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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 3.00 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

# WALK-A-MILE



Thanks for all the generous donations for the Hutt St Centre. The food was delivered last week and they were absolutely delighted. We also enjoyed our own version of the 'Walk a Mile in my Boots', remembering how important it is to reach out to all the homeless in our community.

# CROSS COUNTRY



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

## Principal News

### Catholic identity

On Monday August 8 the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of St Mary of The Cross Mackillop. This is the date she died in 1909 in Sydney at the age of 67. Mary's influence on education and bringing God to the people, especially the poor, is one of the most remarkable stories in our Australian story. She remains our only Australian Saint. Yet she was an ordinary person who held a deep love for God, a deep love for people, a deep love for the poor. Mary believed that education sets a person free and she believed that Catholic children should learn about their Catholic faith through their parents and at school. Although Mary favoured the poor and the marginalised, she welcomed all and she befriended people at different levels of society.

As a Josephite School we carry on this Tradition. The word 'Tradition' is often misunderstood as something from the past. Tradition is actually the lived expression of the values that inspired St Mary MacKillop and the sisters of St Joseph, in the past and now expressed in today's world.

Where do these values come from? The values come from the Gospel. They are Gospel values as Mary MacKillop interpreted the stories of Jesus in the Gospel and applied them in her life through her words and actions. Our school community is fortunate to be part of this story and, therefore we are part of the Mary MacKillop's legacy and the Josephite Tradition is alive in us.

**Being part of the Josephite Tradition means to be a welcoming, inclusive, compassionate community.** Mary MacKillop believed that the compassionate love of God was available to all she met. Mary MacKillop had a compassionate heart, big enough to enclose all humanity. No one was excluded. Today in our school community we do the same. We include and welcome people of all cultures and all religious backgrounds, of all socio-economic backgrounds and, support children with special needs who are considered to have special rights. We promote compassion and empathy amongst our children.

Last week as a school community we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of The Cross Mackillop by celebrating Mass on Monday August 8 with our local parishioners. On Friday August 12 we celebrated a whole school liturgy lead by children and teachers from the MacKillop House Team. The week also provided children and staff the opportunity to get involved in fundraising to support the homeless living in our society. The fundraising slogan was *Walk a Mile in My Boots*. As a sign of support, as a whole school we walked a mile within the local school area.

### 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**

$\square + \square + \square = 16$ . What might the missing numbers be? How many different combinations can you find?

Port Power are leading the Adelaide Crows by 9 points. What might the scoreboard look like?

#### **Years 4-6**

The answer to a division question is 6. What might the question be? List as many sums as you can.

$2\square6 + \square4 = \square1\square$ . Work out all the possible answers for this addition number sentence.

Happy inquiry.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

This year a large number of our children have once again taken up the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge closes later this term with children needing to have their Premier's Reading Challenge *Student Reading Record* forms handed into the front office by then. I encourage all of our children to continue to read regularly at home whether they are involved in the challenge or simply reading for fun.

Happy reading.

### Teaching and learning

Once again in 2022 our school along with all government and non-government schools in Australia has taken part in the annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. The data collected provides all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with nationally consistent information about the number of school students with disability and the level of adjustment being made in schools to enable each student to access and participate in learning on the same basis as their peers. No personal information that identifies students or schools was provided to the Department of Education and Training.

### School Climate Surveys

During Term 3 each year we survey our school community to gauge how things are going for families, children and staff in terms of their current experience of school life at St Joseph's. 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 using the Living Learning Leading surveys. The Living Learning Leading parent online survey provides families with an opportunity to inform the school of how things are going for them at the moment. Staff and children have been involved in a similar survey. An information flier was sent home to all families on Monday July 25 with details of how to access this online survey. The Living Learning Leading parent online survey opened on Monday July 25 and closes on Friday August 26.

### STEM Open Day

As part of Catholic Schools Open Week (Term 3 Week 5) and as a follow up to National Science Week (Term 3 Week 4), you are invited to join our school STEM Open Day on Tuesday August 23, 11:30am-1:30pm in the school grounds. Parents and family members will have the opportunity to join our children as they work in class groups engaging in STEM learning activities planned by our teaching staff. It is hoped that as many of our parents and carers as possible will be able to join us as it provides teaching staff with an opportunity to showcase the learning which takes place as part of our ongoing STEM learning focus.

### Pupil Free Day Friday September 9

Friday September 9 will be a Pupil Free Day. All staff will be involved in our annual Staff Reflection Day. This year we will focus on creating meaningful liturgy and prayer experiences which enhance the story of Jesus for our children. As this is a whole staff day Mieke Vandenbos will join us and as a result OSHC will not be available on Friday September 9.

### School fees for 2023

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2023 school year. As South Australians continue to feel the impact of COVID-19, Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze fees at its 86 Diocesan schools for the 2023 school year.

*"These decisions are part of our continued COVID 19 response as we seek to support families at a time when they are being impacted by rising costs and inflation," says Dr Neil McGoran, Director, Catholic Education SA.*

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure our schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education. Dr Neil McGoran said the fee-freeze would not impact the quality of education.

*"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."*

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial pressures. Families should contact Finance Officer Anne Turtle for more information.

### School TV

As part of Catholic Education South Australia's overall approach to student wellbeing the Catholic Education Office (CEO) has been working with *SchoolTV* to offer a system wide deployment of their wellbeing platform. *SchoolTV* is a highly successful, child and adolescent digital resource, providing families with credible and positive information using realistic and practical strategies for parents and caregivers. This valuable resource is currently being utilised by over 850 schools and 1.4 million parents. *SchoolTV* is providing an ongoing stream of independent, evidence-based content designed to educate and guide parents and caregivers about child and youth mental health and wellbeing issues. Given the success of this resource Australia wide, the CEO has negotiated with *SchoolTV* to make their resources available to all Catholic Schools across South Australia on a trial basis for Terms 3 and 4, 2022.

Benefits for parents and caregivers include:

- Empowering parents through the provision of resources at relevant and meaningful times
- Enhance the partnership between home and school through the provision of easily accessible, well-researched and engaging guidance from a growing range of experts
- The format will appeal to many parents with the length of videos capped at under three minutes and the familiarity of media personality, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
- School leaders can respond almost immediately to the unique needs of their school context as issues arise to reassure the community that they are aware of and responding to needs.

## Principal News Continued

### How does Exercise affect Mental Health and Wellbeing?

Physical activity promotes many aspects of child and adolescent development, including social and emotional skills, as well as physical development of motor skills. It also supports mental wellbeing. We know that high levels of inactivity can lead to a greater risk of both physical and mental health problems. Some children and young people dislike competitive sport and anxiety about competition may worsen existing mental health issues. You could consider involving your child in non-competitive physical activities such as Yoga and Pilates as an alternative. Or explore activities where the focus is on participation, not competition. It's more important for children and young people to learn that being active is fun rather than focusing on winning.

To learn more about how you can support the Social and Emotional Learning and Wellbeing of your child visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue) <https://beyou.edu.au/dashboard/resources/fact-sheets>

### Safety Around Ina Avenue Pick Up/Drop Off Points

A friendly reminder to ensure that for safety reasons, you park outside of the yellow lines adjacent to the school crossing on Ina Avenue when picking up/dropping off children. Drivers are also reminded that the disabled parking spaces at the front of the school are reserved for those with a disability. Alternative parking before and after school (along with school access) is available along Rosewater Terrace. The local council has informed the school that they have resumed enforcing parking regulations around schools now that Covid 19 restrictions have eased. As a school community we are seeking your support in following the parking regulations in place outside of the school.

### Skool Bag App

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

In addition, our school website **News and Events** link is regularly updated to assist our families in keeping up with what is happening across our school.

May God continue to bless all our families throughout Term 3.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

## Class Preparation for 2023

Each year in Term 4 Week 1, staff begin class placements for the following year. To assist us with this very important and time consuming task, please complete the slip below if your child/ren (other than current Year 6) will **NOT** be returning to St Joseph's in 2022.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE**

**ATTENTION: MR SHAUN O'LEARY**

I wish to advise that the following student/s will **NOT** be returning to St Joseph's in 2023:

**Child's Name**

**2022 Class**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Reason (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## APRIM News

### Class Liturgy

All our classes celebrate a liturgy each term. You are welcome to join in with these and we will let you know the dates and times each term.

### **Hutt St Walk a Mile in my Boots**

Tanya delivered the donated food to the Hutt St Centre, and she tells me they were overwhelmingly delighted with what they received. Thanks to everyone for the great support.

### Volunteers

We would love to see you join us as a volunteer. There are a range of ways to be involved and we greatly appreciate opportunities to work with you and get to know your family. Volunteering requires that you complete a process of induction and also some online training in child protection called, 'Responding to abuse and neglect.' All people who work with children are required to do this training. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to complete the following;

Speak with Tanya and Anne about a Working with Children check which the school will lodge on your behalf. There is also a personal information form to complete which includes your contact details and those we would contact in any emergency.

Complete the required Child Protection training – Responding to abuse and neglect for volunteers. This will take an hour or two and it is done online. Follow the instructions below to locate this training. You will need to register for a PLINK number to access the training on the Department for Education website.

Provide the school with a copy of your child protection training certificate. This will be accessible at the end of the training module - Responding to abuse and neglect for volunteers.

Follow this link to register and get your plink number. This will allow you access to the training.

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>

**Then access the training through this website:**

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/external-dashboard.jsf?menuId=1104&locale=en-GB&showbundlekeys=false#/?dashboardId=6>

Thanks very much for considering becoming a volunteer, we respect and value your time very much. Please let me know if you have any questions. My email is [smccullough@stjotito.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smccullough@stjotito.catholic.edu.au)

## PE News

### Cross Country Carnival Newsletter

On Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>, a large number of students represented St Joseph Ottoway at this year's Catholic School's Cross Country Carnival held around the Adelaide Parklands. This year saw many students attending for the first time with some returning for another year of competition. This event involved students competing in a 2km running race around the course within their respected age groups. Well done to all students for representing the school and to our teachers and staff for supporting students on the day.

Some highlights of the day:

Khoi: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lachlan: 8<sup>th</sup>  
Yvette: 9<sup>th</sup>  
Mysha: 17<sup>th</sup>  
Joel: 18<sup>th</sup>  
Athan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Daniel Nguyen  
Sports Coordinator



## OSHC News

Welcome to OSHC.

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

**OSHC is having a closure day. This day is a pupil free day, school closure.**

**Week 9, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Staff, Teachers, and Educators will attend a Reflection Day.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mieke  
OSHC Director

## The Apps We Use



The Skool Bag App is used to keep you up to date with that is happening within our school.

This 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)

## Catholic Charities Appeal

Parishes and schools around the State are focussing on helping those most in need in our local community as Catholic Charities month takes place in September each year. The coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the economy continues to create additional hardship for many people.

Please find a pamphlet in this newsletter outlining the work of Catholic Charities in South Australia and how you can donate.

### School Calendar

Terms 3 & 4, 2022

August		September		October	
17	School Photo Day	9	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	16	<b>Term 4 starts at 8.45 am</b>
22-26	Catholic Schools Open Week	12	School Board Meeting 5.30pm		
23	St Joseph's STEM Open Day 11.30 am—1.30 pm	30	<b>Term 3 finishes at 12.30 pm</b>		
24	Book Week Parade				

# A little giving goes a long way



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## Charity is at the heart of Living Catholic

*Building Connections*

Catholic Charities is your umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia.

- Hutt St Centre
- Centacare Catholic Family Services
- Our Lady of La Vang
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- St Patrick's Special School



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