

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dates To Remember

### TOGETHER WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

St Joseph's Is A Nut Aware School

# Newsletter

Week 7, Term 3 2nd Sept 2025

Reflection -



4th Sept Father's Day **Activities** 

**Thursday** 

**Thursday** Chess Competition Round 3

24 - 27 November 5/6 Camp

1-12 December **Swimming** Lessons (Zeehan Pool)

For Fathers' Day this coming Sunday we pray for all fathers and those in a guiding and mentoring role.

God our Father, we give thanks and praise for fathers, young and old. We pray for young fathers who are newly embracing their role. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost and suffering. May they know the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but who still mentor and guide us with fatherly advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us,

but who continue to live in our memory, having nourished us with their love.

We also pray for children growing up without fathers and families who feel sadness around this tíme.

Amen

#### **RE News**

Parents are always welcome to come to our Monday morning prayer in the Church beginning at approximately 8:50am. Our next Mass is on 11th September.

#### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families.

Welcome to our week 7 newsletter for term 3. Did you know you can now find all of our newsletters for 2025 on the school's website?

#### **Australian Catholic Education Conference**

I was very fortunate to recently attend the Australian Catholic Education Conference in Cairns, along with my Tasmanian colleagues and also colleagues from around Australia and New Zealand. Apart from the joy found in networking and reconnecting with so many other dedicated leaders of Catholic schools, a huge highlight was the Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Caddy with 1600 adults plus several hundred students from Cairns Catholic schools. It was a remarkable and moving celebration.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher reminded us that "Compassion isn't a weakness, compassion is a strength."

Prof Dylan Wiliam discussed the need to make room for impact...We have to take things off teachers' plates - but what? There are so many good things happening and sometimes we have to stop doing a good thing to make time and space for a better thing.

Dr Steve Constantino raised the importance of families socialising their children about the value of education and of schools engaging families in education.

There was an enlightening panel discussion with high school students from the Cairns Diocese moderated by Bishop Joe Caddy. Bishop Joe asked the students, "If you could change the education system, what would you want? Here are some of the students' responses:

- One that helps us become adults
- Schools that energise us and fulfil us
- Feeling like you're part of something, a community, included
- Letting all the small voices be heard

These students also highlighted that human connection and the humanity of teachers is so important. You can learn so much by talking with someone face-to-face. A good teacher/student relationship makes an abundance of difference.

The final speaker at ACEC 2025 was Simon Breakspear. He delivered a passionate keynote presentation about AI and its increasing presence in various aspects of our world. While for adults many aspects of AI can be helpful by saving us time there is an urgency to be careful about the use and influence of AI in young people's lives. As adults we have already learned to think for ourselves and know how to go through the sometimes difficult process of learning and figuring things out. Breakspear highlighted the fact that it is through the hard work of thinking that we actually learn. We don't develop memory without the process of thinking, so, how will students learn to think if they use AI to do it for them? I found his presentation to be very thought-provoking.



#### Thank you to our P&F for the Winter Wonderland Disco

On 27th August, everyone danced, twirled and boogied the night away with a big smile on each face, despite the rainy weather. Huge thanks go to the entire P&F team who made the evening very special for our students. Your love and care for our students shine through each of the events you support in our school. I encourage other parents and friends to consider joining our enthusiastic team. The next meeting is this Friday, 5th at 9am in the staff room.

#### A reminder about communication with your child's teacher

Please use Seesaw or email to contact your child's teacher. It is <u>not</u> appropriate to message teachers via other methods, eg, Facebook Messenger, about your child or school matters.

While our teachers do their best to respond to you as soon as possible, if you send an email or Seesaw message to your child's teacher, they will respond within 24 hours on weekdays. During the school day, teachers' priority is on student learning, and they are unable to regularly check for messages. Therefore, all urgent communication should be made via phone call to the office at 6473 1393 and your message will be passed along to teachers at an appropriate time. Thank you for your understanding.

We have a very busy week this week filled with wonderful opportunities for our students.

MAST Boat Safety

SRC meeting

MJR with Marty Ogle

Father's Day activities

Hot lunch

Father's Day Stall

West Coast Chess Tournament - Round 3 at Strahan

Mrs Tracey Kidd Principal

#### **Awards**

Last week's awards were presented to Anantha Basnayaka Mudiyanselage, Inis Westbury, Evelyn

Petroff, Levi Clarke, Amelia Jordaan

Also pictured below are our WEST award winners -

Katerine Mungkhoonkhamzaw, Evelyn Petroff & Harmony McGowan

Congratulations to all!





#### **Medication at school**

# Medication at school Parent responsibilities



Complete and submit the Authorisation for Administration of Medication form annually or whenever medication requirements change.



Ensure medication is supplied ready to administer in the exact form and dosage required, as staff must not modify medication. (e.g. cutting tablets).



Supply medication that is in-date and provided in a pharmacylabelled container or a pharmacy-prepared Webster-pak



Medication should never be sent in unlabelled bags, food containers, lunch boxes, or any other unsuitable packaging.



Advise the school promptly of any changes to their child's medication, medical condition, or treatment plan.



For self-administration, provide written permission from a medical practitioner, dentist, pharmacist, authorised nurse practitioner or optometrist using the Authorisation for the Administration of Medication form

Thank you for your support in keeping the students safe at school



# Year 1 and 2 Information Reports

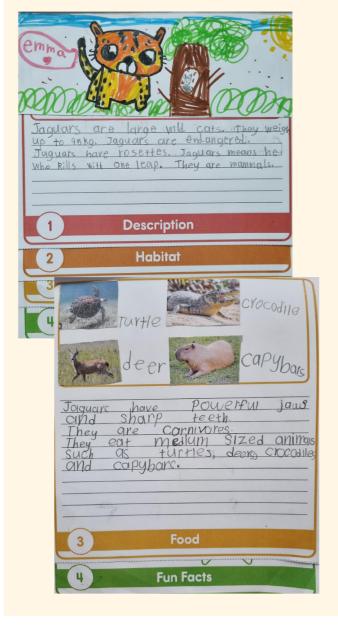


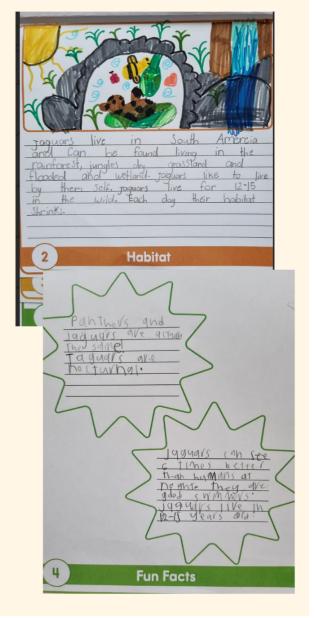


# **Jaguars**



This term, the year 1 and 2 students have been writing information reports on Jaguars. After watching videos and taking notes, students proudly published their report in a flip book.







#### **Connected Parent webinar by The Resilience Project**

Monday 8th September 6:30 - 7:45pm (flyer below)

Our fabulous P&F group are keen to have parents come along to watch this online parenting webinar together in the top concourse. We hope to provide childminding - more details to come. Spread the word!



WHO'S INVITED?

Parents & Carers

DURATION

75 minutes

WHERE?

Online Webinar

#### **ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP**

Discover valuable tools and insights in this Connected Parenting Webinar with educator and parenting expert Lael Stone. This session aims to support you in building stronger relationships with your children through positive communication.

You will leave this session with:



Practical strategies to foster cooperation and deepen connections with your child.



Ideas to support your child when they are facing adversity.



Ways to assist your child in building emotional resilience.



Helpful tips for managing your own triggers as a parent or carer.

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT

RESILIENCE PROJECT.



#### Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!



#### **ABOUT LAEL STONE**

Lael Stone is an educator, TEDx speaker, author, mother, and parenting counsellor who has worked with families for over 20 years. Her work as a birth educator, postnatal trauma counsellor, and parenting educator has seen her work with thousands of families consulting about newborns all the way to the teen years.

She spent over 5 yrs in secondary schools working with teens and her great aim is to empower parents to create connections and stronger relationships with their children.

She is the co-creator of Woodline Primary School, an innovative new school based on emotional well-being and connection. Lael was the co-host of The Aware Parenting Podcast and a sought-after public speaker who talks candidly about her experiences and her great passion for creating wellness in adults through connection and communication.

As well as sitting on a few advisory boards and consulting with organisations around emotional awareness and trauma-informed practices, Lael's first book "Raising Resilient and Compassionate Children" debuted on many best-selling lists.

Lael's work has now extended to working with adults in the corporate space, where she addresses the impacts of imprints and trauma and how that affects all relationships and stepping into our potential.

# SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT RESILIENCE PROJECT.



#### **2025 Term Dates**

**Term 1:** 7th February - 10th April

Term 2: 28th April - 4th July

**Term 3:** 22nd July - 26th September

**Term 4:** 14th October - 17th December

### TOGETHER WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE





Play Space open: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 8.30am-3pm Wed 11am-3pm

> Appointments available: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

#### THIS MONTH'S THEMES:









BOOK We're going on a bear hu NURSERY

RHYME Row, row, row your boa

COLOUR

NUMBER



Eight

SHAPE Hexagon



#### **NEW WEST COAST FAMILIES ALWAYS WELCOME**

Free activities and supports for families with children from birth to 5 years of age and expectant parents living in the West Coast local government area.

Phone: 6495 1534 Email: queenstown.cflc@decyp.tas.gov.au Location: 9-13 Driffield Street, Queenstown

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
H	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	HIPPY Gathering @ 9.30am	Pop In & Move It! 10am-2pm	Play Space opens @ 11am Baby Group @12pm	Alphabet Soup @ 11:30am	Messy Play @ 11:00am
	Library Story Time @ 11am	Story Time @ 1pm	Story Time @ 1pm	Story Time @ 1pm	Story Time @ 1pm
ľ	8th	9th	10th Loaves	11th	12th
	Library Story Time @ 11am	Pop In & Move It! 10am-2pm Story Time @ 1pm	Play Space opens @ 11am Cooking @ 11:00am	Alphabet Soup @ 11:30am	Musical Munchkins @ 11:30am
	Messy Play @ 1pm	Yoga @ 2pm	Baby Group @12pm Story Time @ 1pm	Story Time @ 1pm	Story Time @ 1pm
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20120	Arts & Craft @ 1pm	Story Time @ 1pm	20	25	Tasmanian Government



### Children's Week 2025

Thu 23 October 2025 11am-2pm At Queenstown PCYC Penghana Road

Celebrating our littlest learners Ages 0-5

Coordinated by:





**Service Provider** Schedule

#### September 2025



Sonya Tue 2 & Tue 30 Just Healthy Families

Assisting with legal issues such as parenting arrangements, property settlement, family safety, etc.

Services available for registered

CFLC West Coast families with children from birth to 5 years of age



Back OCTOBER 7 & 8

Speech Pathologist\*

Discuss children's speech and language development including feeding and eating.



Penny Wed 17 & Thu 18

Psychologist\*

Help with behaviour support, sleep support, parenting strategies, play and social skills.



Tue 9, Tue 23

Early Childhood Inclusion Service\* (ECIS) A service for 0-4 year olds (before Kinder)

Help with identifying appropriate supports so that children can thrive in early education and community settings.

\*Official diagnosis unavailable but these services can assist with referrals to appropriate supports.

#### See staff to make an appointment

For appointments with the Child Health Nurse (CHaPS) 1300 064 544

**16 NOVEMBER 2025** WEST PARK OVAL, BURNIE

# **Harcourts**

Burnie







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Sunday, 26 October 2025 Wilson St, Burnie



#### The Kids' Dash

800m run on Wilson St. during the Burnie 10.

# **Harcourts**

Burnie



Sunday, 16 November 2025 West Park Oval, Burnie

#### 321-Go Race

Open to kids from 5-13 years of age.

#### Lap For Littlies

Up to 4 years of age.

#### Have a Go

An inclusive participation event for children with disabilities from 4-13 years of age.

321-Go entry fee: \$18 pp.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST PARTICIPATION RATE IN 321-GO WILL RECEIVE A \$500 SPORTS EQUIPMENT VOUCHER!

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