



## Message from Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is difficult to believe that we are nearing the end of Term 3. So many things have happened and so much learning has been experienced by students.

I would like to congratulate the Year 5 and 6 Debating Teams for their participation in the Debating SA competition. The students

represented our school with pride and put in a lot of time preparing for their debates.

Just a reminder to all that hats must be worn during play breaks now. Children not wearing a hat, will need to play in the shade.

### **Class Groupings 2022**

Over the next few weeks the class placement process for 2022 will commence. This is a complex jig-saw as we work to develop the right mix of students and the best possible fit in terms of both class size and class structure. Our teachers aim to keep abreast of the needs of every child through the course of the year and in their discussions with parents. Please understand that we take into consideration a range of factors including learning styles, academic achievement, gender, previous class history, friendship groups, social and emotional issues, siblings/relatives and so on. However, there is no doubt that some families will feel the need to write to me regarding placement. If you feel you must write, please base your request on educational issues that you feel we do not currently hold and that is crucial to a successful placement occurring. This is not about 'selecting a teacher', but is an opportunity for you to provide information that will help us with the process. I must stress that letters of requests for certain teachers will not be considered. Please ensure all requests are forwarded to me no later than this Friday.

### **Parents on School Grounds**

I thank all parents for your support and cooperation 'limiting the numbers of parents on school sites'. I have received further clarification through CESA referring to Department for Education guidelines.

The clarification has been sought as there are comparisons being made between schools in the Catholic sector and even schools in other sectors. All schools differ in their size, layout and complexity. At SJMS, we have limited indoor space and for this reason, we still need to limit parent access on our sites however, if parents have a prearranged meeting with their child's teacher, provide COVID protocols are followed, these meetings can happen.

Unfortunately, this means that parents are unable to attend Assemblies or Class Liturgies of the Word.

Our School Sports Day will be held off site and provided we follow protocols and physical distancing, attendance at this event should not be a problem. Further information will be available early next term. parents wear masks, COVID check in etc. we will be able to have

Principals have a degree of discretion on what might be reasonable for their local context, so long as the general health guidelines are being applied.

Of course, if an outbreak were to occur in SA, then we can expect that there will be a rapid tightening of freedoms across the entire community, including schools.

I thank you all for your support in this matter.

### **Child Protection Week**

This week is Child Protection Week. The theme for the 2021 National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) Child Protection Week campaign is 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.'

In Child Protection Week we are asked to be someone who listens to children, someone who will start a conversation with children and if needed, be that someone whom children will turn to when in need. The Commission is committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of all children and young people from harm. This includes supporting the rights of the child and child safe environments by working together with key partner agencies towards care and protection of children within our community.

### **Volunteers at SJMS**

Just a reminder that if you would like to volunteer at SJMS you will need to have the following documentation:

- [Catholic Police Clearance](#)
- [CESA Volunteer Application](#)
- [Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care online course for volunteers](#)

Please note that if the following information is not up to date, you will not be able to volunteer at SJMS until these requirements are met.

### **Please keep in your prayers...**

I would like to offer my condolences on behalf of our community to Matt Harrison and his extended family on the loss of their beloved mum, grandmother, sister and aunty. Catherine Harrison was known at SJMS as she volunteered her time to support our school community. I know she will be sadly missed. Please keep Catherine and her family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,*



*and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,*

*through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

Photos:

*Top of Newsletter - William St Performing Arts Studio build update.*

*Top of Article - Preschool students during exploration.*

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## Message from Mr Harrison



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we celebrate the birth of Mary. We remember Mary as the mother of Jesus who carried him and cared for him during his life. In Mary, we find inspiration to trust in God just as Mary MacKillop did and we do our best to follow in the example of Jesus.

This week we are also encouraged to consider our ongoing pastoral care for each other. Thursday 9 September's R U OK? Day, reminds us that Jesus taught us to 'love our neighbour' and we do this when reach out, listen, encourage action and check in.

### Way2Go

This semester St Joseph's Memorial School is participating in the Way2Go program. The Way2Go program aims to develop a whole school plan, with initiatives that promote St Joseph's Memorial as a safer, greener and more active school.

The program will involve consultation with staff, students and community. It will also offer future initiatives such as Bike Ed and inform grants that will improve our infrastructure and council decisions related to our school.

As part of the process, a confidential, non-identifying GIS map of the student locations relative to the school, footpath networks and road crossings is generated. This is solely used for the purpose of informing and developing the whole school plan inclusive of Norwood and Kensington. Street addresses are used to identify our school catchment areas and these addresses are turned into a geocode then mapped. No child, name, age or gender will be identified by the map and once the plan is developed the map will be destroyed.

## **2021 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly**

The 2021 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly will be held over three days; Friday 17 September, Saturday 18 September and Thursday 23 September. The Theme of the assembly will be, "Our Story, Our Mission, Our Future." Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will open and summarise the assembly which aims to shape the diocesan vision and action into the future.

As part of the assembly, I will represent St Joseph's Memorial School and the Norwood Parish engage in discussions on topics such as inclusion, leadership, formation, parish life and outreach.

## **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

The first meeting for First Holy Communion was held on Tuesday 31 August in the Parish Hall from 7:00pm. The Faith Formation team was really pleased with the turn out and the engagement from the parish candidates. Any families who were unable to make this first meeting are encourage to contact Kate or Emma from the parish office on 8332 0600.

The second meeting and combined rehearsal will be held on Tuesday 26 October in the Parish Hall and St Ignatius Church. In the meantime, please keep an eye out for any emails from the Faith Formation team containing attached homework sheets.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 31 October. At this stage the parish is considering a whole group 2:00pm Sacramental Mass or alternatively holding two services to accommodate guests at 1:00pm or 2:30pm. All options discussed at the first meeting were subject to further restrictions.

On behalf of the parish, we are asking families of candidates to keep this date free and we appreciate your patience until times are announced in the week preceding.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison  
Acting APRIM

*Photo: Friday 10 Sept 2021 William St Japanese Spring Festival.*

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## Sports Day



Sports Day is planned for Friday 22 October 2021.

Please find the [letter here](#) that was sent to all families last week.

## Pupil Free Days



**Preschool Pupil Free Days:**



Friday 24 September 2021

Friday 10 December 2021

### **Reception to Year 6 Pupil Free Days:**

Friday 24 September 2021

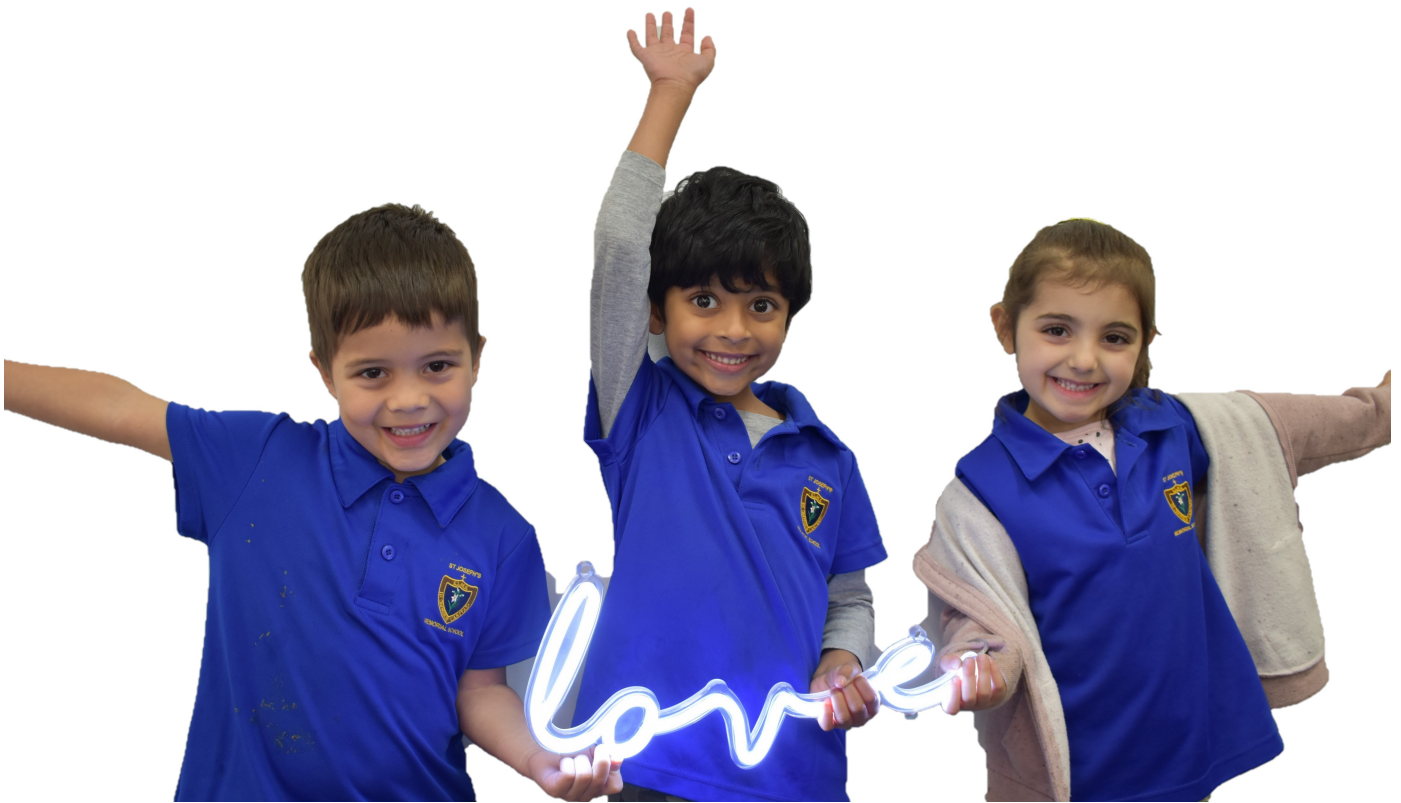
Monday 11 October 2021

Thursday 9 December 2021

Friday 10 December 2021

On each of the Pupil Free Days, OSHC is available from 7am until 6pm at the Bridge St campus. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please book using the 'Pupil Free Day' option on the iParent Portal.

## **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](mailto:info@sjms.catholic.edu.au)





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](mailto: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.





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TO YEAR 6








RAISING  
**HEARTS  
AND  
MINDS**



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](https://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](#)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ltmusic.com.au).

[SJMS Staff contact details](#)

[Communication Flowchart](#)

[SJMS Communication Information](#)

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## SJMS Uniform Shop News

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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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