



2nd Edition 2021

Important Dates

Ash Wednesday
(Liturgy and Mass)
Wednesday 17 February

SJMS Annual
General Meeting
6:30pm at William
St
Wednesday 24 February

Year 2/3 Liturgy
Thursday 25 February

Year 5/6 Mass
Tuesday 2 March

Year 1 Liturgy
Friday 12 March

Parents and Friends
Committee
Welcome Evening
6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 12 March

School Board
Meeting
Wednesday 17 March

St Joseph's Feast
Day
Friday 19 March

Year 4 Mass
Tuesday 23 March

Reception Liturgy
Wednesday 24 March

Year 4/5 classes

Parents and Friends

Year 4/5 classes

Good Friday

leave for camp

Monday 29 March

Committee

Meeting - everyone
welcome (6:30pm
held at William St)

Monday 29 March

return from camp

Wednesday 31 March

Friday 2 April

Easter Saturday

Saturday 3 April

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4 April

Easter Monday

Monday 5 April

Easter Liturgy

Tuesday 6 April

Last day of Term 1
2021 (3pm finish)

Friday 9 April

Pupil Free Day

Reception to Year 6

Tuesday 27 April

Pupil Free Day

Reception to Year 6

Friday 24 September

Pupil Free Day

Reception to Year 6

Monday 11 October

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yesterday and today are two significant days in the church calendar; Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is a day of

observance where Christians prepare for Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. We know that Lent is a very special time of the year where we as Christians prepare for Easter by reflecting on our lives. It is a time where we focus more fully on making good and better choices. On Wednesday, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on Earth. Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are then blessed with Holy Water. This year due to COVID restrictions, only students from Year 4 to Year 6 will attend Mass and receive the ashes. Our Preschool to Year 3 classes will participate in a liturgy in lieu of joining the community Mass at St Ignatius Church (ensuring our school's attendance doesn't push numbers in the parish over their restriction limits).

Today, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning in many respects; we begin our journey to become more like Jesus. Wherever we are going on any journey, we have to begin where we actually are, the here and now.

AGM

Next Wednesday 24 February the St Joseph's Memorial School AGM will be held. Recently, details and the process for RSVP were sent via Skoolbag. If you haven't RSVP'd, please [click here](#) to submit your response.

I wish to thank more publicly the work of St Joseph's Memorial School Board members in 2020; Megan Nehmy, Nick McCabe, Brett Thompson, Roman Kluba, Nick Watson, Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, Paula Wesley and Fr Paul Mullins. Last year we continued to work on how to enhance the educational outcomes for the children in our school, a submission of planning for capital development, improving our Catholic identity and enhancing our collaborative work with the other Catholic schools in the Eastern Region; St Joseph's Hectorville, St Joseph's Tranmere, St Joseph's School Payneham, Saint Francis of Assisi, Rostrevor College, Loreto College, Mary MacKillop College and St Ignatius College.

Parents and Friends Committee

Last Wednesday we had our first P&F Meeting, our first meeting in 12 months! We currently have 7 members of the P&F. All parents and caregivers are welcome to come along to future meetings. We understand the demands of parenting and that some parents may not wish to commit, however please feel free to attend as it is a wonderful way to build connections with other parents and community. This committee is an integral part of the St Joseph's Memorial School community, where parents can be part of their child's education and actively engage in events that create a sense of community. Please see [Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield](#) or [myself](#) if you would like to join us.

In the coming weeks the Parents and Friends will be placing posters near classrooms calling for Classroom Representatives. Classroom Representatives coordinate a gathering for their child's class; whether it be a coffee morning, picnic or a playground catch-up. If this is something that may interest you, please register your interest.

The Parents and Friends Committee have organised a hold a Welcome Evening on Friday 12 March 6:30 - 7:30pm. Please place this date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Parent Involvement and Learning Goals

As Catholic Educators the recognition as, understanding of and belief in parents as the first educators of their children is 'hard-wired' into our DNA. For many of you when we first met this was articulated as a relationship between the expert (parent) and professional (teacher) with the child at the centre of every conversation. This is something we continually seek to honour through our continued partnership.

The majority of you have already met with your child's teacher/s, and your support and contribution are highly valued. The genuine conversations about your children are a testimony to the authentic partnership that exists within, across and through our community. We are not simply going through the motions, we are working together to establish goals and create the conditions for your child to have a successful 2021 in all aspects of their schooling. I thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment.

In Class Support

Parents and caregivers (who have a current Catholic Schools Police Clearance) are welcome in classrooms to listen to the students read or get involved with excursions and class activities. Please see your classroom teacher if this is something that interests you, it would be greatly appreciated.

God Bless

Brady Stallard



From the Assistant Principal RIM



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Ash Wednesday

Today is Ash Wednesday, a day that signifies, for many Christians around the world, the beginning of the Season of Lent. A time when we prepare ourselves for Easter by reflecting on how we can be a better person by reflecting on life choices and possible life directions.

On Ash Wednesday people who seek forgiveness for their wrongdoings are marked with the sign of the cross, from blessed ashes, on their forehead. This symbolic occasion reminds us of: our sorrow for sins, as well as the will for change and the hope of forgiveness. It is

traditionally a time of fasting and prayer.

This year, because of the continuing COVID restrictions and new recommendations from the Adelaide Archdiocese for the distribution of Ashes, we celebrated this special day by coming together with Liturgies of the Word at school for students in Preschool to Year 3. Our Year 4 to 6 students joined the Parish at the midday for Ash Wednesday Mass.

During the Liturgies, we reflected on the words of Pope Francis from 2017 when he asked us to consider what Fasting might mean for us today.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

A Prayer for Lent

*Loving God, as we commence this Lenten journey, may we do so,
filled with the certain hope that Jesus travels with us as companion and guide.
He is the treasure hidden in the field of our lives.
We pray for eyes that are open to see the gifts that are offered to us in this time,
and hearts that are open to respond with generosity and love.
Amen*

Project Compassion

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Sacramental Program

The preparation and celebration of Sacraments occurs through the Family Faith Formation Program (FFFP) run through the Norwood Parish. This week, families with students in Year 3 will receive information in an email regarding the Reconciliation Program for 2021. Parents are asked to complete the Enrolment Form attached and return it to the Parish Office or myself, along with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

Reconciliation is a sacrament of peace and healing. It is a positive word which reflects the celebration of God's love for us along with forgiveness and joy as we restore our relationship with God and others. Reconciliation invites us to acknowledge when we have made a poor choice and damaged relationships by restoring or building bridges and find a way, to make things right.

Social Work Students

Over the next semester, SJMS will again host a Social Work student and 2 Social Science students from the University of SA for their placement. Kelly, Tahlia and Deanna are close to completing their degrees and look forward to working within our community.

Their goals are to provide children with the support they need to be successful through promoting social and emotional wellbeing by providing a fun and varied learning environment, which will encourage student to overcome challenges and reach their goals.

Kelly will be with us on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays and Deanna on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday across both

sites. Tahlia will be with us on Monday and Wednesday at Bridge Street.

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

APRIM

Please share your thoughts on our new Newsletter:

Do you like our new Newsletter format?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

What do you like?:

What can we improve?:

Your connection with SJMS:*

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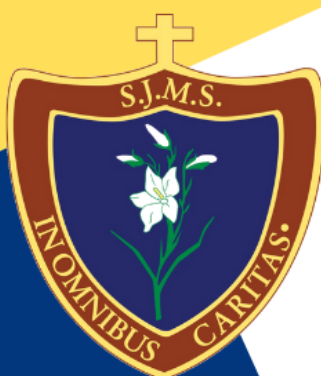


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Have you RSVP'd for the SJMS Annual General Meeting?

SJMS Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24 February 2021, 6:30pm @ William St



Please RSVP by
Friday 19 Feb 2021

info@sjms.catholic.edu.au
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It's not too late to RSVP and everyone is welcome to attend. [Click here](#) and complete the form to let us know if you are able to attend the AGM. You can also submit a question with prior notice by emailing bstallard@sjms.catholic.edu.au before Friday 19 Feb 2021.

Join us at Playgroup



Join us at
Playgroup

Friday mornings
in the Preschool

9am until 11am

It's free!

See you there

Playgroup is always so much fun!

When: Friday mornings 9am until 11am

Where: In the Playgroup room at Bridge St
(come through the front office and we will show you the way)

Cost: It's free

Bookings: Not needed - just join us on the day

We hope to see you there!

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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.

Chinese New Year in the Preschool



The Preschool children planned and enjoyed a special lunch to celebrate Chinese New Year! They were excited to welcome Mr Stallard for lunch!

[View the photos on Facebook](#)

Skoolbag App

[How to download the Skoolbag App.](#)

QKR! App

[How to download and pay with the QKR App.](#)

SJMS Calendar



[Click here to access the school Calendar.](#)

Communication at SJMS

[Communication Pathways at SJMS](#)

Contact Information for Staff

[SJMS Staff Team](#)

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Sibling Enrolments



ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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RAISING
HEARTS
AND
MINDS



Limited places available in Preschool and the Mid Year Reception class - contact us today for more information.

Uniform News



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.

[Uniform Price List](#)

[SJMS Uniform Policy](#)

[Find out more here.](#)

[Online Uniform Shop](#)

Pathways Beyond Year 6

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

Southern Cross News

