

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



PENSHURST. NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: WEEK 10 TERM 1 2026



SCHOOL VISION

St Joseph's Penshurst, as partners in Catholic education and with our school community, pursues fullness of life for all.

11 Martin Street Penshurst, Victoria 3289
(03) 55 765438

Principal: Mrs Katie Calvert

Email: principal@sjpenshurst.catholic.edu.au

www.sjpenshurst.catholic.edu.au

<https://facebook.com/sjpenshurst>

Instagram: [stjosephsprimary3289](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephsprimary3289)



Principals Message

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many highlights and extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful school community.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 3-6 students who proudly represented our school at the SGSSA Athletics. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and team spirit on display—well done to all involved!

A big thank you also goes to the parents and carers who supported students on the day; we truly appreciate your encouragement and involvement.

What a busy and exciting term it has been! From our Year 3-4 camp adventures to the wonderful connections made during our nursing home visit, it has been a term full of meaningful experiences. Our playgroup sessions have continued to bring smiles to our youngest learners, and our school sports afternoon was a wonderful success; it was great to see so many parents come along to support their children. We even squeezed in a delightful teddy bear picnic at Kinder, definitely a highlight.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to families and students for your efforts in returning missing library books.

We are celebrating this achievement today with a casual clothes day and a special Indonesian lunch provided by Mel. Thank you, Mel, for sharing your culture with us; it has been a pleasure having you visit on Wednesdays over the past three weeks as part of the ILLA program. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Looking ahead, Term 2 will begin with an exciting start.

In Week 1, our Year 5-6 students will be heading off to Sovereign Hill for camp—an experience I am sure will be both educational and memorable. In Week 2, students will participate in swimming lessons at HILAC. Please note that there will be no school assemblies during the first two weeks of term.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the overwhelming support shown through donations for our Easter Raffle. The generosity of our families has been incredible, thank you all! I must admit, I am quietly hoping that I might be lucky enough to win a prize!

A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated staff and students who continue to make our school such a unique and special place. I would also personally like to thank everyone for the assistance and support I have received as I have settled back into the school. It has truly meant a great deal.

Thank you as well to the families who contributed salads for the CFA catering fundraiser. Your support not only assists a great cause but also helps raise valuable funds for our school, an effort we are very proud of.

As the term draws to a close, I wish all of our families a safe and happy Easter. May you enjoy a well-deserved break filled with rest, laughter, and time with loved ones. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 2 ahead!

UP COMING DATES

April 2026

April 3rd – Good Friday.

April 5th – Easter Sunday.

April 20th – School Closure Day R.E.

April 21st – Students first day of Term 2.

April 22nd – 24th – 5/6 Camp Ballarat.

April 27th – May 1st – Swimming HILAC.

April 28th – Monivae Thrive Day.

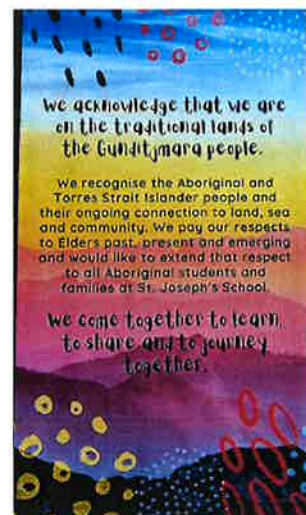
May 2026

May 5th – Cross Country TBC.

May 5th – The Green Sheep – F-3

May 20th – Monique Sobey Vic Kids Eat Well.

May 29th – Playgroup.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Student Voice!

Evie - The kick off to term one has been brilliant! With the 3/4 having a wonderful camp and the grade 6's taking on many responsibilities. We have done lots of activities like lawn bowls with family, school sports day, playgroup, 'Shrove Tuesday', 'Ash Wednesday', teddy picnic with the kinder, selling Zooper Doopers and our grade 3's and 5's doing Naplan. We have also had Indonesian visitors and our grade 6's: Thea, Jarno Oscar and myself have been running Assembly each Friday. Our school has been clean of rubbish for nearly this whole term, with just some tiny bits of rubbish that have popped up recently. We have quickly picked this up. And with an early finish on today at 2.30pm, we still need to set the bar high for term two!

Oscar - Term 1 has been pretty good with a bunch of fun things. Some of the things we have done are the family lawn bowls night and the year 3 and 4's had a great camp at the Wannan. The whole school went to the kinder for a visit and the year 6's cooked pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We've had a few people come from Indonesia to help us learn, the grade 6's have been running assemblies on a Friday at 3:05 pm. We went to the church for a mass during Ash Wednesday and we had the Athletics on the 31st of March in Hamilton. We've got the Easter raffle and an early finish today at 2.30pm. First week back in term 2 week 1, the grade 5/6 have got camp at Sovereign hill for 3 days and 2 nights. Term 2, week 2, the whole school have got school swimming at HILAC.

Thea - Term one has already been quite a handful! For example, the Kinder teddy bear picnic, the 3's and 4's camp, the athletics day, playgroup and most exciting of all the classrooms being painted. This week we have athletics day in Hamilton, a service at the church, the easter raffle and then we have the early finish at 1:40pm on Thursday.

Jameson - Term one has been very good so far as we have done a TON of activities over the ten weeks. We have done things such as: family bowls night, the year 3/4 camp, the whole school teddy bear picnic, some Indonesian visitors have come, the year 6's cooked the whole school pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and we did an amazing mass on Ash Wednesday. We had athletics on the 31st of March in Hamilton. We've got the amazingly chocolaty easter raffle drawn today and an early finish at 2.30PM. Next term in week one, the 5's are going to Sovereign Hill for their camp, on the second week we have swimming lessons for the entire week in Hamilton.

Classroom News - Art!

F-2 Room - Marbling masterpieces!

Marbling on paper is a technique in which paint or ink is applied to water and then carefully transferred to paper, creating a unique, marble-like pattern.



3-6 Room.



Community Engagement.



St. Joseph's Penshurst

Monthly Mass Timetable:

1st Sunday of the month: **NO SERVICE.** join St Mary's Church Hamilton, Sat 6pm & Sun 10.30am.

2nd Sunday of the month: 8.30am Mass

3rd Sunday of the month: SAWS 8.30am

4th Sunday of the month: 8.30am Mass

5th Sunday of the month:
NO SERVICE

Community Prayer.

"God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see. God loves you and long ago, He sent His Son to tell us so. Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing. He died but then came back to life, Let's celebrate for He is alive. So, let us with a joyful heart sing, Giving thanks and praise to our king. Amen."



Emergency Management Plan

School EMPs are put in place to ensure student and staff safety during critical incidents like fires or lockdowns, outlining evacuation routes, safe assembly areas, procedures, risk assessments, and communication strategies. These plans are essential for providing a proactive, safe environment and ensuring consistent responses from staff and emergency services.

Our EMP has been completed and updated for 2026.

School News!

Kolor Lodge Visit.

Last Friday we visited our friends at the Penshurst nursing home. We coloured in Easter pictures, read books and engaged in wonderful conversations.



Celebrating our Students!

Stars of the Week!



Arlo & Thea

Permemens Mitre 10 Hamilton Easter Colouring Competition.

Congratulations to Poppy on winning this year's Easter colouring competition!



Catch the fun!



STARTS THURSDAY 30TH APRIL

Scan the QR code to register.



Wellbeing & Child Safety.

Child Safe Standards.

All students enrolled at St Joseph's School have the right to feel safe and be safe. The safety and wellbeing of children in the school's care will always be our first priority and the school will not tolerate child abuse. The school will create a child-safe and child-friendly environment where children are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety. Particular attention is paid to the most vulnerable children and young people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with a disability, children who are unable to live at home, international students, and LGBTQIA+ students.

The full policy can be accessed via our school's website:

<http://www.sjpenhurst.catholic.edu.au/policy-documents.html>

The school's Child Safety Officer is the Principal, Mrs Katie Calvert.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and well-being and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures, and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions, please contact the Principal either by phone or email principal@sjpenhurst.catholic.edu.au