



Message from Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As I write this newsletter, we are grateful that we have returned to face to face teaching this week. To ensure that we continue to keep our community safe, I ask that for the time being we restrict the number of adults on site to staff, allied health professionals and university students who have been placed at our school. As information comes to hand regarding movements around schools, we will endeavour to keep you all updated and look forward to parents and caregivers being onsite in the not too distant future.

Thank you to the staff, students and especially you, our wonderful parents and caregivers for supporting your child with home learning.

We appreciate that this is difficult, especially if you have also been working from home.

As a staff we are reviewing the processes we have used for home learning so that we can continue to improve on our practise.

Welcome

Last week, we welcomed new staff, students and their families to the SJMS community.

Welcome to the following students who started their journey at SJMS this term:

Alyssa
August
Esther
Evie
Hugo
Isla
Jessica
Luca
Paris
Tia
Wallace

Welcome also to Miss Nicola Ciuffini who will be the Reception Blue teacher for the remainder of the year.

Grandparents Day

On Sunday we celebrated the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. In recognition of all grandparents around the world, Pope Francis has established the inaugural World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly on this day, seeking to make a link and recognise the need for both the elderly and the young which values the gifts this relationship offers to them both.

The prayer below was written and offered for all Grandparents by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI in 2008:

*Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.*

*Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.*

Performing Arts Studio - Building Project (photo above)

In our last newsletter, I referred to the possibility of our Performing Arts Studio build commencing soon.

It is with pleasure that I inform the community that during the school holidays, we secured MOSSOPS as the builder for this project. An initial meeting was held via TEAMS last week. We are hopeful that over the next few weeks, the project will commence. This will mean that there will be some changes / restrictions at the William Street campus.

I will endeavour to keep you up to date as this happens. Thank you in anticipation of your support during this time.

Parent Volunteers

Last term, you would have received information via email (on 29 June) regarding the requirements for all volunteers working in Catholic Schools. As well as a Catholic Police Clearance, current volunteers needed to complete a RAN online training course. If you are a current volunteer, please ensure that you have completed this information and provided a copy of your certificate to either Mary Fantasia or Jess Nelson. This information must be provided before you are able to continue volunteering at SJMS this Semester.

For all our new Parent Volunteers, a package will be made available to you in the next week for your information.

Thank you to all our Parents and Caregivers who support us in this valuable role. Without the support of our volunteers, many afterschool activities and excursions would not be possible.

Social Work Students

Over the next semester, SJMS will again host Master of Social Work students from the University of SA for their placement. We welcome Sophie, Karen, Noor and Rachel as they begin their placements.

The goal during their placement is to provide children with the support they need to be successful and engaged learners. They will promote social and emotional wellbeing through fun and varied activities, encouraging students to overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

In the next Newsletter, they will introduce themselves to the community.

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

Message from Mr Harrison



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3. As a community we welcomed our newest students and the very next day we were preparing for four days of home learning. Despite this, our resilient learners and their families came online each day to watch, conference and post their experiences through Seesaw and Microsoft Teams. Thank you so much to our families and staff for the way in which we lived out our authentic and ongoing partnership. Then this week, we welcomed each other back with a collective smile and a story or two to share.

COVID-19 Adjustments:

Masses

Until Tuesday 3 August, St Ignatius Church has a maximum capacity of 120 parishioners and large group gatherings including class Masses and Liturgies have been cancelled or postponed. Therefore, the whole school Mass on Monday 9 August celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop will most likely become a Microsoft Teams Liturgy of the Word where a selection of representative students and staff will join Fr Paul in the Piazza. At this stage, restrictions may also apply for our whole school Mass on Monday 16 August for the Assumption of Mary. Jess Nelson will continue to keep everyone updated.

Mission Day

Our major fundraising event, Mission Day, that was planned for Friday 13 August will be postponed. Classes will still continue to plan for this event over the coming weeks and we are hopeful that we will have a new date and further information to share in our Week 4 Newsletter. Jess Nelson will continue to keep everyone updated.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the recent lockdown, the First Reconciliation meeting on Tuesday 20 July was cancelled. On the 23 July the Family Faith Formation team from the parish, distributed an introductory email and workshop activities for candidates to complete with their families at home. If your child has been registered for their First Reconciliation and you have not yet received this email, contact the parish directly on 8332 0600, ring the front office at school or send an email to mharrison@sjms.catholic.edu.au and I will forward or send home a hard copy.

St Vincent de Paul Acknowledgement

In the first week of the school holidays, our Winter Appeal donations were collected by the President of St Vincent de Paul's Norwood Conference, Max Ormsby. Max, was overwhelmed by the 14 boxes filled with donations and the generous monetary donation from our uniform sales and Pyjama Day. The following day, Max wrote:

"On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the support that St Joseph's Memorial School again gave to our Winter Appeal.

We have delivered your wonderful donations to the St Vincent de Paul Warehouse from where they will be shared with many of the companions that the Society cares for. Your cash donation has also been greatly received and will assist us to assist the many homeless that nightly seek our support.

Please advise your community that St Joseph's Memorial School's generous support is greatly appreciated and valued."

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

Acting APRIM

Save The Date!



The SJMS Quiz Night is back!!!

More information will be sent to families next week, including how to buy tickets - keep an eye on the Skoolbag app and don't miss out - numbers will be limited due to COVID restrictions.

Playgroup is postponed



Please note
Playgroup

is temporarily
on hold due to
COVID-19

We look forward
to welcoming
back our
Playgroup
families soon!



St Joseph's Memorial School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold the following:

1. **A current Catholic Police Check** (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events);
2. **A current Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate** (please [click here to view how to complete this requirement](#));
3. **Completed the volunteers application.**

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers at SJMS are free for our current parents and caregivers. [Application Forms](#) are available to [download here](#) or at either school office.

We ask that you present your completed form with verification ID to the front office, and we will submit the application on your behalf. You will then receive an email link to complete the process online. Once all cleared you will receive a Catholic Police Check ID card in the post, please bring this in to the front office and we will take a copy of your clearance.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through either school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at either office.

Thanking you

The SJMS Admin Team

info@sjms.catholic.edu.au

For more information on how Catholic Education SA provides a safe environment for all, please [click here](#).

Summary of what is needed to volunteer at SJMS:

Valid Catholic Police Check

Responding to Abuse and Neglect Education and Care Volunteer Certificate

Completed application form

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Term dates do not include Pupil Free Days. Please check the [SJMS Calendar](#) for up to date Pupil Free Days.

2023

Term 1 concludes on Friday 14 April
Term 2 Monday 1 May to Friday 7 July
Term 3 Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September
Term 4 Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

2024

Term 1 Monday 29 January to Friday 12 April
Term 2 Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
Term 3 Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Term 4 Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December

2025

Term 1 Tuesday 28 January to Friday 11 April
Term 2 Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July
Term 3 Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September
Term 4 Monday 13 October to Friday 12 December

Please remember to check the [SJMS calendar](#) regularly for important dates and events.

Take up the challenge!



Mr Siinmaa's Lockdown Challenge

Remember your mask!



**MAKE SURE
YOU'RE
COVERED.**

Places to wear a mask:



Indoor public places



Hospital, health, aged care sites



Passenger transport



Salons and other personal care premises



Schools



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SJMS Calendar



For dates, information on events and more, please visit the SJMS Calendar.

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

Pupil Free Days



The upcoming Pupil Free Days for Reception to Year 6 are:

Friday 24 September 2021

Monday 11 October 2021

Thursday 9 December 2021

Friday 10 December 2021

OSHC available from 7am until 6pm at the Bridge St campus. Bookings essential. Please book using the 'Pupil Free Day' option on the iParent Portal.

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[SJMS Facebook Page](#)

Communication Between School and Home

Emails

[Click here to view the current staff email addresses.](#)

If you are not receiving emails from us, please email info@sjms.catholic.edu.au to ensure your email is correct on our system. Thank you.

School Phone Number

The phone number for the school is 0881307777. The phone will be answered by either office and your call directed to the appropriate area/staff member.

Skoolbag app

An app used to communicate letters and information between the school and home.

[Skoolbag app instructions.](#)

SeeSaw

A communication site used to share learning in the classroom with parents and caregivers. Invitations are sent home via the classroom teacher.

[Click here to access the login page for SeeSaw.](#)

Social Media

Communication platforms ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) used to showcase the learning and events occurring at SJMS, as well as a marketing tool for our school.

Parents and Friends Facebook Page

A [Facebook Group](#) where parents and caregivers can join to see P&F news, events and sell/buy second-hand uniform.

Qkr! app

An app families can use to pay school fees, OSHC fees, lunch orders and much more.

[Qkr! app instructions](#).

Submitting a student absentee

Parents and caregivers can use the form in the Skoolbag app or via this website to advise when your child is absent. Please submit before 9am on the day of the absence. Thank you.

[Submit an absentee](#).

Outside School Hours Care Software

iParent portal - the software used for the OSHC services at SJMS. Parents (once registered) can log into the portal and manage their child/ren's bookings online and check their OSHC account balance. Please note OSHC bookings are essential to ensure a child safe environment, maintain appropriate staffing ratios and ensure we do not exceed our licence.

[OSHC email](#).

[iParent portal link \(for after you have registered\)](#).

[OSHC registration form](#).

[OSHC information page](#).

SJMS Sport

Mr Tom Siinmaa is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mr Siinmaa via email tom@sjms.catholic.edu.au.

Instrumental Program

Learning Through Music provides instrumental lessons at SJMS. You can contact them via email info@ltmusic.com.au.

[SJMS Staff contact details](#)

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Sleeve

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Sleeve

\$45.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Trousers

\$41.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Track Pants

\$38.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Elastic Back Shorts

\$38.00

You can now book your uniform shop appointment online!

Why do I need an appointment?

Due to social distancing requirements there can only be 2 families in store at a time. If you do not have an appointment you will have to wait outside until we can serve you.

How do I book?

The easiest way to book is to go online. You can book a quick 15 minute fitting (best for current students) or a full 30 minute fitting (best for new students or full uniform updates). You can also follow the link to the online shop through your school website!

What if I know exactly what I need?

If you know what you need you can place an online order and collect in store or have it sent to the school for no additional charge.

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Pathways Beyond Year 6



[Click here](#) to view the local Catholic pathways beyond Year 6.

Southern Cross News



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