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Dates To Remember

Friday 17th
October
Socktober

Wed 22nd
October
Andrew Chinn
Visit

Thurs 23rd
October
Wagana Dancers

Friday 24th
October
Athletics Carnival

Monday 27th
October
Chess
Tournament

Thurs 6th
November
A Little Bit Fancy

Friday 21st
November
Schools Triathlon

24 - 27 November
5/6 Camp

1-12 December
Swimming
Lessons
(Zeehan Pool)

TOGETHER WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

St Joseph's Is A Nut Aware School

Newsletter

Week 1, Term 4
14th October 2025

Reflection - Caring for those in need - Mission Month

"Pilgrims of Hope" invites us to understand the struggles in our lives and the world - and to keep moving forward with hope. Hope isn't about pretending everything is fine - it's about choosing to believe that things *can* get better, even when they feel heavy through love of God. That our presence, our choices and our care can all make a difference.

This year, as we reflect on the people of Zambia, we get a real picture of what hope looks like in action. Life there isn't always easy - many families face hard struggles like not having enough food, clean water, or access to education. But even in the middle of those struggles, the peoples are able to find strength, joy, and community.

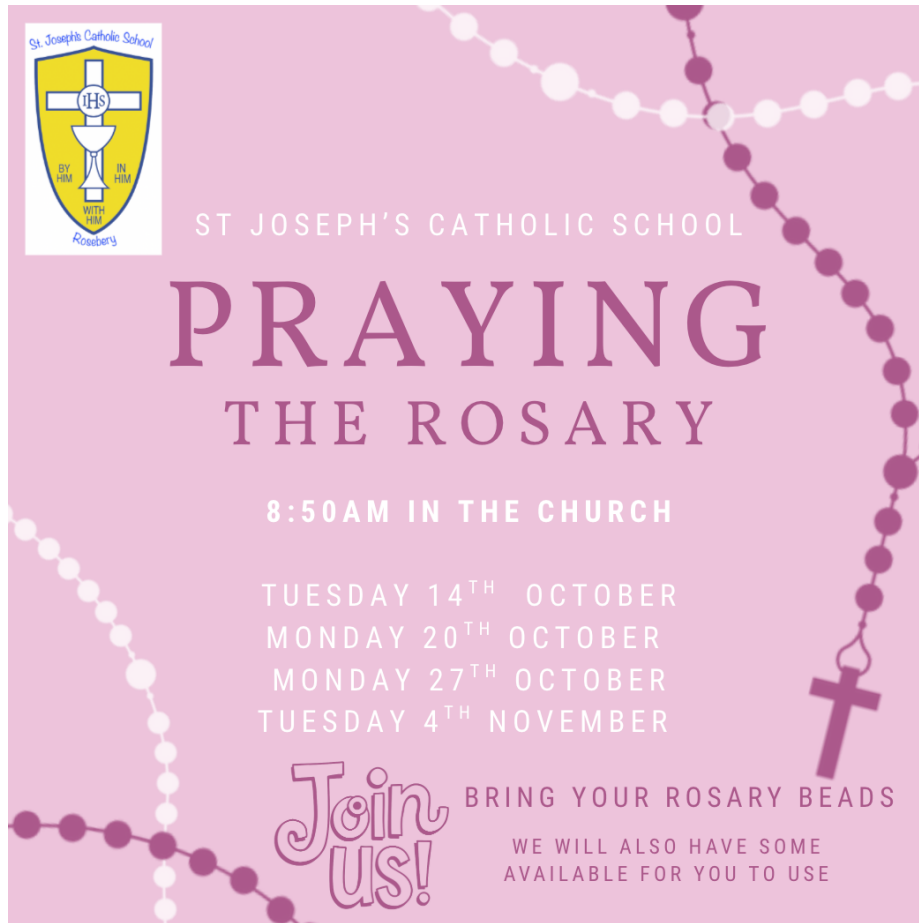
Hope is the quiet strength that keeps us showing up, caring, and trusting that God walks with us. It calls us to listen, to learn from each other, and to value every person simply because they are human and apart of God's creation. When we do this, we don't walk ahead - we walk together, sharing stories, lifting each other up, and building a future that's brighter because we know God walks with us.



RE News

Parents are always welcome to come to our Monday morning prayer in the Church beginning at approximately 8:50am. We will be praying the Rosary together for the first four weeks of term. Will you join us? We will have spare rosary beads available to use. What is the Rosary? The Rosary is a Catholic prayer that involves meditating on the life of Jesus and Mary while reciting prayers like the Our Father and Hail Mary using a set of beads to keep track. It is considered a simple, repetitive, and meditative practice that helps individuals grow closer to God by contemplating key moments in the Gospels.

Our next Mass is this Thursday, 16th October to celebrate Mission month.



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our week 1 newsletter for term 4.

Cleaner, Utility Officer, and Bus Driver Appreciation Day - 15th October

Our school is blessed to have great staff in every department. We couldn't get by without our wonderful cleaner Sharon, our great bus driver, Andy, and our hardworking handyman, David. We want you all to know how much we appreciate you!

Farewell Mr Young

Today we farewelled our utility officer, Mr David Young, following his resignation. We wish him well in his future endeavours. We are in the process of employing a new utility officer.

Socktober

This Friday, 17th October, students and staff are encouraged to wear **CRAZY** socks for a gold coin donation to raise money, following our Mass to help us learn about the work of Catholic Missions, around the world. This year, the focus is on Zambia, a land-locked country in Africa. [You can learn more about the work of Catholic Missions in Zambia by clicking here.](#)

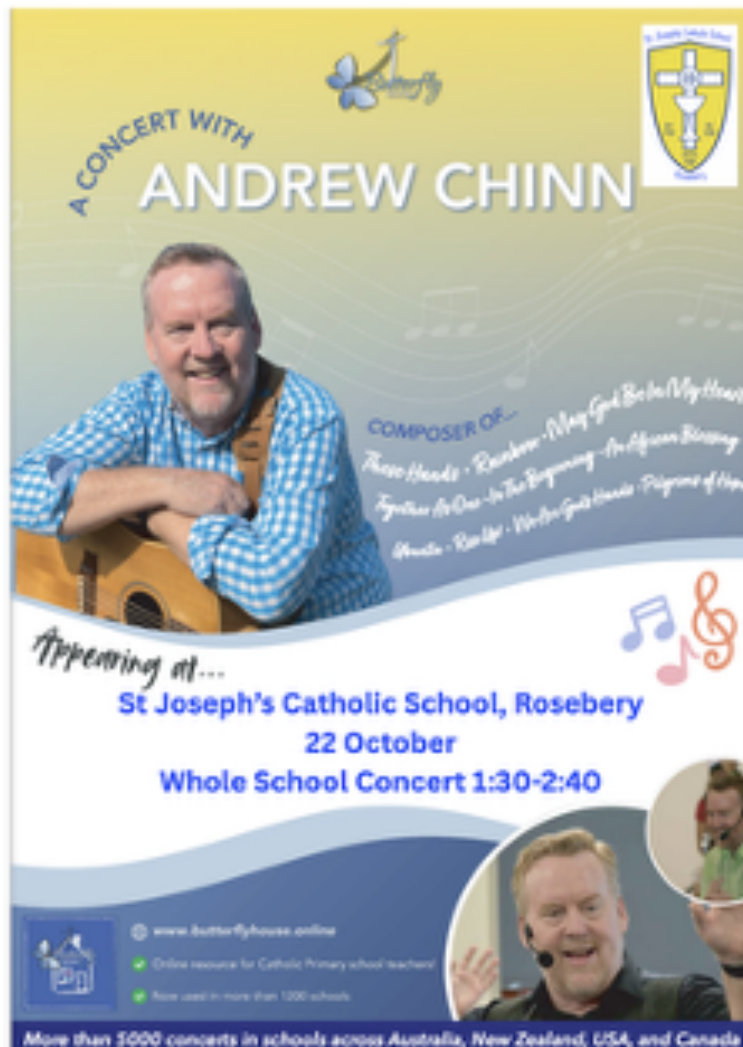


Children's Week October 20-24

Children's Week is an annual Australian celebration of children's rights, skills, and achievements, held around the fourth Wednesday of October each year. The theme for 2025 is "Everyone should know about children's rights," based on Article 42 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Andrew Chinn

Come and join us to celebrate our Catholic faith through the gift of music and song with our beloved Andrew Chinn. Details can be found on the poster.



Wagana Dancers

Students will be delighted to see the Wagana Dancers perform next Thursday and learn more about Aboriginal culture.

Athletics Carnival

Come and support our students at the annual Athletics Carnival.

Our Athletics Carnival for 2025 will be held on Friday 24th October, weather permitting.

Please send your children to school with a water bottle, recess and lunch and a sun safe hat.

The carnival is scheduled to start at 11:15 at the soccer oval next to the Rosebery Stadium. Parents are welcome to attend to support their children, and should be seated along the fence. At the end of the carnival the P&F will be holding a colour run. We encourage students to bring a white shirt to change into for this.

Students are welcome to go home with parents at the end of the carnival but will need to be signed out by informing teachers.



Chess Tournament Finals

We are so proud of our students who qualified for the Chess Tournament finals in Launceston on 27 October. We wish them luck as they experience this great event under the direction of Miss Watson.

Get ready...Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 31 October 2025.

Let's celebrate Australia's teachers for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our young people. Hats off to teachers this World Teachers' Day! Make sure to tell your child's teachers what they mean to you. This is your chance to join Australia in celebrating teachers. Get cards, selfie frames, gift tags and more at www.worldteachersday.edu.au.

We will be encouraging everyone in our school community to wear fun hats on this day, so they can show 'hats off to teachers' throughout the day.

Summer Uniform

A reminder that students should wear full summer uniform from week 3 onwards. This allows two weeks for families to get organised in moving to the summer uniform. See below for uniform list.

G I R L S - SUMMER

Blue check dress

School jumper

White socks - folded at ankle - **Not ankle socks**

Royal blue ribbons, scrunchies or head bands

School blue hat (Legionnaire, Slouch or Bucket Hat)

Black school shoes (not sneakers)

B O Y S - SUMMER

Open neck shirt

Grey shorts

School jumper

Grey socks

School blue hat (Legionnaire, Slouch or Bucket Hat)

Black school shoes (not sneakers)

A Little Bit Fancy

Get your most fancy outfit ready for a very fancy night of celebrating our students' incredible artwork.



Term 4 Dates - reminder

Students will finish Term 4 on Tuesday, 16th December. School staff will finish the following day.

Mrs Tracey Kidd
Principal

Awards

Awards at our last assembly of Term 3 were presented to:

George Stone, Archer Brookes, Bobby Dawson, Carlos Pena Medina, Amelia McDermott, Sierra Ekinye and Melody McGowan

Also pictured below are our WEST award winners -

Bobby Dawson, Aria McGowan and Faith Wialu



2025 Term Dates

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Term 1: | 7th February - 10th April |
| Term 2: | 28th April - 4th July |
| Term 3: | 22nd July - 26th September |
| Term 4: | 14th October - Tuesday 16th December |

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Service Provider Schedule

October 2025

FREE

Services available for registered
CFLC West Coast families
with children from
birth to 5 years of age



**Robyn Tue 7th & Wed 8th
Speech Pathologist***

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



**Sonya Tue 21st
Just Healthy Families**

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



**Claire Tue 21st
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



This is a
FREE
service

Play Space open:
Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 8.30am-3pm
Wed 11am-3pm
Service Provider appts available:
Mon-Fri 8.30am-4pm

THIS MONTH'S THEMES:

LETTERS **K & V & W**

BOOK Brown Bear, Brown Bear,
What do you see?

NURSERY RHYME Wind the bobbin

COLOUR Rainbow

NUMBER Nine **9**

SHAPE Pentagon

**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 Driffeld Street, Queenstown

School Holidays

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| October 2025 | | 1st Play Space opens @ 11am Baby Group @12pm Story Time @1pm | 2nd Pop in & Move it! @ 10am-2pm Story Time @ 1pm | 3rd CFLC closed for Burnie Show Public Holiday |
| 6th Library Story Time @ 11am | 7th Pop in & Move it! @ 10am - 2pm Story Time @ 1pm | 8th Play Space opens @ 11am Baby Group @12pm Story Time @1pm | 9th Pop in & Move it! @ 10am-2pm Story Time @ 1pm | 10th Story Time @ 1pm & SNACK |
| 13th Library Story Time @ 11am Arts & Craft @ 1pm | 14th Pop in and Move it! @ 10am-2pm Story Time @ 1pm Yoga @ 2pm | 15th Play Space opens @ 11am Cooking @ 11:15am Baby Group @12pm Story Time @ 1pm | 16th Excursions to The Unconformity Festival TBA Story Time @ 1pm | 17th Story Time @ 1pm & SNACK |
| 20th Library Story Time @ 11am Messy Play @ 1pm | 21st Pop in and Move it! @ 10am-2pm Story Time @ 1pm | 22nd Play Space opens @ 11am Baby Group @12pm Story Time @1pm | 23rd Children's Week Celebration @ PCYC 11am-2pm See you there! | 24th Musical Munchkins @ 11:30am Story Time @ 1pm & SNACK |
| 27th Library Story Time @ 11am Arts & Craft @ 1pm | 28th Pop In & Move it! @ 10am-2pm Story Time @ 1pm Yoga @ 2pm | 29th CFLC closed for Professional Learning | 30th Halloween Disco Brunch 10am-12pm | 31st Messy Play @ 11:00am Story Time @ 1pm & SNACK |



Dear Resident,

On **Thursday 23 October from 11am to 2pm** there will be an event held at the Queenstown PCYC on The Esplanade to celebrate Children's Week 2025.

There may be more vehicle and foot traffic in the surrounding streets during this time.

The Children's Week Celebration will be for our littlest West Coasters aged 0-5 to celebrate Children's Week 2025.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the Child and Family Learning Centre on 6495 1534.

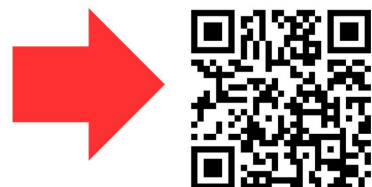
Thank you for supporting our West Coast kids!

All Attendees **MUST** **Sign In**

We need to know who is on-site:

- In case of an emergency to assist us with accounting for everyone at the event including you and your child.
- To ensure we are in compliance with our Safeguarding obligations which are focused on ensuring child safety.

Sign In
with this code



Go into the draw to **WIN**
1st Prize - \$150 IGA Voucher
2nd Prize - \$50 IGA Voucher



Drawn after the event
Winners will be notified by email or phone



Department for Education,
Children and Young People

