



Important Dates

Year 5/6 Mass
Tuesday 2 March

Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday
Monday 8 March

Year 3 classes leave
for Camp
Tuesday 9 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
leave for Camp
Monday 29 March

Parents and Friends
Committee
Meeting - everyone
welcome (6:30pm
held at William St)
Monday 29 March

Good Friday
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

From the Principal



Photos: 5C Award recipients from Week 2 to Week 5, Term 1, 2021.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Wednesday evening saw our AGM take place. Thank you to all those who attended in support of the school. A special thanks to the 2020 School Board; Megan Nehmy, Nick Watson, Nick McCabe, Roman Kluba, Brett Thompson, Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, Paula Wesley and our President Fr Paul Mullins for the time they sacrificed to support and enhance the school last year.

This year we say thank you to Megan Nehmy who has stepped down as Chairperson after completing her tenure of two years. Megan will kindly continue for a further 2 years as a Board Member to ensure she sees the completion of the Performing Arts Studio. Thank you to Megan for her work as Chairperson. A new chairperson will be nominated at our next general meeting.

We also say thank you to Paula Wesley who has been the Staff Representative on the School Board for the past two years - her insights and broad experiences have been valuable in our conversations over her tenure. We welcome Andrew Merrigan as the new Staff Representative on the School Board commencing at our next general meeting. I want to thank Paula for her contribution to our meetings over the past two years.

I also wish to say thank you to the Performing Arts Studio: Design Review Committee comprising of Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield, Megan Nehmy and the expertise of Poulami Ray who overcame the many hurdles on the journey from concept design through to council submission. While this sounds simple, the journey has been anything but!

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

COVID-19 vaccines are free and voluntary for everyone living in Australia.

Some previous government advice indicated there were some visa categories excluded from the free COVID-19 vaccine eligibility. The updated advice from the Commonwealth Government indicates that there are no visas excluded.

The Australian Government will provide COVID-19 vaccinations free to everyone living in Australia, including refugees, asylum seekers, temporary protection visa holders, and those on bridging visas. People currently residing in detention facilities will also be eligible, including those whose visas have been cancelled.

More [translated information about COVID-19 vaccines](#) is available on the Commonwealth Government Department of Health website. It includes:

- Information on the Pfizer vaccine
- Information on what to expect after your vaccine
- How to prepare for COVID-19 vaccination
- The COVID-19 consent form
- A video about COVID-19 vaccines (in some languages)

SBS has also developed a [video in more than 60 languages](#), including AUSLAN. The video explains the different phases of the Australian Government's COVID-19 Vaccine National Rollout Plan, specifically in what order different workers and age groups will receive the vaccine. It also highlights where it will be available, who will receive it free of charge and points to additional resources for further information.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

This week I have begun receiving details for this year's NAPLAN. The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and Year 5 students at St Joseph's Memorial will take place from May 10 to May 21, which is Week 3 and 4 of next term. Our students will participate in the online version of the test, with the exception of our Year 3 students handwriting the 'Writing' component of NAPLAN tests. There are four components: Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

If your child is absent during this period, there is the possibility of completing the assessments upon their return with the two-week window.

If there are parents who have questions regarding their child sitting the test, please contact Mrs Benci or myself by Friday 19 March to discuss this. This includes parents wishing to withdraw their child from the test. If you would like more information please visit the [NAPLAN website](#).

St Joseph's Feast Day

On Friday 19 March we celebrate the feast day of our patron, St Joseph, who is dear to our community. To mark this occasion, we will participate in various activities. We will celebrate the life of St Joseph with a whole school Mass at 9:15am followed by Buddy Activities and an afternoon of swimming at the Norwood Pool. Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield is still looking for volunteers for the day. If you have a valid Catholic Police Clearance and are able to help on the day, please make contact with [Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield](#).

Year 3 Camp

We wish all of the Year 3 students all the best as they take off on their first camp next Tuesday 9 March for one night. May Mrs Brewer, Mrs Williams, Mr Harrison and the students have safe travels and that their first camp experience be a positive one.

Student Leadership

At St Joseph's Memorial the opportunities to develop leadership skills are valued and varied. Leadership is a quality that all students are encouraged and supported to develop. Students from Reception to Year 6 take on the role of leaders of their own learning. Through the curriculum and extra curricula activities, all students are encouraged to develop the skills necessary to be a leader. This ensures that all students perceive themselves as leaders and have the opportunity and confidence to take on leadership roles.

Student leadership roles challenge individuals to develop a sense of vision and purpose as they take on responsibilities. They develop interpersonal and intrapersonal skills including communication, negotiation, teamwork and reflection.

Through their actions, St Joseph Memorial School Student Leaders reflect and demonstrate the characteristics of St Joseph and our school's values: trust, respect, honesty and integrity.

Each role will allow students to become actively involved in making decisions and problem solving in the community.

Last Tuesday our Year 6 students delivered their prepared speeches, presenting their interest and intent if selected for their chosen leadership position.

However, having said this, each of our students have a leadership role in our school whether they are in Year 6 or any other year level. There are many ways that each child can set an example for those around them, little things like; showing love in all actions, being a pillar of compassion and strength, to the more simple things like wearing their uniform with pride, putting their rubbish in the bin, moving to class on time after the bell, listening patiently to those around them, being kind to others; all are small but very important examples where students provided leadership to ensure our school continues to be a loving place.

Leaders will be announced at our St Joseph's Day Mass on Friday 19th.

Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 18 March, Mr Siinmaa and the St Joseph's Swimming Squad head to the SA Aquatic Centre Oaklands Park to compete in the South Australian Catholic Primary School Sports Association Swimming Carnival.

I congratulate all students who tried out for the team and wish the final Swimming Squad well for the day.

Ride Your Bike to School Day

This year it has been great to see so many students riding their bikes to school at both William St and Bridge St. On Friday 19 March 2021 (St Joseph's Day) it is National Ride2School Day. I will ride to school on Friday along with Mr Siinmaa and Mr Merrigan, who are currently polishing their bikes for the yearly event as we join hundreds of schools across Australia celebrating riding, walking, scooting and skating to school!

Debating

This year we will again be entering teams of Year 5 and Year 6 students in the Debating SA Competition. Parents of students who expressed their interest in the competition are asked to complete the online form sent via email on 2 March 2021.

God Bless

Brady Stallard

From the Assistant Principal RIM



Dear Parents and Caregivers

At Mass last Sunday we heard the Gospel story of the Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs about 3 years into Jesus' ministry. At this time in his ministry, Jesus decides to take some time out to pray and reflect so he goes to a place where he can do this along with three of his disciples. Prior to this time, Jesus has been out in the world, teaching and healing. He has challenged the hierarchy and made some enemies along the way.

During his time away, Jesus' begins to understand and come to terms with what will be his fate. Jesus knows that by confronting what he sees around him; the oppression and injustice around him, he will encounter opposition and possibly his death.

The three disciples who witness Jesus transfigured desire to remain on the mountain away from the realities of life. However, Jesus reminds them that this is not discipleship.

As Christians, we too have to engage with the world. Although we relish those times when we are at peace, we cannot hide away from the world instead be ready when we struggle and to be there for the struggles of our fellow human beings. In the spirit of Jesus, we are called to help others carry their burdens, as God helps us with ours.

Prayer

*God of the mountain and also the valleys of our lives
inspire us with the reminders of your presence that surrounds us.
May my presence in this community reflect
the love you have for us and my service be a blessing to all.
Amen.*

Sacramental Program

A reminder to all families of students in Year 3 who would like their child to prepare and celebrate Reconciliation through the Family Faith Formation Program (FFFP) this year to complete the information sent in an email in week 4. All nominations must be completed prior to the end of this term so that preparations can be made for the delivery of the program.

If you have a child in Years 4 - 6 who haven't participated celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation and would like to participate in the program this year, could you please [email me](#) or the Parish Office: office@norwoodparish.org.au for further information.

Enrolments for the 2021 program close on Thursday 8 April.

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

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Teaching your Child the Tools for Healthy Friendships

Presenter: Madhavi Nawana Parker



**A parent/family workshop exploring the tools
for supporting children to build positive and
healthy relationships.**

Where: St Joseph's School Hectorville

When: Friday 26 March 2021

Time: 9:15am for 9:30am start

All welcome to attend.

RSVP: Monday 22 March 2021
suzanne.budd@cesa.catholic.edu.au



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Where: St Joseph's School Tranmere
1 Birkinshaw Avenue, Tranmere
MacKillop/Woods Resource Centre

When: Wednesday 24 March 2021

Time: 6:15pm for 6:30pm start

All welcome to attend.

RSVP: Friday 19 March 2021
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School**
Lonsdale

 **St Joseph's School**
PAYNEHAM

 **St Joseph's School**
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Reception Gold and Year 4 Blue Buddy Visit



Kyton's Easter Fundraiser



This year we have a Kyton's Easter Fundraiser. [Click here](#) for the letter which has been emailed to parents and caregivers.



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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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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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.

2021 Mid Year Reception intake fees waived for Term 3 & 4 this year!



Students commencing Reception in Term 3 2021 at SJMS will not be charged school fees for Term 3 and Term 4 2021!

[Contact us](#) for more information.

Vacation Care bookings now open



Please book via the iParent Portal.
Bookings will close Friday 19 March. Places are limited.
The Vacation Care Program will be distributed via the Skoolbag App.

Pathways Beyond Year 6

[Read More](#)

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](#)

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Communication at SJMS

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