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Newsletter

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This Term in Our Classroom

What a term it has been at St Joseph's Catholic Flexible School! We've officially completed our first full term as a school, marking an exciting milestone for our growing community.

This term also saw us take another big step forward as we split into two classrooms, giving our school an even stronger sense of structure, community and identity. It has been fantastic to see our Young People settle into their classrooms, build relationships and help create the positive culture that makes our school feel like a school.

We're so proud of how far our community has come and can't wait to see what Term 4 brings!









This Term I really enjoyed coming to school and trying my best and meeting new teachers. I want to come to school and learn things I don't know yet and I also want to have fun. My favourite part was learning how to play Skip-Bo and going to the park, playing games, having lunch, and having fun. I also want to thank all the teachers who encouraged me to come to school everyday. Also thanks to Simon for cooking for us everyday. – B.H



Classroom Moments

It has been a busy and engaging term of learning across our classrooms! Our YP's have explored a wide range of topics, building both practical life skills and their knowledge across different subject areas.

Learning has included work-ready skills, Tax File Numbers, superannuation and budgeting, alongside developing numeracy skills such as multiplication and interpreting graphs. In literacy, YP's have enjoyed Word of the Day, reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, while also exploring geography and the Wonders of the World.

It has been fantastic to see our YP's engage with learning in different ways and develop skills that connect both to the classroom and life beyond school.

Most numeracy lessons we play a game of Blooket. Normally we do multiplication for our questions and the two game modes we play are crypto hack and fishing frenzy. We all have lots of fun playing Blooket during lessons and it normally gets really competitive with young people and staff fighting for first place. – C.C

Doing Uno and Skip-Bo in the mornings is fun and great to do since it can get peoples brains to start up early and ready. - J.C







This term I really enjoyed going to the park, the lego wotw exhibition. Learning skipbo and learning new words, wonders of the world. I liked all of these activities because it was so fun. I learnt a lot and I enjoyed myself. My favourite part about term was hanging out with miss Kate because she is very cool and funny.

- M.D











Classroom Moments

We've made plenty of time for fun, creativity and building our school community.

Our Pyjama and Funky Hair Day brought plenty of colourful and creative looks, while Character Day gave us the chance to celebrate Book Week and see some of our favourite characters come to life.

Our YP's also visited the local supermarket to purchase items for our St Joey's Shop, putting their real-world skills into practice.

On book character day I got to come as one of my favourite characters and had lots of fun during the day. We started by drawing who we were dressing up as then after recess we watched Toy Story 2. Then after lunch we did the character parade. I had lots of fun that day - C.C

This term I really enjoyed coming to school and learning new things and meeting new teachers. Learning words I didn't even know until I learnt about it. My favourite part was sitting and talking with the teachers. - L.H





This term I really enjoyed playing basketball because I am good at basketball. My favourite part is shooting – T.D.L

This term I really enjoyed kicking the footy with Brad – T.C.L

















Visitors and Outings

This term has been full of opportunities to learn, connect and get out into the wider community.

We were lucky to welcome some wonderful visitors to St Joseph's, including Shannon Motlop for NAIDOC Week. Michael 'Magic' McLean joined us to speak about the importance of working hard and believing in yourself, while Larrakia artist Jason Lee supported our YP's to begin painting the chairs for our yarning circle. We also welcomed Danila Dilba, who spoke with our YP's about the impacts of smoking and vaping.

Our outings have been just as action-packed, with YP's enjoying the LEGO Wonders of the World exhibition, Anula Playground, the VET Expo, and a day of bowling and laser tag at Kingpin.

During term 3 we went to Woolworths supermarket to get snacks for our movie day for our St Joseph's canteen at school. Before we went everyone put down what they would like to have as a snack, a few of us checked Coles and Woolworths for the cheapest because we had a budget. After adding up all the prices from both supermarkets, Woolworths was cheaper than Coles. Some of us went to Woolies to shop for our list we spent less then our budget and we were able to get a drink each. The snacks were set up in the St Joeseph's canteen for each of us to buy with fake money.

- M.O





Shannon Motlop came and showed us how to cook Bara and talked about the land. It was nice, and we had scones with jam and heavy cream. And Simon makes the best butter chicken - T.A

Anula Playground. Kicking footy and having fun. Going on the bus and playing footy. I got lots of goals - S.U

















Important Information

Child Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our young people remains our highest priority. We encourage all families to maintain open communication with their young people about personal safety, respectful relationships, online activity, and seeking support when needed. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of a young person, please contact the school so we can work together to provide appropriate support. Creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment is a shared responsibility, and we thank our community for helping us keep our young people safe





Have Your Say!

Our Parent/Carer and Young Person Surveys are open until 30 November.

Every response helps us better understand our school community and shape what happens next.

Scan the QR code above to share your voice.

Important Information

Reminders for Families!

- Absences and lateness: Please contact Kate as soon as possible on the day if your young person will be absent or late to school.
- Term 4 outings form: Please ensure your young person's Term 4 outings form has been signed. If you have not received the form, please contact Kate.

End of Year and 2027 Information

As we approach the end of 2026, please see below for some important information:

- St Joseph's will continue to provide education for Years 7–10 in 2027.
- We will confirm and communicate the 2027 school start date to families by the end of Term 4.
- St Joseph's will be closed over the Christmas and holiday period and will reopen in mid-January 2027 with a holiday program.
- 2026/27 school holiday program, including dates and activities, will be confirmed and communicated to families by the end of Term 4.

VET Pathways Program

We're excited to be working with Palmerston Skills Youth Centre to provide VET pathway opportunities for our young people aged 15 and above.

Some of our young people will begin exploring these opportunities through Try a Trade towards the end of 2026.

This is a partnership we're looking forward to continuing into 2027, supporting young people who are interested in exploring vocational education, training and future career pathways.

Term 4 Important Dates

Please note: Some dates, including student-free days for staff professional learning and training, are yet to be confirmed. We will communicate these dates with families as soon as they are finalised.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	5th October Student Free Day	6th October First day of Term 4			
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4					
Week 5				5th November 100 Days of St Joseph's Flexi!	
Week 6				12th November Grand Opening	
Week 7					
Week 8					
Week 9					
Week 10				10th December Last day of Term 4	