



## Important Dates

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**School Photo Day**  
Wednesday 13 September  
2023

**Andrew Chinn  
Concert**  
Thursday 14 September  
2023

**Whole School  
Assembly @ 9am**  
Friday 15 September 2023

**Learning Journey  
Interviews**  
Tuesday 19 September 2023

**Learning Journey  
Interviews**  
Wednesday 20 September  
2023

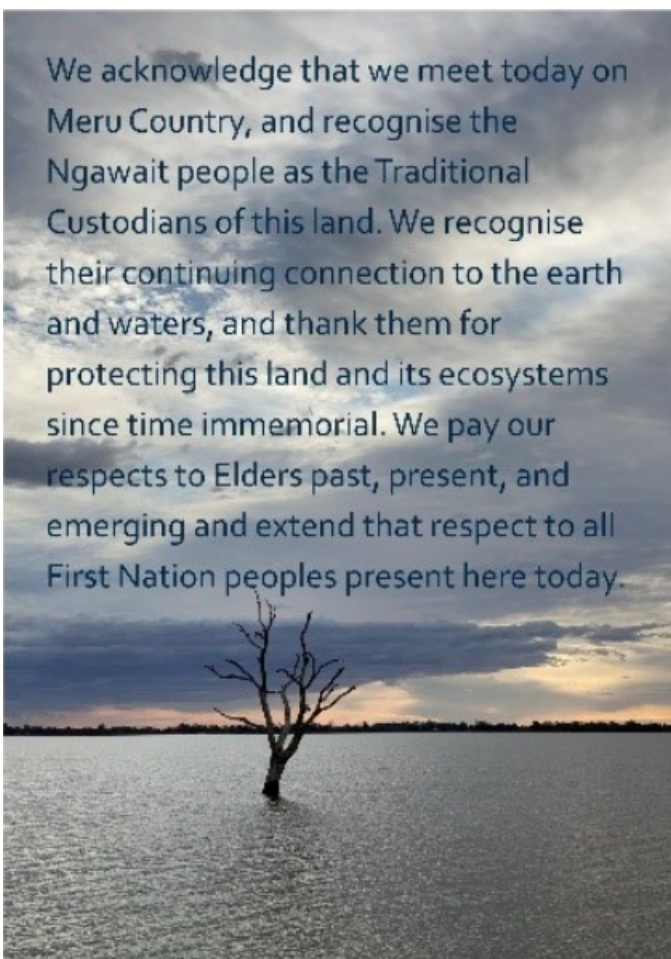
**Sports Day**  
Tuesday 26 September 2023

**Last Day of Term 3**  
Friday 29 September 2023

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## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Ngawait people as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



## Religious Identity and Mission



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

### Prayer for Creation

God, thank You for this day! Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day. Thank You for creating everything we see! Thank You for the life we live, and for making each person different.

### Season of Creation

Currently we are celebrating the Liturgical Season of Creation, which runs from September 1 until October 4. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home, our planet. To become aware of the amount of waste we produce in our school, students are encouraged to bring nude food lunchboxes to school.

## Nude Food Challenge



**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BARMERA**

### Nude Food Lunchboxes

During the Season of Creation our school community will participate in **NUDE FOOD LUNCHBOXES**, this will take place from **September 1 – October 4**. The whole school will participate as part of our effort to reduce our waste and encourage our school community to think about the amount of packaging they throw out.

Each class teacher will check for Nude Food lunches on a daily basis. Each student with Nude Food is awarded 1 point. The class with the most Nude Food participants (on average) at the end of each week will be announced at Monday morning assembly. There will be a prize for the class who has the most points at the end of the Term.

Handy hints on how to make your food nude:

- Put your child's snack and lunch in a Tupperware container.
- We recommend you label all your child's Tupperware in case it gets lost.
- If you wish to wrap your child's sandwich, use a tea-towel, some cloth or beeswax wrap.
- Buy a lunchbox with compartments, available at supermarkets.
- Think about foods that have natural packaging like bananas and apples.

There are lots of ideas and resources to help you and your family create NUDE FOOD, check out the following web page: <https://www.wow.sa.gov.au/activities/nude-food>

**Thank you for your support and helping us to create a sustainable future.**

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**SEASON OF CREATION**  
Let Justice and Peace Flow  
Season of Creation 2023  
A Mighty River  
Revised 2023

The Season of Creation is a time to *renew* our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The 2023 theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow."  
The symbol is the mighty river.

## Reflection

Mary Poppins has so many things I love; arriving by umbrella, a magical carpet bag you can fit anything into, a talking umbrella-bird, paintings you can jump into, floating tea parties, sliding up bannisters, having unlikeable people being blown away, talking to birds, a mirror with its own personality, dancing on rooftops, and so much more. I adore all the concepts of and around Mary Poppins, but admittedly she equally creeps me out, being so "practically perfect".

Do her attempts to be "practically perfect" make her seem a bit alien to you? Does it make her seem cold and emotionless? Is being perfect the ideal we need to strive for or does it make us spiritually poor?

"He who never made mistakes never made anything" is an often-expressed proverb. Clearly making mistakes is part of the learning and growth process. The value of failing is priceless. Yet, why do we feel so useless or scared to make a mistake? Shouldn't it be a nice thing that, as humans, we get to fail a lot? Failing teaches us respect for others and for ourselves. Watching clowns perform is only so enjoyable because we recognise in them the parts of ourselves we try so hard to hide. Yet we take ourselves so seriously.

Never be afraid to admit that you "don't know" or "can't find" or "couldn't do" something.

Imperfections are the gifts from God that connect us directly to other people. The gift of knowing what we lack in our own abilities is the gift we must give to the abilities of others. It's the cold perfection of Mary Poppins that I find completely inhuman and ultimately dangerous.



*This is the very perfection of a person, to find out our own imperfections.*

Saint Augustine

## From the Principal



Indeed, nothing is perfect. This is our first newsletter through the new website. It took a long time to be realised. Unfortunately, things did not always move as quick as anticipated, yet we got there in the end.

### **School Musical**

Last week we performed the whole school musical *Splash* in the Bonney Theatre. A fantastic day and evening were had by all. Our students were amazing throughout it all. It is easy to lose sight of how special it is to perform on the stage as a whole school, students and staff combined. School productions are a valuable educational tool. Helping students to develop new skills, and explore aspects of the curriculum in different ways, the advantage of theatre is wide ranging. Perhaps the most obvious benefit of staging a school theatre production is the extension of students in the performing arts, allowing them to share their talents in drama, music, dance, and voice. Performing helps students to build confidence in these areas, which will in turn build their confidence more broadly. Of course, a school production, goes beyond the people on stage. Students who are not performers were involved in different aspects of the production.

The large-scale involvement in a shared project builds a sense of connection within our school community.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our school musical this year. A special shout out and to Bobby Vallelonga and Enviroclad for donating the polystyrene stage set.









### **Welcome Mr John Neate**

During Week 5 we welcomed Mrs Nichii Mardon, Diocesan Director Catholic Education, Diocese of Port Pirie, and Mr John Neate, the newly appointed Chair of SACCS.

It was terrific to welcome Mr Neate to the Riverland for the first time, where he spent the week visiting all the Riverland Catholic Schools.

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) has oversight of education in all Catholic schools and sets directions, allocates resources, and develops policies for Catholic schools in South Australia.

The Commission and its four Standing Committees are supported by a number of permanent committees and working parties. Catholic Education SA through its schools, colleges, and centres, implements SACCS' decisions and policies.

Mr Neate has a long association with Catholic education in the State, having commenced his teaching at Thomas More College and worked in Catholic schools over the past three decades, which includes serving as the principal of Kildare College and Cabra Dominican College and other senior roles within Catholic Education SA. For 5 years John worked in Prague in various leadership roles at Riverside International School.

He has served as a SACCS member since 2016 and was chair of the Commission's Learning Wellbeing and Inclusion Standing Committee prior to his appointment as Chair of the Commission. John is also on the Board of Trustees of Dominican Education Australia.

### **ReLAT**

Each year, the year 4 students from Catholic schools all over South Australia participate in the Religious Education Literacy Assessment Tool.

Religious Education (RE) is a core Learning Area in all Catholic schools. It is a foundation for all learning and is integrated into the life of the school through prayer, liturgy and social justice programs.

ReLAT focuses on knowledge content, which is core to the Year 3/ 4 Crossways Religious Education curriculum.

The data from the ReLAT assessment will be collated and used by the school to inform whole-of-school professional learning needs and the continuous improvement of teaching in Religious Education.

Year 4 students have practised navigating the test and answering questions. The formal assessment will take place on Monday, September 11.

### **National Child Protection Week**

The theme for this year continues to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future, being "Where we start matters". Of course, where we start isn't where we finish.

**Protecting children is the responsibility of every adult.**

There are many things that all adults can do to play our part in valuing and caring for children to help them reach their full potential.

**As a school we are committed to protecting children by:**

1. Caring for children in our community according to their needs. We do not discriminate due to culture, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, or disability.
2. Respecting that there are many different positive ways to raise children
3. Seeking to keep children connected to family, community, language, and culture
4. Never knowingly harming a child or allow them to be harmed
5. Speaking up and seeking advice about the safety and wellbeing of children
6. Providing an environment for children where they feel safe, thrive, and can develop positive relationships with adults and peers
7. Being good role models for children
8. Listening to, and valuing, what children have to say, and including their voices in decision making
9. Standing up for the rights of children, advocating for their best interests, and constructively challenges practices
10. Supporting families and encouraging them to ask for help, rather than judging



Nanda de Winter

Principal

### Relay 4 Life Fundraiser

Thankyou to everyone who supported the Relay 4 Life fundraiser that was held at our school on Friday 8th September. With your help from all the wonderful donations, sausages and cupcakes sold, **we were able to raise an amazing \$343.00 towards cancer research** and to help support the much needed cause.

A big well done to everyone who got involved and thankyou to Mrs Shannon Plaquet and her family for making this fundraiser possible.







**Andrew Chinn Visit**

On Thursday 14th September, the Staff and Students of St Joseph's School Barmera welcomed Mr Andrew Chinn into our school for some musical fun. Andrew spent the morning with a group of students workshopping and singing, then at 9.50am, everyone came together to enjoy a whole school performance.



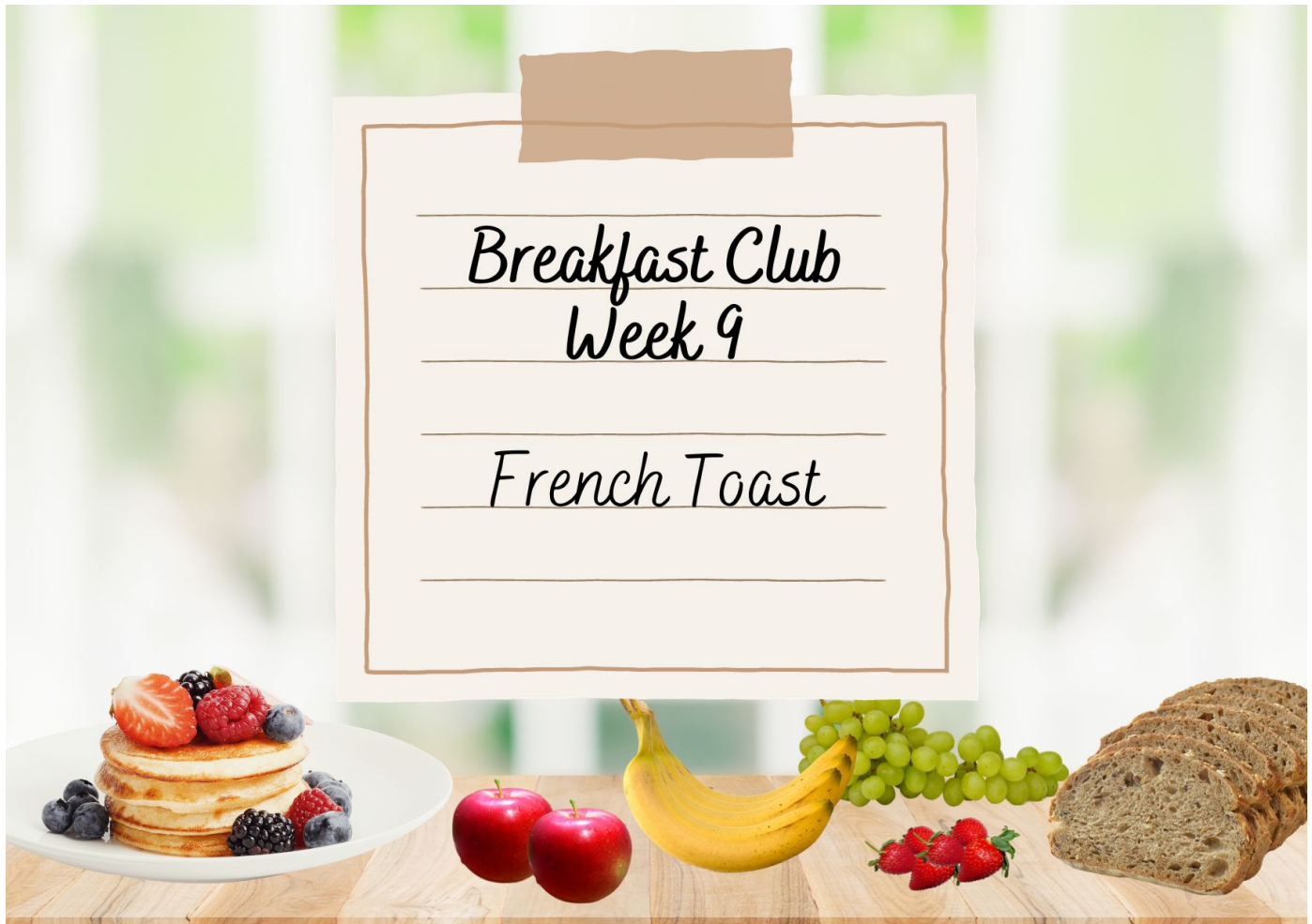








## Breakfast Club



## Save the Date: Sports Day



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BARMERA Sports Day

26 SEPTEMBER  
2023

O'CONNOR  
FRANCIS  
MACKILLOP

STUDENTS TO COME IN THEIR HOUSE  
COLOURS

SAVE THE DATE!

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
COLLEGE, RENMARK SA

Join us for our school sports day,  
support your kids and come  
dressed in team colours!



## Walk for T1D



I am taking part in JDRF's One Walk to change the future of type 1 diabetes in Australia.

I am taking 8,000 steps a day during October for the eight Australians diagnosed with type 1 diabetes every day, and my goal is to raise funds to support research to improve lives and work towards a cure for this lifelong autoimmune condition.

Please sponsor my walk and support my efforts to create a world without T1D!

To make a donation, simply [visit my personal fundraising page here](#).

Thanks so much for your support,  
Mrs. Jann-Marie Pride

The poster is set against a background of red and blue wavy shapes. In the top left corner is the S.J.S. logo, a shield with a cross, a red flower, and the Latin motto 'IN OMNIBUS CARITAS'. The main title 'Barmera Little Joey's Occasional Care' is written in large white font. Below the title, the text 'Thursdays (from Thursday August 3, 2023) 8:50-11:30am Cost: \$5' is displayed. A large red circle on the right contains the text 'New enrolments receive a free Joey Pouch containing a: Little Joey T-shirt Little Joey Hat Little Joey Drink Bottle'. At the bottom, it says 'ENROL NOW! Call 85886100' and 'Supporting families with non school aged children'. Several white line-art kangaroo icons are scattered throughout the design, including one with the text 'I'm a little Joey' written above it.

 **Barmera**  
**Little Joey's**  
**Occasional Care**

**Thursdays**  
(from Thursday August 3, 2023)  
**8:50-11:30am**  
**Cost: \$5**

**ENROL NOW!**  
**Call 85886100**

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Little Joey Drink Bottle

I'm a little Joey



# St Joseph's School Barmera ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW!



## School Ready Transition Program

To participate your child needs to be enrolled to start Reception in Term 1 2024

This program is FREE and runs on Wednesdays during Term 3 and 4, 2023





St Francis  
of Assisi College  
*Laudato Si'*

# Community Open Night Showcase of Learning 2023 and \$20 BOSS Expo

*A evening of action packed entertainment!*

**5pm - 7pm - Monday 25th September**

Following last year's great success we have combined our *Showcase of Learning* and *\$20 Boss Expo* into one evening of community fun. Come along and see what our students are learning and sample their \$20 BOSS business products.

BBQ, salads and drinks courtesy of our  
Industry & Community Engagement Sub-Committee



[Visit St Francis of Assisi College website](#)



# BARMERA AQUATIC CENTRE

The Barmera Aquatic Centre is located in the Riverland on the banks of Lake Bonney, just 2 hours from Adelaide.

**CANOEING - SAILING - KAYAKING - WINDSURFING - KNEEBOARDING - SKIING**

Customisable programs available to suit your school's requirements - from 4.5 hour sessions to 3 day camps.

12-18 hour SACE course options also available.

Eligible for Department for Education Aquatics allocation.

Bookings & Enquiries made through the Barmera Primary School: **8588 2198**







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# HOLIDAY SWIM

ENROLMENTS OPEN  
NOW

Swim  
**SURVIVE**

**GET IN QUICK!**

**Holiday  
Swim**

[WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU](http://WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU)





Loxton and Districts  
Health Advisory Council



presents

# Navigating Aged Care EXPO

## Wednesday, October 4 from 9:00 am

### at the Precinct, Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton

Presentations  
Include...

Moving into Residential Aged Care.

Living well at home with  
Community Health.

Costs for Aged Care...  
& many other topics

ALL  
WELCOME

PLUS...

Aged Care information stalls

Refreshments available at the venue

Free admission



Loxton Hotel  
*One of SA's great country pubs.*



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Riverland Mallee Coorong  
Local Health Network

District Council of  
Loxton  
Waikerie



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Increase flexibility & concentration  Improve strength & coordination  
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\$30 per session  Ages 8 - 14

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