



Upcoming Events

St Joseph's Feast Day

Date: Friday 19 March
Time: 8:30am
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School - Norwood South

Year 4 Mass

Date: Tuesday 23 March
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School - Norwood

Reception Liturgy

Date: Wednesday 24 March
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School - Kensington

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

Date: Monday 29 March
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School - Norwood

Good Friday Public Holiday

Date: Friday 2 April
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School -

Easter Sunday

Date: Sunday 4 April
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School -

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Date: Monday 5 April
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School -

Easter Liturgy

Date: Tuesday 6 April
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School -

Last day of Term 1 2021

Date: Friday 9 April
Venue: St Joseph's Memorial School -

Pupil Free Day

First Day of Term 2

Pupil Free Day

Pupil Free Day

Reception to Year 6

Date: Tuesday 27 April

Venue: St Joseph's
Memorial School -

2021

Date: Wednesday 28 April

Venue: St Joseph's
Memorial School -

Reception to Year 6

Date: Friday 24 September

Venue: St Joseph's
Memorial School -

Reception to Year 6

Date: Monday 11 October

Venue: St Joseph's
Memorial School -

From the Principal



Dear SJMS Community

Tomorrow we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Joseph. Our day will begin with Mass celebrated by Fr Paul Mullins at 9:15am and end with the students gathering at the pool for a great celebration.

St Ignatius Church will be at capacity with our Preschool to Year 6 students, for this reason Mrs Vassallo Wakefield has organised for Year 5/6 parents to sit in the Piazza during the event to view a live stream of the Mass and presentation of Leadership Badges.

St Joseph was often portrayed as a simple carpenter within the Scriptures. But as our students could tell us through their learnings, he was anything but this. The little we know about Joseph from the Scriptures shows us a man of faith, honour and courage. He believes Mary even when he might have chosen to reject her story about the angel. He stands by her. Joseph is a man of integrity and truth. We live in a society obsessed with rights and a world that seems to reward the brash, pushy, and selfish. Joseph stands in stark contrast. He is a man characterised by compassion, strength, trust, respect, honesty, integrity, self-sacrifice and courage.

St Joseph is the patron of families, expectant mothers, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants and of the dying.

I have already begun receiving many emails from Josephite schools and centres around Australia marking and celebrating this significant day in the Josephite calendar.

Student Leadership

I was recently reminded that Leadership is the most widely researched field in academia. While it is difficult for researchers to agree on a definition, one common element that is referenced by most is the trait of “courage”.

Leadership is valued in our school and it is fitting that our leaders are announced on St Joseph's Day. St Joseph, father of Jesus must have been influential for Jesus to be the leader he was.

At St Joseph's Memorial School 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 courage, 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, team work and reflection.

Through their courage and 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.

In our next newsletter I will announce our 2021 St Joseph's Memorial School Leaders. Each role will importantly allow students to become actively involved in making decisions and problem solving in the community.

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.

Ride Your Bike to School Day

Tomorrow is National Ride2School Day (19 March 2021).

Bridge Street Playground

Today work commenced on the Bridge Street Playground. There was a lot of enthusiastic observers watching today's dismantling. There were also lots of questions about the process. However, most surprising were those students who said they were going to miss the old playground, interesting the same students have been asking on a regular basis “when's the new playground coming?”.

William Street Playground

Architects, Swanbury Penglase, have recently drawn up concept drawings of the William Street Playspace.

Please view the [Concept Landscape Sketch here](#) with Look and Feel images for the proposed Nature Play Area.

We would love to hear your thoughts. Please follow the [link here](#) to leave any thoughts on the proposed Concept Landscape Sketch.

P&F Welcome Drinks

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the newly formed Parents and Friends on their first event for 2021. We had a wonderful turn out last Friday for our beginning of year community gathering. It was an excellent example of an inclusive gathering. Thank you to everyone who came along – a night enjoyed by all.

Cathy Woods – Long Service Leave

In Term 2, Cathy Woods will be taking a much deserved 10 weeks Long Service Leave. We have appointed two teachers to replace Cathy during this time, Miss Mae McGee (Monday to Wednesday) and Miss Alessandra DiChiera (Thursday and Friday). Miss McGee taught our Year 5/6 class in 2020, while over the past two years both Miss McGee and Miss DiChiera have been regular relief teachers at SJMS.

God Bless

Brady Stallard

From the Assistant Principal RIM



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This Sunday we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent. In Paul's letter to the Hebrews we hear Paul talk about both sacrifice and humanity. Paul describes Jesus' human feelings of distress as well as his fear, in the face of sacrifice. What we hear in this passage is Jesus' understanding of obedience which comes from the Latin 'audire' to listen, to hear God speaking through the events of one's life. We know that Jesus listened so closely to God's voice that he was willing to sacrifice his life, as asked of God.

In the gospel, we also hear of Jesus grappling with his mission. When we hear Jesus say, "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

John's Gospel this Sunday prepares us to journey with Christ during Holy Week, reminding us that Jesus stayed focused on his purpose and gave glory to God by accepting suffering and death for our salvation. We hear Jesus say, "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

Jesus teaches his disciples and us that those who want to follow him must serve others. We can do this by thinking about others' needs before our own. When we do this, we, too, give glory to God.

200 Years of Catholic Education

During 2021, Australian Catholic education celebrates 200 years of Catholic schooling in this country. This week, your child will bring home with them a Catholic Prayer card. Perhaps, display this card in a prominent place in your home and pray it as a family.

On May 24, on the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, there will be masses held around Australia to celebrate this day. Details on how we will celebrate this significant event will be provided closer to the date.

Enrolment in Sacramental Program (Reconciliation)

A reminder to all parents of students in Year 3 who would like their child to celebrate Reconciliation this year through the Family Faith Formation Program at St Ignatius that Enrolment forms must be submitted to the Parish Office by the end of this term. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

Congratulations Odessa!



Congratulations to Odessa (Year 5) who was selected for the Fairy/Children's Chorus in the Adelaide Festival production "A Midsummer Night's Dream". This is a great achievement - well done Odessa!!

This co-production of Houston Grand Opera, Chicago Lyric Opera and Canadian Opera Company was presented by Adelaide Festival in association with Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

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.

Reminders for St Joseph's Feast Day



Friday 19 March 2021

Whole school drop off at William St

Mass at 9:30am (unfortunately due to attendance number restrictions in the church, this will be a closed event).

Pool celebration from 1pm until 2:30pm (only registered parents and caregivers who have volunteered for the day and have a current Catholic Police Check will be able to attend).

Students need to wear their formal uniform.

Students will need to bring:

- Bathers with a rashee (sun smart top)
- Sunsmart school hat
- Sunscreen
- Towel and clean underwear to change into
- Water bottle
- Recess and brainfood
- Lunch if not participating in the Sausage Sizzle

Parents and caregivers who wish to collect their child/ren from the pool are asked to sign out with their child's class teacher on the afternoon.

Pathways beyond Year 6



[Click here](#) to discover the local Catholic High School pathways

Pupil Free Days 2021

The upcoming Pupil Free Days for Reception to Year 6 are:

Friday 24 September 2021

Monday 11 October 2021

Thursday 9 December 2021

Friday 10 December 2021

OSHC available from 7am until 6pm at the Bridge St campus. Bookings essential. Please book using the 'Pupil Free Day' option on the iParent Portal.

[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.

SJMS DADS & GRANDFATHERS

IT'S TIME FOR SOME LAWN BOWLS!

THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021

TRINITY GARDENS BOWLING CLUB
CANTERBURY AVENUE, TRINITY GARDENS

**\$25/HEAD INCLUDES HIRE OF GREEN PLUS
2 COURSE MEAL**

DRINKS AT OWN COST



**DRINKS AT 6PM
DINNER AT 6.30PM
BOWLS AT 7PM**

RSVP ROB BRIA ON 0431 754 077 22/3

PAYMENT ON THE NIGHT

Positive
Minds
Australia.



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 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
suzanne.budd@cesa.catholic.edu.au

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Teaching your Child the Tools for Healthy Friendships

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**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
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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.

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.](#)

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.

[iParent portal link](#) (for after you have registered).

[OSHC registration form.](#)

SJMS Sport

Mr Tom Siinmaa is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mr Siinmaa via email

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!

SJMS 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.

[Find out more](#)

SJMS Calendar

For more information on events, please visit the SJMS Calendar

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