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St Joseph's School

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In All Things Love

Uniform Shop

Open on Monday and Fridays 8.30 am to 9.30 am

Playgroup

Friday - 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Out of School Hours Care

Daily Except Tuesday 7.30 am to 8.30 am and 2.45 pm to 6.00 pm

Tuesday

2.45 pm to 6.00 pm Bookings essential Mobile: 0437 863 067

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Priest - Fr Marek Ptak CR

Phone: (08) 8447 3223

Mass Times

Saturday 6.30 pm Sunday 8.30 am English & 10.30 am Polish

Weekday 6.30 pm English & Polish **Except Tuesday** (check with Parish)

Newsletter























- St. Maximilian Kolbe -

The 3/4H class have been learning that our Catholic saints are perfect models of Christian discipleship. This week our focus was St Maximillian Kolbe, the patron saint of our Ottoway parish.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Catholic priest who sacrificed his life during World War II. Imprisoned at Auschwitz, he offered to take the place of a fellow prisoner condemned to death. His selfless act of love and faithfulness continues to inspire people as a symbol of courage and compassion.























We acknowledge that our school is on Kaurna country. We recognise and respect the Kaurna people as the continuing custodians of the Adelaide Plains and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Principal's News

The end of Term 2 marks the half-way point in the school year with Semester One School Reports sent home on Wednesday July 5. This is an opportunity for parents and children to discuss achievements during the first half of the year and set goals for the remainder of the year. The upcoming school holidays is an ideal time to do this.

Catholic Identity

Over the past 3 weeks I have had the pleasure of being a part of our junior primary, middle primary and upper primary liturgies. Our school liturgies provide an opportunity for children to experience contemporary liturgical celebrations with a focus directly related to classroom learning experiences. This is in line with our School Strategic Improvement Plan.

Teaching and Learning

On Wednesday July 5 you should have received your child's Semester One school report. This report captures the entire learning achieved by your child during their first semester of school this year.

Each of our children received a grade for 'Achievement' and for 'Effort'. One of the areas I take particular note of is a child's 'Effort'. This grade is provided for each subject area and compliments the 'Achievement' grade, informing you about how your child has applied themselves and given effort in their learning. Two of our Keys to Success; 'Persistence and Resilience' highlight the importance of trying your best, regardless of your knowledge or interest level in a particular subject area.

I'd like to thank our teachers for their efforts with writing these reports and encourage you to celebrate your child's achievements and talk to them about the importance of setting personal learning goals for the remainder of the year.

Curriculum News

I have included two mathematical tasks which you might like to have a go at with your child/children.

This week's Mathematical tasks:

Reception to Year 3

I am thinking of a number between 10 and 100 with a single 8 in it. What might my number be?

What numbers can you make using 2, 4 and 6?

Years 4-6

How many numbers can you make using the digits 3, 6, 9 and 0? You can only use each digit once in each number.

Two numbers multiply to give 64000. What might the two numbers be?

Happy inquiry.

<u>Term 3 Preschool and Reception Intake</u>

St. Joseph's School will once again have a Pre-school and Reception intake at the start of Term 3 this year. Our Term 3 new Pre-school children will replace those moving into Reception as part of our Term 3 Reception intake. A new class has been created for our Term 3 new Receptions which will be in the classroom next to our current R/1 Unit. The criteria for starting Pre-school or Reception on the first day of school in Term 3 is that a child will have turned 4 (Pre-school) or 5 (Reception) between 1 May and 31 October in that year.

School Climate Surveys

This year through Catholic Education South Australia we are continuing our partnership with Professor Jill Aldridge from Curtin University who is supporting Catholic schools in *Developing Leadership Capacity in School Improvement* through surveying the school community. The School Improvement focus involves collecting and analysing data from the school community (students, parents, and staff) to identify plans for

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future actions. Surveys will take place in Term 3 with further details provided early next term. This year we will once again be using the Living Learning Leading surveys.

Kiss and Drop Zone

A reminder that the school *Kiss and Drop Zone* along Rosewater Terrace is not a place to park your car if you need to enter the school grounds as this holds up all incoming and outgoing traffic. It also leads to children exiting their cars on Rosewater Terrace and having to manoeuvre between traffic, raising safety concerns.

If you need to come into the school grounds parking is available along Rosewater Terrace and on Ina Avenue. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this important safety matter.

Skool Bag name change to Audiri

To keep up to date with what is happening within our school along with upcoming school events why not download the **Audiri** (formerly Skool Bag) **App** from the App Store on your mobile phone. Once downloaded simply search St Joseph's School, Ottoway and add to your Audiri page. Many of our families currently use the **Audiri App** to keep up to date with what is happening across our school.

Diary Dates

Term 2 Concludes – 3:00pm Thursday July 6.

Friday July 7 is a school directed non-teaching day. OSHC is available for families requiring the service. See Mieke to make a booking.

Term 3 Commences - 8:45am Monday July 24.

I hope you have a positive end to the school term and enjoy the upcoming break.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News

Sacrament Group

Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish Church on Saturday 23rd September at 10am. Our Sacrament group is preparing for this each Tuesday afternoon.

Multicultural event in Week 9 of Term 3

We have a committee of students who have volunteered to organise a multicultural event for our community. This will be held in Week 9 of Term 3 and the date will be advertised shortly. We are looking for parents and grandparents to become involved to showcase different cultural dances with their children. Please let me know if you are interested and we can go from there. My contact details are ph. 84151100 and smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au

Parents and Friends News

Following a discussion at the last School Board meeting, the Board will have input as to the shape and future activities of our parents and friends community.

All parents and carers are members of our Parents and Friends, please let me know if you would like to volunteer or have ideas to share with the parents on the school board.

Admin News

The school phone number changed last September to 8415 1100.

There was a redirect on the old number for 6 months but this has now ceased.

If you are trying to call the school and getting the message that the number is no longer in service it is because you are still using the old number.



Please update your Contacts list to show 8415 1100.

Please change our number in your Contacts.

SCHOOL CARD

If you think you may be eligible for School Card please apply asap.

The next lodgement date is Friday 11th August.

Forms are available in the office or you can apply online. To apply online go to:

https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/application-for-school-card.html

The Apps We Use



Skool Bag has changed to Audiri. We use this App to keep you up to date with what is happening within our school. That is an information tool and we recommend that all families have this App.



The Qkr! App can be used to:

- Order from the Canteen
- Pay school fees
- Pay OSHC fees
- Book into Occasional Care (limited spaces and the app is open from Noon on Tuesdays until Noon Wednesdays)

School Calendar Term 2/3, 2023						
5	Whole school excursion Shrek the Musical Jr Leave at 9.30 am Return at 2.30 pm	4	Pupil Free Day OSHC available		11	School Board Meeting
6	Term 2 finishes @ 3.00 pm	14	School Board Meeting		28	Term 3 finishes @ 3.00 pm
7	School Directed Non Teaching Day. OSHC available			:	29	School Directed Non Teaching Day. OSHC available
24	Term 3 starts @ 8.45 am					