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Friday 14th November 2025

Events Calendar...

Next Week ...

Wednesday 19th November

- SAC Meeting @ 5:30pm

Thursday 20th November

Rotary Leadership Dinner

Grade 6 - 6pm

Advance Notice ...

Monday 24th November

- Grandparents Day

Friday 28th November

- Transition Day #2 - 2026

Foundation Students

Monday 1st - 4th December

- Year 5/6 Camp Wilkin

Tuesday 9th December

- Step Up Day

- Transition Day #3 - 2026

Foundation Students

Tuesday 16th December

- End Of Year Mass & Last Day of

Term 4 (students)

Please note dates may change for various reasons.

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.

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Dear Families,

As we head into the second half of Term Four, our students are showing great perseverance as they navigate a busy and exciting time of year. With weekends filling up, the weather warming, and plenty of end-of-year activities on the horizon, it's understandable that energy levels can dip. This makes it all the more important that we continue to show kindness, respect, and care for one another. Our expectations remain high because they help create a safe, happy, and supportive environment for everyone. Our dedicated staff continue to uphold consistent routines, which provide the stability students need to thrive. By working together, we can ensure a calm, positive, and successful finish to the school year.

PBiS - Respect for SELF, OTHERS & the ENVIRONMENT

I'm incredibly proud of our students for accomplishing their goal of 1500 tickets. PBiS tickets are awarded to students who show respect for themselves, others, or the environment. As a reward for their impressive achievement, students received a small treat today.

We also run a House competition each term to see which House can earn the most PBiS tickets. In Term 3, **NOLAN** was our winning House and celebrated with extra playtime yesterday. I'm looking forward to seeing if we can reach our next goal before the end of the term.

Term 4 GOAL			
GOAL: 1500 tickets			
GOAL: 2700			
Current School Total:		Points earned	Term total to date
1824		Burgoyne	200 900
		Fitzroy	300 700
		Nolan	100 800

GRANDPARENTS DAY - MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER



Our **Grandparents' Day** is getting closer and we're all looking forward to having our grandparents/special people visit us. The students have been working very hard on something special to share with everyone.

Schedule for the day:

- **9:30am** - Classroom visits
- **10:30am** - Whole school assembly (student performances)
- **11:00am** - Shared morning tea

We kindly ask families to bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.

SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES

Yesterday you should have received a copy of the 2026 School Fee & Levies document. Again we have worked hard to keep any cost increases to a minimum. We have a variety of payment options. If ever you have any concerns in regards to fees, please be sure to get in touch.

Have a great weekend,
Justin

School Advisory Meeting
Wednesday 19th November
5:30pm - all welcome.

Parish Priest: Fr. Aran Kumar Korlakanti

Email: stpatker@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.

PBiS Award – Monday 10th November '25 *Respect of Self, Others and Environment*

- F-HJ Caroline O Respect for...**
 Self by showing great focus during familiar reading time.
- F-BE Evie K Respect for...**
 Others for being such a great friend by helping when she sees that the need is there.
- 1-DK Sammi H Respect for...**
 Self by always putting her hand up to share her ideas during class discussions.
- 2-AM Ruby M Respect for...**
 Others by showing kindness and consideration towards those around her.
- 34-JB Oliver C Respect for...**
 Self and others for being so organised and considerate at camp.
Elise H Respect for...
 Others by looking out for others and always willing to help at camp.
- 45-CO Haddie C Respect for...**
 Self by participating in all camp activities, even when feeling unsure.
Joey H Respect for...
 Self by approaching camp experiences with enthusiasm and a willingness to try new things.
Ruby W Respect for...
 Self by demonstrating persistence and determination by continuing to join in and give her best effort even while managing the challenge of a broken wrist.
- 56-KS Isaac K Respect for...**
 Self for showing greater confidence and self-belief in all he does.



Academic Award – Monday 10th November '25

- F-HJ Ollie T...**
 For fantastic fluency when reading!
- F-BE Adeline R...**
 Consistently writing great sentences about her weekend sounding out to make new words.
- 1-DK Gus F...**
 For trying really hard to sound out his words and successfully hear the sounds in his last Stop and Spell test.
- 2-AM Finlay W...**
 For making connections with his learning of fractions to real life situations.
No award due to camp.
- 34-JB**
- 45-CO Judson T...**
 For working hard to complete his Coorong Information Report.
- 56-KS Lachlan S...**
 For the well structured and factual persuasive letter he created, demanding urgent assistance for the protection of polar bears.



Congratulations

AROUND THE SCHOOL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

...to students who celebrate their birthday on the following days...

NOVEMBER

17th – Finlay

18th – Jye

19th – Taya

PBiS

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Congratulations to this week's PBiS winners!

School Newsletter

Please contact Bree in reception if you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter each week.

Bus Families



Parents must notify the school of all changes to school bus arrangements either by phone 54521 426

or email admin@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au

Lost Property

There are a number of unclaimed jumpers, snack/lunch containers & drinker bottles waiting for someone to claim. These items are all in the lost property box for collection.



Canteen

Canteen Days:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

All canteen orders need to be placed on *CDFpay* by *Flexischools* before 9am each morning. Just a reminder to double check which date/day you are placing your order.

Stacey Turner - Canteen Manager

Term 4 – Canteen Roster

Friday 21st November

Friday 28th November

Friday 5th December

Friday 12th December

Nic Henry

Kate Adams

Kate Spitty

Term 4 Canteen Specials

Term 4 Specials 2025

Tuesday 11th November
Wedges

GF Alternative Available



Tuesday 25th November
Sushi Rolls

GF Alternative Available



Tuesday 18th November
Taco Bowls
GF Alternate Available



Tuesday 16th December
Ice Cream Cones
GF Alternate Available



Gluten Free Alternatives Available where possible

Billabong Ranch Camp

Grade 3/4 JB were asked to describe camp in one word and here are some of the responses ...

Amazing, Exciting, Enjoyable, Loved It, Delicious Food, Fun, Happy, Fantastic, Awesome, MARVELLOUS, Busy, Wow, Cool, Stay forever, SUPER.

Grade 1 / 2 Excursion

On Friday grade one and two had an excursion to Lake Boga and Swan Hill.

I enjoyed the bunker because I got to do the morse code and telephone. We also got to look in the kitchen with the beds and also we got to go into the secret bunker first.

I also enjoyed the Lake Boga playground because I got to go on the spinning thing. It was also funny because I went to have a drink and I accidentally was about to use the dog bowl!

I learnt about the Catalina and the bunker. I also learnt about the community garden. - By **Grace**



On Friday grade 1/2 went on an excursion to Lake Boga and Swan Hill.

I enjoyed learning about WW2. A man called George Urquhart "Scotty" Allen landed the first catalina ever on Lake Boga!! He is now painted on the silos at Lake Boga. We were in war against Japan. They were our sworn enemies.

- By **Parker**

On Friday grade 1 and 2 had an excursion to Lake Boga and Swan Hill. I enjoyed dressing up in the war people clothes because they were worn a long time ago in the 1940's.

I also enjoyed dressing up because my Great Great Grandad went to war in WW2 and he could have worn a uniform like them.

I also enjoyed it because it felt like I was a soldier and they smelt a little funky because they haven't been washed in 80 years.

Then we went to the Community Garden and we saw lots of objects with plants growing through them.

Then we went to the part and had nuggets and chips for lunch. We had a play. I played on the flying fox because it went fast like a cheetah and I loved the wind in my hair.

I also played on the slide because on the way up it's like an obstacle course.

I also played with the sand because it did rotate and it was cool seeing it rotate. My job was to collect the and give it to Zara and she would rotate the sand.

On the way back me and Grace read to each other then we played tic tac toe, then we got tired so we slept the rest of the way home. When we got back to school we had a Zooper Dooper. When I got home I had a big, big sleep in. By **Lilly**



School Fees

All families will have recently received a fee statement. As the school year draws to a close, we ask that families please finalise their school fees before the end of term. Families on direct debits or payment plans will continue as scheduled/agreed. Any families who are experiencing financial hardship are asked to please contact the school to arrange a meeting with Justin.

If any families who would like to organise their 2026 school fees to be paid as direct debits, please contact Bree for more information.

Families who already direct debit, a letter was sent home with the eldest in the family today with next year's scheduled payments. Please return by the 28th November 2025.

2026: 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.

The 2025 one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus is not happening in 2026; that was a 2025 initiative.

However, the Victorian government is increasing the funding for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to \$400 per eligible primary and secondary school student, effective from January 1, 2026. Forms are available at the school office and will need to be returned at the start of next year with a copy of your current concession card.



For more information, please see website:

[Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



School Fees Concession Program

Families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) are eligible for a significant reduction in School fees

for the upcoming year, including all fees and levies.

To Apply:

- Provide a copy of your HCC to the school office.
- Complete a Camps, Sports & Excursions (CSEF) form.
- Set up a direct debit arrangement at the school.
- Complete School Fees Concession Program form. Please see reception for a copy of this form.

Opening The Doors Foundation



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Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice

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 2026 grant are now open.

Key Dates:

- Applications Open - 10th November 2025
- Applications Close - 2nd of April 2026 (strict deadline)
- ALL Vouchers expire on - 31st of May 2026

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/>



WARNING

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are warned that this website may contain images of deceased persons.

Scholastic BookClub



Scholastic BookClub was sent home earlier this week. Orders are due by Monday 1st December.

Introducing

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Clubs
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON

Download on the

Community Events & Information – See School Facebook page for full details.



Grandparents Day



Join Us to Celebrate Grandparents' Day

Classroom visits, student performances and Morning Tea supplied.

24
Nov

**St Joseph's
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**9:30am -
11:30am**



New Social Media Age Restrictions

Social media age restrictions

What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.

How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

Social media platforms

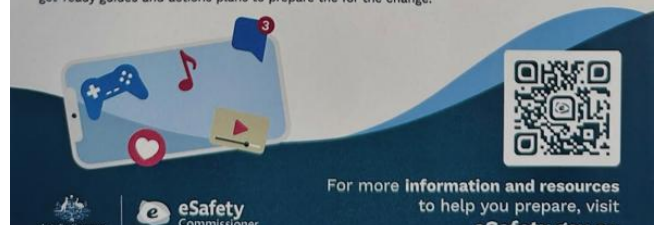
The age restrictions are likely to apply to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X and YouTube, as well as other platforms. [See the latest list.](#)

Most standalone gaming and messaging apps, as well as many services that support health and education, will not be affected by the new law.

Information and resources

Visit eSafety's social media age restrictions hub to find out what's happening and how to prepare.

The hub includes practical guidance for parents and carers and young people, including get-ready guides and actions plans to prepare for the change.



For more information and resources to help you prepare, visit [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)