



St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter

17th October 2022 - Term 4 Week 2

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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (2):

21/10 - Mime-O-Rama Show
22/10 - Barefoot Bowls Fundraising Event

NEXT WEEK (3):

27/10 - Crazy Hair & Socks for Socktober and 9:30 Mass
28/10 - Grandparents' Day

TERM 4

1/11 - All Saints Day
1/11 - Infants Excursion (Dubbo Regional Theatre)
2/11 - All Souls Day
10/11 - School Mass
11/11 - Swimming (Sport)
22/11 - School Advisory Committee Mtg
25/11 - Swimming (Sport)
6/12 - Presentation Day
8/12 - Graduation Mass

Dear families and friends,

Last week I was very fortunate to be able to attend the **Catholic Schools NSW**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander State

Education Conference along with 500 people from across NSW. There were many inspirational speakers across the week including, Aunty Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann (2021 Senior Australian of the Year), Miriam was the first fully qualified Aboriginal teacher in the Northern Territory. The Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians addressed the audience, Brooke Boney (The Today Show) and Isaiah Dawe, founder of the first Aboriginal support service to mentor children in Out-of-Home-Care. It was a time of reflection, to learn from the past, with an aim to do better now.

Kind Regards,
Regina



Welcome to Country



The Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians



Colleagues, Denise Gersbach, Virginia Rice and Regina Goodridge with Aunty Miriam Rose

Grandparents' Day Photos

Next Friday we'll be celebrating Grandparents' Day with a liturgy and assembly. We would like to make a special tribute to all of our grandparents and kindly ask you to send in some photos by next Wednesday 26th of October. Please send them to the school mobile phone, via Messenger to the school Facebook page or my email address - brooke.hanns@wf.catholic.edu.au. We hope to see you there!



PARISH NOTICES

9:30 am every Sunday: Liturgy/Mass



October is the month dedicated to the **Most Holy Rosary**. The Rosary is one of the most important prayers of our Catholic Faith as we contemplate the life of Christ with Mary. The Rosary has been the source of comfort, strength and thanksgiving for generations. Let us join together as the people of God in praying this powerful prayer.

Special Collection: 23rd October, Mission Sunday.

Mary Queen of the Rosary - Pray for us

Important Dates in October:

17th: Memorial of st Ignatius of Antioch

18th: Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

23rd: Mission Sunday

28th: Feast of Sts Simon and Jude, the Apostles



Happy 8th birthday to Ivy for last Friday and to Jawarn for turning 11 last term.

We hope you had a fantastic day!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Friday, 28th October we will be celebrating all our grandparents and senior citizens.

The children will make some invitations to give to their special people with all the details.



Star of the Week Lillyanah



Raffle Ticket Winners

Our Week 1 winners were
Indianna, Emily, Mackenna & Lucia



CONGRATULATIONS

COVID19 UPDATE at 17th October 2022

On 30 September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday, 14 October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education has worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions. Please find below a list of current requirements as we transition to these changes and move through term four.

- Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick.
- Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom-free.
- If a student or staff member is unwell and has any COVID-19 symptoms, even the mildest of symptoms, they should always test for COVID-19.
- Stay home while you have symptoms, even if you get a negative COVID-19 test, so you don't infect other people.
- We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health.
- We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.
- Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.
- Good hygiene practices, including regular hand washing with soap and warm water and/or use of hand sanitiser, will continue.
- Maintaining natural ventilation, with consideration of local environmental circumstances, will continue during term 4.
- Boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high-touch surface areas will continue during term 4.
- Staff and students may use the RAT kits supplied to them by the school. If you require further tests please reach out to the school office.
- Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- We will continue to inform our community when there is a positive case in the school and guide families based on NSW Health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

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.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Screening of those working in schools

Working With Children Checks are undertaken by staff working in our school. Non-exempt school volunteers, outside tutors, external providers and any staff engaged by an external organisation are also expected to provide schools with their WWCC which is verified prior to engagement.

Exemptions from Working With Children Check are:

- Children (under the age of 18);
- A 'parent of a child' includes a carer or person who has legal responsibility for a child;
- A 'close relative' includes a spouse or de facto partner, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

This exemption does not apply where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate, personal care of children with a disability, or when volunteering on overnight camps.

The purpose of the check is to exclude people from working with children who are not suitable. A person who has been convicted or found guilty of a listed serious offence against children (whether in NSW or elsewhere) is prohibited from working in a child related role.

The participation of parents and close relatives of students at the school as volunteers is welcomed and appreciated for various activities in the school. It is important that all volunteers are aware that they are subject to child protection legislation. This means all volunteers must:

- sign in on the Compass Kiosk at the front office and obtain a visitor's badge or slip as per school procedure;
- check with the school to ascertain the current legal requirements for working with children;
- not engage in any inappropriate behaviour towards any children. In particular, although parents and volunteers are not employed by the school, they are considered to be 'staff' for legal purposes and are subject to an investigation if an allegation of inappropriate behaviour towards a child or children is received.

Volunteers who are not the parent or a close relative of a child at the school will be expected to undertake a Working With Children Check.

Further information on the Working With Children Check can be found on the website for the Office of the Children's Guardian at <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>

ST JOSEPH'S

Barefoot Bowls Bazaar



BBQ
Raffles
Lolly Bags
Chocolate
Wheel



Fun
Children's
Activities



Saturday 22nd October from 12pm
\$5 per player



raffles

lolly bags

BBQ

St. Joseph's Barefoot Bowls Bazaar

Saturday 22nd October

Peak Hill Bowling Club

from 12pm

fun children's activities

bowls
chocolate wheel

\$5 per player



FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

This term we are going to challenge our families to engage in some family Maths games fun. Even just once a week, sit down, watch these videos and play these games as a family.

INFANTS: 5 Moves to 100

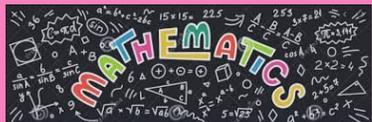
Click on the link to learn how to play: <https://youtu.be/49Yx8CfcdHk>

Good questions to ask while playing: "What are you hoping to roll?";
"How did you work that out?"

PRIMARY: From here to there

Click on the link to learn how to play: <https://youtu.be/FDf3TO4lcTg>

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"How did you work that out?"



Send us a picture of your family playing the Maths game for the week.