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From Adam Slater, Principal



The Term is well underway as our school is a hive of activity. Our students have now familiarised themselves with their new classrooms, making connections with their peers and building relationship with their educators. A highlight was our St Joseph's Day celebration Mass where we announced our Student Leaders for 2025. It was lovely to see so many parents and special friends join us for the uplifting celebration. Our students' voices singing the beautiful hymns was a real highlight.

St Joseph's Day

St Joseph's Day was a joyous celebration of faith, leadership and togetherness for our school community. The day began with a beautiful whole-school Mass at Norwood Parish, led by Father Chris Jenkins, where we reflected on the values of St Joseph. A special moment was the presentation of Bibles to our Year 3 students, marking an important step in their faith journey. We also proudly announced our 2025 School Captains and Leaders, recognizing their commitment to guiding our school. Following this, students enjoyed engaging buddy activities that fostered connection across year levels before gathering for a delicious sausage sizzle lunch, generously provided by our Parents and Friends Committee. The celebrations ended with an afternoon of fun and friendship at the Norwood Pool, making it a memorable day for all!









2025 Year 6 Captains and Leaders

This week we announced our Year 6 2025 Shool Captains and Sports, Library, Environmental, Technology and Social Justice Leaders. As a community, we would like to congratulate each student on their appointment to leadership and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our school this year.







Year 5/6 Camp

This week, our Year 5/6 students embarked on an unforgettable outdoor education camp at Willow Creek, where they embraced challenges, developed key life skills, and strengthened friendships through a range of exciting activities. This camp was designed to enhance team building, collaboration, problem-solving and decision-making skills—all while having plenty of fun!

The adventure began with kayaking at Myponga where students paddled across the water, learning both technique and teamwork. Raft making put their creativity and problem-solving to the test as they worked together to construct floating vessels—some more successful than others, but all resulting in laughter and learning. Kart making and testing followed a similar theme, requiring collaboration and ingenuity to build and race their handmade vehicles.

Throughout the camp, students participated in group dynamics team challenges, fostering resilience, communication, and cooperation. A highlight for many was the surfing lessons, where students braved the waves, cheered each other on, and celebrated their successes (even if that meant simply standing up for a few seconds!). The camp concluded with a spirited Beach Olympics, where friendly competition and sportsmanship shone as students took on a variety of beach-based activities.

It was inspiring to see our students step outside their comfort zones, encourage one another, and develop valuable life skills. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers who made this experience possible. The memories and lessons from Willow Creek will stay with our students for years to come!



NAPLAN

Over the past two weeks the students in Year 3 and 5 have completed the NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy assessments. I would like to commend the teachers and students for their studious approach to these tasks to showcase their learning progress and development.

Reception Writing using Playberry Laser Literacy Approach

As part of the explicit instruction during the daily literacy blocks, the Reception students have enjoyed using mini-whiteboards and markers to practise their effective writing skills. Each student has been able to successfully develop their letter and work formations, blends and spacing.



New Preschool Playspace

The Preschool students have been enjoying the newly constructed outdoor playspace to undertake a range of fun activities to develop their balance, gross motor coordination and teamwork skills and abilities.



Ready for Reception Library Time

Our Ready For Reception students have been enjoying learning about our school Library to support their preparation for starting school. Our Librarian, Mrs Moore, has been reading the children a range of books to help spark their curiosity and love for reading.



Respect Our Student Road Monitors - Keeping Everyone Safe

Our student road monitors play an important role in keeping our school community safe. They have been trained by SAPOL and are committed to ensuring a smooth and secure crossing for everyone. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding when approaching and using the crossings.

Thanks,

Adam Slater

Principal

From Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, APRIM

This week, we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph. St Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was a carpenter, a man of faith and obedient to whatever God asked of him. Although not the father of Jesus, he responded to God's call to care for Jesus as his own when an Angel appeared to him in a dream.

St Joseph was very important to St Mary 'of the Cross' MacKillop. The name of the Religious Order that she founded with Fr. Julian Woods was the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. These women who followed God's call and joined St. Mary MacKillop in her work and continue to do so today are known as the Josephite Sisters.

St Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice.

Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church,

Watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus,

Help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen

St Joseph's Day Thanks

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the P&F Team, Parents and Caregivers who helped us celebrate St Joseph's Day this year. Without your support, we would not have been able to provide these activities for the students.

Lent 2025

In the second week of Lent, we may ask ourselves what we can do to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. We know that Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and works of love. We are encouraged to refrain from something of an enjoyable nature.

- In an article I read recently, they had the following suggestions for a Lenten fast. You may consider some of the ideas below as we continue our journey through Lent.
- Focus on gratitude give up complaining.
- Become an optimist give up pessimism.
- Think kindly thoughts give up harsh judgments.
- Trust Divine Providence give up worry.
- Be full of hope give up discouragement.
- Turn to forgiveness give up bitterness.
- Return good for evil give up hatred.

- Be positive give up negativism.
- Be more patient give up anger.
- Become mature give up pettiness.
- Enjoy the beauty that is all around you give up gloom.
- Pray for Trust give up jealousy.
- Control your tongue give up gossiping.
- Turn to virtue give up sin.
- Hang in there! give up giving up.

Lenten Dates @ St Ignatius Parish

Wednesday March 26:

Lenten Prayer and reflection directed by Fr Chris Jenkins SJ at 7.00pm in the Church.

Wednesday April 2:

Lenten Talk & Exhibition by Parishioner, Yvonne Ashby at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. An Artists journey as she grappled with themes relating to Creation, Sacraments, Service and Spirituality.

Wednesday April 9:

7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation in the Church.

Thursday 17 April:

7:00pm HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER The Church remains open until 10.00pm.

Friday 18 April:

11:00am GOOD FRIDAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00pm SOLEMN LITURGICAL ACTION OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

Saturday 19 April:

6:00pm HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL & CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Followed by supper in the Hall. Please bring a plate of cold finger food to share.

Sunday 20 April:

EASTER SUNDAY 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am (in Korean) No 5:00pm Mass

Monday 21 April:

EASTER MONDAY - Public Holiday - Mass at 9:00am

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies

Date	Class / Year Level	Time and Place	
Thursday 20 March	Whole School Mass led	9:30am in St Ignatius Church	
St Joseph's Day Mass	by Year 4 students		
Thursday 3 April	Year 3	9am in the PAS	
Friday 4 April	Preschool	9:15am in the Preschool	
Thursday 10 April	Reception	9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street	
Friday 11 April (TBC)	Whole School	Holy Week Liturgy	



St Joseph's Memorial School

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TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekend
1	27/01 Australia Day Public Holiday	28/01 1 st Day Term 1 9am P&F Welcome Morning Tea @ Bridge Street	29/01	30/01	31/02	2 nd Presentation Of the Lord
2	03/02	04/02	05/02 Road Traffic Monitor Training Years 4-6	06/02 9:30am Beginning of School Year Mass led by Year 6 class	07/02	
3	10/02	11/02 Safer Internet Day Healthy	12/02 Lunchbox	13/02 Lunar New Year Week	14/02 2pm Year 6 Assembly	15/02 7pm P&F Welcome Drinks in the PAS
4	17/02	18/02	19/02 6:30pm School Board AGM	20/02 World Day of Social Justice Year 5 Mass 9am PAS	21/02	
5	24/02 ThinkUKnow Years 3 – 6 (am) & Parent (pm) Cyber-Safety Presentation	25/02	26/02	27/02 Year 1 LOW 9:10am Library	28/02	
6	03/03	04/03 Shrove Tuesday	05/03 Ash Wednesday 9:15am Preschool – Yr. 1 LOW 11am Yrs 2 – 6 LOW	06/03	07/03 2pm Year 1B Assembly World Day of Prayer	
7	10/03 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	11/03	12/03	13/03	14/03 International Day of Mathematics	
8	17/03 St Patrick's Day	18/03 Year 5 & 6 Camp	19/03 6:30pm School Board	NAPLAN 20/03 9:30am St Joseph's Day Mass & Celebrations led by Year 4 class World Story Telling Day	21/03 Harmony Day	22/03 Earth Hour 8:30pm
9	24/03 NAPLAN	25/03 Feast of the Annunciation	NAPLAN 26/03	27/03 Year 2 LOW 9am PAS	28/03 2pm Year 5 Assembly	30/03 P&F Whole School Family Park Event
10	31/03	01/04	02/04	03/04 Year 3 Mass 9am PAS	04/04 Preschool LOW 9:10am Library	06/04 Daylight Saving Ends
11	07/04 World Health Day	08/04	09/04	10/04 Reception LOW 9:10am Library	11/04 Term 1 Ends	

St Joseph's Day 2025



LEARNING Through MUSIC

AMAZE YOURSELF! LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT

ENROL NOW FOR 2025!

Join our school instrumental music lessons for 2025!

Contact us to find out what instruments are available to learn

Lessons are held at school once a week

Instrument hire is available

Email us for lesson prices or an enrolment form



Contact LTMusic for more information or to complete an enrolment form: info@LTMusic.com.au

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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.

TERM 2

Monday 28 April Rec-Yr 6 (Preschool Open) Friday 4 July Whole School Pupil Free Day

TERM 3

Monday 21 July Rec-Yr 6 (Preschool Open)

TERM 4

Monday 13 October Rec-Yr 6 (Preschool Open) Wednesday 10 December Last Day of Term R-6 Thursday 11 December Last Day for Preschool Friday 12 December Whole School Pupil Free Day



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 1

28 March - hosted by our Year 5 students

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 informaiton on Audiri if you are able to assist.



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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.

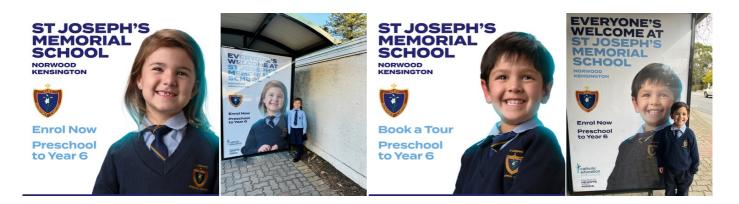
Summary of what is needed to volunteer at SJMS: Valid Catholic Police Check Responding to Abuse and Neglect Education and Care Volunteer Certificate Completed application form

Places available in our Preschool - enrol today!



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





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

SJMS Uniform Shop News



ST JOSEPHS MEMORIAL NORWOOD

UNIFORM COLLECTION 2025





Friday 10.30am - 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am - 12.00pm

You can now book your uniform shop appointment online!

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.

Read More

Finance Team Go to our Fee Information page to see school fee structure.

For any finance enquiries, email Nicki at accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

Nicki Cambourn

Bursar

Communication Between School and Home



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 (08) 8130 7777. The phone will be answered by either office and your call directed to the appropriate area/staff member.

Audiri app

Download the Audiri app and add 'St Joseph's Memorial School' as your school. This app is used to communicate letters and information between the school and home.

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 Audiri 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

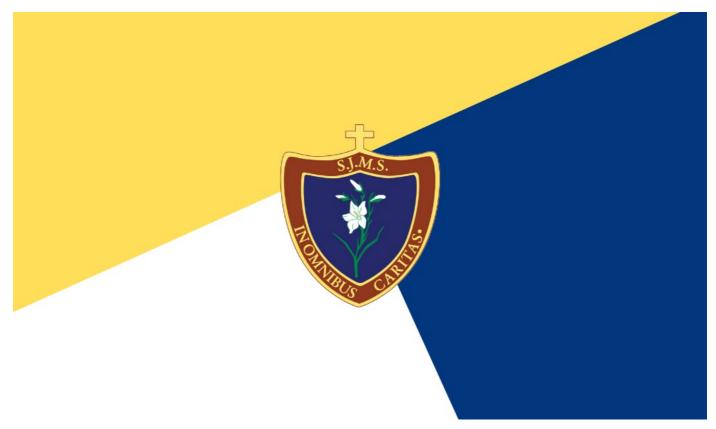
Communication Flowchart

SJMS Communication Information

Follow us on Social Media



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



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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PAS SPACE AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Do you know a community group that is looking for an affordable space to hire,

somewhere to meet regularly?

A martial arts class, bible study group, children's dance class, drama group,

choir group, book club or the like?

Ask them to contact us to enquire about hiring our Preforming Arts Studio (PAS)!

Hire includes use of the retractable stage, kitchen facilities and bathroom. Weeknights or weekends available.

Please contact Nicki Cambourn, Bursar accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

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