

From our Principal Mr Adam Slater



Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2.

I trust you have had a lovely break from the school routine and maybe your family has had a chance to perhaps have a holiday too!

Staffing

We welcome back to our school Jessica Williams, in the role of Performing Arts teacher. You may remember Jessica, as a teacher at both the Bridge Street and William Street sites.

In addition, Belinda Papuni will start this term in the role as Education Support Officer to work with our new arrival students.

Newsletter this term

This term we will publish newsletters in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10.

Shared School Pillars and Values

As I identified at the beginning of the year, **Relationships & Culture** are key areas of focus this year at St Joseph's Memorial. After surveying the staff, students, parents and the community we currently have received over 140 responses.

If you still would like to complete the two-question survey, please click the link below:

SJMS Values and Pillars

We look forward to sharing the finalised data we have received soon.

Mid-Year Reception

We are looking forward to welcoming the largest cohort of Mid-Year Reception students in the history of the school for their transition days this term. We have appointed Mrs Cathy Haddad to be the teacher of this class as they commence at the beginning of Term 3. We are almost at capacity with the Mid-Year Reception group.

Mother's Day Stall and Event

Thank you to our wonderful P&F committee for organising and running the Mother's Day Stall and Morning Tea event. We thank the committee for all the work behind the scenes to help make Mother's Day a special one for our community.

School Sport Returns

School activities including debating, basketball, netball, soccer and football return this term. I wanted to share my appreciation to Mr Dacombe-Bird who has organised the teams and to the parents who have volunteered to coach this season.

Reports

As you would be aware there are two formal School Reports, mid and end of year. Catholic Education SA has adopted a SEQTA as a Learning Management System and this year the "School Report" module is being rolled out. This means that the report we have used in previous years will change to the reporting system being used within SEQTA. All of the Eastern Region St Joseph's Schools will be adopting the same CESA SEQTA template to report student achievement. We will be sending more information and the template to families soon via Skoolbag.

Children's University

We are pleased that 60 students are undertaking the Children's University Adelaide program. It has been wonderful to hear the students share their experiences of taking their passports to various learning destinations. We are all looking forward to graduation ceremony held at the end of the year at Adelaide University to celebrate the achievements of the students involved.

From the APRIM

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you have all enjoyed the break although I am sure that you are all glad to get back into the school routine.

Last week, parents and children from the School and Parish Community, came together to begin their preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist later this term. On the weekend of the 20 and 21 May the candidates will be presented to the Parish Community.

Parents, family members and teachers have an important role in the faith education of their children and students.

We all share the responsibility to help children to recognise that God:

- Shares the power to love 'creatively' so that they can become more like the person Jesus.
- · Created within them the ability to discover and develop their power to love so that they can be more like Jesus.
- Created them to become unique as individuals so that they can become more like Jesus.

In each of these statements we are assisting children to 'recognise' or 'awaken to' God's presence in all areas of their lives. As adults then, it is very important for us to be life loving and life affirming people to our children and students.

Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday we celebrate the gifts of Mothers. May all mums, grandmothers and all other women who have this special role in the lives of others have a very special day.

A Mothers' Day Prayer

We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers.

We thank you that she gave us life and nurtured us all those years.

She gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways.

She taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others.

She taught us that it was okay to cry and that we should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today.

Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her.

Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

Amen

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." - Unknown

Project Compassion

Thank you to all the families who donated to Project Compassion during Lent. We raised \$600.15 to support the work of Caritas.

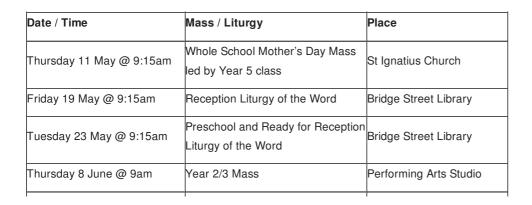
Congratulations and Welcome

Congratulations to the Seneviratne Family (Shaneth - Year 2) who welcomed Sasha to their family on 6 April 2023.

'Sometimes the littlest things take up the most room in your heart!' Winnie the Pooh

Term 2 Masses and Liturgies

This information was sent out to families last term but for those who missed it please find below the dates, times, and place where masses and liturgies will be held this term. I look forward to seeing many parents and caregivers join us for these celebrations.





ŀ	Thursday 15 June @ 9am	Year 4 Mass	Performing Arts Studio
	Friday 23 June@ 9:15am	Year 1 Liturgy of the Word	Bridge Street Library
	Thursday 29 June@9am	Year 6 Mass	Performing Arts Studio

Scholastic Book Fair



The school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during Term 2 and for every dollar spent we receive 25%. Now what could be better than that?

So please start saving your loose change.

Books / Posters / Novelty School Supplies for ages 3yrs +

This year we are holding our annual St. Joseph's Book Fair in the William Street Performing Arts Studio.

St Joseph's Book Fair

Tuesday 6th June – Thursday 8th June [Week 6] Children's books go on sale in the Performing Arts Studio 8.30am – 4pm.

Pop in anytime during these hours, I would love to see you.

Julie Moore, Librarian

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Lucy Mackay Class 5B, who on the 4th of May won Gold in the SAPSASA butterfly race and Silver in freestyle held at the SA Aquatices and Leisure Centre, Marion.

Congratulations to Catia Evangelou Class 1G who on the 23rd of April completed in her first Taekwondo competition and won Gold (being the youngest to compete in her division).

Well done girls!





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.

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



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.

Term 2

19 May - Year 5G Assembly9 June - Year 1B Assembly30 June - Year 4B Assembly

Term 3

11 August - Preschool Assembly1 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



Please check the SJMS Calendar for up to date Pupil Free Days.

2023

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.

From our 2023 Student Leaders

SJMS Calendar



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

Click here to view the calendar

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!

Visit P&F Facebook

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



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.

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

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

SJMS Uniform Shop News



You can now book your uniform shop appointment online!

\$45.00

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?

\$48.00

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!

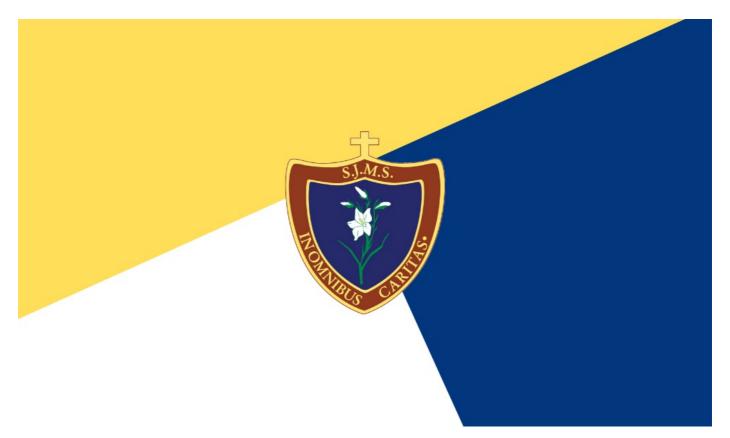
What if I know exactly what I need?

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

Southern Cross News



Click here to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

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