they both very successful, they helped support our strong community culture that we are very proud of.

Staff Announcements:

This year we have been required to undertake new guidelines and procedures regarding Fairwork SA & the Enterprise Agreement. With this in mind I have conducted an extensive interview process with existing and potential new staff. I wish to acknowledge and thank our Panel Representatives Mrs Chrissie Grocke and Mr Steve Atkinson who conscientiously and systematically worked through this very thorough process.

I am extremely pleased to announce the following people have gained permanent positions at St Joseph's Renmark for 2025.

- Mrs Laura Sever
- Miss Lily Haynes
- Miss Kearley Venables
- Miss Hannah Manning
- Mrs Tamara Hayes
- Mr Jackson McGuire

We also warmly welcome Miss Lauren Hill to our permanent team and wish her well as she starts her professional journey in our St Joseph's community.

The following staff will be leaving us at the end of the year: Miss Shania Pfeiler (Loxton Lutheran), Miss Paige Hauptman (Cobdogla), Mr Thomas Smart (Adelaide), Mr Adrian Hunt (St Francis) and Mrs Amy Hunt (St Francis). We thank them for their service to our school community and wish them every happiness.

Mr Bob Ware will be taking over some of the maintenance responsibilities and we look forward to him being around our school grounds.

The same interview process was conducted with our ESOs and I am pleased to announce the following staff have gained permanent positions.

- Kiara Lodge
- Mel Watkins
- Rachel Dring
- Desiree Guy
- Mikalya Warner
- Bianca Halliday
- Dimitri Kanakaris
- Rhianna McPhee
- Michelle Ware
- Robert Courtney

Self-Indulge – GO SWANS:

I understand that Footy is not that important to many families, but I am very pleased that I managed to get Grand Final Tickets for this weekend and will take my family to watch my beloved Sydney Swans. Tickets were reallocated by Ticketek and I was called by the Sydney Membership Team as an Interstate member and was offered 4 Standing Tickets. I look forward to sharing my incredible experience.

Holidays:

After another busy term I would like to thank all the staff for their continued efforts. I would also like to acknowledge the support, encouragement and enthusiasm of our families who help create such a positive school culture. You are all truly valued and appreciated.

Monday will be a student free day for staff professional learning. OSHC is available. I look forward to seeing all your refreshed faces on Tuesday 15th October.

Finally, I would like to thank the students for their enthusiasm and hard work this term. I trust that everyone will enjoy a well-earned break and look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4.

Regards

Don DePalma
Principal



The staff generously decorated Mr DePalma's office for him.

Religious Identity & Mission:

Cardboard Box Sleep Out:

Congratulations to our Year 6 cohort of students (Young Leaders of the St Vincent de Paul Society) on their recent Cardboard Box Sleepout. Our local St Vincent de Paul team were thrilled to be a part of the evening.

St Therese Feast Day:

Our St Therese Red Team will gather on Thursday 17th October at 2.30pm to celebrate their Patron Saint's feast day, wearing their red tops and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea. Team members are asked to bring a plate of food to share. St Therese is the patron saint of Missionaries. We acknowledge her virtues of love and humility, upholding human dignity.

Grandparents Day:

Preparations have begun for our Grandparents Day celebration for next term. We will be celebrating with a liturgy and afternoon tea on Friday 25th of October. We would love as many grandparents and/or special friends to attend. Please see the reply slip on the flyer which was distributed earlier this week.

School Parish Masses:

Our Friday School Parish Masses will resume next term with Fr Hau and Fr Emil. Please note the dates and specific classes for Term 4.

Week 1 – 18th October – 6JM

Week 4 – 8th November – All Year 1/2 classes

Week 6 – 22nd November – All Reception classes

Week 7 – 29th November – All Year 4/5 classes

Week 9 – 13th December – End of Year Mass

Chrissie Grocke
APRIM



St Therese
Team Celebrations
ONLY for the students
in the
RED TEAM

Thursday 17 Oct 2:30pm

Students are invited to wear a
red shirt for the day and
bring a plate of food to share
for afternoon tea in the TWC.

Star Student Awards:



Back: Angelpreet Kaur, Lily Moldovan, Mia Clohesy, Easton Menz, Myles Broughton, Cassidy Burgess.
Front: Colin Hentschke, Monica Hentschke, Alyssa Little, Harvey Glazbrook, Rishit Salhan, Elias Kazimi.



Back: Riley Maywald, Eloise Hammond, Olly Stoneham, Isabel Wagnitz, Noyan Ali.
Front: Foster Farr, Ryleigh Adamczyk, Ivy Stoeckel, Ellie Crack, Ricky Mai.

**Term 4 starts on
Tuesday 15th October**

**Monday is a Student Free Day due to
Staff Professional Development.**

OSHC is available ~ Ring Nicole 8586 4481

Champion Citizen Awards:



Congratulations to
Angelpreet Kaur, Amelia Wang, Annaliese Bartel, Mia Williams, Zara Edwards, Anna Elliott, Poppy Milich & Angus Pfeiffer
who were recently presented with our
Champion Citizen Awards.

Student Success:

On Thursday and Friday of Week 8 Jenson Hardwick represented the Riverland at SAPSASA golf. He competed extremely well, up against some strong opposition. Well done Jenson!



Challenge Cup Award:

Congratulations to St Patrick's Green who won the Challenge Cup activity for '20 Words Used' challenge with 206 points.

St Joseph's Gold finished with 195 points, followed by St Therese Red on 183 and St Mary MacKillop Blue on 178 points.

Pictured right are St Patrick Green Captains, Hallie Nagel and Riley Maywald.



Parents & Friends:

On Wednesday 29th of September, the P&F hosted the St. Joseph's School Disco at Hotel Renmark. The P&F were proud for this to be a free event for all students attending due to the outstanding support we have received from our fundraisers throughout the year. The joy, excitement and overall behaviour from the students was amazing to see and be apart of.

A huge thank you to the following people; Mrs. Del Zoppo and her Mum, Mrs. Scidone, and Hotel Renmark for hosting, and all the "behind the scenes" organisation required for it to be successful. Thank you to Mr K and Mr Del Zoppo for the music, lights and good vibes. The many St Joseph's staff that gave up your Wednesday night to dance, sing and in some cases embarrass the children was overwhelming. Finally, thanks to all the P&F committee and volunteers. What a great night!

Lindsay Gudgeon — P&F Committee



Sports Day:

Well the rain held off enough for us to complete a fabulous Sports Day for 2025.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students for the fantastic way we all came together to make it a wonderful success.

Results for the day are following.

Sports Day Award:

1st - St Patrick Green

2nd - St Therese Red

3rd - St Joseph Gold

4th - St Mary MacKillop Blue

Incentive Award:

1st - St Joseph Gold

2nd - St Mary MacKillop Blue

3rd - St Patrick Green

4th - St Therese Red

Team Spirit Award:

1st - St Therese Red

2nd - St Patrick Green

3rd - St Joseph Gold

4th - St Mary MacKillop Blue

Aged Cup Awards:

Year 6 - Ninke Gardner

Riley Maywald

Year 5 - Elsa Malinovski

Lawson Dring & Noah Albanese

Year 4 - Amy Clohesy

Peter Atsaves

Year 3 - Georgie Woolford & Emmy Atkinson

Nate O'Bryan

Thomas Smart & Amy Thompson
PE Teachers

St Joseph's School Renmark
invites all families to help celebrate

"Grandparent's Day"

on

Friday 25th October 2024

Program

1.30pm ~ Arrival & share the end of lunch play

1.40pm ~ Liturgy

2.00pm ~ Class visits by grandparents

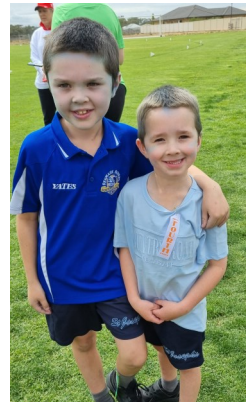
2.30pm ~ Afternoon tea

3.15pm ~ Dismissal

We hope you can come and share some time with us.

From the students & staff of St Joseph's Renmark.

Sports Day:



Student Wellbeing:

Showing Kindness

This weeks school value is kindness. As we lead into the school holidays we know everyone is getting tired and ready for a break, so it's really important that we are being kind to one and other and showing patience and care.

Small acts of kindness can make a big impact not only on other people's lives, but on our own too, by improving our overall well-being. Kind acts signal to others that we care about them and that they are important to us. Knowing someone cares about you and thinks you are important can boost feelings of happiness and optimism. When we show kindness, it also helps others to feel seen, appreciated, and supported.

Kindness is contagious and it has the potential to make the world a better place. Practicing kindness may also have many health benefits such as lowering pain levels, relieving stress and anxiety, and increasing life expectancy. When we show kindness, we are healing others and ourselves at the same time.

Ways to Show Kindness!

Let someone else go first!

Say "Hi" to someone!

Give a kind compliment!

Work with someone new!

Invite someone to join you!

Listen to a friend

Hold the door open!

Tell someone "thank you"!

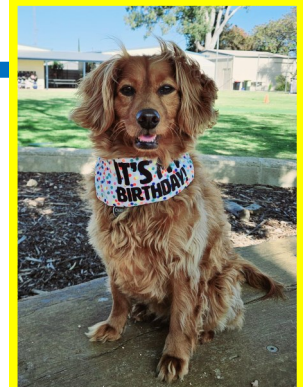
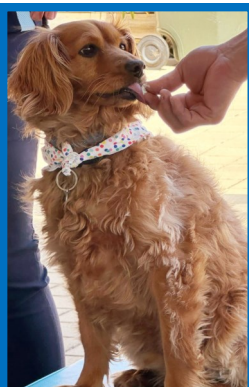
Help someone having a tough day!

Write a kind note!

Spend time with a friend!



Charlie's 5th Birthday!



Last Wednesday we celebrated Charlie's 5th Birthday! Our whole school sang 'Happy Birthday' and presented Charlie with a special birthday cake. Charlie received many cards, pictures and gifts and it was truly beautiful to read all the lovely messages from the students. He was very spoilt and we appreciate all the love and support. We displayed some of the many pictures and cards which can be found by the canteen window. Charlie is a much loved member of our school and community.