



From Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have come to the end of another school year.

This term, like all the others has been filled with wonderful learning experiences for our staff and students alike. It has been wonderful to see how over the year, the students have grown.

On Tuesday we celebrated our wonderful Year 6 students and farewelled them as they leave our SJMS family to continue their secondary education in 2023. I would like to congratulate the following students:

Layla, Ruby, Gabrielle, Lucinda, Madeleine, Emily, Jenny, Cormac, Rohan, Louie, Yuvraj, Odessa, Charlotte, April, Charlotte, Grace, Hannah, Max, Harry, Hyeon-Gu, and Harry.

May you take away with you: wonderful memories, long lasting friendships and the courage to be the best person you can be. Carry with you in your daily encounters with others, our motto: In Omnibus Caritas – In All Things Love and let these words guide you as you navigate the world around you.

On Wednesday, we celebrated our Preschool students who graduated and will be beginning their primary schooling in 2023.

Congratulations to:

Archer, Orlando, Ivy, Briella, Elsie, Anna, Daniel, Sophia and Ava.

We wish you every success as you begin your primary schooling in 2023.

To the families that leave SJMS after a long association with us, thank you for being a part of our community. We wish you all the best and thank you for being such a valuable part of our SJMS family.

At this time, we also farewell staff who have been a part of our journey in 2022. I would like to thank the following staff for their dedication to our community and wish them every success for 2023.

Franco Canil, Amy Parker, Megan Pollard, Kate Didyk, Cathy Haddad, and Izabella Callisto.

We wish you every success in your teaching careers for 2023.

As well, I would like to announce that Jess Nelson will be stepping down as OSHC / Vacation Care Director. We thank Jess for the dedication that she put into the role since she joined SJMS in 2010. Monique Signore has been appointed as the OSHC / Vacation Care Director for 2023. There will be a transition period where both Jess and Monique will work together.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Brady Stallard for leading our community from 2017 until 2021 when he took 5 weeks leave but was then seconded to support another Catholic School Community for the remainder of the 2021 school year.

For 2023, the staffing will be as follows:

Preschool Teachers

Ms Maree Raphael

Ms Serena Razon

Mrs Mary Murray

Mrs Courtney Pisaniello

Early Years Teachers

Reception: Mrs Aimee Caruso / Ms Nicola Ciuffini

Year 1G: Mrs Nickie Palumbo

Year 1B: Mrs Mary Piteo / Mrs Zoë Gower

Primary Years Teachers

Year 2/3G: Mrs Paula Wesley / Mrs Catherine Devitt

Year 2/3: Mr David Holmes

Year 4: Mr Andrew Merrigan

Middle Years Teachers

Year 5: Ms Eloise Di Sisto

Year 6: Mr Christopher Heaney

Specialist Teachers

Japanese: Ms Oriana Radman

Performing Arts: Term 1: TBA, Term 2 onwards – Mrs Jessica Williams

PE: Mr William Dacombe-Bird

Education Support Officers

Mrs Nicki Cambourn

Mrs Jess Nelson

Mrs Mary Fantasia

Mrs Marta D'Ortenzio

Mrs Erika Petersson

Mrs Claire Tiekink

Miss Monique Signore

Leadership Team

Mr Adam Slater

Mr Nick Ryan

Mrs Toni Benci

Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the SJMS community over the past 7 terms for your patience and support. We have finally come to the end of our Stage 1 Building Project and our PAS and Nature Playground are a wonderful addition to our William Street site. The students and staff have appreciated the additional play space that has been opened up to us.

To the parents and caregivers, thank you for your support, especially to the School Board and to the dedicated small team of our Parents and Friends. I look forward to continuing my work with you in 2023.

Christmas Blessings

As we come to the end of this School Year, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. May this Christmas Season be filled with wonder and joy as we commemorate the birth of Jesus. I leave you with a prayer for you to share with your families on Christmas Day.

Lord God,

Today may we not only unwrap presents,

But may we discover more of your love.

Today may we not only eat on festive food,

But may we feast on your faith.

Today may we not only cherish happy times with family and friends,

But may we invite you into our lives.

Today may we not only sing carols that celebrate your birth,

But may we dwell upon the resurrected Christ alive this moment.

Living Lord, we long to discover your love, feast on your truth,

invite you into our lives and thank you for your sacrifice.

Amidst the presents, food, and family we long to celebrate Christmas with you.

Amen.

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

The 2022 Spirit of Mary MacKillop Award Recipient



Congratulations to Ruby Faraonio, awarded by the SJMS Staff Team as the 2022 recipient of the Spirit of Mary MacKillop Award

Ruby has been an active and positive role model during her time at SJMS. Ruby always helps others in need, leads by example and has a strong sense of social justice.

Thank you to Mayor Robert Bria for joining us at the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and presenting the award to Ruby.

Well done Ruby from the SJMS staff team - we are so proud of you!



Dear Parents and Caregivers

AN ANNIVERSARY TO CELEBRATE WITH MUCH JOY

“Christmas is almost here!” So what do we think of when we hear such news? Probably, the thoughts that come to mind are those associated with the necessary preparations that go to make the day an enjoyable occasion marked by lots of food, presents, lights and tinsel. But, we know of course that the meaning of Christmas will always be the birth of Jesus, God’s Son.

Christmas is an anniversary celebration of when God gave us the gift of Himself without splendour or opulence but in poverty and weakness, in the form of a tiny baby in an animal enclosure. Jesus, Son of God, emptied himself of power, privilege and possessions and was born into the human race in the humblest of manner. In the early years of the Church, Christianity grew and spread very quickly. This was because Christians were known for their unusual compassion for those around them – so different to the treatment metered out by the Romans. The first Christians knew that God, taking flesh in Jesus for the sake of the whole world, wasn’t an event of the past; it was the pattern for their own lives every day. People in any age of anxiety and oppression were attracted to a religion whose adherents dared not to follow the culture of the day but to transform it.

The way that our community has rallied around and supported the St Vincent Christmas Appeal is a wonderful example for us and a great reminder of the real meaning of Christmas; the hope, peace and goodwill as we celebrate the anniversary of our Saviours birth. If we choose to reach out to others in the midst of our own worrying, we too, can be liberated by the joy of knowing ourselves to be united to Christ. Also, seeing all the classes practicing for this Friday’s Christmas Carol Night really does bring out the Christmas message to all in our community.

This time of the year also brings sadness as we say farewell to friends and colleagues who are moving onto new pastures. Some we have known for many years and others but a short time. Our Year Six’s are possibly feeling a number of conflicting emotions; happiness at graduating from Year 6, anxiety about what it could be like at High School and sadness at moving away from friends. I hope they all take away fond memories of their time at St Joseph’s and that they will remember that God will always be there for them and to let the wonder of God’s love come through their lives and allow it to be available to other people.

Thank you to the families who joined us at our End of Year Mass as we thanked God for all of the blessings we have received this year and we pray for our Year 6 Graduates as they leave this part of their journey to continue the next chapter of High School.

This Week’s Sunday Readings are:

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

Also, as a quick reminder that Mass times at St Ignatius Church, Norwood are:

Saturday: (Vigil) 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

Christmas Mass Times: *No bookings required this year*

Saturday: 4:00pm (Family Mass), 6:00pm (Family Mass), 8:00pm 12 Midnight

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am

It is with sincere sadness that I write my final newsletter item in the role of Acting APRIM at St Joseph's Memorial School. I would like to thank the students, staff and the whole school community for making me feel so warmly welcomed during my time here. I see that the school community as positive and progressive with exciting times ahead. I wish the St Joseph's Memorial Community all the very best for Christmas and the coming New Year. Thank you very much and may our paths cross again in the future.

GOD'S BLESSINGS, PEACE AND BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

"We are all a reflection of God's love"

Franco Canil

Acting APRIM

Congratulations to the SJMS Class of 2022





2022 Preschool Graduates

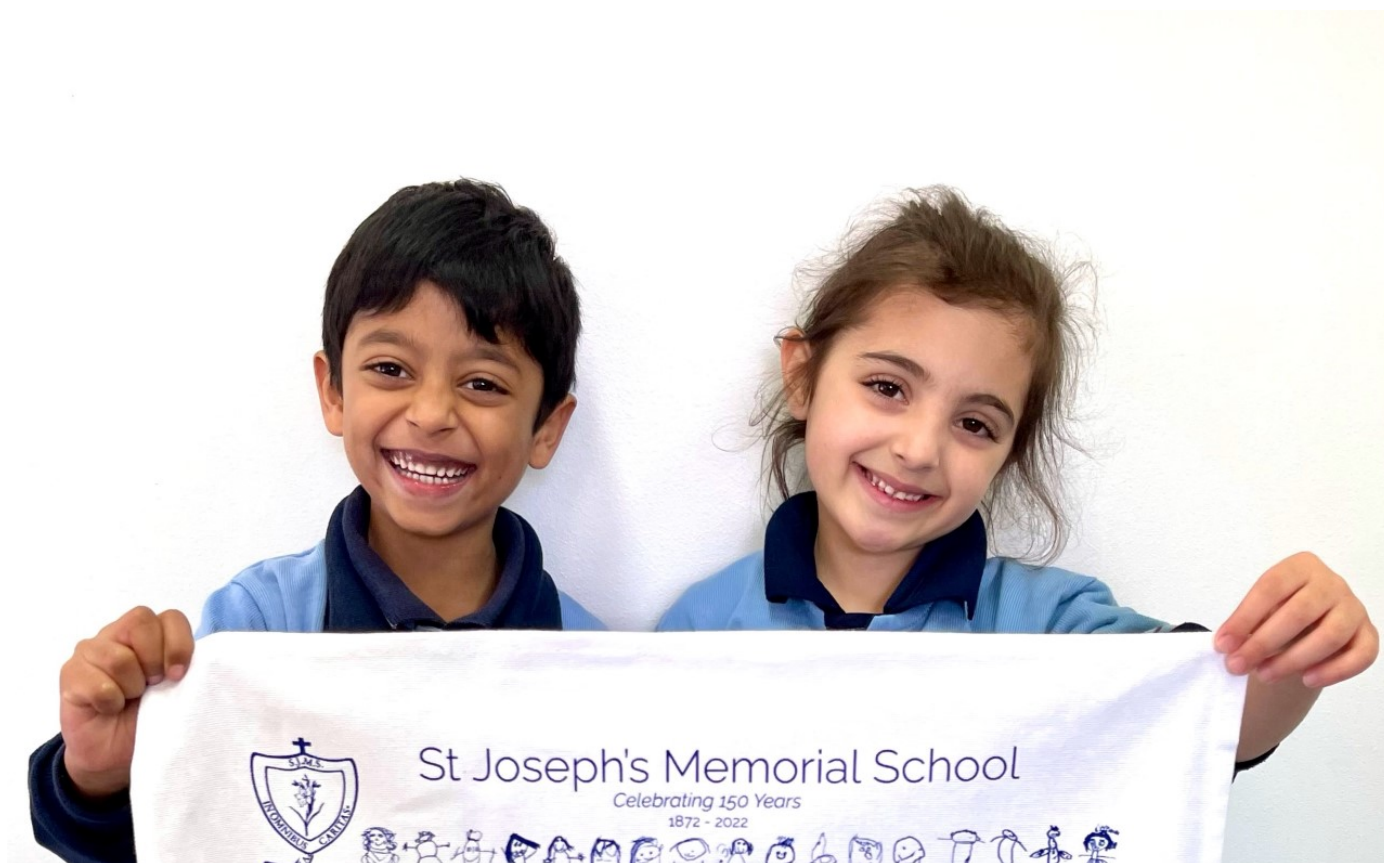


Places available in our Preschool - enrol today!



Come see our Preschool in action, [contact us](#) for a tour or enrolment information.

Last Chance - 150 Years of SJMS Tea Towel



Last chance to purchase your Sesquicentenary Tea Towel!

To celebrate the sesquicentenary of St Joseph's Memorial School, we have created a whole school tea towel for families to keep as a memory of their time at SJMS.

The tea towel includes a drawing of all students and staff at SJMS, proudly drawn by the students themselves.

Please note we have a limited number of tea towels available, so we encourage families to order early via the QKR app to avoid disappointment.

Thank you.



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

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

St Joseph's Memorial School

Norwood and Kensington

Calendar and Dates



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w | sjms.catholic.edu.au
e | info@sjms.catholic.edu.au

For dates, information on events and more, please visit the SJMS Calendar.

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

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

St Joseph's Memorial School

Norwood and Kensington

Communication



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w | sjms.catholic.edu.au
e | info@sjms.catholic.edu.au

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

Mrs Kate Didyk is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mrs Didyk via email kdidyk@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](#)

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Uniform shop news

JS Sports Uniform shop: 10 Newton Rd Campbelltown

Ph: 0451 725 600

Book your Appointment online now!

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>

Why do I need an appointment???

Due to social distancing requirements we can only have 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 to

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>.

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.

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/uniform-shops>

[Click here to book a Uniform Shop visit](#)



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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](#)

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Pathways Beyond Year 6



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The Southern Cross



Living Catholic

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