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Events Calendar...

This Week...

Mon. 1st May

-Yr. 5/6 Leadership Day in Echuca

Fri. 5th May

-Good Sam Cup in Kerang

Advance Notice...

Mon. 8th May

-School X-Country

Thur. 11th May

-Mother's Day Breakfast from 7:45am

Fri. 12th May

-SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Tues. 16th May

-Mallee Division X-Country, Swan Hill

Wed 24th - Fri 26th May

-Yr. 3/4 Camp

Fri. 2nd June

-Kerang & District Winter Sports

All dates can be found on the St Joseph's App and website.

St Joseph's is a Child Safe school. We promote the Safety, Wellbeing & Inclusion of all students.



Welcome back to school for Term 2, which promises to be a very busy adventure.

ANZAC DAY - April 25th

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Kerang ANZAC Day March. Also a big thankyou to Rhiannon Greenwood for preparing our amazing wreath and Mr Justin Colville for his organisation on the day. It was fantastic to hear that we were so well represented!



GOOD SAM CUP - Friday May 5th

It is St Joseph's turn to play host of the Good Samaritan Cup this year. Unfortunately, it has been a couple of years since we have been able to run the Good Sam Cup so everyone is looking forward to having a great day with our neighbouring Catholic schools; St Mary's, Cohuna and St Patrick's, Pyramid Hill next Friday. The format will be the same as previous Good Sam Cups with the Yr. 4-6 students participating in one of Netball, Football & T-Ball at Riverside Park between 11:30am - 1:30pm and the Yr. F-3 students participating in organised minor games onsite at school. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided on the day!

SCHOOL X-COUNTRY - Monday May 8th

Our school cross country will be held between 11:45 am - 1pm on Monday, May 8th at Riverside Park. The course will be the same as previous years, with the students running varying distances along the levee bank and around the football ovals. Students competing in age groups, 9 years old and up, may qualify for the Mallee Division Cross Country, if their qualifying times are fast enough.

YR 3/4 SCHOOL CAMP - May 24/25/26

Preparations for Yr. 3/4 school camp are well under way for 2023, with the students departing for camp in approximately 4 weeks time. This year we are using a new venue; Camp Sunnystones, which is situated just outside of Bacchus Marsh and about a 2.5 hour bus ride from Kerang. If you are concerned that your child may be a little anxious about this experience, now is a good time to start having some positive conversations about the benefits of going on camp. Checking out what is on offer via the website sunnystones.com.au

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Given the success of our MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST last year, we are going again this year! Keep the morning of **Thursday May 11th** free for this great community event. Also, Stacey is chasing a few **DADS to help in the canteen that morning**, so please let her know if you are available!

Have a great weekend,
Chris

ANZAC Day March



Parish Priest: Fr. Dean Bongat (Fr. Dean)	Email: spatker@bigpond.com
	Presbytery Number: 5452 1041
Sunday Mass Timetable: Cohuna – 8.30am ** Kerang – 10:30am ** (Saturday evening) Pyramid Hill – 6:30pm	
2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MASSES BEING KERANG 9:00am COHUNA 10:30am.	
For all Week Day Mass Times please see the Parish Bulletin issued each Sunday.	
OR Contact: Presbytery - 5452 1041	St Joseph's School - 5452 1426
Reconciliation & Communion at home is available: by arrangement with Father.	

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Footy Tipping

2023 AFL Footy Tipping - Round 6

After a cracking week of football our top tippers are still hunting for top spot on our leaderboard. Karen and Nick Tonkin are also good chances to steal top spot this week if all goes well. Parker Bray, Hayley Higgs and Nats Henry are pushing to claim their spot at the top also. Best of luck to all tippers this week!

Leaderboard.

- 1- Scratcher Lancaster 38
- 2- Karen Tonkin 37
- 3- Nick Tonkin 37
- 4- Parker Bray 37
- 5- Hayley Higgs 36



Uniforms

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE UNIFORM STORE IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

P&F Uniform Store
Uniform Managers -
Jess Bray, Alex Carter & Nicole Henry

Store Open: By Appointment only
Please call one of the following managers to book
Jess: 0427 522 044
Alex: 0409 054 806
Nicole: 0427 522 864

Orders can be left at school office on 5452 1426
By: Sunday each week
(Orders will be sent home on Mondays)

2023 UNIFORM ORDER FORMS
Uniform order forms with 2023 prices are now available on the CDFpay app.

Please note all orders need to be placed on CDF Pay. Please contact the office if you are having any technical issues.

CDF Pay

Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Pay is a new cash-free solution for St. Joseph's parents. The initial roll out of CDF Pay will provide a cash-free online portal to the Uniform Store and Canteen.

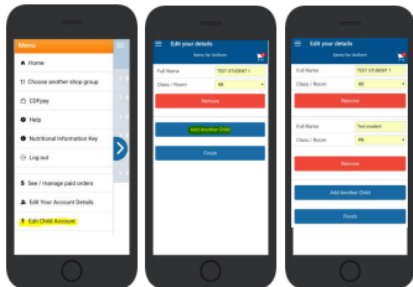


Activate your New Parent Account:
<https://sjkerang.cdfpay.org.au/MonitorOnline/app/#/login>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Adding / Removing Children to your CDFpay Account

- ⇒ Tap the Menu Icon on your device.
- ⇒ Choose **Edit Child Account**.
- ⇒ You can change/remove your current child on this screen.
- ⇒ Or choose **Add Another Child**.
- ⇒ Choose **Finish** once all children are added.



Parent Access Module (PAM)

Could all parents please update their children's personal details and medical information on PAM.

What is PAM??

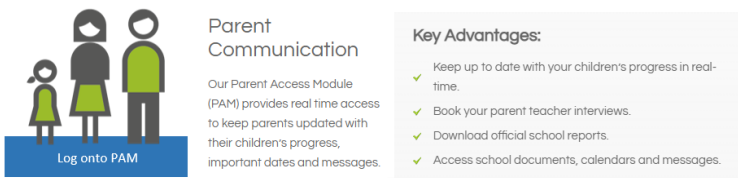
Parent Access Module (also known as PAM) is a personalised and secure 'live' school based website where families can keep up to date with information and activities within the school and track student academic progress on a daily basis.

PAM provides families with information on a range of areas relating to your child/ren's education, including school reports, attendance, Parent Teacher Interviews, daily messages and upcoming calendar events.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to update Emergency Contacts, Medical Profiles and submit Absent Notifications as required.

Hardcopy permission notes will be phased out and replaced with digital permission notes through PAM where one click of the button will have your note completed. Permission notes requiring action will be flagged at the top of PAM for easy access.

Sick Bay attendances will also be logged through PAM with notifications alerting parents/guardians at the end of the day.



Parent Communication

Our Parent Access Module (PAM) provides real time access to keep parents updated with their children's progress, important dates and messages.

Key Advantages:

- Keep up to date with your children's progress in real-time.
- Book your parent teacher interviews.
- Download official school reports.
- Access school documents, calendars and messages.

Log onto PAM

What is Simon Everywhere??

Simon Everywhere is a smartphone app designed to run PAM on your mobile phone streamlining the communication process for our families.

PAM is a website that when opening it directly requires you to open your internet browser and log in each time. PAM website cannot send push notifications to your mobile phone. Simon Everywhere will replace Skoolbag keeping families informed and allowing easy access to PAM.



Please contact Bree in the office if you did not receive these instructions.

Canteen

CANTEEN NEWS:

**Canteen Days:
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**

All canteen orders need to be placed on CDFpay before 9.15am each morning. Just a reminder to double check which date/day you are placing your order and that you complete the order to the green receipt page.

Stacey Turner - Canteen Manager

Term 2 Canteen Volunteer Roster:

Friday	05-May	Alex Carter, Jess Bray, Pam Williamson
Tuesday	09-May	Ned Coates
Thursday	11-May	Jess Rumbold
Friday	19-May	Nic Betson
Tuesday	23-May	Charlisa Stevenson
Friday	26-May	Dani Holdstock
Friday	2-June	Andrea Fowler & Narelle McCurdy
Tuesday	6-June	Clare Tilburn
Friday	9-June	Bianca Finlay-Woodier
Friday	16-June	Kate Spitty
Tuesday	20-June	Lauren Edwards
Friday	23-June	Edith Turvey

Canteen Volunteer:

If you are available and interested in volunteering, please complete the Canteen Volunteer Form and return as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can complete the form on the Skoolbag App under the eForm section.

Volunteers are welcome to come in any time after 10.30am (recess is at 11am) and will be finished before 2pm.

Term 2 Tuesday Specials

2/5 Gourmet Wraps

9/5 Chicken Burgers

16/5 Croissants

23/5 Wedges

30/5 Zucchini Slice

6/6 Hamburgers

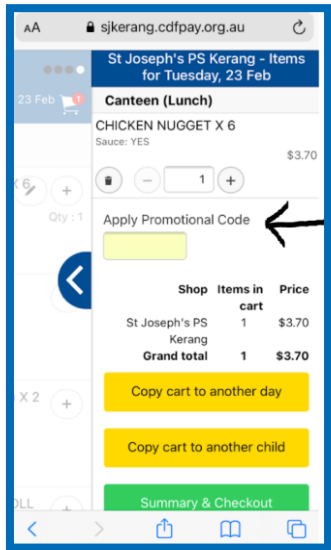
13/6 Hot Jam Donut Day
Orders must be placed 12/6

20/6 Taco Bowls



Working with Children & Volunteer Application Form:

It is school policy that all Volunteers complete the Volunteer Application Form and have a current Working with Children. A copy of these must be filed on site at St. Joseph's, Kerang prior to commencing your valuable and appreciated volunteering. Please see Bree at the office for more information.



PBIS Awards:

When claiming your PBIS award please use code on the PBIS awards in the payment section of CDFpay. See screenshot of the box 'Apply Promotional Code', please enter the code shown on the award and your order should clear to \$0. Please message Stacey or contact the school if there are any issues.

Reminder - this award can only be redeemed on the days canteen is open (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday). Please only choose 1 item from each section. PBIS awards can be put into the class baskets on the morning that the child is redeeming their free lunch.

1/2KS ANZAC Day Work

We have been focussing on ANZAC Day during our Literacy block this week to assist in providing some Australian history to the children. It has been wonderful to receive many questions from the children as they consider what it must have been like for the soldiers and their families during these challenging times, and for us to realise just how lucky we are.

Here are some reflections from some of the children, following the ANZAC Day parade or the listening to the book ANZAC Biscuits:



On Tuesday the schools marched down the street to the Lest We Forget. When we got to our spots they started to put wreaths on the table. After that we listened to the bugle play The Last Post.

By Sunny



Yesterday I went to the parade for ANZAC Day. We marched from the clock tower to the cenotaph. When we got to the cenotaph, Mr Manuel the pilot was flying his plane over the cenotaph.

By Stella

This morning we read a book about ANZAC biscuits. It was about a girl called Rachel and her Mum, and they made ANZAC biscuits for her dad at war.

By George



Yesterday it was ANZAC Day. I went to the ANZAC Day march. I marched to the end. My mum and dad were proud of me. We laid the wreaths on the metal bench.

By Malea

Yesterday was ANZAC Day. Today we made ANZAC biscuits with sugar, flour, oats, coconut and some butter. They were delicious.

By Bayden



Scholastic Bookclub Orders



Book Club Orders are due **9th May**. If you would like to place your order online, please follow the link below.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

FNB ANZAC Biscuits

This week the Foundation children have been learning all about ANZAC Day. We made some ANZAC biscuits on Wednesday and all the children helped out in some way. They were very excited and pleased when they were able to try one and all thought they were yummy!!



Financial Assistance

CSEF

Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent may be eligible for Camps, Sport & Excursions Funding (CSEF). CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps & sporting activities. Forms are available at the school office and will need to be returned with a copy of your current concession card before the end of May.

For more information, please see website: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Opening the Doors Foundation Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in Victoria with educational funding such as school uniforms, books, school camps and other school associated costs. Applications for 2023 grant are now open.

Families eligible for Opening the Doors need to complete the online application:

<https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/apply-now>

For more information, please see website:

<https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/>



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice

Community Events & Information - See School App for full details....

Events listed and advertised on the school app:

1. NDCH - Weekly Newsletter
2. The Little Blue Book Shop - Book Club
3. Kids Club (Prep-Grade 6) at Powerhouse
4. Kerang Women's Football Program 2023
5. NDCH - Get active kids vouchers

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS from us at St. Joseph's on becoming an AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN!

