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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

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St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Priest - Fr Marek Ptak CR

Newsletter

R/1's Week 5

The two R/1 classes had a very busy Week 5! We had STEM open day and the book week parade. The children had a great time playing with the OSMO and exploring different STEM activities. They also had so much fun dressing up and participating in the book week parade activities.



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

Catholic identity

In the last newsletter I provided the school community with some background information on our school Josephite Tradition. Below is further information on what it means for us here at St Joseph's to be a part of the Josephite Tradition.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means that as a community everyone is treated with dignity. Mary Mackillop believed that God, in Jesus, called her and the sisters of St Joseph to show reverence for the dignity of all people. Mary MacKillop's reverence for all people meant she was incapable of 'giving up' on anyone.

Today in our school community, we support families by reducing fees if required, helping with uniforms and providing lunch for children whose families may be experiencing financial difficulties. School canteen coordinator Rebecca Allen makes pasta sauce each fortnight for St Vincent DePaul Fred's Van. The sauce is delivered by APRIM Simon McCullough and used to provide meals to the homeless in the city centre.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means that as a community we most support the people who are poor and marginalized. For Mary MacKillop those who were the most 'Needy' in our world come first. Mary Mackillop and the sisters established "bush schools" and later as needs arose, orphanages, refuges, and other services for those most vulnerable in the society of their time. Mary MacKillop was an extraordinary woman of action and her response was a practical one. Small acts upon small acts make a big difference over time.

Today in our school community, we teach children to reach out and support those in need. To grow into people who have a sense of the common good in our society. We teach them that we use our gifts and talents to support people who are poor, people who are less fortunate. We do this through Project Compassion, St Vincent De Paul and Walk a Mile in My Boots to name a few.

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

A basketballer scored 13 points in two games. What might her scores in each of the games be? Record as many possibilities as you can.

The difference between two numbers is 4. What might the two numbers be? Record as many possibilities as you can.

Years 4-6

$7\square4 - \square\square8 = 66$. Work out as many possible answers for this subtraction number sentence as you can.

A problem for $10 \div 2$ is: There are 10 tennis players. How many teams of 2 are there? Make up two different types of word problems for $45 \div 5$.

Happy inquiry.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year many of our children have once again taken up the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge closes on Friday September 8 with children needing to have their Premier's Reading Challenge *Student Reading Record* forms handed into the front office by then. I encourage all our children to continue to read regularly at home whether they are involved in the challenge or simply reading for fun.

Happy reading.

School fees for 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year. Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA. "Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will 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."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

Principal's News Cont.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact finance officer Anne Turtle or myself for more information.

STEM Open Day

As part of Catholic Schools Open Week (Term 3 Week 5) and National Science Week (Term 3 Week 4), a number of parents and carers joined our school STEM Open Day on Tuesday August 22. Parents and family members had the opportunity to join our children as they worked in class groups engaging in STEM learning activities planned by our teaching staff. The day provided an opportunity to showcase both Catholic Education in South Australia and the learning which takes place as part of our STEM learning focus within the school.

School Master Plan Update

The digging of footings has commenced on our Education and Administration building project with the concrete slab to be laid next week. This will be followed by the prefabricated steel frame being erected.

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.

May God bless all our families throughout Term 3.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News



Father's Day Breakfast

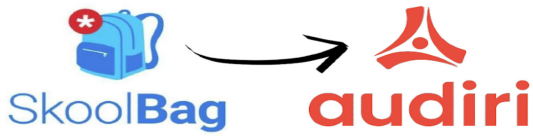
We invite Father's, Grandfathers or Carers to our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 1st September from 8:15am. Shaun and I will be cooking bacon and eggs and would love to see you. Following this we will offer a special blessing prayer for you as part of our community prayer gathering.

Multicultural Celebration

A group of our students, staff and parents are organising a multicultural celebration which will be held on Wednesday 20th of September.

There will be a special assembly lead by the students, and this will be followed by a shared school community lunch. We are inviting students to wear national costumes or colours from their families country of origin. You are most welcome to do the same.

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. 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)

School Calendar

Term 3 & Term 4, 2023

September		October		November	
1	Father's Day Breakfast 8.15—9.00	16	Term 4 starts @ 8.45 am	6	Pupil Free Day OSHC available
11	School Board Meeting	30	School Board Meeting	27	School Board Meeting
28	Term 3 finishes @ 3.00 pm				
29	School Directed Non Teaching Day. OSHC available				