



From the Principal

Dear families,

This week we welcome two new families to St Joseph's.

George (1VH) & Eliana (KM) Tuiniua and their parents Sione and Makereta and also Elsie (4M) & Chloe (KF) Kore and their parents Talent and Belinda. Please make them feel welcome if the opportunity arises.

Holy Week Liturgy

On Holy Thursday, our school community gathered for the annual St Joseph's sacred Easter liturgy. Each class presented an element of Holy Week, beginning with Kinder showcasing Jesus' arrival into Nazareth. Each and every student played their part with such grace and reverence, reflecting their deep understanding of this most important week in our church year. I could not be more proud. Many thanks to our wider community for the many comments affirming the liturgy, in particular the students' reverence.

Sunrice Festival

What a wonderful weekend! Leeton really comes into its own in autumn. The weather was perfect! On Saturday, our school took part in the 2024 Irrigator Street Parade. Our float was organised and created by the planning team of Jane Vallance, Chloe Buchanan, Kelly Taylor, Toni Bailey and Kay Strachan. The team began their preparations many weeks ago and with the support of the St Joseph's staff they organised a truly brilliant St Joseph's float. We are so grateful to them. We would especially like to thank Mark Tabain and Maria Mandaglio, Jon Tabain and Kristy Marks from Tabain's Transport. Their support of our float was simply outstanding and we cannot thank them enough. (The prime mover was absolutely sparkling!) We would also like to thank Brett and Christine Woods for allowing us to use their trailer and Heath Johnson for driving for us on the day. And last but not least I would like to thank the staff and students who came along to be part of the float. We had a blast!

On the evening of Easter Sunday, our 2024 fundraising committee organised the Hot Dog/ Butter Chicken stall at the MicrotechDPS Balloon Glow. It was a smash hit. We are very grateful to the many members of our school community who came along to lend a hand. The teamwork and camaraderie between our parents was a highlight. Despite the heat, there was much laughter and fun as we took part in this very special community event. Particular thanks to our 2024 Fundraising Coordinator Melissa Mercuri and everyone who lent a helping hand in any way. (Please see Melissa's post of thanks in today's newsletter.)



*Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will have eternal life."
John 11:25-26*

SJLE Calendar

2024, Term 1

Week 11

- 9th April DIO Cross Country
- 11th April Leeton Legends Day - Mortimer Shield & Trent Barrett.
- 12th April Last day of Term 1.

2024, Term 2

Week 1

- 29th April School resumes for all staff and students.

Last week we were delighted to witness the 2024 Easter Hat Parade. So many amazing creative and clever Easter hat designs. We certainly have creative and clever parents and students! The Easter raffle was drawn at the Easter Hat Parade and the following members of our community were the lucky recipients of the prizes.

1st - Jayden Roycroft

2nd - Pippa Sullivan

3rd - Soundarya

4th - Sony

5th - Bliss Harrison

6th - Pippa Sullivan

7th - Ruby Stevenson

8th - Michaela Fiumara

9th - Ayla Tripodi

10th - C. Mandaglio

11th - Lance Looby

12th - Wade Taylor

Many thanks to our generous Year Two families for providing the Easter eggs for the raffle prizes.

Borambola Excursion

On Tuesday April 30, our Year Four students will spend some outward bound time at the Borambola Sport and Recreation centre near Wagga. A reminder to parents/carers, in order to set your child up for success, please ensure that your child has spent at least one night away from mum and day, before the Borambola excursion.

Mothers' Day

Next term, on Thursday May 9, we will hold a Mothers' Day shared lunch at 1pm. All members of the family are invited to join us. Our 2024 Fundraising Committee will hold a Mothers' Day stall on this day, so dads make sure to send in some funds with your child/ren as all classes will be given an opportunity to visit the stall, to snare a special treat for mum. There will also be a Mothers' Day Mass on Friday May 10. Everyone is invited.

Mrs Simms' Leave

I will be on leave until the end of Week One next term. In my absence, St Joseph's will be in the capable hands of Ms Belford as Acting Principal.

Winter Uniform

At the commencement of Term 2 students may wear either summer or winter uniform, as the weather dictates. We ask that students wear full summer uniform OR full winter uniform, not a mixture of both, eg NOT long pants from the winter uniform with a short sleeved shirt from the summer uniform.

Dates for Your Diary

School resumes for staff and students on Monday April 29.

There will be two staff development days next term, Friday June 7 and Friday July 5.

MaryJane Simms

Principal

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Joseph's Parish Leeton:

Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm

Sunday - 10.00am

Sacrament of Penance

Friday - 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Saturday - 4.20pm - 4.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday - 4.30pm

St Patrick's Parish Yanco:

Sunday - 8.00am



Congratulations to Lance Johnson and Leah Hatch on the safe arrival of their baby boy Beau Hatchy Johnson who was born on Monday, March 25. Beau is a little brother for Jack in KF.



THANK you



The Year 2 Fundraising Committee would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped out at the Balloon Glow. You were all amazing and your hard work is so appreciated. You helped to make everything run so smoothly and nothing was too difficult for anyone to do, with nearly everyone staying the entire time, which was just beyond expectation.

Thank you to everyone that came by and bought a Hot Dog, Butter Chicken, or Drink, your support in our fundraising is much appreciated. Another thank you goes to those families that made donations for the evening, whether it was money, drinks, food etc, you guys are awesome and we are so lucky to have such amazing families in the St. Joseph's community. Again a very grateful thank you. These things don't go ahead without all your hard work and support so let's keep it up leading into our next event, the Leeton Pro-Am!!!

Sporting News | Term 1 Week 10

Mortimer Shield/Trent Barrett

The Rugby League/League Tag Gala Day will take place next Thursday at the No.1 Ovals. If you haven't already, please respond to the Compass event to indicate if your child will be attending.

Cross Country

Last Wednesday we held our annual Cross Country Carnival. Many thanks to all our wonderful community members who came along to encourage and cheer on all of our students.

Results from the day:

	First	Second	Third
K Boys	Hunter S	Judd F	Thato M
K Girls	Lacey M	Bianca D	Layla D
Yr 1 Boys	Jameson G	AJ S	Theo C
Yr 1 Girls	Bernice M	Remy P	Sadie S
Yr2 Boys	Christian I	Brady W	Henry T
Yr2 Girls	Hadassah S	Emily W	Indi M
8/9 Yr Boys	Luca C	Blake M	Alfie T
8/9 Yr Girls	Indiana B	Valentina A	Lucy S
10 Yr Boys	Hudson L	Wade T	Jake D
10 Yr Girls	Bella B	Chloe T	Evie R
11 Yr Boys	Noah C	Kane F	Julius W
11 Yr Girls	Willow F	Imogen J	Aria G
12 Yr Boys	James R	James A	Ahaan C
12 Yr Girls	Olivia O	Makayla S	Rose L

Rugby Union Gala Day

Congratulations to our Mixed Rugby Union team who had a wonderful day at the Brumbies Gala Day on Tuesday in Griffith. The students had a fantastic time learning a new game, and demonstrated persistence, teamwork and cooperation. Many thanks to Ginger for training and coaching the kids.



Swimming

On Wednesday, Bronte and Will went to Sydney to compete in the Mackillop Championships. Bronte came 10th overall in 50m Freestyle with a PB. Will came 12th place in 50m Butterfly and 13th place in the 200IM both with a PB. Amazing results at such a high level. Congratulations Bronte and Will.



Kate Cooper
Coordinator

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Term 1, Week 10

Project Compassion

Last week was our final week of our 5 CENT Friday fundraiser with students being so generous with their donations. The leaderboard is as follows:

Overall, in the 6 weeks:

In 4th Place was Green House raising \$290.00

In 3rd Place was Red House raising \$319.85

In 2nd Place was Blue House raising \$414.95

In 1st Place was Gold House raising \$455.15

Our overall total raised during 5 Cent Fridays was \$1479.95 which is absolutely amazing and \$100 more than last year.

Holy Week Liturgy

Last Thursday, our students reenacted the story of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. Each Year group had a part of this story to tell which was presented with singing, acting or dancing. This year was slightly different to previous years as some acts and music were changed, we also orientated our performance in a different manner. Every year it is such a moving performance and the students and teachers work so hard to ensure they represent the Easter story perfectly. We had an amazing turn out with families and friends coming to watch. The students acted with reverence, grace and courtesy and should be very proud at how they represented the story of Jesus' life. It was also great to have so many families come and watch their children, we appreciate your presence and know the students were very proud to show you their work.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 1st June

Holy Communion Mass 5pm

We hope that you are all able to have a restful break. What a great term we have had, bring on Term 2!

Mrs Vijaya Nicholas & Mrs Stephanie Ronfeldt

Acting Religious Education Coordinators



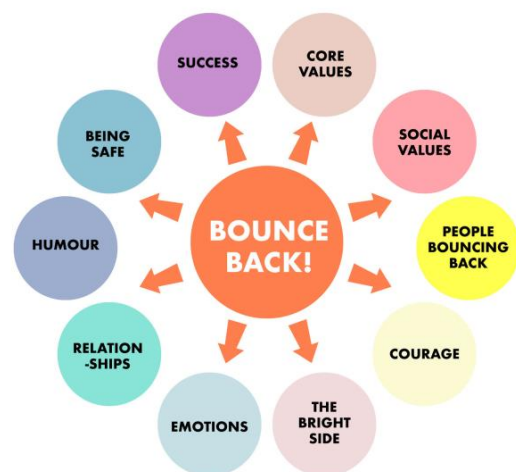
BounceBack! AWARDS

Week 8 | Term 1

Hunter S
Christian I
Zaid S
Javier P
Zeke S
Alessa I
Christopher M
Lance L
Finn H
Ava S
Eliel M
Layla V
Willow F
Jaskaran S

BounceBack is an evidence-informed program built on Positive Psychology, Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and Social Emotional learning principles.

St Joseph's teaches the BounceBack program from K-6 to improve student wellbeing and help students to deal with the complexities of their everyday lives. It teaches them how to BounceBack when they experience sadness, difficulties and challenging times.



ST JOSEPH'S MERIT AWARDS TERM 1, WEEK 8 2024

Kunashe S	KF
Nehemiah O	KF
Thato M	KF
Huntar T	KM
Louis P	KM
Manreet K	KM

Abbie P	1B
Sara-Rose M	1B
Jameson G	1B
Stella N	1VH
Akain V	1VH
Adriaan S	1VH
Charlee-Rae D	2FG
Dylan H	2H
Alina G	2H
Benedict D	2H
Kye D	2H
Neve W	2N
Emily W	2N
Amber B	3L
Mienke d P	3L
Nimrit K	3R
Evie C	3R
Mia M	3R
Laura H	4C
Hudson L	4C
Lovepreet L	4C
David W	4C
Hugh D	4C
George C	4M
Jake D	4M
Sophie Q	4M
Yzabella S	4M
Katinka V	5G
William T	5G
Olivia C	5P
Juliette D	5P
Xuzhe L	5P
Tannar T	6R
Olivia O	6R
Daniel K	6R
Harvey B	6R

2N : TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS!

Sowing the seeds, of learning and growing harmoniously together.

Maths Gallery Walks



Passion Art



Easter Hat Parade



Celebrating with our families



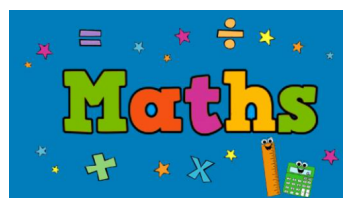


Maths Talk - Problem Solving

Mathematics Syllabus:

WORKING MATHEMATICALLY develops **understanding and fluency** in mathematics through exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying mathematical techniques to **solve problems**, and **communicating** their thinking and **reasoning** coherently and clearly.

Students learn to work mathematically by using these processes in an interconnected way.



Problem solving with open ended questions - Having more than one correct answer

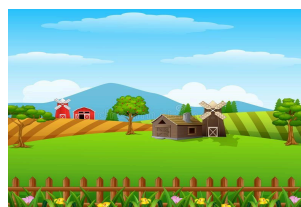
Questions which encourage students to do more than recall known facts have the potential to stimulate higher levels of thinking.

Try these Stage 1 and 2 problems!



My friend made a train using blocks. My train is double her train. What could our trains look like?

The perimeter of Farmer Joe's rectangular paddock is 42m. What could the dimensions be? What is the length of each side? What is the area? Find 3 solutions.



LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANZAC DAY MARCH
& CEREMONY.

WE WILL ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE COURT
HOUSE AT 9.45AM WEARING FULL SUMMER
UNIFORM INCLUDING HATS.



TRY SFC FOR A DAY

Friday 17 May
2024

WHAT IS ON OFFER

Students will experience what it is like to be a St Francis student for a day.

Current Year 6 and prospective Years 7-11 students are invited to attend.

Please arrive at 9:15am for a 9:30am start.

The day will conclude at 2:30pm. Sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

Students may arrive and depart on buses to and from the College.

If parents/guardians are dropping off/picking up students this must occur at the front or back gates.

If you wish for your child to attend, please **RSVP by FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024** to the College Office by phone or email including any dietary requirements.

Things to Do:

- Wear your current school's sports uniform
- Bring a water bottle and recess

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TERM 2 SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 April	29 Term 2 commences for all students.	30 Year 4 Borambola excursion	1 Year 4 Borambola excursion	2 DIO soccer trials - Wagga	3 Junior Joey's 10am	4/5
2 May	6	7	8 Paul Kelly Cup	9 Mother's Day Stall & Shared Lunch at 1pm	10 Mother's Day Mass Junior Joey's 10am	11/12
3	13	14 Netball Schools Cup Griffith	15	16	17 Try SFC Day Junior Joey's 10am	18/19
4	20	21	22	23 DIO Rugby Trials - Wagga	24 SJLE Athletics Carnival	25/26
5	27	28	29	30	31 Junior Joey's 10am	1/2 First Holy Communion Year 4
6	3	4	5	6 Multicultural Day	7 Staff Development Day - no school for students.	8/9
7 June	10 King's birthday (long weekend)	11	12	13	14 Junior Joey's 10am	15/16
8	17	18	19	20	21 MIA Athletics Carnival - Griffith Junior Joey's 10am	22/23
9	24	25	26	27	28 Junior Joey's 10am	29/30
10 July	1	2	3	4 Last day of Term 2	5 Staff Development Day - no school for students.	6/7

Note - Information/dates for the Term calendar will be added each week as it is provided to us. Please check regularly for new updates.

PD = Professional Development



Resilience enables children to navigate challenges, bounce back from setbacks, and develop a positive mindset.

Building Resilience

Resilience enables children to navigate challenges, bounce back from setbacks, and develop a positive mindset. Building resilience in children is essential for their future successes, sense of self and overall wellbeing.

Two key components in building resilience:

- Through experience
- Positive relationships

Children learn and develop their resilience through experience, this does sometimes mean they need to fail, struggle and be challenged to adapt, problem-solve, and find new opportunities. Additionally, when this occurs, they will rely on the relationship of their care givers around them to coach them through this. When a child feels supported, loved, valued, safe and secure they have the confidence to explore the world regardless of the outcome.

How can we support Resilience?

- **Teach and model problem solving skills; a classmate said something unkind towards your child.**
 - Brainstorm things you child can control and how your child may respond next time, not focusing on the negative behaviour.
 - Demonstrate problem-solving and resilience to your own challenges.
- **Create a Safe and Supportive Environment:**
 - Establish routines and consistency.
 - Ensure that children feel secure and have a trusted adult to turn to for support.
 - Use humour, encourage laughter and light-hearted perspectives on challenges, normalise challenges.
- **Support your child through big feelings without solving the problem each time.**
 - Validate feelings and encourage expression in healthy ways.
 - Offer perspective.
 - Avoid rushing in to fix the problem immediately.

Fixed vs Growth Mindset

Growth Mindset means believing that your own abilities and skills can be improved through effort, learning and persistence.

The opposite is a fixed mindset, which is a belief that no effort will be enough to overcome the challenge.

Fixed

I'm not good at this.

This is too hard.

I don't want to make a mistake.

I give up.

Growth

I haven't learnt this, yet.

This may take extra work.

Mistakes help me to learn.

I will try another way.



WARATAH for Kids

Family Information

The WARATAH for Kids program is a free pilot project with a focus on children aged 0-7 years, who have a developmental delay or behaviour concern.

Through this program, we coordinate a multidisciplinary clinic (MDT) with a Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist – with other services sometimes available on a case-by-case basis.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the program, your child must:

- Be aged between 0-7 years old
- Have at least one developmental delay or behaviour concern as diagnosed by GP or a screening tool such as an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), or Learn The Signs Act Early (Blue Book)
- Not previously have seen a Speech Pathologist or Occupational Therapist for an assessment in the last 12 months

Note: Vulnerable children and families will be prioritised. If you have concerns about your child's development, chat to your GP.

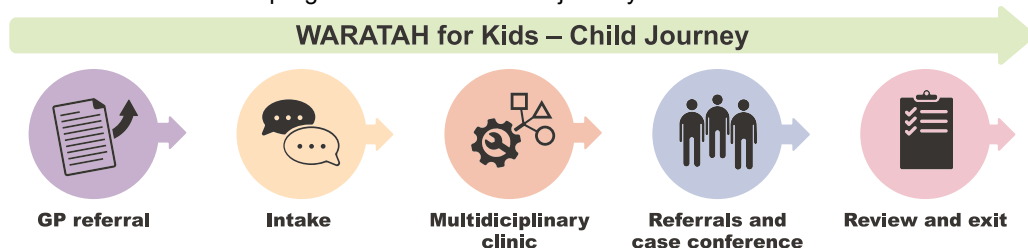
What regions does it cover?

Under the pilot project, only participating GP clinics can refer children into the program. These include:

- Deniliquin Clinic
- Hay Medical Centre
- Hay Aboriginal Medical Service
- Gundagai Medical Centre
- Koorngal Medical Centre
- Leeton Family Clinic
- Shiloh Medical Practice

What will happen once I am referred into the program?

The WARATAH for Kids program follows the below journey:



1. Once we have received the referral via your GP, we will call you to acknowledge the referral.
2. We will conduct an 'intake' with you to gather more information about your child, then an appointment is made.
3. The clinician (Occupational Therapist, Speech Pathologist or both) will conduct a screen with your child. They will provide you with some strategies to try at home and other recommendations.
4. A report will be sent back to your referring GP and include recommendations including the most appropriate care pathway.
5. We will also send you a copy of the report.

If you have any questions about WARATAH for Kids or your referral process:

 waratahforkids@marathonhealth.com.au

 0428 350 266

This project is supported by funding from the Murrumbidgee PHN through the Australian Government's PHN program.



APRIL

**LEETON YOUTH WEEK
2024
AGE 12-24 YEARS
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE**



2024

M	T	W	T	F	S
15 WRITING SEMINAR WITH SARAH 1:00-4:30PM	16 YOGA WITH LEIGH 1:00-1:45PM BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT WITH MADDY 2:00-3:00PM	17 WRITING SEMINAR WITH SARAH 1:00-4:30PM	18 ZUMBA WITH AMY 11:00-11:45AM PAINT & PIZZA WITH DEBBIE 12:00-3:00PM	19 WRITING SEMINAR WITH SARAH 1:00-4:30PM	20 POP CULTURE QUIZ NIGHT WITH JEMMA & JACKIE 6-8:30PM



LIBRARY
6953 0945



LEETON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
6953 0993



LEETON INDOOR STADIUM
6953 0985



LEETON TENNIS CLUBROOM
6953 0985



1X SIZE 6
1X SIZE 7
UP FOR GRABS
VALUED AT \$100EA

**WIN
ME**

@ THE BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

FUNDED BY:



Communities and Justice

Youth Week Details!



Mon: Library

WRITING SEMINAR

All equipment will be provided for the writing session.

On our first day unleash your creativity through expressive writing; let your words paint a canvas of imagination.

Tue: Stadium

YOGA

Equipment will be provided.

BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

Come down for the chance to win a Spalding basketball. Followed by free time to shoot for 1 hour. BYO own basketball for court sessions

Wed: Library

WRITING SEMINAR

All equipment will be provided for the writing session.

On the second day of expressive writing, let your pen flow freely, capturing the essence of your innermost thoughts.

Thurs: Stadium

ZUMBA

Tennis Clubroom

PAINT AND PIZZA
Art supplies & Pizza provided.

Fri: Library

WRITING SEMINAR

All equipment will be provided for the writing session.

On our final day of expressive writing, we'll bring your words to life in print.

Sat: Museum

POP CULTURE QUIZ NIGHT

Form a team of 4-6 people & make sure you have a great name ready to use on the night. Come dressed as your favourite pop culture idol! You'll be entertained by our fabulous Quiz Masters Jemma and Jackie!

Pizza provided on the night.



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

**LEETON YOUTH WEEK
2024
AGE 12-24 YEARS
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE**

FUNDED BY:



Communities and Justice



Free child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Saturday 6 April, 2024
TIME: 9am-12noon
LOCATION: Leeton Market Plaza
 For more information contact the Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 6953 0948

 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

 **TOWARDS ZERO**

An initiative of our local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program



LMSG Leeton Multicultural Support Group invites you to:

Eid al-Fitr & Harmony Day Lunch

Sunday 14th April 2024
12:30 - 3:00pm
 at the
Leeton Uniting Church Hall
 (off Boree Street near the corner of Church Street)

Please bring some food to share.

Come and enjoy the food from different cultures and the pleasure of meeting new friends.

Eid al-Fitr celebrates the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting
Harmony Day celebrates the diversity within our Australian society.

For more information, please contact Robyn Hutchinson: phone: 0400 481 979

 **EVERYONE BELONGS**
www.harmony.gov.au

 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL



Wagga Wagga Abilities Unleashed Kids

A fun and inclusive day connecting children with disabilities to local sport and active recreation opportunities.

Wednesday 5 June, 2024
10 am - 1 pm
Wagga Wagga Multi Purpose Stadium, Copland St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Click here or scan the QR code to register:



Contact: abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au



Abilities Unleashed Kids is a national initiative by Disability Sports Australia focused on promoting active pathways for people with disabilities.

These multi-sport come and try days start the active journey of children living with disabilities. Each event aims to motivate and enable participants to discover local sport and active recreation opportunities in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment.

The program provides a platform for local inclusive program and disability service providers to collaborate and connect to children with disabilities in their area.


Benefits of attending the day:

- physical and mental health benefits of exercise
- social wellbeing, friendships, and community connection
- strengthening balance, coordination and mobility skills
- teamwork, collaboration and planning
- increased self-esteem through a sense of achievement

Disability Sports Australia (DSA) is a National Sporting Organisation and charity whose mission is to enable more Australians with disabilities to be more active, more often.



Donate now to make sports and active recreation accessible for all!



Volunteer with DSA!
sports.org.au/volunteer

