



## St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter 7th November 2022 - Term 4 Week 5

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### THIS WEEK (5):

10/11 - School Mass

10/11 - Dad's in Schools

11/11 - Remembrance Day

11/11 - Swimming (Sport)

#### NEXT WEEK (6):

16/11 - Kinder Orientation  
- full day

17/11 - Primary Excursion  
to CSIRO Parkes Radio  
Telescope

18/11 - Swimming (Sport)

#### TERM 4

22/11 - School Advisory  
Committee Mtg

23/11 - 9:30 am - Bishop  
Columba and Archbishop  
Charles Balvo visiting

24/11 - School Mass

25/11 - Swimming (Sport)

26/11 - Barefoot Bowls

30/11 - Kindergarten  
Orientation day

6/12 - Presentation Day  
and Concert

8/12 - Graduation Mass

16/12 - Last day of term 4

Dear families and friends,

This Friday we begin our swimming program for Sport. I am wondering if there are any parents/ family members with a bus licence, that would be able to drive the school bus to and from the pool each Friday for the next 5 weeks please? It would mean dropping the students to the pool at 1:30pm and picking them back up around 2:45 pm, with no commitment to stay between these times. Please contact me at school to discuss if you are available.

Brady Morris has made the decision to leave St Joseph's and pursue other employment opportunities. We thank Brady for his time as our Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) and wish him all the best for the future. We are currently advertising for a replacement AEW for 2023, please encourage any suitable applicants to apply.

We have confirmed some details for our End of Year Presentation of Awards and Concert. This event will be held on the school premises on Tuesday, 6th December. We will begin at 12:30 pm with the awards ceremony, followed by a BBQ lunch and then a concert performed by the students. Mark it on your calendars and we hope you can make it.

We hope to see lots of dads, granddads, uncles or father figures at school this Thursday for the Centrecare Dads in Schools Program.

Have a great week,  
Regina

# Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

*Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same place calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## PARISH NOTICES

9:30 am every Sunday: Liturgy/Mass



The month of November is **traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died.** It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

This Wednesday, 2nd November at 5 pm: **All Souls Day Mass** at St James Church.

The November Book will be near Altar of Our Lady next Sunday for the names of family and friends that we pray for and remember this month. November envelopes will be available for Mass Offerings next week.

### Important Dates in October:

- 9<sup>th</sup> **Feast:** Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Memorial:** St Leo the Great
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Memorial:** St Martin of Tours
- 11<sup>th</sup> **REMEMBRANCE Day**
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Memorial:** St Josaphat
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Memorial:** St Elizabeth of Hungary
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Solemnity:** Christ the King
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Memorial:** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Memorial:** St Cecilia
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Memorial:** St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
- 27<sup>th</sup> **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent** new liturgical year begins
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Feast:** St Andrew, Apostle

FUN DAD WISE DAD  
KIND DAD STRONG DAD  
FAIR DAD SWEET DAD  
BEST DAD MY DAD

THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER

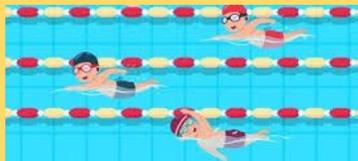
# Dads in Schools Day

ALL THE SPECIAL MEN IN OUR LIVES  
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM  
11:30 AM FOR ACTIVITIES  
AND A BBQ LUNCH AROUND 1PM



## SWIMMING

WHEN: Starting this Friday, 11th  
November



TIME: 1:30-3:00

PERMISSION NOTE NEEDS TO BE  
RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY, 9th  
November.

PACK: A separate swimming  
bag with swimmers, a rashie  
(compulsory due to the School  
Sun Safety Policy), a towel,  
sunscreen and goggles (own  
choice).

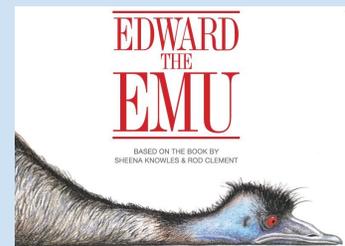
## Raffle Ticket Winners

Our Week 4 winners were:  
Indiana, Nellie, Aarjav & Mackenna



*CONGRATULATIONS*

Last Tuesday, Infants travelled to Dubbo for their excursion. We played at the Japanese Gardens then watched Edward the Emu at the Regional Theatre. We had a wonderful day!  
A big thank you to Mr Colmer for transporting us there and back safely.



*Please join us for a School Mass  
this Thursday at 9:30 am  
at St James Church.*

AUSTRALIA'S ONLY SELECTIVE DAY AND BOARDING HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS SINCE 1939

## Do you have a son in Year 5 interested in attending Farrer in 2024?

Farrer is Australia's only selective Agricultural High School for boarding and day boys. It's more than an education, it's an experience! A Farrer boy embodies Confidence, Character and Community.

If you have a son in Year 5 who is interested in attending Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School in 2024, you will need to register for the Selective Schools Test which will be held in 2023. **Registrations for the Selective Schools Exam will be open between October 18 and November 16 2022.**

**THE SELECTIVE SCHOOL EXAM IS COMPULSORY FOR ANY STUDENT STARTING FARRER IN YEAR 7.**

REGISTER YOUR SON  
<https://bit.ly/3SZDff1>

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[www.farreragri-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.farreragri-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

Follow our stories  

REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR  
SON FOR OUR OPEN DAY  
IN MARCH 2023.



**FARRER**  
Memorial Agricultural High School

**Important**

## Stranger Danger

Stranger Danger, a term that is familiar for most adults, exists on the World Wide Web. Paedophiles and other people who may wish to hurt children use the Internet to search for potential victims. Often these people pretend to be someone other than who they really are to establish inappropriate relationships on-line that may result in a physical meeting of some description. The following information guides for parents may be of interest and assistance in ensuring that your children are able to reduce the risk of stranger danger encounters when using the internet:

Online grooming and procuring of children over the internet is the illegal act of an adult or adults making online contact with a child under the age of 16 with the intention of facilitating a sexual relationship. More information is available from the Australian Federal Police which investigates suspected cases of online grooming.

Learn more about how to protect your children from these threats via access to detailed information provided by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, Australia's peak Cyber-safety Authority

## FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

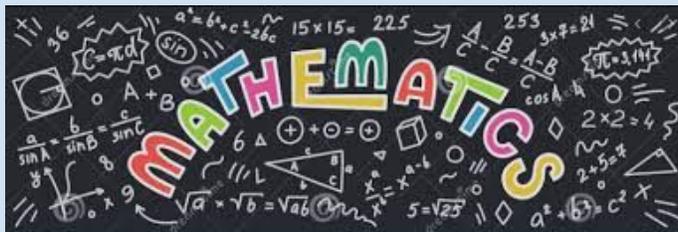
This term we are going to challenge our families to engage in some family Maths games fun. Even just once a week, sit down, watch these videos and play these games as a family.

Infants - Estimate & Check <https://youtu.be/qdUkrbh0TrA>

Good questions to ask while playing: "How many do you think might be in there?"; "What makes you think that?"; "Would it be more than less than 100? How do you know"; "Do you think this collection is larger or smaller than the last one we scooped out?"

Primary- From Here to There (Place Value) <https://youtu.be/FDf3TO4lcTg>

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



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

ST JOSEPH'S

# Barefoot Bowls Bazaar



BBQ  
Raffles  
Lolly Bags  
Chocolate  
Wheel

Fun  
Children's  
Activities



**CHANGE OF DATE**

**Saturday 26th November from 12pm**

**\$5 per player**



# YOWIE



**“Anything is Possible”**

Hi, my name is Betsy Owen and I am Jason's wife.

The idea for the YOWIE program was born from travelling with Jason to rural and remote schools. After watching the interaction between Jason and the children I designed the YOWIE (Youth, Outback, Work-hard, Inspire, Encourage) program for Jason to use as a resource on the day of his visit and for the children to keep for future reference.

We are very passionate about the bush and Jason loves sharing his messages of hope, resilience and determination with the children. Through the charity we have met some amazing kids going through some really tough and horrific times.

The YOWIE Workbook is designed for students in Kinder to Year 6. The workbook comprises of inspirational stories of several Aussies – highlighting that everyone has a story and face all sorts of challenges to achieving their dreams.

As mental health services are hard to access in the bush Doin It For Rural Aussie Kids joined forces with Kids Helpline in 2021. I have dedicated a page in the workbook for the contact details and general information.

For each story we have a caricature colouring in page – the colouring is a great way for the kids to relax and concentrate and hopefully connect with the story.

Christmas is a very special time for Jason and myself and we are very passionate to ensure that as many children as possible will receive a gift for Christmas. The reality that some kids completely miss out on Christmas is just heartbreaking to us. All children (K-6) visited on the school road trip will receive a gift – Lego is our preferred gift as the benefits of Lego Therapy are proven. As we rely on the kindness of the community to support our gifts this is not always possible. The kids are usually thrilled with whatever gift they receive.

Secondary Students – unfortunately, our funding is unable to support gifts for secondary students. We do invite everyone to participate in Jason's chats and singalongs but at this stage I have only developed a simple flyer which carries the Kids Helpline contact and general information on it. As we are introducing the YOWIE program as a pilot program this year – I will be asking for feedback via a survey so that we can make the necessary changes and implement next year.

Thank you for participating and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Betsy.

**YOUTH OUTBACK WORK-HARD INSPIRE ENCOURAGE**

# We're coming to your community



## NSW Government services will be available in Peak Hill on Wednesday 23rd November Between 9:00am and 3:00pm

### This includes:

- driver licences, proof of identity documents, and Photo Card applications
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Working With Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Check
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- up to 70 government rebates and savings
- Stay NSW and Parents NSW voucher applications.



Find us at:  
Commerical Gardens  
Dugga St

Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) or call  
**13 77 88** to check our schedule.  
Unfortunately, sometimes our  
routes change at short notice.



	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
F	How to use devices safely and respectfully Getting started on the internet Balancing screen time Trusted adults			
1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the internet</li> <li>Trusted adults</li> <li>Early warning signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balancing screen time</li> <li>Healthy digital habits</li> <li>Putting down the tech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Username and passwords</li> <li>Keeping information private</li> <li>Our digital footprint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online interactions</li> <li>Navigating uncomfortable situations</li> <li>Help seeking strategies</li> </ul>
3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the internet</li> <li>Rights and responsibilities</li> <li>Our digital footprint and identity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balancing screen time</li> <li>Healthy digital habits</li> <li>How different tech makes us feel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyberbullying</li> <li>The power of an upstander</li> <li>Navigating uncomfortable situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeping information private</li> <li>Being alert and aware online</li> <li>Navigating unsafe interactions</li> </ul>
5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rights and responsibilities</li> <li>Our digital footprint and identity</li> <li>The law and the internet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balancing screen time</li> <li>Building a healthy relationship with tech</li> <li>Why it's so hard to put down devices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyberbullying</li> <li>Navigating uncomfortable situations</li> <li>The power of an upstander</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical thinking</li> <li>Consuming content online</li> <li>Navigating unsafe interactions</li> </ul>

Our live streamed incursions are written and produced so schools can engage with them each and every year. Whilst the themes remain consistent, each year the content in the shows is brand new!



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
WILCANNIA-FORBES

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER (AEW)

**St Joseph's Parish  
School, PEAK HILL**

**Commencing 03/02/2023**  
**Concluding 05/02/2024**

**Full time position**  
Monday - Friday (9am - 3.15pm)

Do you have a passion to support the learning of children in a caring, supportive school environment?

We are looking for a new staff member with energy, initiative and a willingness to make a difference to the lives of our Aboriginal students.

To perform this role it is essential that the person who holds this position be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. It is therefore a genuine occupational requirement under section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 that applicants are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander..

**Closing date: 12 November 2022**



**For more information**

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**Application Information**

AEW Application  
<https://bit.ly/AEWinfo>



**Email application**

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