



Important Dates

First Day of Term 2 Monday 28 April 2025	An Afternoon with Mum or a Special Someone - Mother's Day Event Friday 9 May 2025	Catholic Education Week 11th-17th May Sunday 11 May 2025	Combined day at StFoAC Wednesday 14 May 2025
			Walk Safely to School Day Friday 16 May 2025
Laudato Si' Week 16th - 24th May Friday 16 May 2025	House Day Friday 16 May 2025	SJSB Book Fair 20th - 21st May Tuesday 20 May 2025	StFoAC Immersion Day Year 5/6 Tuesday 20 May 2025
Open Week Photo Shoot Thursday 22 May 2025	Showcase 2:10-3pm Friday 23 May 2025	National Sorry Day Monday 26 May 2025	National Reconciliation Week 27th May - 3rd June

Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity 1st-
7th June

Sunday 1 June 2025

Choir Rehearsal at
Berri Town Hall

Monday 2 June 2025

World Environment
Day

Thursday 5 June 2025

Student free Day

Friday 6 June 2025

Kings Birthday
Public Holiday

Monday 9 June 2025

House Day

Friday 13 June 2025

The Frog Prince
Performance

Thursday 19 June 2025

Showcase

Friday 20 June 2025

First Holy
Communion

Sunday 22 June 2025

Reports Home

Friday 27 June 2025

SAPOL Road Safety
presentations

Tuesday 1 July 2025

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 4 July 2025

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



"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:6

I often try to imagine what it would have been like to be one of the women who went to Jesus' tomb that morning to find the stone rolled away. The women, who were sad about Jesus' death did not stay home but instead "rose" and went out early that morning to perform a work of mercy, taking the perfumed ointments to the tomb. The stone in front of the tomb was rolled aside, not so Jesus could come out, but so that they could look inside and see that he was indeed gone.

The angel spoke to the women, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" The women were frightened. Within their sadness and fear the women also felt something else: new hope. Without hope life cannot be found.

Jesus opened his tomb so we may enter. Let us open our sealed tombs so that Jesus may enter our hearts. He is the beacon of hope that grants us life.

Remembering Pope Francis



As we remember the life and legacy of Pope Francis, we give thanks for a leader who walked closely with Jesus and with everyday people. He was not a Pope who sought status or grand gestures. He lived simply, spoke honestly, and reached out to the poor, the brokenhearted, and the forgotten, always reminding us of the power of kindness, compassion, and humility.

Pope Francis came from ordinary beginnings, the child of immigrants, a teacher, a man who once worked as a nightclub bouncer. But he answered Jesus's call and let God do extraordinary things through him. In simple actions, washing the feet of prisoners, embracing the sick, comforting those who mourn. He showed us what it means to live the Gospel.

In our Catholic school community, Pope Francis's life is a reminder that holiness is found in everyday choices, in the way we treat others, speak with love, and live with faith. He showed us that God calls ordinary people, like each of us, to do extraordinary things when we walk in love.

As we pray for the Church and its future, may we also give thanks for the witness of Pope Francis, a humble shepherd whose worn shoes and open heart showed the world the true face of Christ.

From the Principal



Welcome back to Term 2! I hope the Easter break was a time of rest, reflection, and connection for you and your loved ones. We were certainly blessed with beautiful autumn weather, the kind that encourages us to slow down, take a breath, and appreciate the simple joys in life. I trust the holidays brought you peace and renewal.

This Easter season, Christians around the world journeyed through the powerful story of Jesus' death and resurrection, a story of hope, renewal, and the strength of love. During this sacred time, we also received the sad news of the passing of Pope Francis, a deeply respected and much-loved spiritual leader. Pope Francis' legacy of humility, compassion, and tireless advocacy for the poor and marginalised will continue to inspire generations. As he reminded us so often; we encounter God in the people we meet in our everyday lives. May he now rest in peace in the eternal embrace of that same love.

It has been wonderful to see our students return to school with such positivity and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all for making a strong and settled start to the new term. I'd also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the students and staff who represented our school community at the recent ANZAC Day Dawn Service, and to everyone who contributed so generously to Project Compassion at the end of Term 1. While these two occasions are quite different in their origins and purpose, both provide rich opportunities for our students to connect with history, reflect on values of service and sacrifice, and consider how we each play a role in building a more just and compassionate world.

Just as important as literacy and numeracy, learning to be an active and responsible citizen is a vital part of education and key to nurturing a healthy democracy for future generations.

Classrooms are buzzing with curiosity and creativity, and our staff are energised and ready for the term ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring children arrive on time, in uniform, and ready to learn. These seemingly small things have a big impact.

A special welcome back to Mrs Jaylee Gropler, who re-joins our staff team this term and will be working in the R-2 Team. Jaylee brings great energy and warmth to our youngest learners, and we are thrilled to have her back at St Joseph's.

Next Friday, we warmly invite all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, aunties, and special people to join us for *An Afternoon with Mum or Someone Special* as we celebrate the love and care you bring to your children's lives. Beginning at 2:10pm, guests will be treated to a delightful afternoon tea and a few heartfelt surprises from the students. As we look ahead to Mother's Day on Sunday, this is a beautiful opportunity to pause, connect, and celebrate the special role you play in your child's journey. We look forward to sharing this afternoon

with you.

In Week 3, we celebrate Catholic Education Week, a special time to reflect on the unique gift of Catholic education in our community. This year's theme, Seeds of Hope, invites us to nurture the gifts within each child and help them grow in faith, love, and purpose. Throughout the week, our students will participate in a variety of joyful, reflective, and community-building activities, including our House Cup Carnival, a combined schools day at St Francis of Assisi College in Renmark, Walk to School Day, and a colourful Crazy Hair and Sock Day. These events highlight the spirit of Catholic education, one that encourages connection, compassion, celebration, and hope for the future.

As we head to the polling booths for the Federal Election this weekend, we give thanks for all those who have courageously put themselves forward to serve our nation. May we, as a community, vote with wisdom, integrity, and hope for the future.

Nanda de Winter

Principal

An Afternoon with Mum or a Special Someone Invitation



THRIVE WITH 5

5. SLEEP

Children need sleep to give their body and mind a chance to rest and grow. Limiting screen time and putting in place routines and behaviours for a good night's sleep, will see your child more alert and ready for the day. Model the behaviour you want by turning off your screens and ensuring you get enough sleep.



1. PLAY

2. TALK

3. READ

4. EAT WELL

5. SLEEP

READINESS FOR LEARNING



Australian Primary Principals Association

Good sleep has great benefits!

Sleep is like magic for babies and children! It:

- **Restores Energy:** Sleep helps kids feel strong and ready for the day ahead. It's like recharging their batteries!
- **Boosts Learning:** When children sleep, their brains get supercharged, helping them remember things better and learn new stuff faster.
- **Keeps Them Healthy:** Sleep makes their bodies strong and helps fight off germs and illness. It's like putting on a superhero suit for their immune system!
- **Helps Them Grow:** Did you know that children grow when they sleep? It's true! Their bodies make a special growth hormone while they snooze.

Children Need Different Sleep at Different Ages:

- Babies need lots of sleep because they're growing super-fast.
- As children get older, they need a bit less sleep, but it's still super important.

- Sleep changes as kids grow too! Babies sleep a lot during the day, but as they get bigger, they snooze more at night like grown-ups.

How much sleep? At [Raisingchildren.net.au](https://raisingchildren.net.au) we learn that:

- Newborns sleep on and off during the day and night. They sleep for 14-17 hours in every 24 hours.
- Babies 3-6 months usually sleep for 12-15 hours in every 24 hours.
- Toddlers need 11-14 hours of sleep every 24 hours. Usually this is a sleep of 10-12 hours a night, and a nap of 1-2 hours during the day.
- Children aged 3-5 years need 10-13 hours of sleep a night.
- Children aged 5-11 years need 9-11 hours of sleep a night.
- Teenagers generally need about 8-10 hours of sleep a night.

Adults? We need good sleep too and 8 hours a night is a good amount. Sleeping well helps us concentrate, cope with life's stressors, and more easily make plans and decisions.

Anzac Day



Our student leaders proudly represented St Joseph's School Barmera by laying a wreath at the Barmera Dawn Service. With respect and gratitude, they honoured the brave men and women who have served our country. Lest we forget.

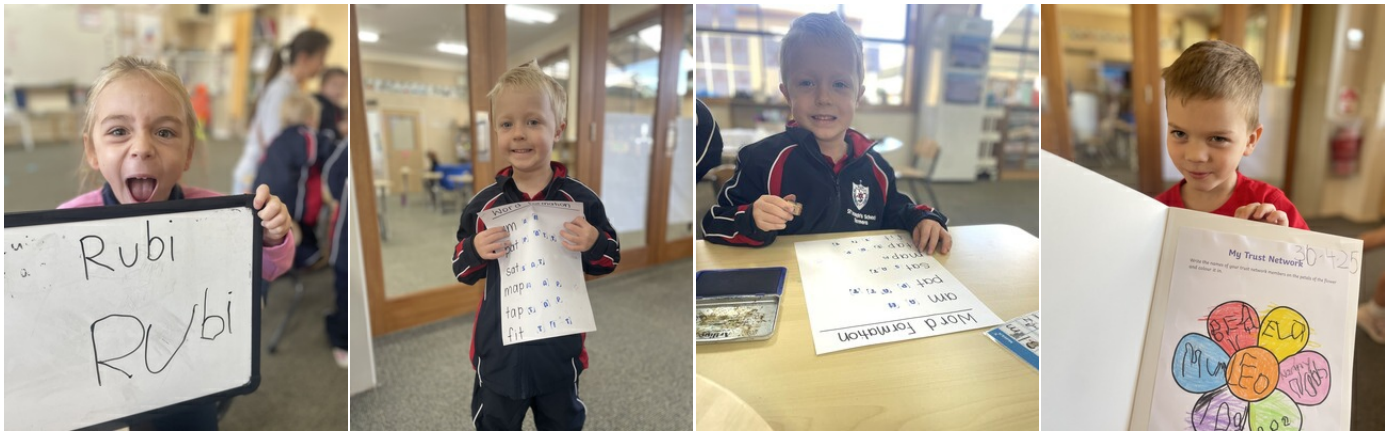
Club Time

Club Time gives students a voice in their learning and the chance to follow their interests. By choosing from a variety of engaging activities, students take ownership of their learning journey. A fun and meaningful way to build confidence, creativity, and collaboration.





Little Joeys School Ready Transition





St Francis
of Assisi College
Laudato Si'

2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

For more Information:

Contact Claire Smith,
Executive Administrator.

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info@assisi.catholic.edu.au



The fun starts here.

All children welcome!

Starting term 2, Wednesday 30 April
4.30pm @ outdoor courts.

Go to the Barmera Netball Club
facebook page to register.

We're a provider!

**Sports
Vouchers
Plus**

Save up to

\$200

per child, per calendar year
on sport, active recreation
and music fees.



Net: 5 years old to year 1.

Set/Go: year 2 to 9 years old (or 10 if not playing 11u). Set/Go also play
modified games against other towns on Friday after school, starting
around week 3, term 2.

Each participant will receive a NetSetGo participant pack containing:

Size 4 netball / T-shirt- Suncorp Super Netball Team branded (choose size when registering) /
Netball key chain - Suncorp Super Netball Team branded.



GOOD CLEAN FUN

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](https://play.afl.com.au/auskick)

BARMERA MONASH FC

Friday Nights
2nd May - 4th July
4:30pm-5:30pm
Free with your ORSR
Sports Voucher!





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BERRI ROWING
CLUB



COME AND DISCOVER ROWING!



Are you an adult looking for a new low-impact activity to enjoy on our beautiful Murray River?

- Social, positive club atmosphere
- Low membership fees (all year round)
- No experience needed
- Ages 18 and up
- Rowing on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons



The Berri Rowing Club invites you to **'Come and Try' Rowing** during Autumn.

A fantastic time of the year to be out on the water!

*Only **\$5 per session** for the first three sessions (to cover insurance).



Contact Sue for more information or to register:

0418 824 914 or
sue1672@gmail.com

MONDAYS

Music & Movement
9:30am | Ages 0-5

Dungeons & Dragons
4:30pm | Ages 13-18

TUESDAYS

Teen Ensemble
4:00pm | Ages 13-18

Online Creative Club:
Visual Arts
5:30pm | Ages 13-18

TERM 2

WEDNESDAYS

Storytellers
4:00pm | Ages 13-18

Online Creative Club:
Creative Writing
5:30pm | Ages 13-18

THURSDAYS

3rd Place
4:00pm | Ages 13-18

SUNDAYS

Pondi
TBC | Ages 13-18



REGISTER



Back On Track — A Men's Group for Positive Change

Thinking about making positive change in your relationships?
The Back on Track 12 week program can help.

- Are you hurting or scaring someone you care about?
- Is violence causing problems in your relationship?
- Would you like different ways to deal with your anger?

If you are thinking about making changes to become a better partner and/or father, you don't have to go it alone. Join us for a 12 week program.

To find out more or to register, contact the RASA Berri office.
Phone: (08) 8582 4122