

Messages from Donny

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

As we capture the excitement, colour, passion and pride of the Olympic Games, we also reflect on a positive start to Term 3.

Staff and students have settled back into routine and it has been pleasing to see classes engaged in a variety of creative and stimulating learning experiences. This term, we look forward to SAPSASA Basketball, Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day, Wakakirri, Book Week, R-2 Bush Discovery, Father's Day Breakfast, Confirmation, Footsteps Dance, Sports Day and numerous other ongoing learning activities in classrooms.

Term 3 is an opportunity for all of us to renew our focus on learning and development. After receiving Semester 1 reports, we all have had time to reflect on the information they contain and a chance to set clear and achievable goals for the weeks ahead. It is now imperative that we endeavour to put those well laid plans and goals into action.



The Reception classes made Olympic Torches and then re-enacted the Torch Relay. So much potential!

Olympic Games:

We are excited about the Olympic games and have been actively promoting and sharing all the amazing stories and life lessons during this significant world event. As a school we have encouraged and promoted the Australian Spirit and have strived to highlight good sportsmanship, team culture, trying your best, teamwork and many other lifelong attributes and values.

In particular we can resonate with the official Olympic values and encourage our students to show the behaviours that are expected.

The Olympic Values are:

- Excellence - trying to be the best that you can be.
- Respect - treating others how you would like to be treated.
- Friendship - showing that you care, having fun and helping each other.
- Courage - being brave and doing something that scares you.
- Determination - working towards a goal and not stopping, even if it's hard.
- Equality - treating everyone equally and fairly.
- Inspiration - to have an excited feeling or idea after hearing, seeing or experiencing something.

Well done to Mr Smart, Mrs Thompson and all the teachers for their effort, work and participation.





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MASS TIMES

28 July Sun 9.00am
3 Aug Sat 6.30pm
11 Aug Sun 9.00am

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 8 Mary MacKillop Day
- 8 Blue Team celebration
- 9 Wakakirri in Adelaide
- 12 2.15pm Assembly by 1/2KC class
- 16 Mass by 1/2KV

September

- 6 Student Free Day

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day - "Never see a need without doing something about it"

On Thursday, we will celebrate the feast day of St Mary MacKillop, who together with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, began the Sisters of St Joseph, an order of religious Sisters. Their vision was to provide a Catholic Education for children of the poor and disadvantaged, with a mission to help those in need and they dedicated their life to helping the poor, the homeless, the lonely and the sick.

By learning about St Mary MacKillop (the Australian people's saint), we promote numerous fine and desirable qualities and characteristics, such as being strong willed, determined, honest, generous, caring, courageous, and people of integrity. Along with some of her main messages including 'find happiness in making others happy' and her famous 'never see a need without doing something about it', we hope this will help guide our children to be better people in our community.



We welcomed 10 new students to our school community on Monday.

Higher Expectations this Semester- PBIS & A Choice/B Choice:

Term 3 is an opportunity for all of us to renew our focus on learning and development. We have outlined our academic and behavioral expectations to all students. We are consolidating our PBIS structures, expectations and routines and are using a common and consistent language to help students take responsibility for their own actions, attitudes and choices. We continue to use the 5 Point Scale to help students regulate their feelings and emotions and we are using A Choice and B Choice processes to encourage appropriate behaviours and attitudes.

I encourage parents to have that usual talk with their child about appropriate behaviours and attitudes and discuss goal setting and expectations, so each day of learning can be maximised to build opportunity and success.

SRC News:

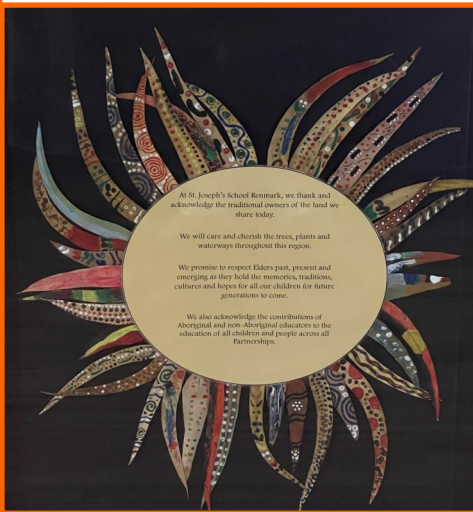
Our Student Representative Council program, coordinated by Mrs Amy Thompson, is a valued component of our school which promotes leadership and provides students a voice to share opinions, ideas and activities. Semester 2 SRCs have been selected and were formally recognised at our Induction Ceremony where they were presented with their new badges and certificates by our special guest, Mayor, Mr Peter Hunter. We acknowledge and thank Semester 1 SRCs for all their positive contributions. They were acknowledged and thanked for their services.

We congratulate the following students who have been elected SRC for Semester 2:

- 6/JM: Kianna Solly & Rajpreet Gill
- 4/5TL: Elise Pfeiffer & Lucca Del Zoppo
- 4/5RW: Peyton Johnson & Axel Penno
- 4/5PH: Marli Gardner & Andy Nguyen
- 3/HS: Emmy Atkinson & Sam Hughes
- 3/HM: Ella Phan & Peter Kniter

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.



At St. Joseph's School Renmark, we thank and acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we share today.

We will care and cherish the trees, plants and waterways throughout this region.

We promise to respect Elders past, present and emerging as they hold the memories, traditions, cultures and hopes for all our children for future generations to come.

We also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal educators to the education of all children and people across all Partnerships.

1/2SP: Isla Hooper & Jack Sever
1/2KV: Kaylee Gordon & Jaxon Little
1/2KC: Avleen Jhinger & Mack Sutton
R/SH: Isabella Lock & Owen Edwards
R/PH: Riley Vermeeren & Jaxon Pobke
R/LH: Mila Skinner & Jasper Lincoln

Living Learning Leading Survey:

At St Joseph's, we value the positive relationship between home and school. We strive to develop strong communication strategies with our families and respect the feedback that they provide. I encourage all families to complete the Living Learning Leading Survey as this will have a significant contribution to our commitment to ongoing improvement. The Living Learning Leading Framework underpins everything we do in Catholic Schools, ensuring our students develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to thrive in a rapidly changing and complex world. Please see the letter with details included in our Newsletter.



These beautiful paintings were made by Isla, Mabel and Ninke. They will be projected and transitioned at times during the dance to help tell the story. We think they are very clever!



Book Week 2024: Reading Is Magic

We are excited to celebrate Book Week in Week 5 with the theme "Reading is Magic". The theme is beautiful and imaginative, and is brought to life by Australian illustrator and author Jess Racklyeft who illustrated 2022 CBCA Picture Book of the Year Iceberg (written by Claire Saxby). Our famous whole school dress up parade day will be Wednesday, 21st August, 9.15am under our shelter. Start thinking about costumes related to the theme. We invite all students to participate positively in the day and that everyone dresses in some way according to the theme or any other costume related to a book character. Reception to Year 3 classes will also visit our local library during this week for extra fun activities.

2025 Enrolments:

We continue to be working through a high number of applications for 2025. I am conducting interviews with all prospective new families and will also meet existing families during the term. With approximately 40 families to meet, this is very demanding but extremely rewarding. All the families have been very impressed with our learning environment and

are very complimentary about our school and the children. This gives us great confidence for a sustainable future at St Joseph's.

P&F and Wellbeing Team:

Our P&F and Wellbeing Teams recently met and again discussed many ideas and initiatives. They reviewed events and initiatives from last semester and they also outlined plans for the rest of the year. Overall they were so pleased with the success and positive outcomes that they are striving to achieve. Amongst other items they are looking forward to Bookweek, Father's Day, Schools Disco, and Sports Day.

As mentioned, many times, we value the work that parents do in these two teams as they help build and foster our strong community culture. I thank all those involved and appreciate their willingness to help in many different ways.

I congratulate those who are doing well in our P&F Footy Tips and reluctantly congratulate those who are leading! With only 4 rounds remaining,

it will be a tight tussle at the end. Please see the P&F section for an update on the Leader Board.

Wakakirri:

We are so proud of all of our students, who will finally perform in the Wakakirri Dance this Friday night at the Norwood Town Hall. I have been so impressed with the commitment and dedication of all our students and am proud of the many lifelong learning outcome this program has provided. With the professional and passionate guidance of Mrs Rachel McLeod and Miss Dana Hansen the children are very excited to perform at this very significant event. I also thank other staff including Mrs Del Zoppo and Mrs Pfeiffer for their extra help in a variety of ways, as well as parental support from Teresa Colligan and Ruth Sutton. As they say in the arts industry we hope they break a leg!

Staff News:

We welcome Mr Greg Reeks back from his leave and am pleased with the work he is doing with Digital Literacy. Mr Reeks continues to provide art lessons for children out of school hours and now adults which is highly recommended. Please contact Mr Reeks if you are interested.

Community Congratulations:

In the spirit of the Olympic Games I acknowledge all our families and staff who are actively involved in community sport and other extra curricula activities. We all know how important it is as a small country community to be able to promote and encourage these experiences. As we look to the end of the winter sport seasons, I wish all our families best wishes and good luck over the coming weeks.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge one of our dads, Trevor Thorpe, who plays his 300th game for Renmark Football Club this weekend. This is such a rare and

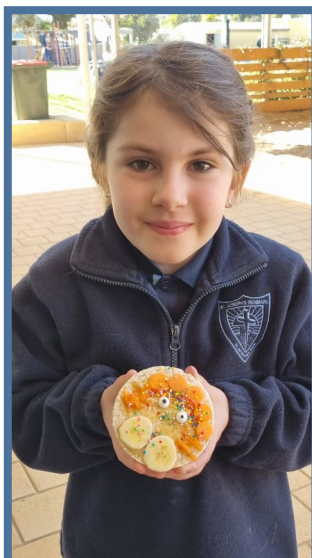
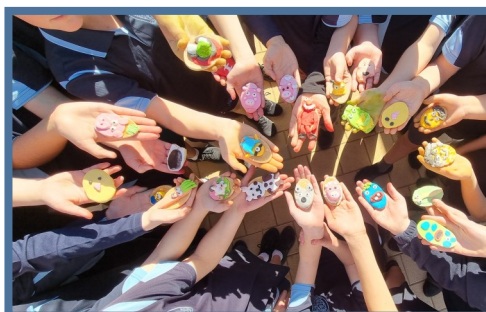
significant milestone for a player to stay at the one club and play at the highest level for a long period of time. Trevor certainly displays all the Olympic Values and deserves his recognition.

We have had a wonderful start to the term and I look forward to sharing many more positive learning experiences over the coming weeks.

Regards,
Don DePalma
Principal



DelPfeiffer's Cooking Classes:



Religious Identity & Mission:

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day:

On Thursday, we will celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day to commemorate Mary's journey of faith, her life and her legacy. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is the Patron Saint of our Port Pirie Diocese. She opened the first Catholic school in South Australia in Penola, educating the children who were considered poor and not able to gain an education. Mary rejoiced in her God, loved the poor deeply and believed God would provide. She was a Spirit-filled person who was faithful to her God even when times were tough. Mary saw herself as God's humble servant and was always ready to do God's will.



Confirmation:

Our Confirmation Candidates Poppy, Eloise, Isla, Nathan and Matthew have begun their preparation to receive the Sacrament on Sunday 1st of September. This is a special time on their faith journey and we keep them in our prayers. They are invited to attend Mass this Saturday evening at 6.30pm to receive details about receiving the Sacrament and the enrolment package.



Prayer spaces:

Our catholic Identity is evident in our inviting prayer spaces around our school.



Year 4/5PH Class Mass:

Congratulations to Miss Hauptman's class on the reverent and engaged way they led Mass this morning. The students read, responded and sang beautifully. This is another part of the faith formation of our students and demonstrates their commitment in developing our Catholic Identity.



Contribution to St Vincent de Paul:

Our commitment to Catholic Social Teachings – Preferential Options for the Poor was certainly evident in our school at the end of last term with our 'We CAN do it Campaign,' facilitated by our Mini Vinnies and SRC. Families were extremely supportive of the campaign, collecting over 400 cans and blankets which have been donated to our local St Vincent de Paul, as well as donating over \$578 in recyclable cans and bottles and \$320 raised from PJ Day which will be donated to 'Swags for the Homeless.'



Chrissie Grocke
APRIM

Parents & Friends:

Raise Some Dough: Next Thursday August 8th, Domino's Pizza Renmark will be very generously donating \$1 for every pizza sold to St Joseph's Renmark! A great excuse to have a night off cooking and get pizza for dinner!

Father's Day Stall: The P&F Committee will be holding a Fathers Day Stall on Monday of Week 5 (19th August). There will be a range of items that students can purchase for Dad or that special someone, ranging from \$2 to \$8.

Other events: Also this term the P&F Committee will be holding a Student Disco (more details to come soon) and our annual cake stall at the school Sports Day.

Footy Tips: Apart from Mr Luxton being our clear leader by 4 points, there is a group of eager participants snapping at his heels!

Jo Lloyd
P&F Committee

SJSR - P&F				
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RANK	TEAM / TIPSTER	RD 20 TIPS	AVG/RND	TOTAL TIPS
1	TONYLUXTON Tony L	6	5.5	116
2	SOPHIEBULLETT Aaron W	7	5.3	112
3	KOJIN PA Graham	4	5.3	112
4	DARREN BUZZA Darren B	5	5.3	112
5	TODD VD Todd V	3	5.3	112
6	DAVID KINNEAR Dave K	6	5.3	112
7	DALE LINDNER Dale L	6	5.3	111
8	SUTTONJ Jonathan S	5	5.3	111
9	THE 4 GOATS Effie K	5	5.3	111
10	WALDOS Cherie M	5	5.3	111

SAPSASA News:

Declan Amezdroz and Jenson Hardwick attended a Golf selection day at the Berri Golf Course on Friday 26th July. They are hoping to represent the Riverland in Adelaide later in the term. Best of luck!

Mr Thomas Smart
SAPSASA Co-Ordinator



SRC Induction:



Back left: Mack Sutton, Avleen Jhinger, Jaxon Little, Kaylee Gordon, Isla Hooper, Jack Sever.
Front left: Jasper Lincoln, Mila Skinner, Jaxon Pobke, Riley Vermeeren, Owen Edwards, Isabella Lock




Back left: Mr DePalma, Andy Nguyen, Marli Gardner, Axel Penno, Peyton Johnson, Elise Pfeiffer, Rajpreet Gill, Mr Peter Hunter.
Front left: Peter Kniter, Ella Phan, Sam Hughes, Emmy Atkinson, Kianna Solly. Absent: Lucca Del Zoppo

RAISE SOME DOUGH

DOMINO'S WILL BE DONATING \$1 FROM EVERY PIZZA SOLD ON THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST 2024 TO SUPPORT:

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, RENMARK



All money raised will go directly to the St Joseph's School, Renmark, to go towards the purchase of new equipment for the Children.


WHAT
\$1 from each pizza* sold will be donated directly to the St Joseph's School, Renmark

WHERE
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WHEN
Thursday 8th August 2024, 4pm - 9pm

*Excludes Mini Pizzas. Limited time at participating store only.

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Student Wellbeing:

Wellbeing and Learning Centre

This term we are trying something new to support wellbeing and learning in our school. We have converted Room 2 into a new Wellbeing and Learning Centre. The Centre has three zones, a Learning Zone, Motor Zone and Calming Zone. Mrs McLeod and Ms Lawton are based in this space along with Charlie!

The Learning Zone is a place where children can work 1:1 or in small groups with Mrs McLeod on tasks set by the classroom teacher. The Motor Zone can be used to develop gross and fine motor skills, as well as heavy work to assist in regulation. These activities create resistance input to the muscles and this feedback helps to calm and regulate the child's nervous system. When children are engaging in heavy work activities their bodies release both serotonin and dopamine which are calming and organising neurotransmitters. Lastly, the Calming Zone provides a peaceful space for children to calm and reset their emotional battery. This space can be used independently or when required, an ESO, Mrs McLeod or Ms Lawton can provide co-regulation. The intent of this Centre is to provide alternate learning and regulation space to meet the diverse needs of all learners.

We have already had lots of visitors to the centre, and we have enjoyed seeing them utilise our new space. We look forward to seeing the positive impact the Centre will have on our school community.



Charlie has enjoyed settling in and exploring the new Wellbeing and Learning Centre.

We have received plenty of positive feedback from the students and staff who have found the new centre versatile and effective.

Team Venables Mini Olympics

