Coming Events

Friday, 16th May – 19th May
- Cara Camp Year 11 at North Shields

Monday, 19th May – 23rd May
- Catholic Education Week

Tuesday, 20th May
- Ready4School 1.45pm - 3.00pm in the GP Room
- Bushfire Planning Sessions in the School Board Room 9.00am - 8.00pm

Wednesday, 21st May
- Simultaneous Storytime at 1.00pm in the Resource Centre

Thursday, 22nd May
- Secondary Liturgy 9.00am in the Church
- Primary Liturgy 10.30am in the Church
- Biggest Morning Tea at 11.10am at Recess

Friday, 23rd May
- Principal’s Tour 9.30am
- Walk Safely To School Day
- Year 3 - 6 Assembly at 2.30

Saturday, 24th May
- St Mary of the Angels Youth Mass 6.00pm in the Church

Wednesday, 28th May
- Ready4School 9.00am - 10.30pm

Sunday, 1st June
- First Communion 9.00am in the Church

St Joseph’s School - Port Lincoln
will be launching their
Facebook Page and updated School Website
Check next week’s Newsletter for details.

Important: A Facebook account is not necessary to view our Facebook page.

St Joseph’s School Principal’s Tour
Friday, 23rd May at 9.30am

Please tell your friends and families to register for
a tour of our School by phoning 86823655 if interested

Catholic Education Week
Today the youngest student in the family will bring home a letter regarding activities which will be taking place during Catholic Education Week. Please take the time to read this letter.
Come along to ‘Little Saints Playgroup’
Every Wednesday at 9.30am - 11.00am in the Church Hall. Please contact Amanda at the School on 86823655 for more information.

Please Keep Your Stamps
Just a reminder that Miss Agars from the Resource Centre collects used postage stamps and sends them to the Josephite nuns in Peru. You do not need to remove the stamps from the envelopes, as they have helpers to do that. All stamps will be valuable to them, especially as they are becoming rarer in this digital age. Just drop them into the Front Office or children can put them in their office boxes so they can be forwarded to Miss Agars.

Sherpa Kids - Vacation Care
Sherpa kids are excited to be looking at expanding their service to include Vacation Care. They are asking families to complete the ‘Expression of Interest’ form which was handed out to all F – Year 7 students today, to gauge interest.

Please return your form to the School Front Office by Friday, 23rd May to enable us to start the process as soon as possible.
Any questions, please contact Megan on 0419524563.

St Mary of the Angels Youth Mass
Saturday, 24th May at 6.00pm. Any children interested in singing with Kym Rowe at the Mass or want to be a part of it in any way, can call Anna 0427609698. Youth Mass will be followed by a Bushie and BBQ behind the church. Come and toast marshmallows and make damper. For more information please contact Anna on 0427609698. All welcome to attend.

Youth Exchange Program
The Rotary Club of Port Lincoln is urgently seeking host families for the Youth Exchange Program. If you are interested in opening your home and family to international exchange students for a period of approximately three months, student exchange hosting may be for you. Further details can be obtained by contacting Adrian Glover on 0427474086 or Craig Faulkhead on 0417 848618.

Year 4 Pre-loved Book Sale
The Year 4 Pre-Loved Book Sale will be held on Wednesday, 21st May. Books will range in price from $1.00 - $3.00 and will take place outside the GP Room.

Walk Safely to School Day
Next Friday, 23rd May, is Walk Safely to School Day. The Foundation to Year 7 SRC are promoting this throughout the Primary school and we are hoping there will be many families choosing to walk all the way or part of the way to school on this day.

Waste-Free Wednesday
The Foundation – Year 7 SRC are concerned about the amount of rubbish there is around the school, so they are introducing ‘Waste-Free Wednesday’, beginning next week. Each Wednesday we are asking the children to have ‘nude food’ at school. Meaning the children bring their recess and lunch in small containers, free of packaging. The classes will be asked to keep any rubbish on these days and tally it up. The rubbish will be returned home. At the end of the term, we will see which class has used the least amount of packaging. We ask for your help to encourage your child to bring nude food to school.

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**Wednesday & Friday Specials**
- Individual Ham & Corn Quiche with salad $6.00
- Soup: Pea & Ham $2.50 per cup
- Soup Roll 50c

Please note the following drinks are **NO LONGER AVAILABLE** at the School Canteen: **Quench, Orchy, Nippy’s Oak, Berri, Kynteon, Just Juice and Daily OJ drinks**
A Message from the Bishop ...

Writing about our teachers once I described their vocation as “the Finest of Callings”. Good teachers do not want their pupils to leave them as half empty personalities, but rather as young people brimming with life in all its dimensions, physical and spiritual. Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”. And Jesus described Himself as a teacher.

Teachers in Catholic schools are concerned not only with the life of the mind and the care of the body, but the growth of the inner spirituality of each of their children. That is why the Church in general and our diocese in particular commits itself so significantly to the education of the young. Teachers do not work alone – they have the support of all those who help the school function, from the reception staff through to all other school activities. To all the men and women conducting our Catholic schools, we give thanks, and invite our parents and students to pay them due honour.

+ Gregory O’Kelly SJ
Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie

A Message from the Director of Catholic Education ...

Re-imagining Childhood: A Foundation for Faith and Life

Throughout the diocese of Port Pirie we are privileged to celebrate Catholic education each and every day. I see countless examples of students, teachers, support staff, volunteers, parents and parishioners putting their faith into action, living our Catholic values and celebrating who we are as a Catholic community. Catholic Education Week is a time to pause and ‘give thanks’ for the efforts of so many who enrich our schools in and across the Diocese of Port Pirie.

During Catholic Education Week our schools are invited to celebrate and share how they are ‘Making a Difference’...inspired by Jesus in the lives of their students and within their broader communities. I am grateful for the part you play in helping us fulfil our mission of transforming the world through witness, faith, innovation and action and I look forward to hearing about the special events that have been planned and celebrated in your school community.

As Catholic schools, we recognise and proclaim that we are dependent on God and God’s gifts to all. At the same time, precisely because we are given those gifts, we are challenged to use them to develop each and every one to their full humanity and to contribute to the task of building God’s Kingdom on Earth. Thus, while each of our schools across the diocese has its own identity, we all share the same overarching goal of the promotion of the human person. The student is the centre of all our endeavours in the school, recognising that it is in the person of Christ that the fullness of truth concerning humanity can be found.

Catholic Education Week especially celebrates the efforts students make with their own studies; the assistance they give to those in need; the simple joy they bring to one another and to the life of the school, and the generosity and energy they bring to fundraising for charitable causes and supporting those less fortunate.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to share with gratitude what happens in our Catholic Schools with the wider community. I encourage staff, parents and friends to take a few moments to visit our Catholic Education – Diocese of Port Pirie website (this website will go ‘live’ in the week beginning the 19th of May) and learn more about our schools; our students, staff and educational communities: www.ptpirie.cesa.catholic.edu.au

I wish everyone a happy and inspiring Catholic Education Week 2014.

Warm regards

Brenda Keenan
Director of Catholic Education
Diocese of Port Pirie