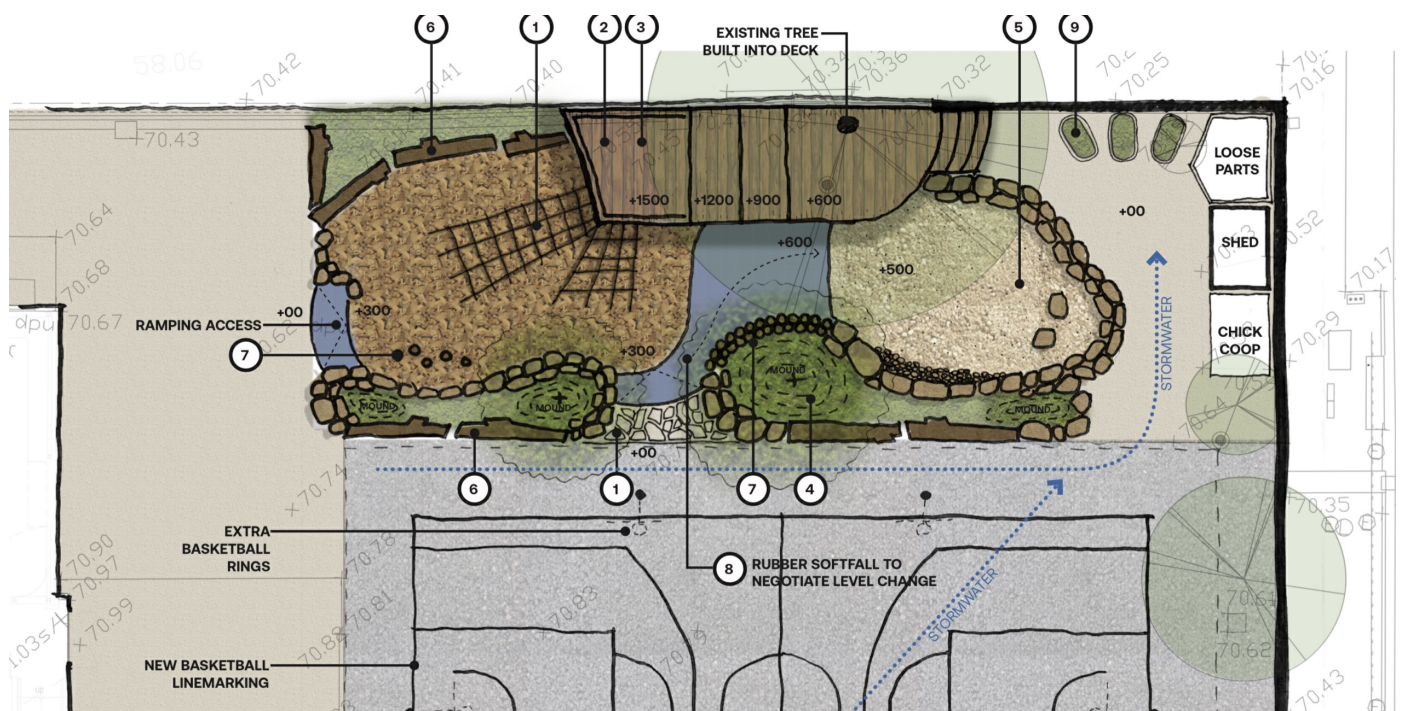




Message from Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week, we celebrated the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, a significant person in the history of Catholic Education in South Australia, but also for our School Community. St Mary MacKillop spent 10 years in the Norwood and Kensington area. She helped to establish our School at the Bridge Street site and would visit the children at this site often sharing lollies with them. What is most significant is that this was almost 150 years ago. Next year, we celebrate the sesquicentenary (150 year anniversary) of our school. We hope to make this a very special celebration for our school community.

At our liturgy on Monday, we also took the time to acknowledge Fr Paul Mullins and his service to our school and Parish over the past 12

years. As an educator and leader for over 30 years, he has provided wisdom and guidance to students and teachers alike and will be missed. Fr Paul will be moving to Melbourne in September to work with the Jesuit Provincial.

Performing Arts Studio (PAS)

As you are all aware, the construction of our Performing Arts Studio is due to commence next week. Communication was sent out to families earlier this week to advise of the changes to play areas at William Street. We are grateful to all our Parents and Caregivers for their support and understanding to disruptions that may occur, especially to the drop-off and pick-up areas and ask for your patience during this time. We hope that the construction of the PAS will be completed late January 2022. Following this, there will be a redevelopment of the play space which will include a nature play area (pictured above) as well as a combined netball / basketball court area.

Pick up / Drop off Reminders

Just a reminder to all our parents and caregivers to be aware of the Kiss and Drop Zones operating outside both sites. Parents and caregivers must remain in the car and wait for their child to be called out when you are waiting in this zone. Please do not park and get out of your car to collect your child as you may receive a parking fine. If you do need to leave your car, please find a car park on the street and then come to the gate to collect your child.

Book Week

In Week 6, we will celebrate Book Week with our students. During this week we will focus on the following activities:

Monday 23 August – Reading rotations with teachers reading their favourite book to students.

Wednesday 25 August – Students to bring along their favourite book to share with their friends.

Friday 27 August – Dress up as your favourite book character.

We look forward to celebrating Book Week with our students.

Thank You

I would just like to extend my sincere thanks to all our parents and caregivers for observing the current COVID restrictions relating to entering the school grounds etc. Hopefully, this won't be a long term restriction and acknowledge that especially for the parents of our new Preschool and Reception students, this would not have been the start you envisioned to your child's first experience of school.

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

Acting Principal

Message from Mr Harrison



Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Sunday 8 August, we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the first Australian Saint who opened our Bridge Street School in 1872. Mary MacKillop was a person of action, she loved the poor and worked hard to care for them in any way that she could. Mary MacKillop is a wonderful example us how to open our eyes and ears, our hearts and our minds to the needs of others. She shows us how to serve others with kindness, love and understanding.

This Sunday 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates the glorification of Mary, chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus the Christ. We celebrate Mary's life and passing from this world (body and soul) into the Glory of God.

William Street Mary MacKillop Liturgy

On Monday 9 August, our William Street students from Year 2 to Year 6 gathered at 9:15am in St Ignatius Church to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Liturgy of the Word was presided by Fr Paul Mullins SJ and well led by our Year 6 leaders. In his homily, Fr Paul spoke of Mary MacKillop's ability to see a need within the community and her faith to trust that God would help the Sister's of St Joseph to address it.

Fr Paul Mullins SJ Farewell

After the final blessing, we were privileged to have the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Fr Paul on behalf of the entire community, both past and present. Fr Paul has been the Norwood and St Joseph's Memorial Parish Priest since 2010. For 12 years, Fr Paul has been a part of our prayer gatherings, faith formation, spiritual formation, Family Faith Program, Masses, Liturgies of the Word, blessings, Religious Education lessons, School Board meetings and ongoing assistance to families within the Parish.

To show our appreciation, Year 6 Student Leaders Mary and Felix presented Fr Paul with a Thank You Book from our Preschool to Year 5/6 classes, a Waterman Pen inscribed with the words 'In Omnibus Caritas – SJMS' and a bottle from the Adelaide Hills Region.

Fr Paul thanked our community saying,

"I am very touched by the gifts, comments and drawings but it is all of you, the people, that I will miss."

Bridge Street Mary MacKillop Liturgy

On Monday 9 August, our Bridge Street students from Preschool to Year 1 gathered at 10:15am in the library, to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Liturgy of the Word was led by staff and we were well supported by our amazing young people. In the homily, we talked about how Mary placed her trust in God, Mary believed if she was kind, others would be kind to her and if she was helpful, others would also be helpful to her.

Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLAT)

On Thursday 19 August our Year 4 students will complete a Religious Literacy Assessment. ReLAT is for all students in Catholic schools and is an assessment of general religious knowledge in reference to Religious Education, prayer and religious life celebrations. In preparation for this assessment, the Year 4 students were this week given an opportunity to try a practice test so that they could familiarise themselves with their online ReLAT interface.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Update

We are now three weeks into our Sacrament of Reconciliation program, with only two weeks to go!

The Parish Faith Formation team have asked that I pass on their congratulations to our candidates and their families for the excellent homework responses they have received thus far. The team were also appreciative of the scanned copies of Baptismal certificates our families have been forwarding. If your child has been registered for their First Reconciliation and you have not been receiving 'Family Faith' emails, please contact the Parish directly on 8332 0600, ring the front office at school or send an email to mharrison@sjms.catholic.edu.au. If I can be of any support including photocopies of homework sheets or Baptismal certificates please do not hesitate to email.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 26 August at St Ignatius Church at 7pm. Families are able to invite up to 6 people. A face-to-face meeting and rehearsal, is currently planned for Tuesday 24 August (Week 6). This meeting will start in the Parish Hall at 7pm and then progress into the Church for a practice. I will follow up with our students on the Thursday 26 August for a final practice.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

Acting APRIM

Book Week is coming!!!



**BOOK
WEEK
2021**

S.J.M.S.
IN OMNIBUS
CARITAS



**Friday
27 August**

**Week 6
Term 3 2021**

**Come dressed
as your
favourite book
character**

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The 2021 SJMS Quiz Night



Tickets and Little Box Co food boxes are selling fast for the SJMS Quiz night on September 18th!

Get your tickets today on QKR!!

We have some great items for our silent auction, thank you to those who have been in touch.

Join us at Playgroup!



Where: 46 Bridge Street, Kensington

When: Fridays during school term

Time: 9am until 11am

Cost: Free!

Contact us for more information on 08 8130 7777 or info@sjms.catholic.edu.au

Volunteer Requirements at SJMS



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

View this article online to read more

Term Dates



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.



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Remember your mask!



Masks are required to be worn by:

-  Secondary students, when indoors
-  School staff (except when teaching or engaging with students)
-  All adult visitors to sites, including Early Childhood Education and Care
-  Staff in meeting rooms
-  Secondary students and adults on school buses and public transport

Exceptions apply.

Primary students do not need to wear masks.

[Read More](#)

For more information visit
sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidmasks



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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.

Follow us on Social Media



Stay up to date with all that is happening across SJMS via our [Facebook Page](#) and [Instagram Account](#)

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](#)

[Communication Flowchart](#)

[SJMS Communication Information](#)

SJMS Uniform Shop News

Sort by

Price, high to low ▾



St Joseph's Norwood
| Rugby Top

From \$76.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Woollen Jumper

From \$70.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Skirt (Culottes)

\$60.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Back Pack

\$58.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Sports Polo

\$54.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Banded Shirt - Long
Sleeve

\$48.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Banded Shirt - Short
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!

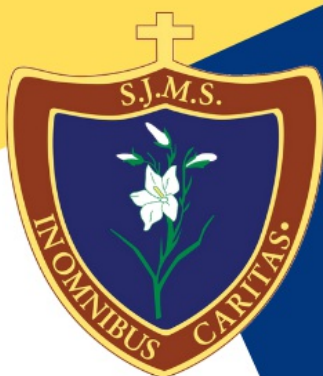
What if I know exactly what I need?

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.

[Find out more](#)

[Read More](#)

Pathways Beyond Year 6



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

Southern Cross News



[Click here](#) to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

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