



## Important Dates

P&F Coffee  
Morning  
Friday 3 December

Preschool  
Graduation  
Wednesday 8 December

Reception to Year 6  
Pupil Free Day  
(Preschool open)  
Thursday 9 December

Preschool to Year 6  
Pupil Free Day  
Friday 10 December

Vacation Care  
commences Dec  
2021  
Monday 13 December

Last day of  
Vacation Care for  
2021  
Friday 17 December

Vacation Care  
commences January  
2022  
Monday 10 January

Australia Day Public  
Holiday  
Wednesday 26 January

Last day of  
Vacation Care  
January 2022  
Friday 28 January

First day of  
Preschool and  
School 2022  
Monday 31 January

New Parent P&F  
Morning Tea  
Monday 31 January

SJMS Welcome  
Evening  
Saturday 26 February

SJMS 2022 Fun Run  
Saturday 2 April

Mother's Day Stalls  
Wednesday 4 May

Mother's Day  
Morning Tea  
Friday 6 May

SJMS Quiz Night  
(TBC)  
Saturday 2 July

Father's Day Stalls  
Wednesday 31 August

Father's Day  
Morning Tea  
Friday 2 September

SJMS Student Disco  
Friday 23 September

## Message from Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Sunday at Mass we lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath. The main characteristics of Advent, are waiting, hope and renewal. There are two types of waiting, passive and active. Passive waiting is a little like being at a bus stop; there's nothing much you can do except look up every now and again to see if the bus is coming or watch the passing traffic or read a book etc. Active waiting is a like preparing for a guest to come and visit us in our home. Our eyes are on the clock as we tidy the house, prepare food and other refreshments, put some flowers into a vase and consider what would please the person coming to visit.

It's fairly easy to recognise that for most of us, the active form of waiting is how we prepare for Christmas. We are all busy with Christmas cards, the purchase of special food, the saving for presents and the search for the traditional stocking. The Christmas tree will reappear with lights and decorations and the countdown will begin for the Big Day. All great fun but will we remember to focus on whom we are waiting for? The prophet Isaiah reminds us in the Old Testament: "People were walking in the dark when they saw a bright light. A light came to them to brighten their dark land. You have made them very happy they will never be sad again. A child is born: a son given to us. He will be wonderful. His name will be Prince of Peace. He will tell us what to do and we will find Peace.

The light of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of Jesus coming and is a wonderful example of active waiting: one candle is lit each week during the season. Whatever we do in our preparation for Christmas, no doubt it will be done in a spirit of thoughtfulness, love and care and no doubt God's blessing to us would be according to our true needs.

### **Meet the Teacher**

On Monday, students from Reception to Year 6 will get to meet their 2022 teacher on Monday morning from 9:30 – 10:15am. At the end of the day, your child will come home with information pertaining to the 2022 School Year.

### **End of Year Mass**

This Tuesday 7 December we will celebrate our End of Year Mass in St Ignatius Church at 9:15am. Please refer to the note sent out by Mr Harrison earlier this week.

### **Staff Farewells**

At the end of the year, we will farewell staff members who will either be retiring, resigning, moving to other schools or coming to the end of their teaching contract with us. I would like to thank every staff member for their dedication to their role this year.

Mrs Elsa Romano – retiring after 44 years of service at SJMS

Mrs Mary Cruickshank – resigning after 20 years of service at SJMS

Mrs Sonya Brewer – resigning after 11 years of service at SJMS

Mr Matt Harrison – congratulations on being appointed as APRIM at St Margaret Mary's School, Croydon

Mrs Reena Aftab

Mrs Courtney Pisaniello

Miss Izabella Callisto

Mr James Samra

### **End of Year Concert**

I would like to again extend my thanks to Mrs Williams, the staff and students for their efforts to bring together our End of Year Concert. The concert, which is a biennial event showcased the wonderful talents of our students and especially the vision of Mrs Williams. During COVID, being able to experience Christmas around the World, was a wonderful way to acknowledge the different cultural groups within our community and how they celebrate Christmas.

For Christians, the central theme of Jesus' birth is the most important aspect of our Christmas celebrations and one which is a central theme for us at SJMS.

### **Koala Crossing 2022**

As mentioned at the Concert, it is with pleasure that I confirm that our Emu Crossing on William Street will be upgraded to a Koala Crossing in 2022. Along with the development of the crossing in April 2022 the council will also extend the Kiss & Drop zone by 12 metres to provide for 2 additional cars.

At this time of the year, I would like to extend my thanks to you all for a wonderful year. I wish every family, the blessings and joy of Christmas. May the birth of the Christ child bring everyone, peace, joy and harmony.

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

## Message from Mr Harrison



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we commenced the Season of Advent and a new year in the life of the Church, Year C. Advent usually begins around the last Sunday of November, and is celebrated across four Sundays – each building on the other, inviting us to prepare actively for the feast of Christmas, the coming of the Christ child on 25 December. During this Season, Christians are called to be alert, awake and engaged with God in the shaping of a renewed creation. The Advent wreath, with its four candles gradually lit, is a reminder to be people of hope, peace, joy and love and become more deeply attuned to the presence and invitation of Christ among us.

### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

It is heart-warming to see all the donations starting to fill our classroom St Vincent de Paul Christmas baskets. The generosity of our community is always greatly appreciated by the St Vincent de Paul Society and Norwood Parish. All our donations will be distributed into Christmas hampers and delivered to needy families throughout South Australia. These hampers bring Christmas cheer to needy households in Norwood and the surrounding suburbs. This year, we are seeking food, decoration or gift donations for children and their families who would otherwise not have a special Christmas meal or present to unwrap on Christmas Day.

If you can help, St Vincent de Paul are seeking the following items:

**Food items:** canned leg ham, Christmas pudding, 600ml or 1L custard cartons, fruit mince pies, canned vegetables, canned fruit, jelly mix packets, biscuits and 1L soft drinks.

**Decorations:** Bon Bons (Christmas crackers) and Christmas napkins

**Gift Items:** Toys, stationery or sports equipment (for all ages and gender up to 16 years)

All donations can be placed in your child's classroom basket right up until Wednesday 8 December. We will combine our donations with those from the Norwood Parish and deliver these to Max Ormsby (President of the Norwood Conference) on Thursday 9 December.

### **Norwood Parish Advent Reflection and Prayer Evenings**

The Office of Worship and Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Prayer and Reflection Booklets entitled, "Behold, our God will save us" are now available in the foyer of St Ignatius Church. Further reflection and prayer evenings and an opportunity for Reconciliation will also be offered in the Church throughout November. Please contact Kate and Emma in the parish office on 83320600 if you are planning to attend.

7:30pm      Wednesday 1 December

7:30pm          Wednesday 8 December

Norwood Parish Advent Reconciliation

7:30pm          Wednesday 15 December

Norwood Parish Christmas Schedule

Due to COVID restrictions there will be limited numbers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Bookings opened on Wednesday 1 December and families are invited to book tickets online via the [trybooking.com.au](https://trybooking.com.au) website. Booking will be limited to 8 tickets, each time you access the site.

Christmas Eve - Friday 24 December

4:00pm          Family Mass

6:00pm          Family Mass

8:00pm          Mass

12:00pm        Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Saturday 25 December

8:30am          Mass

10:00am        Mass

11:30am        Korean Mass

Boxing Day – Sunday 26 December

(Regular Sunday schedule)

New Year's Day – Saturday 1 January

9:00am          Mass

6:00pm          Vigil Mass

Sunday 2 January

(Regular Sunday schedule)

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Matthew Harrison

Acting APRIM

## 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)

## 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](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*

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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NORWOOD/KENSINGTON

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PRESCHOOL  
TO YEAR 6



RAISING  
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AND  
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Remember your hats!!!



## SJMS promotes Sun Safety through a Sun Protection Policy.

Students are to wear their school hat in Terms 1, 3 and 4 whenever outside.

Students are to wear their school hat in Term 2 when the UV rating is advertised as 3 or above for the day.

Children without hats are not allowed to play in the sun and must spend playtime under the shade.

Children are expected to wear hats before and after school and apply sunscreen before school, before Recess and before Lunch.

[Sun Protection Policy](#)

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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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Book your Uniform Shop visit

# Uniform shop news

JS Sports Uniform shop: 10 Newton Rd Campbelltown

Ph: 0451 725 600

## Book your Appointment online now!

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>

### Why do I need an appointment???

Due to social distancing requirements we can only have 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 to

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>.

*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.

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/uniform-shops>

[Click here to book a Uniform Shop visit](#)



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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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