



St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter

2nd May 2022. Term 2 Week 2

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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (2):

Catholic Schools Week
2/5 - Cross Country with
St Patrick's Trundle
4/5 - Parent Teacher
Interviews
6/5 - Mothers Day
Liturgy/Assembly

NEXT WEEK (3):

10/5 - NAPLAN
11/5 - NAPLAN
12/5 - NAPLAN

TERM 2

16/5 - WF Cross Country
2/6 - Reconciliation Day
3/6 - Assembly
3/6 - Life Education Van
10/6 - Tennis with Helen
Magill
16/5 - Dio Cross
Country (Parkes)
17/6 - Tennis with Helen
Magill
17/6 - Marathon Health
Hearing Clinic
24/6 - Tennis with Helen
Magill
30/6 - School Photos
1/7 - Tennis with Helen
Magill

Dear parents/carers,

Our school, along with the 18 other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from 1 - 7 May 2022. The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Finding God in Everyday Life'.

As Catholic schools, we are called to do more than just pass on the faith: we are invited to translate our faith into deeds so we are truly living God's Word. Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our schools and ethos with families, parish and the wider community.

Our school will also hold a number of activities including Parent/Teacher meetings on Wednesday, a mass followed by a chance to visit our classrooms and then join us for morning tea on Thursday, a Mother's Day activity and Liturgy on Friday afternoon. Please feel welcome to bring visitors along to visit our school for these activities.

This Wednesday we have set aside time to give parents the opportunity to meet with the teachers and discuss your child's progress. Thank you to everyone who has already made a booking through Compass. If you haven't made a booking yet please do so by Tuesday, 3rd May.

Thank you to everyone who joined us today for the Cross Country with our friends from St Patrick's Trundle. We were blessed with beautiful weather. Thank you to anyone who helped out on the day, especially Josh Wetherell on the BBQ and Bridget O'Donnell and her mum in the canteen.

This week we transition to winter uniform, if you need any winter uniforms please contact the school office to see what we have in the clothing pool.

Best wishes,

Regina

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES: Miss Brooke Hanns

Dear Lord,

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools. It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom.

We acknowledge and thank all who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.

We pray that our Catholic schools are always places of vitality, in which every tangible aspect of creation, from the natural world to human beings, provides an opportunity to experience God's presence in our daily lives.

We pray that we never take for granted the learning opportunities that we have all been given, and that we use the gifts of learning wisely and responsibly. We ask that we use what we have learnt to create a better world for all people, particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PARISH NOTICES



Prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 8th of May is Mother's Day! Place a flower/card with your mother's name on the table in front of Our Lady's Altar.

Envelopes for Easter dues are available.

Project Compassion money to be in as soon as possible please.

The **Rosary** will be recited in the Church at 9.15am on the 8th May prior to Mass for the people of Ukraine.

Important Dates in May:

2nd Memorial: St Athanasius

3rd Feast: Sts Philip & James, Apostle

14th Feast: St Matthias, Apostle

16th Solemnity: Ascension of the Lord

24th Solemnity: Our Lady, Help of Christians

26th Memorial: St Philip Neri

29th Solemnity: Ascension of the Lord

31st Feast: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022



Please join us in Week 2 to celebrate our Catholic School

- ★ Monday 2nd May from 10:30am - Cross Country
- ★ Wednesday 4th May from 9:00-4:30 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ★ Thursday 5th May from 9:15am - Mass/Open Classrooms/Awards and Morning Tea
- ★ Friday 6th May at 2:00pm - Mother's Day Activity/Liturgy

Take Note

HOME READING THIS TERM:

For home reading this term we will focus on fluency. Please ensure you complete the 1 minute timed reading twice each night and a reader.

Raffle Ticket Winners

Our Week 1 winners were:
Jiya and Gloria



CONGRATULATIONS!

Star of the week:
Indianna



Quentin Park Alpaca Excursion



Important

CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff. This includes addressing complaints of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards any child or young person.

Such complaints are handled differently to other types of complaints which may arise in the school because of legal obligations established by the Children's Guardian Act 2019. The Office of the Children's Guardian is a government agency which requires schools and other organisations working with children to ensure systems are in place for recording and responding to all allegations of a child protection nature against staff. You should be aware that 'staff' includes volunteer helpers (including parents), contractors as well as paid staff.

If you have concerns about alleged inappropriate behaviour by a staff member towards any child or young person it is important that you discuss your concerns with the Principal who in turn will consult with the Catholic Education Office.

All complaints are investigated and resolved through a fair and confidential process which involves listening to 'both sides of the story' and giving all involved an opportunity to be heard. If the concerns involve alleged criminal behaviour they will be reported to the Police and the Catholic Education Office will wait for the outcome of the Police investigation before continuing its own investigation.

At the end of an investigation a finding will be made and appropriate follow up determined. In relation to the staff member this may include no action, increased support, professional development, increased supervision/monitoring or disciplinary action, removal of duties or termination of employment.

If harm has occurred to a child, counselling or other support will be offered to the child.



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1 -7 MAY

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