



# Newsletter

## Semaphore Street Fair

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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)



Our school band, **Peace and Harmony** entertained the crowd at the Semaphore Street Fair on November 27<sup>th</sup>. They were fantastic!



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

It's hard to believe that the 2022 school year is rapidly coming to an end. It has certainly been another year full of many challenges, surprises, twists, and turns as we have navigated through the Covid 19 pandemic for the third year running.

To all our parents and carers, I would like to say thank you for your ongoing support as we work in partnership together in the best interest of all our children.

When I reflect on the year, I have fond memories of the following experiences our children have been involved in outside of their day-to day learning; excursions, incursions, Sports Day, sports carnivals, masses, liturgies, STEM Open Day, St Joseph's Feast Day, Tri-skills Gymnastics, Book Week, Multicultural Day, Family Fun Evening, Graduation, Assemblies, and Fund Raisers, just to name a few.

As we find ourselves in the Advent season, a time for preparation and waiting, there is an opportunity, regardless of our age, to step back and to evaluate the priorities which we live out in our daily choices. There is a chance to take stock and feel the gentle 'nudging' of the Spirit. So, as Christmas approaches, amidst the busyness of shopping and organisation, perhaps there will be an opportunity to be attentive to the inner voice, the voice which calls us to see at this time of the year the newborn child, a countercultural message to reorder our priorities, to put people, not things first and to give first call to love.

In the words of Pope Francis:

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."

### Catholic Identity

In the Catholic Church, the season of Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin word *advenio*, which means "to come to," and refers to the coming of Jesus. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Jesus in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time. At St Joseph's School we have the opportunity to invite Jesus into our lives through our interactions with others, the relationships we build and through our school celebrations and community building events.

Following Advent, we enter the season of Christmas, the shortest of all church seasons. Christmas is the season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before.

As Catholics we believe we are made in the image of God. This makes each of us unique and special just the way we are. The festive season provides an opportunity to pause, reflect and value how important those closest to us are in our lives. Spending quality time together at Christmas is what it is all about.

### Curriculum News

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

This week's Mathematical challenges:

#### **Reception to Year 3**

What numbers can you make using the digits 4, 5 and 6?

A two-digit number contains exactly one 3. What might the number be?

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

Represent 275 in as many different ways as you can?

Someone has written a number in words, but the words have been cut up. The words and symbols used are:

Two	three	hundred	nine
Five	and	.	
Seventy	,	thousand	

What might the original number be?

Happy inquiry.

## Principal News Continued

Children develop their reading skills, knowledge and understanding by reading regularly. Below are some strategies you might like to try at home to support your children's learning:

Encourage and model reading in the home

- Listen to your child read their reading material and ask specific questions related to what they have read
- Read with your child
- Share what you are reading with your child
- Read your child a bedtime story
- Talk to your child about the different situations you find yourself in whereby you are required to read texts.

Happy reading.

### Family Fun Night

This term we will hold our Family Fun Night for the first time since 2019. The Covid 19 pandemic has prevented us from holding our Family Fun Night in recent years. The event will take place in the school grounds on Friday December 9 commencing at 5:30pm. Members of our Parents and Friends have been working alongside APRIM Simon McCullough to plan for and prepare the evening. I hope to see you all on Friday evening.

### Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday December 14 our Year 6 children will celebrate the completion of their primary years schooling with our Year 6 Graduation Liturgy which will take place in the school hall at 6:00pm. Following the Graduation Liturgy, the children will travel by bus to and from the Watermark Hotel, Glenelg to celebrate their Year 6 Graduation Dinner together. Further details surrounding the evening will be provided to families closer to the time.

Wednesday December 14 will be the last day of the school year for our Year 6 children. All children across the school will receive their end of year school report on this day.

### Teaching and Learning: Upper Primary Term 4 News

Year 4/5P & 5/6S began the final, busy term of 2022 with sense of excitement. Our Year 6s have been busily preparing their Graduation Video under the skilful guidance of Mr Kilburn, Mrs Meyer and Ms Smith. They have also been preparing themselves to finish their primary schooling and commence a new chapter in their lives, joining a new school community in 2023. We had many students who competed in the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival on the 25th of November.

### **CURRICULUM SUBJECTS**

**WRITING:** We have been exploring Respond and Review.

**MATHEMATICS:** Fractions and Decimals, Data Representation, Measurement

**READING:** Class text: *Once*. Continuing with Reading Groups within literacy block. Most groups have been working on improving writing skills within this time. Some groups have moved to a reading focus.

**SPELLING:** Typical program, including process (Monday – Pre-test; Friday Assessment) Science words

**RELIGION:** Our RE program this term has been continuing to focus on the Human Sexuality Program based on the *Made In The Image of God Framework*. This has continued from the end of Term 3 where we spent a lot of time establishing group norms. We are now exploring the physical social, emotional and spiritual changes that occur during puberty.

**SCIENCE:** Forces: Electricity, OneNote: videos Integrated with **Technologies**

**HEALTH:** We have been exploring Respond and Review.

### School Band

Our school band *Peace and Harmony* performed at the Semaphore Street Fair on Sunday 27 November. It was a great opportunity for our band to showcase their talents to the wider community. Well done to all school band members and thank you once again to our band coordinator Duncan Kilburn for the great work you do in supporting and nurturing the growth and development of our school band members.

### Farewell to Ms Alana Schild

We thank and farewell **Ms Alana Schild** who took on the role of R/1C classroom teacher each Tuesday throughout Semester Two working alongside Danielle Librandi (R/1L). Alana is known to the school community having completed her 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Principal News Continued

year Preservice Teaching Placement with Natalie Doyle in 2019 while also undertaken regular Temporary Relief Teaching work with us throughout 2022. We wish Alana ever blessing as she begins the next chapters in her teaching career.

### Whole School Transition in Preparation for 2023

On Tuesday December 13 between 1:00pm and 1:30pm all children will visit their 2023 class teacher and classroom in preparation for the 2023 school year. This provides an opportunity for children to familiarise themselves with the classroom environment, classroom teacher and children they will be spending the 2023 school year with.

### Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have supported our children and school in so many ways throughout 2022. There is strong research that indicates that student learning outcomes improve when families are engaged and working closely with schools. Without the support of our volunteers, we simply would not be able to offer the many different opportunities for our children. The ongoing efforts of our volunteers is greatly appreciated.

### 2023 Teaching Staff and Class Structures

I have completed the process of putting together class structures and teaching roles for the 2023 school year. Teachers have completed the process of placing children into classes in preparation for 2023. Children will find out the class they are in on Tuesday December 13 as part of our Whole School Transition in preparation for the 2023 school year.

Below is an outline of our 2023 teaching staff structure:

Shaun O'Leary: Principal, Leader of Teaching and Learning: Numeracy and STEM

Simon McCullough: Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (0.6), Inclusive Education Coordinator (0.2), Specialist Music/Drama Teacher (0.2)

Louise Moody (Term 1 Weeks 1-4 only) & Tricia Pfeiffer: Leader of Teaching and Learning: Literacy, English as Additional Language Coordinator (0.8)

Preschool Teachers: Catherine Crosbie (0.6) and Melissa Strudwick (0.6)

R/1 Classroom Teacher: Danielle Librandi

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1/2 Classroom Teacher: Natalie Doyle

2/3 Classroom Teacher: Jennifer Craig

3/4 Classroom Teacher Ben Higgins

4/5 Classroom Teacher Matt Pick

5/6 Classroom Teacher Jane Smith

Janine Myer: Specialist French Teacher (0.2)

Daniel Nguyen: Specialist Physical Education Teacher (0.2).

### School Fees

Our school fees in 2023 will remain unchanged.

#### St Joseph's School Ottoway 2023 Fees

	Full School Fee	Concession School	Preschool Fee
1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$1490	\$990	\$690
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$990	\$750	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$750	\$500	
4 <sup>th</sup> Child	\$0	\$0	

\*Families are encouraged to speak to Finance officer Anne Turtle about concession fee eligibility.

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### 2023 School Board Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school board in 2023. The school board plays a valuable role in school governance. The board also allows parents to have a voice in the strategic direction of the school. Being a part of the school board can be a very fulfilling and rewarding experience. The school board meets twice a term on Mondays at 5:30pm.

If you are interested in serving on the school board in 2023, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the front office.

### 2023 School Finance Committee Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school finance committee in 2023. The school finance committee reports directly to the school board and plays a valuable role in school governance and transparency. The school finance committee meets the week before school board meetings (twice per term).

If you are interested in serving on the school finance committee in 2023, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the front office.

### Important Dates

Term 4 concludes 12:30pm Friday December 16.

Term 1 commences 8:45am Monday January 30.

I wish all our families an enjoyable end to the school year, a safe summer break and hope Christmas is a joyful celebration of Jesus' birth and ongoing presence in our lives.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

### 2023 School Board Nomination

#### **Please return to Shaun O'Leary**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on the St Joseph's School Board in 2023.

Nominee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### School Finance Committee Nomination

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## APRIM News



### **Family Fun Evening – 'St Joseph's on the Green' – Friday 9 December**

Families are invited to the school grounds for 'Family Fun Evening' from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm. This evening is an opportunity for the St Joseph's School community to celebrate the '2022 School Year' together. Students will be singing songs and the School Band will be playing.

Please bring your own dinner and drinks. There will be a free BBQ sausage available until we run out. The canteen will be closed on the night, but we hope to have a tea and coffee van available.

**All children must be accompanied by an adult for this event.** Please join us with your blanket enjoying the Family Fun Evening presented by your children.

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**Vinnie's Christmas Appeal** – we are now collecting goods to place in Christmas Hampers to support the work of St Vincent De Paul. Vinnies always tell us that the goods collected make a great difference to the families they try to support. Please send any donations to your child's classroom. There is a donation basket there. Thanks for your wonderful and generous



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We are collecting:

Christmas related food – nonperishable quality food such as tuna, fruit, lollies, mince pies and anything that could be used in a Christmas meal. We are also  collecting new adult socks for Fred's Van.

2023 Sacrament Program

Dear Parents and Carers, We are preparing to begin our 2023 Sacrament Program group. Catholic children from Year 3 to Year 6 can nominate to be prepared for  the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. I have checked our records and note that  your child might be interested in joining our group. Can you please indicate on the form below your choices  and return it to the office or email me at [smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au)

We have no dates available for these  celebrations, but families will be advised of these as they come to hand from the parish.

Every second year at St Joseph's School,  students are invited to be a part of the Sacramental preparation program.

The Sacramental journey in the school context follows on from Baptism and includes the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the program so far. If you are interested in receiving an enrolment form or would like to find out more about the Sacramental program, please fill in the slip below and return to the front office.

Kind regards,

Simon McCullough

### Our parents and volunteers are an integral part of our school community

There are a variety of ways in which parents, grandparents and carers can become involved in our school community. Involvement strengthens links between home and school whilst developing a sense of community through:

- Classroom volunteering – please chat with our teachers who will let you know about any needs or ways to become involved in children's learning
- Supporting children and staff on school excursions
- Coaching a sporting team – we can help you to start a team
- Joining the Parents & Friends initiatives and/or the School Board
- Supporting school fundraising

\*\*Please see the Front Office prior to volunteering for assistance with the requirements listed below:

### Volunteer Requirements at St Joseph's School Ottoway

St Joseph's 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;**
3. **shown evidence of being fully up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.**
4. **and have completed the volunteers application.**

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers at St Joseph's is free for our current parents and caregivers. Application forms are available at the school office.

We ask that you present your completed form with verification ID to the 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 into the 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 the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanking you  
Simon McCullough APRIM  
[smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au) ph 84151100

#### **Summary of what is needed to volunteer at SJO:**

*Valid Catholic Police Check*

*Evidence provided of up to date COVID-19 vaccination*

*[Responding to Abuse and Neglect Education and Care Volunteer Certificate](#)*

*[Completed application form](#)*

## Chaplain News

### English classes on a Thursday morning

**9-10am - in the Staffroom.**

**Please contact Front Office 8415 1100 if you would like to join.**

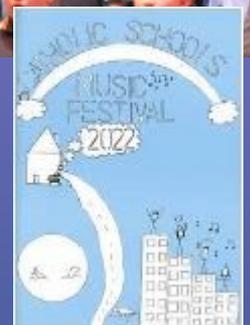
**We look forward to welcoming you!**



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022

On Monday, 26th September, 16 members of our school choir performed at the **Adelaide Festival Theatre**. They had the uplifting experience of singing with other choirs from South Australian Catholic schools and being part of an amazing evening of musical entertainment.

Over the past 3 terms, these students have worked hard to learn the words and choreography to 9 songs (including a 13 minute medley!) They sang beautifully and represented St Joseph's proudly.



Members of the 2022 St Joseph's School Music Festival Choir were...

**Angeline** ☆ **Ava** ☆ **Ayliffe** ☆ **Ba Giang** ☆ **Cat**  
**Damian** ☆ **Dmitri** ☆ **Dylan** ☆ **Jason** ☆ **Jessica**      **Karl**  
☆ **Marco** ☆ **Marie-Claire** ☆ **Miranda** ☆ **Nhicole**  
**Rebecca** ☆ **Savanah** ☆ **Serah** ☆ **Sierra**

# Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival 2022

The Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival was held during Week 6 Friday at Bridgestone Stadium in Salisbury. This year, a group of 27 students from Years 3 - 6 represented St Joseph's Ottoway in various track and field events. All students have been eagerly anticipating this event throughout the year and performed with great success within their respected events.

A big congratulations to all students who received placing ribbons. Students not only performed well, but they also represented the school proudly throughout the day despite the warm weather. Thank you to Mr Higgins, Mrs Robinson, and Pre-Service Teachers for assisting on the day.

Daniel Nguyen - PE Teacher



## OSHC News

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Welcome to OSHC

### 3 Hopping mice are visiting from the Nature Education Centre.

**The children have observed the Hopping Mice scurrying and sleeping in their enclosure. We have looked up information on their diet and have been preparing fruit to feed them each day.**

Children are in a safe supervised environment; learning happens while children play, have fun, and make new friends.

When parents use OSHC casually you will not automatically receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy).

Follow the prompts on your **myGov app** –confirming that you used the OSHC service.

Centrelink is just confirming you are using the service.

If you do not confirm you will not receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy).

**Merry Christmas to all our families. Happy New Year and see you all in the new year.**

Mieke  
OSHC Director

## Finance News

### SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that all School Fees for 2022 should be paid before Friday 16th December.

If you are unable to meet this deadline please contact Anne on 8415 1102.

## Premier's Reading Challenge



**Congratulations to all our students who won a Premier's Reading Challenge award!**

**This year all students from Reception to Year 6 participated in the competition and won a certificate or medal. Well done everyone for a fantastic year of reading at St. Joseph's!**



### School Calendar

#### Term 4, 2022

		December		January	
<b>9</b>	St Joseph's Family Fun Night 5.30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>Term 4 Concludes 12.30 pm</b>	<b>23</b>	Uniform Shop will be open from 8.30—10.30
<b>14</b>	Year 6 Graduation & Dinner			<b>30</b>	<b>Term 1 Starts at 8.45 am</b>