



# Newsletter

## ***HOLY WEEK at ST JOSEPH'S***

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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 EASTER RAFFLE**



Your donations  
to our raffle  
bought much joy  
to all on our first  
day of Term 2.  
Thank you.

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.

### Catholic Identity

During the season of Easter, we celebrate the essence of our faith: Jesus Lives! Without this truth, faith falls apart and we, as church, become irrelevant. But we believe! Jesus Lives! And it is our privilege and responsibility to bear witness to the belief that Jesus lives among us. The Church season of Easter lasts for 7 weeks leading up to Pentecost. It is a time to celebrate the love of God in our lives and the gifts which have been given to us. The gifts of family, friends, freedom of choice and the environment, just to name a few. We see Jesus everyday through the actions of those around us. We can continue to live the word of Jesus through our interactions with others. The way we speak to each other, care for each other, reach out to those in need, value each other and allow those we are in disagreement with to maintain their dignity, are all ways we can live Jesus' call to create a just and fair world for all people.

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Education Week.

Catholic schools give students opportunities to:

- learn about prayer in the Catholic Tradition
- listen and respond to God
- embrace the beauty and richness of prayer in the Catholic Tradition
- develop skills for personal and communal prayer and Liturgy.

In our Catholic school communities, everyone is encouraged to set aside time for personal prayer and to pray together with others. As part of Catholic Education Week this year we have created a *Pop Up Prayer Space* located in the courtyard each morning before school. Community members (parents, caregivers, grandparents, children and staff) have had the opportunity to write a prayer for someone or something they would like to pray for and place it in our mobile prayer box.

### 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**

How many objects can you find that are longer than two of your foot lengths but shorter than three of your foot lengths?

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

I have drawn a shape with a perimeter of 24cm. Record all the different ways my shape may look.

Happy inquiry.

Reading is another core learning area here at St Joseph's School. Our staff use an agreed set of practices around children's development of reading skills, knowledge and understanding. These practices shape our reading programs across the school.

Children develop their reading skills, knowledge and understanding by reading regularly. At St Joseph's School regular reading at home forms a major part of homework set each evening. Why not create regular timeslots throughout the week whereby all electronic devices in the home are turned off and members of the family spend 15 minutes reading together.

Happy reading.

### Teaching and Learning

Throughout Term 1 our Year 2-6 children took part in our twice-yearly Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT). At St Joseph's School we use the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) PAT Reading and PAT Mathematics tests as one type of assessment tool to gather data on children's current level of understanding and learning along with valuable information around how to move children forward in their learning. Each term a staff meeting is set aside to interpret and utilise the range of data available to teachers as part of the testing process. Teachers are given the opportunity to analyse the data which in turn informs their teaching and learning moving forward. In early October all Year 2-6 children will once again take part in the Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT), providing an opportunity to map student progress and review support programs currently in place.

### NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing has taken place this week with Years 3 and 5 children engaged. This year our Year 3 and Year 5 children once again completed their NAPLAN testing online although the Year 3 Writing Test was a paper test. NAPLAN is a nationally developed program that provides schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia and the content of the tests are aligned to the Australian Curriculum; English and Mathematics. NAPLAN Tests are just one of many assessments conducted at our school. NAPLAN test results will be made available to the school and the families of participating children later in the year.

### Sports Day – Friday May 13

Sports Day this year will be held at Semaphore Beach. It promises to be a great day full of fun for all our children. Newly appointment Specialist Physical Education Teacher and Sports Coordinator Daniel Nguyen has been busy planning for

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the day. The scheduling of Sports Day is to avoid both the summer heat and winter wet weather. We are hopeful of the weather being kind to us this Friday.

### **Term 3 Preschool and Reception Intake**

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 will be created for our Term 3 new Receptions which will be located in the current library space. 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. During Term 2 we will hold three transition visit mornings for our new Pre-school and Reception children with the aim of supporting their new start. Our Term 3 preschool enrolment number currently sits at 26. Our aim is to reach 30 enrolments which is our capacity.

### **Five Areas of Social and emotional Learning (SEL)**

SEL involves developing the ability to understand and manage our emotions, establish positive relationships, develop empathy for others, set and achieve goals and feel good about ourselves.

Be You's approach to SEL is based on the model developed by the [Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning](#) (CASEL), an internationally recognised organisation in this area of research.

Details of the model's five social and emotional skill areas essential for the development of good mental health are outlined below.

#### **Self-awareness**

This is the ability to recognise and understand your own emotions, thoughts and values, and understand how they affect your behaviour. It's about understanding and assessing your personal strengths and understanding that abilities and intelligence can be developed and improved.

The main skills include:

- identifying emotions
- self-perception
- understanding strengths
- self-confidence

self-efficacy.

#### **Self-management**

This is the ability to manage and [regulate your emotions](#) and behaviour, including managing stress, controlling impulses and keeping yourself motivated.

The main skills include:

- impulse control
- stress management
- self-discipline
- self-motivation
- goal setting

organisational skills.

#### **Social awareness**

This is the ability to understand and empathise with people from a range of diverse backgrounds, and to understand social and ethical norms of behaviour.

The main skills include:

- perspective-taking
- empathy
- appreciating diversity

respect for others.

#### **Relationship skills**

These involve the ability to develop and maintain healthy and positive relationships with others. They include the ability to communicate clearly, listen, cooperate, resist peer pressure, and negotiate conflict.

The main skills include:

- communication
- social engagement
- relationship building

teamwork.

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### Responsible decision-making

This is the ability to make informed and responsible decisions about personal behaviour and social interactions with others, based on adherence to ethical standards, safety concerns and social norms. The main skills include:

- identifying problems
- analysing situations
- solving problems
- self-evaluation
- self-reflection

ethical responsibility.

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

### 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 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 the love of the Risen Lord be with us during the Easter Season.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

## APRIM News

Please join us in the Church if you are free. The children in Year 4/5 and 5/6 read the prayers and Readings.

Tuesday 24 May 10 am  
Our Lady Help of Christians Mass

Friday 24 June 10am  
Sacred Heart Mass

Wednesday 29 June 10 am  
Saint Peter and Paul Mass

To celebrate Catholic Education Week, we have set up a Pop-up prayer space. Children, staff, and parents are invited to place a star on the night sky when they think of a prayer in their heart. They can also write a prayer and attach it there. It is located outside of the 1/2 and 3/4 classrooms.



## School Band News

Rehearsals are well under way for the Battle of the Rock Bands performance at Nazareth College on Wednesday 29th June 2022 (week 9 of this term), from 6pm to 8pm.

Please note that this is a change of date from previously announced. Parents of the performers will need to bring them to the venue an hour earlier (5pm) and are responsible for them during the evening so please make a note in your diaries.

More details including permission slips, details of the venue including map and the schedule for the evening will follow later this week.

Finally, we welcome a few new members to the band this term.

Duncan



## OSHC News

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Welcome to OSHC.

During term 1, children dyed the roses in the front garden green, yellow, and blue. We made colourful volcanos with bicarb and vinegar. Coloured pasta and threaded necklaces. Built with many construction activities, showing flourishing imaginations.

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

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

Follow the prompts—confirming that you used the OSHC service.

When Centrelink contact you they are just confirming you are using the service.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mieke

OSHC Director

School Calendar					
Term 2, 2022					
May		June		July	
10 — 12	Naplan Testing	7	Term 3 New Preschool & Reception Transition Visit Morning	5	Term 3 New Preschool & Reception Transition Visit Morning
13	Sports Day—Semaphore Beach 8.45 am—3.00pm	13	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	8	<b>Term 2 concludes at 3.00 pm</b>
23	School Board Meeting 5.30 pm	14	Term 3 New Preschool & Reception Transition Visit Morning		
		20	School Board Meeting 5.30 pm		
		29	Battle of the Rock Bands Nazareth College—6pm to 8pm		