



## Messages from Chrissie

Dear Families, Friends and Students,

I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to lead our amazing community for the last few weeks in Donny's absence and thank all students and parents for their trust and open communication.

I would also like to acknowledge our staff for their support, understanding and rich feedback during these weeks. We are an amazing team!

We keep Donny in our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.

I cannot believe that it is already Week 11 and the end of Term 1. What a busy first term it has been. As the term comes to an end, it is a time to reflect on all the wonderful opportunities for the students in our school. Some of our events included Parent Information night, swimming lessons, liturgical events, leadership inductions, assemblies, school photos, Wellbeing Expo, NAPLAN testing, St Patrick's Team celebrations, St Joseph's Day, Project Compassion Stalls, SAPSASA, Harmony Day, Holy Week, Easter, Year 6 Camp, Be Hopeful Day and of course all the wonderful learning opportunities in classrooms. St Joseph's is a very dynamic and diverse community and there has been much achieved in the last eleven weeks. My thanks to all families and staff for their energy and commitment to the school. Our new staff need to be congratulated as they have adapted very well in their roles and have helped provide a very positive and collaborative learning environment. We have completed a very successful term together.



On Wednesday, the St Joseph's Athletics Team travelled to Waikerie to compete in the SAPSASA athletics carnival. There were some outstanding individual results on the day, and all students showed excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and support. The students should be very proud of their efforts in the lead up, as well as on the day.

**Mr Jackson McGuire**  
PE Co-ordinator

I have been reflecting on our Annual Improvement Plan – 1) Staff Faith Formation, 2) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, 3) Mathematics, and 4) Literacy. There are already indicators showing evidence of our growth and development.

We have seen a genuine commitment to the following:

1) Staff Faith Formation:

- Curriculum design support from CESA Port Pirie based on our 2025 theme Seeds of Hope.
- Establishing importance of Saints Feast Days in our Josephite School with staff and students.
- New staff to Catholic Education Professional Development
- A number of staff enrolled in Graduate certificate in Religious Education through UniSA





## **ST. THERESE'S RENMARK**

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### **MASS TIMES**

12 April Sat 6.30pm

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **April**

10 Easter Play (Year 5s)  
11 12.30pm Dismissal

#### **Term 2**

28 Student Free Day  
29 Term 2 starts

#### **May**

1 St Joseph's Team celebration  
9 9.30am Mass by 5/TL  
9 Mother's Day afternoon tea

#### 2) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education:

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Focus team established with two meetings for planning.
- The inclusion of our Yarning Time in classrooms, gathering around our Yarning Mats.

#### 3) Mathematics:

- Data informed case management of students
- Use of Ochre for Maths lessons including Daily Maths Chats (Let's Calculate)

#### 4) Literacy:

- Professional Development for staff in the MultiLit Suite.
- A new sequenced whole school approach to English with the inclusion of the MultiLit Suite.
- Support and guidance from the CESA Teaching and Learning team for our Leader of Learning Kassie Charnstrom.
- Data informed actions for intervention both remedial and extension.
- Implementation of Intervention programs MultiLit Sage and G.A.T.E. ways

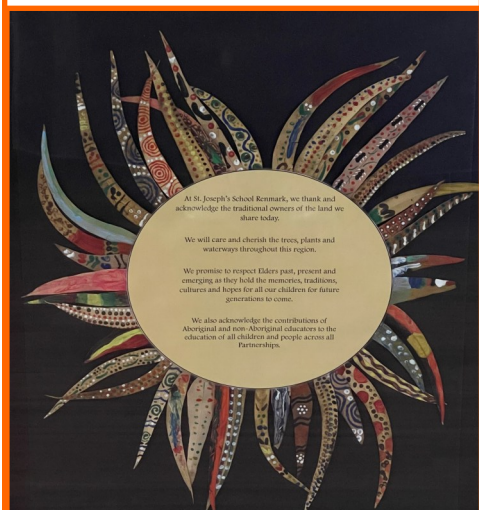
We certainly aim for excellence and acknowledge that we can improve to achieve the expected high standards. We are always happy to receive feedback which is valued and respected in helping us shape the work of the school.



3/4HM enjoying their Yarning Time around their Yarning Mat.

## **Acknowledgement:**

At St Joseph's School we acknowledge our learning experiences take place on Erawirung country and pay respects to Traditional owners and Elders past and present.



### **Parent Teacher Interviews:**

We sincerely thank all parents/caregivers for their positive and constructive feedback after our recent Parent/Teacher interviews. We value this as an opportunity for families to connect with their child's education journey. It is an opportunity to engage in an open dialogue on any number of topics, including your child's progress, strengths and opportunities for growth, attitude and behaviour, relationships with their peers and teachers, and advice on how to help at home. We openly welcome parental engagement and see this as critical in the development and learning of children. Parent Interviews also complement our Assessment and Reporting procedures and will correlate with our End of Semester 1 Reports at the end of Term 2.

### **Pupil Free Day Term 2:**

I'd like to remind our families that Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April will be a pupil free day. Staff will be participating in Professional Development on Inclusive Education, Literacy – Paired Fluency and Book Making, PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support) and gathering in School Improvement Teams to plan goals for Term 2. Students will return to school on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.



### **ANZAC Day:**

We were fortunate to have a very special visit from the RSL community for our Year 6 students. The visitors shared their knowledge of service and the ANZAC tradition, effectively embedding the spirit of ANZAC in our students' hearts and minds. The session was both informative and meaningful, allowing the students to gain a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by those who served our country.

In addition, we are excited to announce that, in the upcoming term, Year 6 students will have the opportunity to create a war narrative. This activity will help further solidify their connection to the history and the values of ANZAC Day. Two outstanding narratives will be chosen, and the winners will receive a special award in recognition of their efforts.

We look forward to seeing the creativity and thoughtfulness of our students in their work. Thank you again to the RSL for their invaluable contribution to this experience.



### **Year 6's ANZAC preparation visit**

Although ANZAC Day falls in the holidays this year, it is still important that our school promotes and shows respect for such a significant event. We will be represented by some of our students at the local Anzac Ceremony on Friday 25th April at 10.30am. All students and families are welcome to join us. Please wear your full school uniform.

### **School Board:**

Following our AGM, our new School Board has continued to lead our school with extensive deliberation at this exciting time. We look forward to sharing more with the school community next term our progress with the building plans.

### **Parents and Friends:**

We again thank the generous Parents & Friends Community for their valued involvement throughout this term at

our Wellbeing Expo, Assemblies, St Joseph's Day and Holy Week Hot Cross Buns. We are so grateful for your commitment to our community.

### **Lent – Holy Week – Easter:**

As we conclude the term and look forward to the Easter break, we are reminded that Lent is coming to an end. This has been a time of reflection, sacrifice and self-renewal where we have all been asked to think about how we can become better people. We now move to Holy Week where we will be privileged to share in a prayerful and reverent re-enactment of the Gospel that incorporates the Easter Story from the delight of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, to the despair of His death on the cross and then the joy of His Resurrection. This will be beautifully and sensitively portrayed to our community by our Year 5 students at 10.30am on Thursday. All are welcome to attend. The P&F will provide all students with a Hot X Bun after the play and we thank them for their generous contribution. We acknowledge and thank



### **Farewell and good luck Mrs Smith**

the students for their positive involvement and participation.

### **Farewell Mrs Ella Smith:**

It is with excitement that our community wishes Mrs Ella Smith good luck as she commences her maternity leave. We recognise this special time for Ella, Justin and Remy and we look forward to meeting your beautiful baby soon.

Finally, we have a thriving educational community at St Joseph's that is a joy to be a part of and I finish the term in awe of all the success and growth in our community for all.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter and safe and happy holidays.

**Mrs Chrissie Grocke**  
**Acting Principal**

# Religious Identity & Mission:

## **Reconciliation:**

Congratulations to our Year 3 student Zara Edwards who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last week with a beautiful liturgy with Fr Hau. Thank you to the staff for the beautiful commitment you showed to Zara. This is a special time in her faith journey.



## **Project Compassion:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the community who have supported Project Compassion this year. The project will conclude at the end of this term and all funds raised will make a tremendous difference to the lives of many in our world. We are proud to announce we have currently raised more than \$2,500. This will significantly contribute to the lives of so many children and families.

## **Holy Week:**

Holy Week is the most important week in the Catholic Church. This week of great reverence and reflection spans the final eight days of Jesus' life—from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is astounding how much wisdom, insight and inspiration are available to us during this one week. Your children might talk to you about Holy Week and Easter so I thought I would share with you a basic overview of what happens during Holy Week.

## • **Palm Sunday:**

This marks Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where people welcomed him with palm branches.

## • **Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday):**

This commemorates the Last Supper, where Jesus shared a meal with his disciples and instituted the Eucharist (the bread and wine that become his body and blood).

## • **Good Friday:**

This day remembers Jesus's crucifixion, his death on the cross for the sins of humanity.

## • **Easter Sunday:**

This is a day of celebration, remembering Jesus's resurrection, his victory over death, and the promise of eternal life.

## **Parish Masses:**

It has been wonderful to celebrate Masses with the Parish on Friday mornings. Miss Manning's Year 3/4 class led our Parish Mass at the church on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and Miss Venables' Year 1 class last Friday. They were both beautiful masses followed by lovely morning teas back at school. Thank you to the teachers, ESOs and Mrs Guy for their work in preparing the students, Fr Leo for celebrating the Masses with us, the parishioners, parents and friends for their attendance and the students for all their preparation and their faith leadership.





## Religious Identity & Mission:

### **St Joseph the Worker's Feast Day:**

This will be celebrated by our St Joseph's team on Thursday Week 1 (1/5/25) with them wearing their yellow t-shirts and celebrating with an afternoon tea. Students are asked to bring their food to the Canteen Room in the morning.



**Chrissie Grocke**  
**APRIM**

## Star Student Awards:



Back: Anastasia Demou, Annaliese Bartel, Archie Bassett, Luke Timmins, Charlie Hooper.  
Front: Maisie Collinson, Madeline Wang, Arthur Gilford, Degan Obst, Mila Cullen, Savannah Markham-Crosbie.



Back: Peyton Johnson, Marlon Brown, Ali Qambari, Casey Rover, Daniel Latotte, Ryan Moldovan.  
Front: Charlotte Maywald, Aria Amezdroz, Gurfateh Singh, Kadam Randall, Sam Hughes, Zara Edwards.

## Parents & Friends:

### **Easy no-bake bunny biscuits:**

Enjoy making these with your children these Holidays!

#### **Ingredients**

250g packet milk arrowroot biscuits  
150g CADBURY Baking Milk Chocolate, melted  
150g CADBURY Baking White Chocolate, melted  
1/3 cup bright strands sprinkles  
1/2 x 300g packet Cadbury Clinkers, halved

#### **Method**

**Step 1:** Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Place biscuits on prepared trays. Spread biscuits with either melted milk or white chocolate. Scatter with sprinkles.

**Step 2:** Dip ends of Clinkers halves into matching melted chocolate. Stick 2 Clinkers onto each biscuit to form ears. Refrigerate for 15 minutes or until chocolate is set. Serve.

**Carly Farr**  
**Committee Member**

## Champion Citizen Award:

Congratulations  
to  
**Emma Lloyd**  
who was recently  
presented  
with our  
Champion Citizen  
Award.





# BE HOPEFUL DAY



Be Hopeful Day was a special day focusing on what it means to have **HOPE**. Our students spent a lovely afternoon with their buddies making suncatchers. Some believe that a suncatcher channels the Sun's energy and represents hope, renewal or a connection to nature.







**HOPE**  
is a seed  
*God plants*  
in our hearts  
to remind us  
there are  
better things ahead.





# Year 6/PH Camp



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