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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)

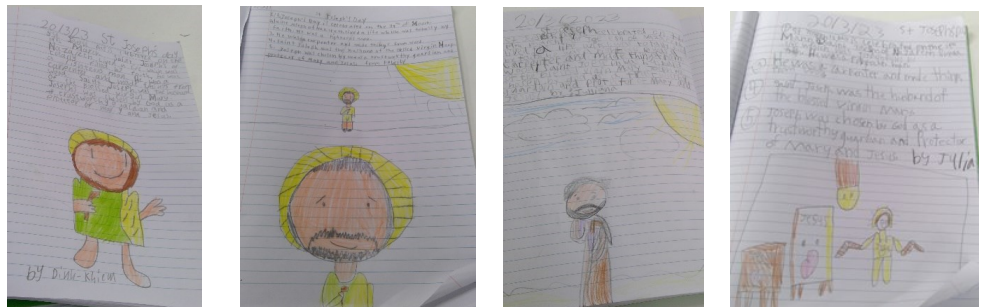
Newsletter

Friday the whole school celebrated St Patrick's Day on the 17th of March. It was wonderful that the 5/6 class and the 1/2 class were able to attend Mass together in the Church with Father Marek. The 1/2 class made their very own leadlight window with St Patrick at the centre to remember him.



On Monday we enjoyed St Joseph's Day which is a very special day here at St Joseph's Ottoway. Some classes were able to go to Mass in the Church.

While the whole school were able to enjoy in the celebration with a chocolate donut we give special thanks to a past student Vandi for making us the chocolate donuts from his bakery. They were delicious and very yummy!



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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kamusta, Xin Chao, Habari, Geia sou, Ciao, marHaba, Salut, Suostei, Namaste, Kudual, Ya Hello-o

I do hope you enjoyed the Long Weekend; it was certainly spectacular weather. It was a great opportunity to take a break and reset for the rest of the term.

NAPLAN

Over the past two weeks the children in Years 3 and 5 have been undertaking NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy). The tests are taking place much earlier than in the past. This will mean that the current class teachers will receive the results much earlier and will be able to use the information to guide the learning of each child.

PARENT MEETINGS

Many of our children are on Personalised Plans for Learning (PPLs). This is where they have targetted learning goals, adjustments and strategies to enable them to access their learning more effectively. There are many reasons why an individual child may need these interventions. Simon McCullough is our Inclusive Education Coordinator, and he has been conducting PPL Review Meetings with the class teacher and parents over the past two weeks. For the children who do not have a PPL, the Parent Teacher Meetings will be next week. Thank you to everyone who met with their child's teacher. Thank you to the teachers for the enormous amount of work that goes into the PPLs and in preparing for these meetings.

If you have not yet made a time to meet with your child's teacher, please make a time with them. It is important for your child's learning that you meet with their teacher.

LITURGIES

During this time of Lent, other special feasts days continue to be celebrated. On Friday we celebrated the Feast of St Patrick, and on Monday the Feast of St Joseph. Of course, St Joseph is our patron saint and is a very special day for us. The children celebrated with a Mass or liturgy, and a delicious donut.

NEW BUILDING

The old Administration building is almost ready for demolition. Demolition is expected to happen in the April school holidays. The entire area will be fenced off and will then be under the control of the builders. We are hopeful that the building of the new Administration building will start very soon after that and be finished by the end of this year.

END OF TERM

Reminder that school concludes on Thursday 13 April and a Pupil Free Day will be on Friday 14 April.

Peace and blessings

Kerri

Office News

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW BOOKINGS

Parent/Teacher Interviews – 27th March – 29th March.

A Vietnamese Interpreter is available on Tuesday 28th March.

We have introduced a new system to book in for Parent/Teacher Interviews and Inclusive Education Meetings.

This will allow you to book a time that best suits you, from the times available.

If you need help to make a booking, please contact the Office or your child's teacher.

We have also moved across to a new Student database that allows us to email class groups from that source.

Please check your Junk folder to see if there are any emails from the school that have directed to there. If there is anything from the school in your Junk folder, please right click on the email and mark as "Not Junk", or drag to your Inbox, and this should mean that future emails, from us, will go into your Inbox.

APRIM News

Sacrament program

As advertised last year, we are about 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. We currently have a small group, please let me know if you would like your child to join the program. I can be contacted in person or via email, smccullough@stjotito.catholic.edu.au

Mass: you are very welcome to join with us at these Parish Masses and school liturgies:

Community prayer each Friday in the school yard unless the weather stops us.

St Patrick's Mass – 17/3 10am

St Joseph's Liturgy – Monday 20/3 9am

Email spam

I'm told many of you have received a spam email from me with a link. I have spoken with the ICT staff at Catholic Education and there is nothing we can do but recommend that you don't click on any links. Any email from me will use your name and please don't open an email if you are concerned about the origin of an email that uses my name.

Thanks everyone!

Simon

Parents & Friends News

Parents and Friends and 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

Please return to Simon McCullough

I, _____ would like to support the 2023 Parents and Friends events or volunteer in another way.

My child / children are in: _____ (class)

I am best contacted on: _____ (phone / email)



**STUDENT
VOICE... Waiting
to hear yours...**

**Share your
ideas with your
class reps
today!**

Our 2023 SRC members participated in their first meeting last Wednesday interspersing planning discussions with sparkles of fun. Welcome Jessica, Karl, Dylan, Vinh-Nghi, Ollie, Eliana, Tania, Adam (absent), Ethan & Brianna (absent).

School Calendar

Term 1, 2023

March		April		May	
27-29	Parent/Teacher Interviews Book online	7	Good Friday (holiday)	1	Term 2 Starts at 8.45 am
		10	Easter Monday (holiday)	June	
		13	Term 1 Finishes at 3.00 pm	5	Pupil Free Day