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# From our Principal Mr Adam Slater



**Dear Families** 

As we approach the end of the Lenten season and celebrate the pinnacle of the Church's year, Easter, this week our classes have led presentations to bring to life the significant events of Holy Week. I would like to thank the Ebel family for assisting us in our Holy Week presentations by constructing and providing signs to assist the class performances.



### Saint Peter's Fair

On Saturday March 25th, our school had a stall at the Saint Peter's Fair at Linde Reserve. Our staff and students handed out over 50 enrolment packs to famillies on the day. I would like to thank Pina, Robert and Charlotte Bria for their work in organising the stall and Charlotte Hutchesson and Stephanie Semczuk for the wonderful cookies they baked to share.

### Preschool

The educators in Preschool have been leading learning with the children in the areas of health and nutrition. Earlier this week, the Preschool held a special breakfast for the students and families to celebrate their learning on the topic of healthy eating.



**Ready for Reception** 

At St Joseph's Memorial School, we offer a Ready for Reception Program for Preschool aged children who are enrolled in Reception prior to starting school.

Ready for Reception nurtures the needs of the whole child. In this program, a qualified and highly experienced Early Years Educator, provides a range of fun learning and play experiences using the Early Years Learning Framework. To ensure a successful start to school, this play based curriculum will be supported by following school routines.

This new model allows St Joseph's Memorial to provide families a high-quality transition program ensuring each child has a successful start to school, nurturing their growth and development.

Please click on the link below to see our new brochure on the Ready for Reception program:

https://www.sjms.catholic.edu.au/\_\_files/f/22609/Ready\_for\_Reception\_Brochure.pdf

### New School lunches initiative commencing Term 2!

I am very excited to announce that we are introducing school lunches on Mondays and Fridays, beginning from Term 2 onwards. We have partnered up with local business Louie's Deli on Sydenham Road in Norwood to commence a lunch order program at St Joseph's Memorial. Our operational team consists of parents, members of the school board, school leaders and the administration team, who have worked collaboratively for this initiative to begin at the beginning of next term.



Menu items for parents to purchase lunches on Mondays and Fridays for their child(ren) will be placed on the QKR app, with payment and dietary requirements options available. The lunch orders will be delivered to both our Kensington and Norwood sites and passed onto the students. The planned menu items that will be placed on QKR application for families to order are:

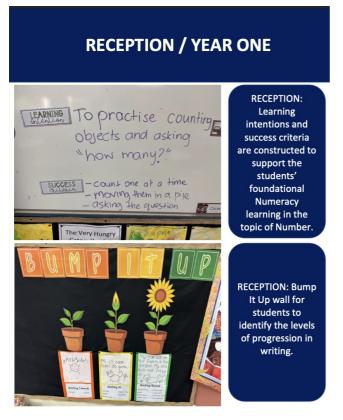
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We will be sending more information about this to all parents via Skoolbag next week.

### **Clarity Project in Practice**

The school leaders and teachers have been continuining our work in the whole school Clarity Project. The Clarity practices aim to increase student achievement and growth in an ongoing and sustainable way. Below are some great examples of our

Reception teachers using *learning intentions*, *success criteria* and *bump it up walls* to help their students have a clear understanding of what they are learning and how they can be successful.



As the term draws to a close, I wish you all a wonderful and safe Easter and term break.

God bless you all,

Mr Slater

# From our APRIM Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield

#### Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we celebrate Holy Week, a significant time in Jesus' life. We reflect on special moments and the events of this week and ask ourselves who was Jesus?

Jesus was a Jew. He was baptised by John the Baptist and began his ministry in Galilee. He had a well-developed reputation as a healer and gathered a group of disciples around him without regard to gender, status or background and celebrated their unity through the sharing of meals. Opposition to him reached a climax during a Passover celebration in Jerusalem where he was arrested, tried and crucified.

Jesus' message was centred on the Kingdom of God. His message was communicated through parables, proverbial sayings, the Lord's Prayer, table fellowship and miracles. The Kingdom of God was open to all people including, the destitute, the sick, the crippled, the tax collectors and sinners.

As we come to the end of Lent, it is good to renew our efforts to pray well. When the followers of Jesus asked him to teach them to pray he gave them the 'Our Father'. That prayer shows us how to speak to God as a loving parent and carer.

Lent ends on Holy Thursday and we move into the holiest days of the year. We call these days the Paschal Triduum. These three days, from sunset on Holy Thursday to sunset on Easter Sunday are the Christian Passover Feast.

As we prepare for Easter we reflect on the teachings of Jesus. Jesus' love for human kind was such that he was prepared to give His life for us.

#### **Project Compassion**

Thank you to the families who have returned their Project compassion boxes to me. Please remember to return these boxes by

Thursday 13 April so that all monies can be counted and sent on to Caritas for the work they do to support marginalised communities.

As this is the last newsletter before the end of the term, I wish all families and Happy and Holy Easter and school holidays after next week.

# From our 2023 Student Leaders



So far, the term has gone really quick, but we have lots of fun things to share with you about our time at school.

To introduce ourselves, we are Year 6 students Alex and Evie, the 2023 school leaders. We will be writing in the newsletter to provide a student perspective on the amazing learning and events happening in our school.

### **Physical Education**

At the start of term 1 Mr Dacombe-Bird taught us some basketball skills that involved dribbling, shooting and passing. We had to use these skills and play a little number basketball game. Towards the end of term 1, we started to learn about Lacross to train for the Lacross carnival. We learnt skills that involved scooping, shooting, passing and catching.

### English

At the start of English our class had to write a story about a magical little house. We had to plan our story first, then make a sizzling start

to get the attention of the reader. Then we had to continue the story and add a problem. The story could end happy or sad. Later on in the term we started to learn about script writing we had to write a script about Mary Mackillop's life. The 5 basic elements we had to use were slugline, action, character name, parentheticals and dialogue.

### Mathematics

In Mathematics we have been learning the long forms of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been using the skills we have developed in these areas to complete worded problems and tests.

### Japanese

In Japanese we had to do assignment called "Jickoshokai." We had to create a self-introduction of a character of our choice and then present this in the Japanese language to the class.

### **Design and Technology**

We designed and created a dream playground space that had to include two simple machines and one complex machine. The students then built their design using a range of different materials to complete their playground model.

### **Carnivals and Events**

The students have had the chance to participate in a Catholic School swimming carnival this term. The tryouts were held at the Norwood Swimming Pool afterschool on Wednesdays, and a team of six from each year level, starting from Year 3 were selected. Everyone tried their best, were brave enough to represent our school and performed really well.



To the SJMS community,

As a busy, yet very productive term 1 draws to a close, I find that this is a perfect time to reflect on the term that was and look forward to term 2 and all the big events we have planned!

First of all, congratulations to all the after hours sports teams that competed throughout the term. The Netballers, Cricketers and Basketballers have all displayed exceptional skill and determination whilst also respresented St Joseph's Memorial with a high level of sportsmanship and in all things love. Thank you to all volunteer coaches and parent helpers. These sports cannot go forth without your help and support so it is greatly appreciated by our entire school community! If anyone has any photos of teams in play or squad photos could you please send them through.

I can't believe it's almost term 2 already, and we've got a jam packed term full of different sports starting, carnivals and most importantly,

our 2023 SJMS Sports Day! Sports day will be on Wednesday the 5th of July (Week 10) on the St Ignatius Oval. If you are happy to volunteer on the day please let me know with an email so I can work out numbers and volunteer roles.

Our out of school sports program will have 2 soccer teams (year 2/3 and 4/5 mixed teams) and currently 4 netball teams registered (year 2/3, 4, 5 and 6). Currently, we need a coach for the year 2/3 netball team and without a coach, we won't be able to have a team. If you are able to coach that year level please reach out!

At this current moment, we need more student numbers to nominate AFL football teams into the SANFL School Footy competition. These teams are year 2, 3/4 and 5/6. I have contacted SANFL and we are now able to enter year 1 students into the year 2 competition. If your child is interested in playing and in year 1 please contact me for further information on the competition. We are currently in the process of reaching out to other schools to increase squad sizes, however if your child would like to play footy for the school please let me know so I can place them in the team.

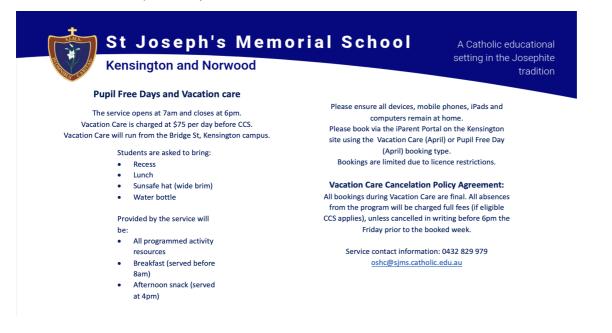
Thanks all for a great term, I look forward to more of the same in term 2!

Mr Dacombe-Bird.

# From our OSHC Director Ms Monique Signore

**Dear Families** 

Please find the OSHC Pupil Free Day and Vacation Care information:



April 24 Pizza Making	April 25 Public Holiday	April 26 Water Play	April 27 Nature Play William St	April 28 Grasshopper Soccer
Today students will have the opportunity to make pizza to enjoy for a snack. Please still provide lunch	CLOSED ANZAC DAY	Join us for a fun day of water play. There will be challenges, water squirters and water balloons.	Excursion Today we are walking to William Street to play on the new nature playground. Please arrive before 10:30am Excursion 11am - 1pm	
<b>?</b>		Please bring bathers including rash vest with sleeves, towel, goggles (optional) and a spare change of clothes. Sunscreen will be provided.		Time: 12:15
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May 1 Pupil Free Day Circus Fun				
Today we are going to have circus fun.				
<ul> <li>Fairy Floss Making</li> <li>Disco</li> <li>Juggling Balls</li> <li>Walking with Stilts</li> <li>Hoola Hoopes</li> </ul>				
- Face Paint				
Student Voice 17/2/23 Bridge S Outcomes: 1.2, 3.2, 4.1	t			

# From our Librarian Mrs Julie Moore

# This year the students have enjoyed coming to the library to read and borrow a great range of interesting books.

It is always wonderful to see students come into the library so eager to read the exciting new books we have. I have enjoyed seeing the lovely smiles on the students' faces and sharing their favrouite books with great joy.

The classes have commenced the Premier's Reading Challenge for the year. Some students have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge and have begun the SJMS Challenge to read unto 50 books by the end of the year.

We are currently in the process of organising a Scholastic Book Fair in Term 2 which will occur in week 6 and will be held Tuesday to Thursday in the Performing Arts Space at William St. Both campuses will have an opportunity to purchase books at the Fair.

In Term 3 one of the biggest highlights of the school year is the whole school 'Book Week Parade' and we have also started organisation for this amazing event.



# From our Parents and Friends Committee

### Welcome to the final Parents & Friends' update for Term 1

### Gather Round Lunch Order

A reminder that Recess and Lunch Orders will be served next Friday 14 April (for those who have ordered). Thank you to Enjoy Bakery Norwood for supplying the hot food.

To celebrate the Gather Round Festival of Footy (13-16 April), children are invited to come to school on the last day of term in their favourite sports' outfit – any sport, any team.

### Term 2 P&F catch up

Friday 5 May (week 1, term 2) at the High Street Café'.

All welcome.

### Mothers' Day Morning Tea - Friday 12 May (week 2)

We will be sending out details next week with orders to be placed via Qkr. This year we are very excited to have the Cheeky Grin Coffee van supplying their award-winning coffee.

Look forward to having lots of mothers, grandmothers and special friends celebrate Mothers' Day with us.

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events this term and we look forward to hosting more of them next term.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter and a restful school holiday period.

For any P&F queries or suggestions, please email us at pandf@sjms.catholic.edu.au

# Pupil Free Days



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We would like to inform you of the dates for Pupil Free Days (PFD) for this year. Please note that OSHC will be available for families that require this service on these days.

- Monday 1 May 2023
- Friday 7 July 2023
- Monday 24 July 2023
- Monday 16 October 2023
- Thursday 14 December 2023
- Friday 15 December 2023

Yours sincerely

Adam Slater Principal

# St Joseph's Memorial School Norwood a n d Kens Assemblies



e info@sims.catholic.edu.au

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are trialing a new Assembly format for the year.

In Term 1 to Term 3 we will have 3 Assemblies per term and in Term 4, 2 Assemblies.

All Assemblies will be held in the Performing Arts Studio at William St on Friday afternoons at 2pm.

Students from Bridge Street will walk across to William Street to participate in Assemblies, face to face.

Below, please find the dates for our Assembly and the Class that will be hosting in that week.

### Term 1

10 March - Year 6B Assembly 31 March - Year 1G Assembly

### Term 2

19 May - Year 5G Assembly 9 June - Year 1B Assembly 30 June - Year 4B Assembly

### Term 3

11 August - Preschool Assembly 1 September - Reception Assembly 22 September - Year 2/3B Assembly

### Term 4

10 November - Year 2/3G Assembly 1 December - Mid-Year Reception Assembly

We will ask for help from our wonderful parents and caregivers to help walk the Bridge Street students across on these dates. Please look out for the form on Skoolbag, next week.

Please remember to check the school calendar regularly for any updates.

# Places available in our Preschool - enrol today!



Come see our Preschool in action, contact us for a tour or enrolment information.



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.

# Mary Mackillop Open Day



# Don't forget your hat!



A reminder to ensure your child has their school hat in their bag. Thank you!

SJMS Calendar



For dates, information on events and more, please visit the SJMS Calendar. Click here to view the calendar

### Ice Block Fridays



Ice Blocks are available to purchase for Reception to Year 6 students (not Preschool) via the QKR app.

Ice Blocks are distributed Friday at lunchtimes and orders close the day before, each Thursday at 6pm. Please order before this time to

avoid disappointment. Ice Block options are: Zooper Dooper 50 cents Sugar Freezies 50 cents (sugar free) Thank you

The SJMS Admin Team

### Join the P&F Facebook Group



If you want to stay up to date with the Parents and Friends Committee, connect with other Parents or buy/sell second hand uniform, remember to join our P&F Facebook Group!

Read More

Remember your hats!



Please remember to pack your child's school hat to ensure they are able to play outside.

Thank you.

### 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 email. 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

Mr Will Dacombe-Bird is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mr Dacombe-Bird via email wdacombe@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

### From the Library



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been sent home with students. Please note all payments and orders for the Scholastic Book Club need to be paid online through Scholastic LOOP: Scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Or you can download the Loop app.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept any money and orders at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Julie Moore Librarian

### From the Finance Team

School Fees and Fee Remission for 2023

School fee statements will be sent home by the end of Week 2 and will show the 2023 fees and sibling discounts. If you have not received your statement by the end of Week 3 please contact the office.

Please be assured of the school's support for your family during hard times. If you are having difficulty paying fees, please contact school Bursar, Nicki Cambourn, to make a time to discuss assistance and payment options available.

### School Card 2023

The Government School Card discount is a scheme offered and administered by the School Card Office.

School Card needs to be re-applied for on an annual basis. The 2023 School Card application is now available online, please apply as soon as possible.

https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme

Any parent/caregiver who would like more information about the scheme can contact our school or phone the School Card Office on 1800 672 758 (free call).

For eligible families, St Joseph's Memorial School lower income fee will apply once School Card is approved. A credit is applied to your account to reflect the lower fee and a revised statement sent home for you.

### School Card Income Limits

To qualify for School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have. The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2023 – this based on the family's gross income in 2021/2022.

Number of dependent children Combined gross family income limit for the 2021/22 financial year Gross weekly school card income limit.

1 child \$66,412 \$1,277 2 children \$67,598 \$1,300 3 children \$68,784 \$1,323 4 children \$69,970 \$1,346 5 children \$71,156 \$1,369 Each additional dependent child \$1,186 \$23

### Fee Remission Assistance

Parents/caregivers experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to apply for fee remission ASAP. Please email accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au for a fee remission application form. We assure parents/caregivers that all details provided will be kept strictly confidential.

If you are having difficulty with meeting your fee obligations or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Nicki Cambourn (Bursar) or Adam Slater (Principal) on 8130 7777.

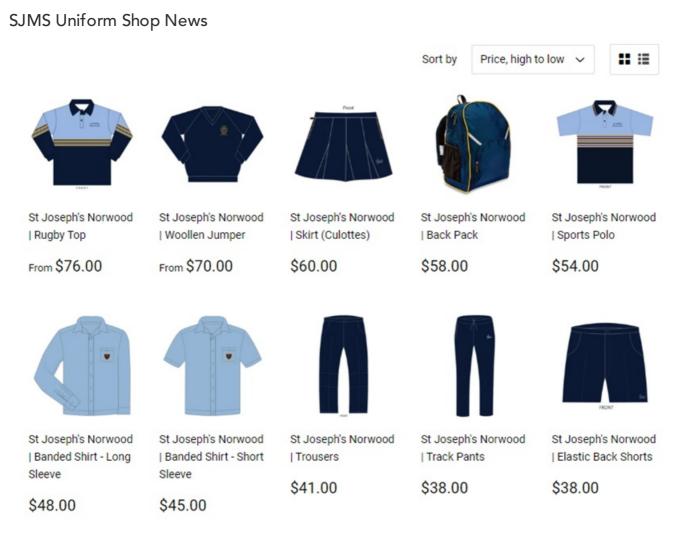
Yours sincerely

Nicki Cambourn Bursar accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

### Follow us on Social Media



Stay up to date with all that is happening across SJMS via our Facebook Page and Instagram Account



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.

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### Pathways Beyond Year 6



Click here to view the local Catholic pathways beyond Year 6.



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