



St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter 28th November 2022 - Term 4 Week 8

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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (8):

29/11 - My Friend Franklin

30/11- Kinder Orientation

2/12 - Swimming (Sport)

NEXT WEEK (9):

6/12 - Presentation Day
and Concert

8/12 - Graduation and
Farewell Mass 5pm

9/12- Swimming (Sport)

9/12 SVDP Christmas
Hamper Items Due

TERM 4

12/12 - Christmas Fair
Flood Appeal Fundraiser

13/12 - End Of Year Party
(Dubbo Movies and Ten
Pin Bowling)

15/12 - Jason Owen visit

16/12 - Last day of Term 4

**DON'T FORGET
HATS AND
DRINK BOTTLES
EVERY DAY**

Dear families and friends,

THANK YOU to all our families and the wider community for supporting the Barefoot Bowls Bazaar last Saturday. Thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly in the week leading up to ensure we had everything ready to make the day run smoothly. Thank you to the P & F committee for the planning and hard work on the day. Please support the businesses listed on page 7 who donated prizes for the Chocolate Wheel, which helped to raise funds on the day.

Please join us next week for our Presentation Day and nativity Play performance. Details are provided on page 3.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of the late Greg Huggins. Greg passed away this morning in Parkes Hospital after a battle with cancer. Greg and Anne have had a long association with St Joseph's and sponsor our annual presentation award for christian attitude and values. We ask God to comfort Anne and all those who loved Greg at this sad time.

There will many events in the last 3 weeks. Your children will get more and more tired and overwhelmed as well. Sleep and downtime will be important where possible.

We are now in the Season of Advent when we prepare for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas.

Best wishes for a great week,

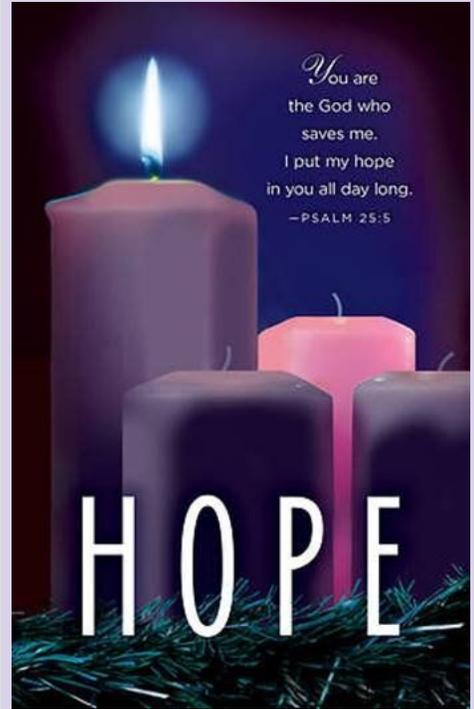
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES: Miss Brooke Hanns

Important Reminders and Dates

- Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent. We now wait with hope and in joyful anticipation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent is a time of prayer, reflection and preparation.
- Please join us for our **Graduation and Farewell Mass** on Thursday 8th of December at 5pm. We will be celebrating our friends Calvin, Gloria, Lucia, Mackenna and Mrs Edwards as they begin their next chapter. All are welcome.
- Please remember to send in your **Christmas hamper items** for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal by next Friday 9th of December.
- Our last fundraiser for the term will be a **Christmas Fair Fundraiser** for St Joseph's School, Eugowra who were affected by the recent floods. I have been in touch with principal Cathy Eppelston and the school will be very grateful to receive donations. Our fundraiser will be on Monday 12th of December. More information to come.



PARISH NOTICES

9:30 am every Sunday: Liturgy/Mass



- The next Parish Council meeting has moved to Sunday 4th December, after Mass.
- For sale: a table at the back of the Church has various items for sale which include calendars, Christmas cards and other items at cost price.
- This Wednesday 30th November at 5pm we will have the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at the Church.

Important Dates:

- 30th Feast: St Andrew, Apostle
- 3rd Memorial: St Francis Xavier
- 7th Memorial: St Ambrose
- 8th Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
- 13th Memorial: St Lucy
- 14th Memorial: St John of the Cross
- 25th Solemnity: Nativity of the Lord
- 26th Feast: St Stephen
- 27th Feast: St John Apostle and Evangelist
- 28th Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- 30th Feast: The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, Joseph

*Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at
St James' Church at 9:30 am.*

Presentation Day and Concert

Next Tuesday, 6th December we invite you to join us for our Annual Presentation Day and Concert in the school grounds.

- 12:15-12:30 Arrival, sign in and seating
- 12:30-1:15 Presentation of Awards Ceremony
- 1:15-2:00 BBQ lunch provided by the P & F
- 2:00-3:00 Nativity Play

This year we are able to extend an invitation to families and sponsors. We need to be mindful of spreading COVID. If possible, we ask anyone attending this day to please do a RAT test that morning (including students). We have a diocesan school currently closed due to an extensive COVID outbreak amongst staff and students. Please stay home if you are unwell.

We are looking forward to sharing this day with you.

Star of the Week

Gloria



Raffle Ticket Winners

Our Week 7 winners were Tylah, Nellie, Rory and Ivy!



CONGRATULATIONS

Barefoot Bowls Highlights!



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 NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019. The NSW 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.

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 - Addition Golf <https://youtu.be/ELLBDsslRAc>

Good questions to ask while playing: "Is there another combination of cards you could use to make a ten? Which do you think is the better option? Why?"; "What goes with __ to make ten?"

Primary -4 Cards <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPfMcPLLCEq>

Good questions to ask while playing: "What number are you trying to make?"; "Explain to me how you got __?"; "What if you use multiplication (or subtraction) etc.?" (i.e. offer suggestions when students need help but DON'T tell them how to arrive at a number.); "What would you do differently the next time you played?"

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



Thank you to the following Barefoot Bowls sponsors



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For the Wild



A huge thank you to Todd & Clare Cannon for all your donations

We are looking for someone highly motivated to enhance the learning and cultural outcomes for our Aboriginal students.

Do you know someone?
Encourage them to apply!



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WILCANNIA-FORBES

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER (AEW)

St Joseph's Parish School, PEAK HILL

 03/02/2023- 05/02/2024

12 month contract position with the
likelihood of contract renewal for 2024

Monday - Friday (9am - 3.15pm)

We are looking for an enthusiastic
new staff member to join our team!

 Responsibilities include:

- working closely with and supporting our Aboriginal students
- embedding Indigenous culture across our school
- enhancing cultural connections across our community

 Applications are welcomed from individuals living in the nearby region (eg. Dubbo, Parkes, Narromine) with a connection to our Peak Hill community.

Closing date: Monday 5 December 2022

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.



For more information

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Application Information

Please email a cover letter and resume to:

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Experience a FREE Holiday Break Camp these January School Holidays

Holiday Break is a series of free camps for young people across regional NSW communities.

Inclusions

- 3 day camp inclusive of all meals and accommodation
 - All organised activities, safety equipment and supervision
 - Open to 12-15 year old boys and girls
- With hundreds of places available across seven centres, don't miss your opportunity to book.

Camp details

Centre: Lake Burrendong
Camp Dates:
Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 January 2023
Friday 20 to Sunday 22 January 2023
Pick Up / Drop Off Location:
Private drop off at Centre

Activities can include:

Mountain biking, slip and slide, archery, kayaking and much more

More info and eligibility [sport.nsw.gov.au/holidaybreak](https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/holidaybreak) or 13 13 02

Office of Sport

Find out more

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