



Term 2 Week 4 2025

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Embracing the Spirit of Mary MacKillop

Last week, I had the opportunity to visit MacKillop Place in Sydney, where I was immersed in a deeply enriching colloquium exploring the life, spirit, and mission of Mary MacKillop. As a Josephite school, we are called to reflect on her unwavering commitment to education, faith, and service—values that continue to shape our community today.

This gathering was a powerful reminder of the importance of fostering compassion, resilience, and leadership in our staff and students, following in Mary's footsteps.

Sand and Water Play: A Splash of Joy!

We are thrilled to see the successful opening of our new Nature Play area! This vibrant space has quickly become a hub of excitement, offering our children endless opportunities for imaginative and sensory-rich play.

As we eagerly await the final piece—the shade structure that will go over the sandpit—this space will soon be fully equipped for comfort and extended play, ensuring a welcoming and sun-safe environment for all. We look forward to seeing our students continuing to engage with this special addition to our school.

A Big Thank You for Your Support!

A huge thank you to all who volunteered and assisted with the BBQ fundraiser at the recent polling booth—your time, dedication and generosity made the day a tremendous success! Together, we raised over \$2,000, all of which will go toward the new Sport Shade Structure in the multi-sports space.

This initiative will provide much-needed protection for our students, from the sun and the rain when in this area. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank Nicholas for the generous donation of eggs from Tembys Farm as well as 5AA for the donation of sausages.

A Big Thank You to Our Wonderful Mums

We extend our gratitude to all the incredible mums who joined us for our special Mother's Day morning. It was wonderful to see so many of you come together to share in the spirit of community and connection.

Your presence was greatly appreciated, it was great to see many enjoying a chat over coffee and it was a beautiful reminder of the bonds that strengthen our school family. We hope you all had a wonderful day filled with love and appreciation.

The Value of Outdoor Education in Our School Community

At our school, outdoor education is more than just an adventure—it's a vital part of learning. By stepping beyond the classroom, students develop resilience, teamwork, and independence in ways that shape their personal growth.

Recently, our Year 3 and 4 students experienced the joys of farm life at Narnu Farm on Hindmarsh Island, where hands-on activities fostered a deeper connection to nature and history. This week, our Year 5 students embark on their own journey at Woodhouse Adventure Park, taking on challenges that build confidence, cooperation, and problem-solving skills.

These camps offer lasting memories and invaluable experiences, reinforcing the importance of collaboration and interdependence—skills that serve our students well beyond the school years.

Our Year 6 students will head to Willow Creek Adventure Camp in Term 4.

Staffing Announcements

I am delighted to announce that Ms Sherri Powell will be joining us as the new Mid-Year Reception Teacher, starting at the beginning of Term 3. Sherri is an experienced early years educator, having worked in many Primary and Pre Schools.

I also would like to acknowledge and thank Ms Catherine White, who will be leaving us at the end of week 6 to start her maternity leave. We wish her and the family well and thank her for all her efforts with PE. We hope to see her visiting us soon with their new addition to the family.

School Closure Day

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday 6 June for our staff reflection and retreat day. This is attached to the long weekend, so student will return to school will on Tuesday 10 June.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin

Recent News

Enrolments open for 2026 and 2027



Enrolments for 2026 & 2027

Our classrooms are filling up! We have limited places available for 2026, and enrolments in 2027 is already growing. If you have a child due to start in either of these years, please ensure you submit an application form to secure your place. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us in the office.

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Year 5 & 6 Podcast Update



In Term One, the Year 5 and 6 classes have worked with Matt Richards to record, edit and share podcasts.

The Year 5's created a KRL (Kind, Respectful, Learner) Podcast where they discussed how students show these values in our school.

While the Year 6's created a channel called 'Australia Vs' where they compared life in Australia to other countries around the world. It was interesting to learn the behind the scenes process and all of the work that goes into producing a podcast. Students enjoyed learning how to use Garageband and the podcasting equipment.

Tune into Spotify to listen to their work

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/2kxIOuZSOYixVvTX1NWjCW>

Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/australia-vs/id1813791227>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4OoKG2gpQxhES4W2gIx46D>

Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-krl-podcast/id1813805615>



St Joseph's Tranmere P&F Update

Term 2 has kicked off with great energy and community spirit! With \$4,000 raised so far, we're well on our way to our \$10,000 target.

Election Day BBQ

We're thrilled to share that our Election Day BBQ raised an amazing \$2,068—thanks to our generous school community and sponsors. A special thanks to Nicholas Lea (dad of Liam in Reception) for donating the delicious Temby Farm eggs, and to 5AA for the 1,000 democracy sausages! Shoutout to Jo and Felicity for their fantastic coordination and a heartfelt thank you to Jo who gave up her Saturday and took on the role of 'BBQ Captain' from set up to pack down. We had a steady flow of volunteers throughout the day who served up delicious egg & bacon sandwiches and sausages. To all the volunteers who gave their time—we couldn't have done it without you!

Mother's Day Celebrations

Our first Mother's Day Gift Stall was a big success, with nearly 500 gifts sold. It was heartwarming to see the kids thoughtfully choosing their special presents. The Mother's Day Morning Tea on the following Monday brought mums and carers together for a lovely morning of treats, coffee, and community under the vines.

What's Coming Up?

Garlic Bread Tuesdays: \$1 at recess—volunteers needed! Contact Hanna - hanna_sn6@hotmail.com if you can help out.

Drakes Community Dollars: download the Drakes app and select St Joseph's School Tranmere. We earn \$\$ each time you shop!

More information here: <<link form>>

Save the Dates:

P&F Meeting – ALL Welcome: Tuesday 27th May at 7pm, Café Settebello Newton

School Disco – Friday 27 June 2025

Trivia Night – Saturday 16 August 2025

We're always welcoming new faces and fresh ideas. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your involvement makes a big difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

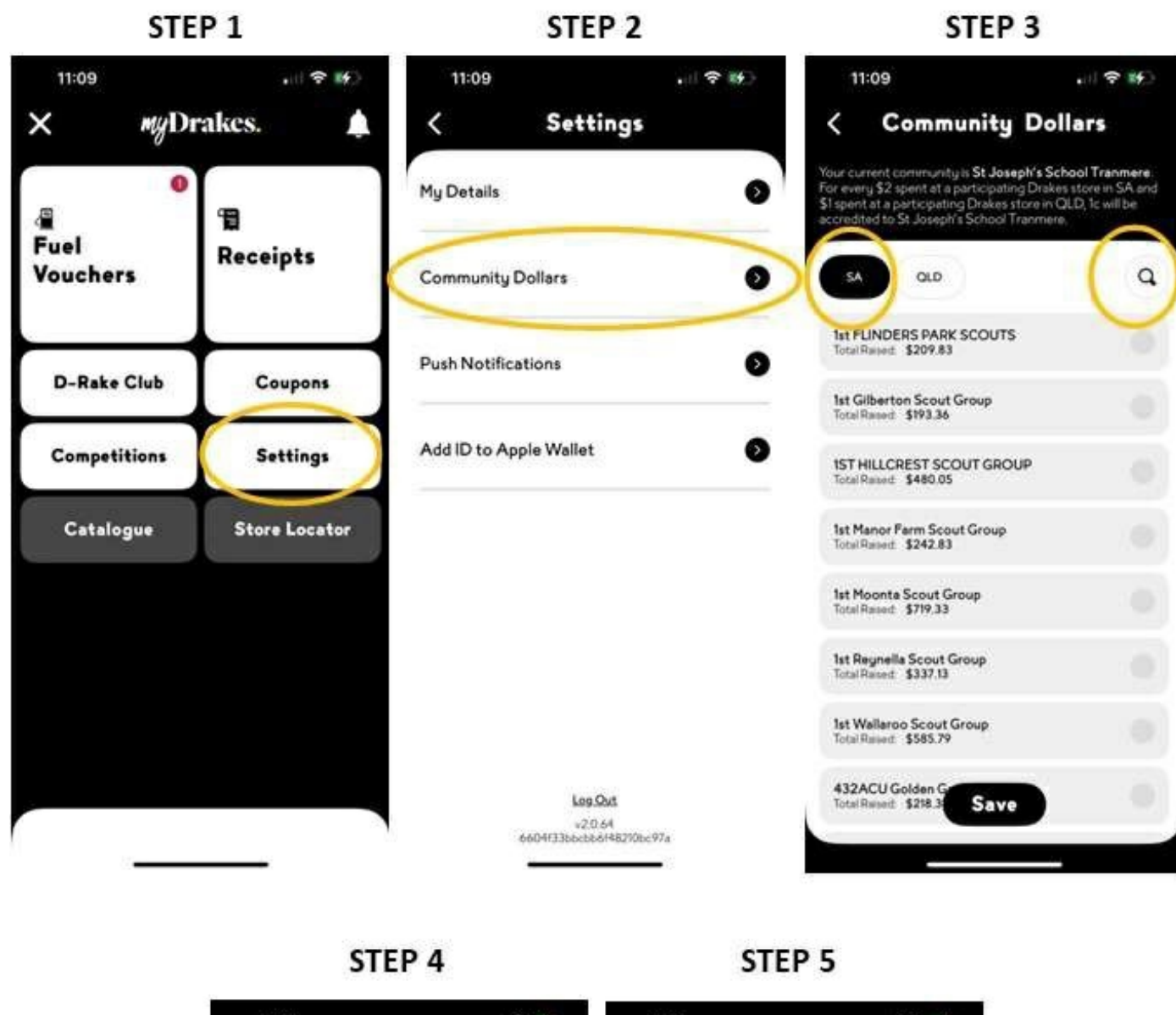
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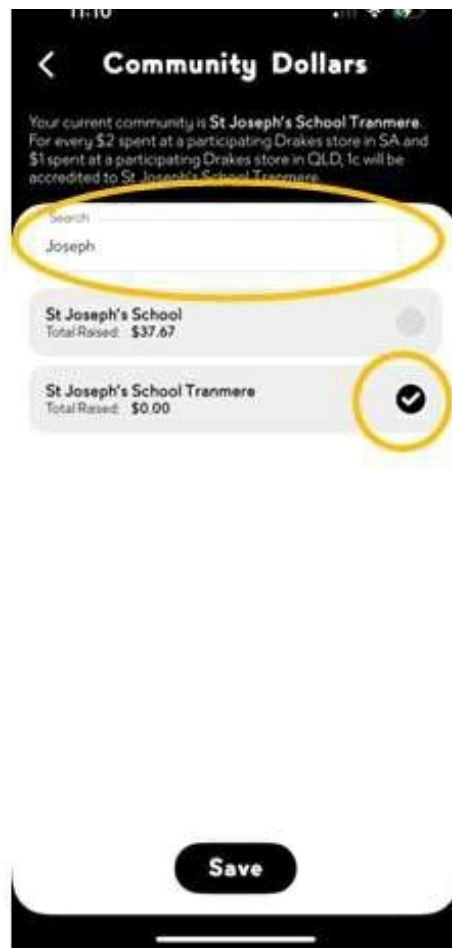
Nicole Goethals

on behalf of the P&F Committee

St Joseph's School Tranmere

Drakes Community Dollars





Dear Families,

Do you shop at Drakes Supermarkets? We need your help.

As part of our fundraising efforts in 2025, we have registered St Joseph's School Tranmere in the DRAKES Community Dollars Program. Simply download and register for the myDrakes app, then search for our School as a Community Dollars Partner.

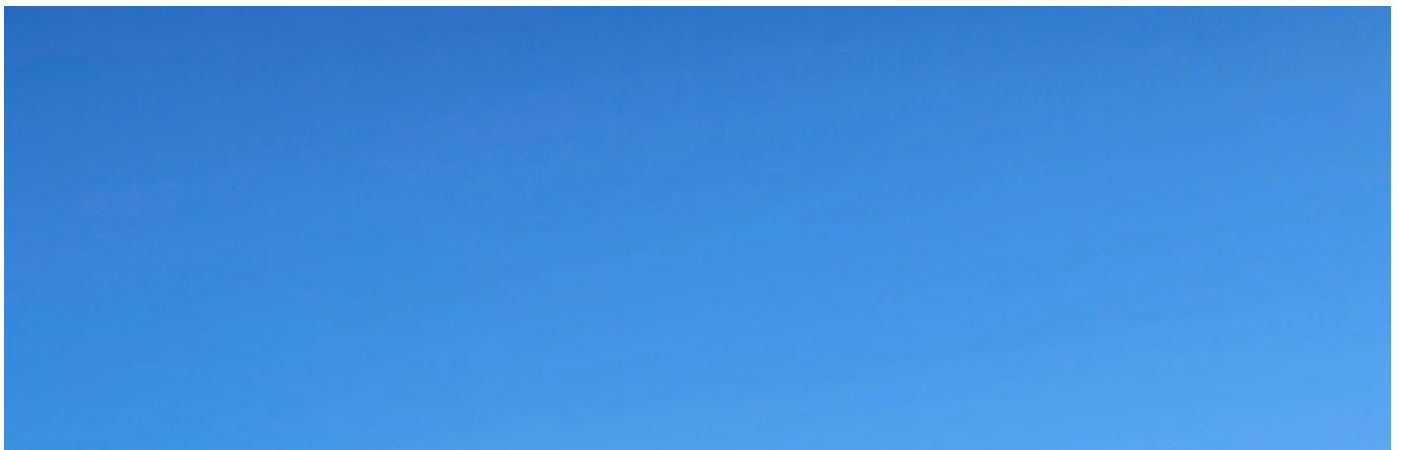
Each time you shop and scan your phone, a portion of your shop is automatically attributed to the School without the need to scan an additional key tag. Please follow the step by step guide attached.

Thank you in advance.

Parents and Friends

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SPASASA Montain Bike Challenge





On Friday 9th May, three of our students—Bryce, Lenny, and Miguel—proudly represented our school at the SAPSASA Mountain Biking Challenge held at Craighburn Farm. The event took place from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and featured 98 competing teams from across the region.

The race was a demanding cross-country relay, incorporating both uphill and downhill components. Lenny kicked off the event with an impressive effort, tackling three uphill segments and one downhill. At the transition point, Lenny tapped in Miguel, who surged forward with great energy. After completing his leg of the course, Miguel passed the baton to Bryce, who brought the team home strongly.

After an intense and exhilarating race, the boys finished in 40th place—a commendable achievement in a highly competitive field. Waiting for the final results was a nerve-racking experience, but it was all worth it in the end.

We are incredibly proud of Bryce, Lenny, and Miguel for their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. It was a memorable experience for the boys and a great day for our school community.

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Are you interested in volunteering in the School Community

At St Joseph's School Tranmere, we are always grateful for the support given by our volunteers. Volunteering applies to a wide range of activities in the school including attending excursions, coaching sports teams, reading in the classroom, helping in the many committees and many other school-related activities.

Volunteers contribute richly to the school's learning program and community life.

You can help in:

Classrooms - supporting reading, attending excursions, helping with art and craft activities, participating in learning activities in literacy and numeracy

The Resource Centre - helping with book management

Sports - coaching and managing teams

Committees - eg School Board, Parents & Friends, Uniform Committee, Joey's Management Committee, OSHC Management Committee

What do you need?

Information for Volunteering - Due to changes in the Child Protection Act

If you would like to act as a volunteer in the school, you are required to have a 5-point check. Please provide the school with copies of the following or speak with our front office staff about the application process:

Completed CESA Volunteer Registration pack - available from the school office

A Catholic Police Check Clearance or Working with Children Check (WWCC from the Department of Human Services). If you need to obtain this clearance please come to the school office.

A RRHAN-EC (Responding to Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care) training certificate with new expiry date of December 2027

Work Health and Safety on-line induction for Volunteers Certificate

Work Health Safety signed form

Please note: That all these processes are mandatory and must be completed in order to volunteer/continue to volunteer. This requirement is designed to ensure our children are protected and safe at school.

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P & F Fundraiser target

PARENTS & FRIENDS

2025 FUNDRAISING TARGET: \$10,000

FUNDRAISING GOAL:
SPORTS AREA SHADE STRUCTURE

SAVE THE DATE



SCHOOL DISCO

27
JUNE

QUIZ NIGHT

16
AUGUST

FATHER'S DAY
MORNING

05
SEPTEMBER

COLOUR RUN

28
NOVEMBER

IT'S GOING TO BE A WONDERFUL YEAR FULL OF ACTIVITIES
TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND BUILD
A SENSE OF COMMUNITY. IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED, GET IN TOUCH
VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Parents and Friends



St Joseph's School
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Reporting Your Child's Absence

Dear Families,

If you need to report your child's absence from school, please contact the school via email at info@stjotran.catholic.edu.au or by completing the online form available on the school's website:

<https://www.stjotran.catholic.edu.au/contact-us/student-absence>

Thank you for your cooperation.

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