



## Important Dates

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200 years of  
Catholic Education  
in Australia  
celebration

Monday 24 May

Whole school drop  
off at William St

Monday 24 May

Confirmation

Tuesday 25 May

School Board  
Meeting

Wednesday 26 May

P&F Meeting

Monday 7 June

Preschool Welcome  
Evening

Thursday 10 June

Year 3 to Year 6  
Netball Carnival

Tuesday 29 June

School Photo Day

Wednesday 30 June

Last day of Term 2  
2021 (3pm finish)

Friday 2 July

## Message from Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Mother's Day Morning Tea in Week 2 was a wonderful celebration in our community. It was fantastic to have so many mothers and grandmothers join us on the Friday morning in the Piazza. Our Year 6 students helped to serve the wonderful goodies prepared by some of our wonderful parents.

The liturgy which was led by our Year 5/6 students and Deacon Anthony Hill was prayerful and reflective, honouring mothers and other significant women in our children's lives.

The Mother's Day Stall was very well organised and successful. Many thanks to the Parents and Friends who organised and wrapped the beautiful gifts for our children to gift to their mothers or significant females in their lives.

### **Feast of the Ascension**

Last weekend our Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Ascension. Celebrated 40 days after Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. 40 is a significant number in both the old and new testament and a reminder of the 40 year journey out of slavery to freedom for the Israelites, the 40 day flood of Noah, and the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert.

In the scriptures we hear Jesus speak to his apostles before his Ascension, saying Jesus said to them, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all." (Mark 16:16).

Pope Francis, in his word's also challenges us to be a community that reaches out to others and bring about the transforming love of Jesus to those within our midst:

"Jesus teaches us another way:

Go out; go out and share your testimony,

go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask.

Become the Word in body as well as spirit."

### **200 Years of Catholic Education**

On Monday 24 May 2021 we will celebrate 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia. To mark this occasion there will be a special Mass at the Cathedral at 10.00am to which all Catholic schools are invited to send representatives. Our school leaders Felix Szarvas and Mary Bryant will accompany me to this special mass. The mass will be livestreamed via <https://youtu.be/IRtDkvfgz3M>



Students from Preschool to Year 6 will participate in a School Mass on Monday followed by Buddy Class activities. A reminder to all families from Bridge Street to drop children off at our William Street site on Monday morning. Students will be walked back to Bridge Street after Buddy Class activities.

### **SAPOL and QR Code Check In**

You may have seen in the media that SA Police have launched Operation 'Trace', using plain clothes police officers to ensure that people are checking in and providing their contact details when they enter a business or attend a public activity. Police officers will also be ensuring businesses have QR codes displayed, are providing a secure hard copy check-in option and that as far as possible customers and patrons are checking in.

It is therefore timely for schools to ensure they check the availability of QR code signs and remind parents about their obligations.

All adults, including staff and parents, are expected to COVID Safe Check-In when entering classrooms/buildings on site. At this stage it is not necessary to check-in at the school gate to enter school grounds. The check-in system has important benefits in being able to quickly and accurately respond to new cases and hotspots.

Please note the COVID Safe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and does not replace your normal visitor sign-in process.

All guests should continue to sign in at the front office on arrival.

Have a wonderful weekend

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

Acting Principal

## **Message from Mr Harrison**



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week commenced with The Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension takes place forty days after Easter and celebrates how Jesus ascended, body and soul, towards heaven and this leads into Sunday's celebration of Pentecost. Pentecost concludes the season of Easter and is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the beginning of the Church.

### **Whole School Mass**

A letter was distributed earlier this week regarding Monday's whole school Mary Help of Christians and 200 Years of Catholic Education Mass celebration and buddy activities. On the morning, all students will need to be dropped off at William Street Campus from 8:30am. At the same time, Catholic school representatives from across South Australia will also be attending a National Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Grace Vassallo-Wakefield will be accompanied by student leaders Felix Szarvas and Mary Bryant as representatives of our community.

Thank you to all our registered volunteers who have offered their time once again to support our Preschool to Year 1 students for their walk up to Bridge Street at 12:00pm.

### **Bible Blessing**

As part of the whole school Mass, we will also take the opportunity to present our forty Year 3 students with their St Joseph's Memorial School Bible. Straight after Communion, Fr Paul Mullins will invite the Year 3 students to stand up with their Bibles so that he can extend to each of them a blessing on behalf of the parish and school community.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

On Tuesday 25 May, 42 parish candidates will be confirmed by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. This includes 13 students from our school. The ceremony begins at 7:00pm, however those who are able to attend, are asked to be in their seats by 6:50pm. Those who are being confirmed were asked to dress for going out somewhere nice and they are invited to wear a stole if they have one. The Confirmation candidates will need to sit on the end of the row, with their sponsor immediately next to them. There will be no photos taken during the Confirmation however there will be opportunities to take individual and group photos following the ceremony.

### **Parish Announcement**

On Sunday, Fr Eka announced that Fr Paul Mullins will officially complete his time as Norwood Parish Priest and relocate to Melbourne in November. Fr Paul has been the Norwood Parish Priest for approximately 12 years and throughout that time he has played a significant role in the formation of many families including my own.

Matthew Harrison

Acting APRIM



## Debating News



The 2021 Debating season commenced with 3 SJMS teams taking part in debates at Pultney Grammar. We look forward to our fourth Debating team participating in their debate this Tuesday 25 May.



The 2021 Football season has begun!





# News from Year 1 Blue

Our Year 1 Blue students are learning about our school's history and it's connection to the 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia celebration. This week they sketched the front of our Bridge St Campus while looking at the history of our school.





The 2021 Soccer season has begun!





## National Walk Safely to School Day



Last week we celebrated National Walk Safely to School Day!

Thank you to our Student Leaders who helped run the event at William St.

“Now in its 22nd year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.”



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 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 Calendar**



For dates, information on events and more, please visit the [SJMS Calendar](#).

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

## Communication Between School and Home

### Calendar

For dates, events and more, please visit the [SJMS Calendar](#) regularly.

### 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. Please ensure you have downloaded the app, have your child's class/es selected as your groups and allowed notifications.

[Skoolbag app instructions](#).

### 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.

### 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. Please note OSHC bookings are essential to ensure a child safe environment, maintain appropriate staffing ratios and ensure we do not exceed our licence.

[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 [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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# ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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[sjms.catholic.edu.au](http://sjms.catholic.edu.au)



RAISING  
HEARTS  
AND  
MINDS



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Sibling Enrolments



We are excited to announce that the SJMS Mid Year Reception intake fees have been waived for Semester 2, 2021!

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

Enrolment form available [here](#).

(Fees waived for the MYR students during Terms 3 & 4 2021)

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## Preschool Mum's Evening





ST JOSEPH'S PRESCHOOL MUMS  
PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR

*dinner  
& drinks*

FRIDAY, JUNE 4  
6:30P M

MAYLANDS HOTEL  
"THE IVY ROOM"

67 PHYLLIS STREET, MAYLANDS

RSVP to Jess Januszke on 0466 498 534  
or via email:  
[jess.januszke@hotmail.com](mailto:jess.januszke@hotmail.com)



## July Vacation Care bookings now open!



July Vacation Care bookings are now open. Please book via the Kensington iParent portal. Bookings are limited so please book ASAP.

July Vacation Care program is [available here](#).

Reminders about OSHC bookings:

- Bookings need to be updated at the start of every term. Please check your iParent Portal to update bookings.
- Bookings can only be made via the [iParent Portal](#), or via the OSHC Director (Jess Nelson) [jess@sjms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jess@sjms.catholic.edu.au). This ensures we do not exceed our capacity.
- When booking on the iParent Portal, please select the correct campus via the drop down box, top right hand side of the iParent Portal (for parents who have accessed OSHC at both campuses).
- Our Norwood campus After School Care service reaches capacity often - please book early to avoid disappointment. Once the service is full, no more bookings can be made or accepted.

Thank you for your support.

Jess Nelson and the OSHC Team.

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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**

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Pupil Free Days





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.

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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.

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## Southern Cross News



[Click here](#) to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

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# HIGH STREET

Saturdays 11am - 1pm *Live*

**May 1st** – Dave Freeman

**May 8th** – Troy Benson

**May 15th** – Shanno

**May 22nd** – Dave Freeman

**May 29th** – JJ Stork