



Important Dates

P&F Coffee
Morning
Friday 3 December

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 2 March

Year 3 Camp
Thursday 3 March

Beginning of Year
Mass
Tuesday 8 March

Pupil Free Day

St Joseph's Day

SACPSSA Swimming

Last day of Term 1

Reception to Year 6

Friday 11 March

Celebration

Wednesday 16 March

Carnival

Thursday 24 March

2022

Thursday 14 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

From Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As I write the first newsletter of the year, I acknowledge that it probably isn't the way we anticipated how the beginning of the 2022 School Year would begin. I would like to thank you all for your support in these first 2 weeks of school, with face-to-face learning for our Preschool, Reception and Year 1 students and online learning for our Year 2 – 6 students. Next Monday, I look forward to seeing the fresh smiles of our students on our William Street campus as they too return back to the classrooms. I am sure that many parents and caregivers are also grateful for this.

Just a reminder as we return to school that we follow the current COVID restrictions. Until further notice, parents are reminded not to

access the school site. For students who are new to the community, parents may come onsite to accompany their child to their classroom on their first day. Parents are reminded to QR code and wear facemasks when onsite at any time. At the end of the day, we ask parents to utilise the Kiss and Drop zone rather than wait for their child at the gate to ensure we are socially distancing and keeping safe. If you require a Yellow car sign, could you please contact either Jess Nelson or Mary Fantasia to organise one for you.

WELCOME

I extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families as you join our community. Although we aren't able to meet in the traditional ways of the past, we hope that in the near future we might be able to host a welcome morning tea for parents and caregivers.

NEW STAFF 2022

This year we welcome the following new staff members to our community:

Mr Franco Canil - APRIM

Mrs Zoe Gower - Rec/1 R Teacher

Ms Cristabel MacLeod - Year 5/6 R Teacher

Ms Eloise Di Sisto - Year 5/6 G Teacher

Mrs Kate Didyk - Year 5/6 G and PE Teacher

Mrs Megan Pollard - Performing Arts Teacher

SPORTS TRAINING

At the beginning of Week 4, sports training may commence on school sites. Only the coach and the team members are allowed to be onsite during this time. For morning training sessions, students are to wait with their parents at the front gate at William Street for their Coach to collect them and escort them to their training session in the morning. If sports training is in the afternoon, the coach will escort the students to the front gate and wait for the students to be collected by their parents. We thank you all for your support as we navigate this time.

BUILDING PROGRESS

The building of our Performing Arts Studio is quickly taking shape. We have had a slight hold up to the end date but hope that by the end of March, the transportable classrooms will be removed and access to the Performing Arts studio will be available to staff and students. This does mean that for the next few weeks there will still be limited play space. Also, students who walk to school will no longer need to use the oval gate to access the yard.

Once this work is complete, work on our Nature Play area will commence. We hope that by the beginning of Term 2 we will have a transformed outdoor area for our students to use. I thank all staff, students and parents for their patience as we move towards this time. At this stage, a date and time for the Official Opening and Blessing of this space has not been set. We will advise you all as soon as a date has been set.

CAR PARKING

A reminder to all parents and caregivers to obey the parking signs near our school. Please do not park across driveways etc. as this causes our neighbors great stress and anxiety trying to access their homes.

Prayer for the New School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God,

Creator of body and mind and heart;

you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge

to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year

we implore your mercy:

bless the students, teachers, and staff of St Joseph's Memorial School,

that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love

as we learn from you and each other

how to follow your Son Jesus.
Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Amen

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield





From Mr Canil



Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very happy New Year and welcome back to the 'old' families and to all of the new families to our very interesting start to the school year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas that enabled you to spend time with your loved ones as you celebrated the birthday of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

I thank all the parents that I have met at the Bridge St site for their warm welcomes to this wonderful community. I am looking forward to meeting the families at the William St site soon too. Just a little bit about myself: I have been in Catholic Education since 1990 in many different and varied roles. From ESO, teacher of Rec-Yr 7, to many different POR leadership positions. I have undertaken a number of

Acting APRIM roles in the past 4 years – which have provided me with wonderful and rich experiences. I have been privileged to get to know so many different school communities and the Parishes they are in; and I am sure this is going to be the same here at St Joseph's Memorial.

As we move into the second month of 2022 we know the year will have its rewards and its challenges for us. As we know it is through challenges and the way we work through them that help us truly grow and develop our full potential. The start of a new year also gives our students the opportunity to set new goals for their learning both in the classroom and the school yard.

One of our challenges as teachers is to help each of our students develop their relationship with God our creator. It is in our relationships with others and the world around us that we come to understand our God. We remind them that they are unique, made in the image of God. They all have gifts and talents and that God wants them to use these to help others.

Sometimes it is hard for us to see the gift/s we have been given or how best to use them. You can help your child by telling them about their gifts you have noticed and encouraging them to use these special gifts or talents eg. They play nicely with brothers/sisters/friends, they draw/colour in well or they are good at building things/reading/singing.

I have also been in contact with the Parish with regards to the Sacramental Program. More information will be given out later in the Term concerning the students who are preparing for the Confirmation and Holy Communion program. Students involved in Reconciliation during 2021 and any other students in Years 4 or above who have been Baptised and have undertaken Reconciliation can be involved.

If you have any questions about the program or eligibility or; if you are considering starting your children's Religious Journey with the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Franco Canil in the Office.

This Week's Sunday Readings are: First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17,20-26

Also, as a quick reminder that Mass times at St Ignatius Church, Norwood are:

Saturday: (Vigil) 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

"We are all a reflection of God's love"

Franco Canil

Acting APRIM



Hi, I'm Kate Didyk and I'm excited to join the SJMS team this year, teaching Physical Education at both William St and Bridge St, and 2 days a week as class teacher in Year 5/6 Gold.

I'm looking forward to sharing my experiences stemming from teaching Year 6/7 over the past four years, as well as sports coordination and teaching Physical Education with a Play For Life philosophy.

In my down time, I am kept busy running after two very active little boys, playing my own sports of athletics and netball, and testing out a new baked creation!

I look forward to getting to know the St Joseph's Memorial Community and sharing my enjoyment of an active lifestyle with your children.

The SJMS 2022 Reception and Year 1 Team



Introducing the SJMS 2022 Reception and Year 1 team:

Mrs Nickie Palumbo in Reception Year 1 Gold, Miss Nicola Ciuffini in Reception Year 1 Blue, Ms Zoe Gower and Mrs Mary Murray in Reception Year 1 Red.



Hi, I'm Megan Pollard and I am excited to take on the role of Performing Arts Teacher this year at SJMS!

I have been performing for a very long time! It started when I attended my first singing lesson at 13 years of age. Soon after, I discovered the love of the theatre and about 40 years later, Performing Arts still brings me so much joy and excitement.

I love to sing and act - Musical Theatre is my passion. I have been fortunate, over the years, to have played many wonderful characters in some amazing shows. I have sung in bands and competitions, conducted choirs, taught children how to sing and directed more plays, musicals, and school concerts than I count.

One of my favourite things is to see the wonder in children's faces when they have acted, danced, sung, or played for an appreciative audience. Whether they are the star in the shining spotlight or part of the group at the back, that excitement and satisfaction stays with them well into their adult years.

I am very much looking forward to sharing these experiences with the students of St Joseph's Memorial School this year.



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.



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PRESCHOOL
TO YEAR 6



RAISING
**HEARTS
AND
MINDS**



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 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

Mrs Kate Didyk is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mrs Didyk via email kdidyk@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](#)

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!

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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](#)

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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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