



St Joseph's School Renmark

Term 4 Week 4 ~ 8 November 2013

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From the Principal

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Dear Families, Friends and Students,

One of the many joys of being a Principal is witnessing and sharing special events and moments with staff, students and families. Over the past two weeks I have been privileged to share a number of memorable and treasured experiences including:-

- The reverence at the Year 2 Mass.
- The excitement and joy on the faces of the Year 3/4 students when they arrived back from excursion.
- Sharing the learning with students and staff in class.
- Dressing up as Woody to reward Mrs Thompson's class for making A Choices.



- The many great experiences and efforts of our children at Sports Day.
- The excellent discussions and reflections in Staff Reviews.
- The pride on the faces of families and students during Star Student Presentations at Assembly.
- Participating in Parent v Staff Relay and reliving the old glory days of running the last leg. (Not sure if the face planting at the end was a good idea!!!!)
- The great discussions and ideas at recent Building Committee and P&F Community meetings.
- Sharing the special occasions with the Year 3/4 students receiving their Sacraments.

Showing the human side of a Principal allows me to connect with staff, students and families and although the role can be so challenging the rewards of being part of our wonderful St Joseph's Community makes it worthwhile.

Sports Day:

This proved to be a fantastic day and the effort and participation from the students was excellent with lots of energy and enthusiasm. We promoted team spirit as a priority and this was evident in many cases. I was especially impressed with the Year 7s who demonstrated excellent leadership throughout the day. Special mention to Miss Armes for her organisation and for all the many hours of extra work that was required. She was well supported by the whole staff who I also wish to acknowledge. Once again, the parent helpers proved extremely valuable. Thanks to the Parents and Friends Community for their contribution throughout the day. Further acknowledgement goes to the people

who helped with setting up and packing up. They included Louis Curtis, Kym Binder, Lui DiCerbo, Frank DiCerbo, Kieran Johnson and Peter Keynes. We welcome new helpers for future events.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank the members of the highly successful inaugural Parent Relay Team: Kieran Johnson, Peter & Leanne Le, Kym Binder, Brett Blackwell, Tristan Daff, Sarah Haslett, Derek Martinson, Jim Nikas and yours truly.

World Teachers' Day:

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day and I would like to thank all of our wonderful teachers for all the fantastic work they do. I would also like to thank our excellent ESO staff who support our teachers and students in the most amazing ways. Most people know that Jesus was a carpenter, however, his ministry was also teaching as he taught those around him. I am grateful for the skills and knowledge that our teachers and ESO staff share with our school community.

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From the Principal cont.....

Staff News:

I wish to announce that Miss Lisa Smith has tendered her resignation from St Joseph's as she has accepted another permanent position at St Paul's in Adelaide. We take this opportunity to thank Lisa for her positive involvement and contribution to our community. We wish her well for the future.

This obviously has significant considerations to our class structures and placements. We are working on finalising appropriate arrangements and will keep our community informed with updates and progress.

Student Free Day Week 6 Friday 18th Nov:

As advertised in our Term Planner, we will be having a Student Free Day on Friday 18th November. The purpose is for ongoing Staff Professional Development.

School Uniform:

As highlighted in our last newsletter, 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. 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.



Remembrance Day Monday 11th November:

It is with great honour and respect that I promote Remembrance Day. It marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914-1918). 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 will have a presence at our local service on Monday 11/11/2013. We will also be having our own service starting at 10.50am on Monday. All families and friends are welcome to attend under the shelter.

School Buses:

Many of our children travel on the Government Bus System to and from school. At times throughout the year I have met with the children and talked about the importance of their behaviour on the bus so that everyone travelling feels safe. Many children understand this and we have very few problems. However, there seems to be a number of children at the moment not abiding by the Rules of Conduct for bus travelling and I ask your support in reinforcing the message that good behaviour on the bus is necessary for their safety and that of others. If you have any concerns please let me know. A reminder that all applications for bus travel during 2014 should have been returned to Lyn at our front office. Please attend to this if you haven't done so already.

Child Safety—Drop Off & Pick Up Times:

REMINDER: We again thank parents/carers who are following the start and end of the day procedures when dropping off or picking up their children. However, we have received reports that people have been reckless and inconsiderate of safety at times. We are aware that we cannot control what happens outside the school grounds but by using friendly reminders we may highlight child safety as a priority. We wish to outline the following points:-

- Cars should not stop at intersections or crossings to collect children.
- Please use the 'flagged' road crossings appropriately.
- Remember the speed limit when approaching

this crossing—25km/hr (this should apply all around the school).

- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to park their vehicle and come to the collection point, inside the front gate, to collect their child/children.
- Cars should not be parked as to obstruct residential driveways or laneways.
- Alternative arrangements are welcomed—students walking home, arrive 5 min later etc.
- A phone call is appreciated if you are running late for collection at 3.15pm.

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From the Principal cont.....

Dean Semler Visit—Fri Nov 22nd

I wish to promote a very significant event for our whole community. We will host a special visit from Mr Dean Semler who is a famous cinematographer who won an Oscar for his work on Dancing With Wolves. The visit has created interest from media including The Sunday Mail, Channel Seven, ABC, SBS and the Murray Pioneer. We will provide more details soon so please keep this date free.

Don DePalma

Principal



For your diaries...

Week 5

Nov 12 ~ Aged Care Visit by 5/6TL

Nov 14 ~ Aged Care Visit by 7MS

Week 6

Nov 18 ~ Student Free Day

Nov 19 ~ Aged Care Visit by 3/4CD



Star Student Awards presented at our recent assembly.



Left to Right: Charlotte Lucas, April McDonald, Stuart Lehmann, Oscar Freeman, Connor Berryman, Sarah Phan, Arleya Rasheed, Roni Phan.



Left to Right: Sasha Jenke, Connor Blackwell, Hudson Pearce, Kiara Lodge, Bradley Lehmann, Abbey Siviour, Frank Levak, Alex Curtis, Danielle Leonard.

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First Reconciliation 2013:

Congratulations to Harrison Binder, Kyeton Frawley, Alexandra Ramm, Aiden Richardson and Kian Slagter who made their sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday 6th November.



First Holy Communion 2013:

Our prayers are with those student making their sacrament of First Holy Communion during Sunday 10th November Mass at 9am. All are welcome to help support these students, then join us in the hall when Mass has finished for tea and coffee.

Susan Frawley

Parish Connections

Parish Priest ~ Fr Medard Kunambi
Mass: Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 9.00am



To access your copy of this month's **Southern Cross** go to www.thesoutherncross.org.au



AUCTION SALE

(proceeds to assist St. Mary's Parish, Berri)
At Rob Beech's Electrical Shed
8A Hughes Street Berri
SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Commencing at 8.30a.m.

Furniture...Jewellery...Books...

Household Goods...Toys...

Camping Equipment...Water

Pump...Garden Tools...

*Air-conditioner...Industrial Weld-
er...Electrical Equipment...Clothing
and much more!*

White Elephant and Craft Stall

Sausage Sizzle and

Morning Tea

ALL WELCOME

Update from Inonge

The children in Zambia have received our donated stationery and school supplies and are overwhelmed with their gifts. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause. It is great to see all their smiling faces.



Year 3/4 Excursion to Adelaide



On Wednesday 30th October the Year 3/4 classes went on an excursion to the Adelaide Festival Centre to watch a performance of the Hans Christian Anderson story *"The Steadfast Tin Soldier."* We really enjoyed the way the artist used the plastic windowed canvas to paint the story and were mesmerised by the way the music enhanced the mood of what we watched. Afterwards we took a tour of the Festival Theatre and got to watch the pipe organ being tuned and

sat up in the Grand Dress Circle to see how every seat in the house is a great seat. After lunch we did a Mallee Trail through the Botanical Gardens and got to learn about how the Aboriginal People of the Mallee region used the plants for water, food, medicine and to catch fish without a fishing rod! We had a great time and really enjoyed how it enriched our studies of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture.

Volunteering in your school

As from 2014 all volunteers must complete an on-line training for Responding to Abuse & Neglect. The school appreciates the generosity of families volunteering for various events and activities in our school, however this is a very important part of child safety and maintaining the protection of all children. All school volunteers need to undertake a short training course online.

THE LINK FOR RESPONDING TO ABUSE & NEGLECT TRAINING is:

http://online.cesnet.adl.catholic.edu.au/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-19436/Resp_5.swf

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Please provide a copy of your certificate to our Office staff. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 18 NOVEMBER
Teacher Professional Development

Canteen

THANK YOU to the family of
**Ollie & Hudson Pearce &
Ryan & Roni Phan**

for donating some nectarines & honey murcots.
They were distributed to students to enjoy.
All donations are gratefully appreciated.

	Wednesday 10.30~11.30	Friday 9.00 ~ 9.45 10.30~11.30
Week 5 13th Nov 15th Nov	Susie McDonald	Ang Gibbons Ang Gibbons
Week 6 20th Nov 22nd Nov	Susie McDonald	<i>Help required pls</i> <i>Help required pls</i>
Week 7 27th Nov 29th Nov	<i>Help required pls</i>	Kerryn van Dyk Susie McDonald
Week 8 4th Dec 6th Dec	Susie McDonald	<i>Help required pls</i> Brett Blackwell
Week 9 11th Dec 13th Dec	Susie McDonald	No Canteen

Sports Day Success



A big thank you to everyone who was involved with our Sports Day last Friday. It was a fantastic day and all students showed good sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Congratulations to St Joseph's Gold for winning the day and a big well done to St Patrick's Green for winning the Spirit Shield, a prestigious award for the team who showed great participation, encouragement and support on the day.

Here are some results from the day.

Year 3 : **High Jump** - Kyeton & Oviya, **Javelin** - Isla & Kobi, **Hurdles** - Jayden & Isabella, **Discus** - Thien & Oviya, **Shot Put** - Oviya & Jayden, **Long Jump** - Ava & Kyeton.

Year 4 : **Long Jump** - Harry Billington & Kendel, **High Jump** - Kendel & Harry Billington, **Javelin** - Declan & Sasha, **Hurdles** - Harry Billington & Sasha, **Discus** - Harry Billington & Sasha, **Shot Put** - Harry Billington & Emily.

Year 5 : **Shot Put** - Taneesha & Dain, **Long Jump** - Ebony & Aidan, **High Jump** - Tori & Jack, **Javelin** - Lachlan & Taneesha, **Hurdles** - Taneesha & Jack, **Discus** - Connor & Taneesha.

Year 6 : **Discus** - Benny & Laura, **Shot Put** - Emmerson & Dion, **Long Jump** - Emmerson & Mitchell C, **High Jump** - Demi & Brett, **Javelin** - Abbey & Brett, **Hurdles** - Emmerson & Brett.

Year 7 : **Hurdles** - Tristian & Lucy, **Discus** - Tomas & Sarah, **Shot Put** - Jessica & Tristian, **Long Jump** - Rianna & Tomas, **High Jump** - Lucy & Tomas, **Javelin** - Tomas & Jessica.

Sprints :

Reception - Calleigh, Areille, Chelsea C, Blake, Lachlan K & Angus S

Year 1 - Paityn, Zoe, Ryan, Seth & Finlay

Year 2 - Teresa, Marissa, Murphy & Reece

Year 3 - Paris G, Isabella, Kyeton & Jayden

Year 4 - Emily, Kendel, Zachary & Harry

Year 5 - Gemma, Taneesha, Frank & Jack

Year 6 - Annika, Emmerson, Regan & Dion

Year 7 - Mikayla, Amber, Tomas, & Jack

**St Joseph's Gold won
the Competition Shield.**

**St Patrick's Green won
the Team Spirit Award**

Konnective

Konnective is a mobile app that allows us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We will be sending news, events, photos and more so that you can be even more connected with your children's activities and events at the school. Using the Konnective app, you can add events directly to your phone's calendar, set reminders for things you need to do and receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child's grade as well as general news, events and updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (eg. Newsletter, website).

For those without a smartphone there is a web mobile version as well as a website version.

To join please email Deb James at debj@sjsr.catholic.edu.au and you will then be sent a return email from Konnective inviting you to join, or alternatively download the app through your devices app store. If you have any queries or problems let Deb know.

The app is free to download and is suitable for Android or Apple devices.



Rock & Water Program



The Rock & Water course aims to develop the students by improving their self-control, self-confidence, self-reflection, assertiveness and resilience. They participate in a range of physical activities and discussions to improve their understanding of themselves (self-realization) and others (social inclusion).



Special Visitor

A special visitor 'Woody' from Toy Story came to visit Mrs Thompson's R/1 class as a class reward.



"It was great, except it was Mr DePalma!" *Chelsea*

Maths At Home

Tossing a Coin Ask, 'How many times do you think a coin will land on heads if you toss it 30 times?' Write down your guess. Test your guess and record how the coin lands. Compare results.

ST JOSEPH'S GALA

Please return the forms to your class teacher if you are able to assist with our wonderful Gala Night. Thank you.

Year 2 Worm Farm

The Year 2 class are excited to welcome the newest members to our school community- our class worms! We are learning about the importance of reducing our land fill contribution and will recycle our Crunch and Sip scraps and make some great fertilizer for our garden at the same time. When our farm becomes established we will collect the Crunch and Sip scraps from all the classes and hopefully make a real difference to the amount of rubbish we produce. We will also be setting up a compost bin next week. We were very fortunate in our application for the Coles Junior Landcare Grant who have supplied us with the worm farm and compost from our local Mitre 10 store.



Bernadette and Luke put the worm farm together.

ROUGH & TUMBLE

This is a one hour session for Dads and Kids to learn about the benefits of Rough and Tumble play for their children's development. Two qualified male facilitators will demonstrate some outdoor rough and tumble games for Dads and Kids.

When: Thursday 14th November at 5:30 pm

Where: Renmark Children's Centre playground

Cost: TOTALLY FREE

Booking: Essential - to RSVP call
Jodi on 8586 6063

You are invited to join us for a
BBQ tea afterwards!



Build confidence and resilience. Learn about winning and losing, and taking turns.

Learn about strength, dominance and risk taking. Develop self-regulation.

Find out how rough and tumble play creates social awareness.

Movies at Chaffey Theatre

The whole school attended free movie screenings at the Chaffey Theatre recently. The Reception—Year 4 students watched Napoleon and the Year 5-7 students watched The Legend of the Guardians, The Owls of Gahoole.

It was a bit scary and a little bit funny too. I liked the part about when Napoleon got home. *Anastasia*

I was scared of the cat trying to eat Napoleon but I liked it when Napoleon found another friend. *Arielle*

Library Books

There will be no more borrowing after Week 7 due to the Library having a huge stocktake and audit undertaken.

Please ensure all books are returned by the end of Week 6.

We thank you for assisting with this process.

Please return your
Parent Satisfaction Survey
by Monday 11th November.
Thank you.