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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

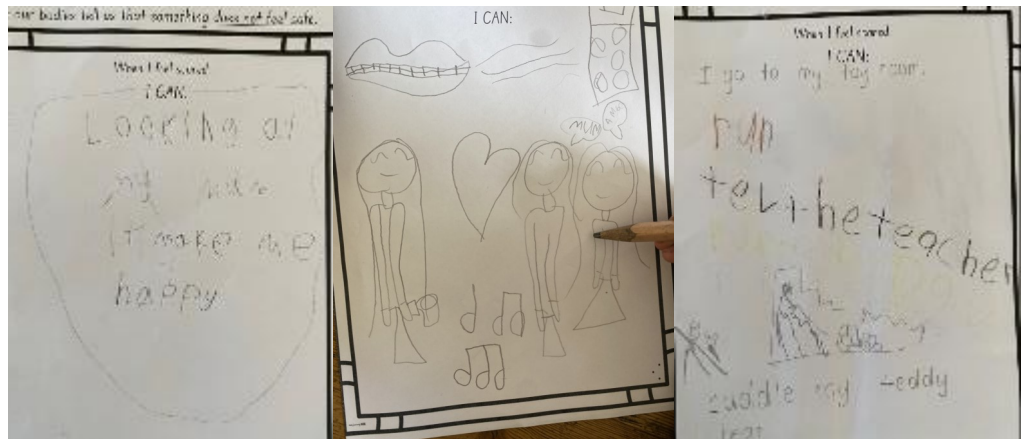
Except Tuesday

(check with Parish)

Newsletter

R/1 Highlight - Inquiry

R/1 have been exploring different emotions and how to self-regulate through our inquiry. We have been exploring the inquiry questions: **“what are our different emotions and how can that affect others?”** Through the inquiry, we have come up with different strategies to help us self-regulate our emotions.



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

Last week we celebrated 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 front office. 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 *Pop-Up Prayer Space*.

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

Draw a clock and show on it the time you get out of bed on Saturday mornings.

What things could you do that take about 25 minutes?

Years 4-6

Imagine that you are allowed to watch six hours of television on the weekend. What might be the television programs that you watch this weekend?

A basketball match takes 2 hours and 15 minutes to complete. What might be suitable starting and finishing times?

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 in Year Three-Four Higgins

In our Mathematics class this week we have been learning how to find unknown numbers in equations so that they balance. The class worked in small groups on a variety of hands on and online activities.

Our focus in writing this week has been to create a persuasive text using well-structured paragraphs. The students chose their favourite holiday spot and had to create a written text that encourages others to holiday there. We wrote on a range of holiday destinations from Semaphore Beach and Second Valley to Karachi and Krakow. This class is full of frequent flyers!

It was great to see the class's engagement on Sports Day in Week 2. It was a pleasure to work with them as they 'competed' in a variety of athletic events and fun games. We had Mrs. James supporting us, and she was amazed at the organization and getting-along skills displayed by all in the class.

Student Safety and Wellbeing

The *Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Safeguarding Children and Young People* policy can be found on our school website under Community, Welfare, Your Child's Welfare. The policy outlines the key principles and responsibilities of Catholic schools to ensure a total community approach towards the protection of children and young people in their care. I encourage you to visit our website to view the full policy.

Principal News Continued

The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum, in a sense is the curriculum component of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Safeguarding Children and Young People policy links directly to the Religious Education Curriculum, the Made in the Image of God Curriculum and our professional learning around the Kids Matter program. *The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* forms a large part of our classroom focus during the first 3 weeks of the school year.

Why we teach children about keeping safe

The department has a legal responsibility to protect children and young people from abuse in its own settings and in the wider community. All children and young people have a right to:

- be treated with respect and to be protected from harm
- be asked for their opinions about things that affect their lives and to be listened to
- feel and be safe in their interactions with adults and other children and young people
- understand as early as possible what is meant by 'feeling and being safe'.

Curriculum Themes

The curriculum follows 2 main themes:

- we all have the right to be safe
- we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus areas

The 2 themes are explored through 4 focus areas:

- the right to be safe
- relationships
- recognising and reporting abuse
- protective strategies.

The focus areas are targeted to the age of the learners.

The Cyber Safety: Keeping Children Safe in a Connected World document can also be found on our school website under Community, Welfare, Your Child's Welfare. The document aims to ensure a safe learning environment for all children when using ICTs and working online.

Our Student Wellbeing & Personal Responsibility school policy can also be found on our school website under Community, Welfare, Your Child's Welfare.

Collectively these documents outline the processes and protocols in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care.

If you have any questions around any of these documents or would like further clarification, feel free to speak to your child's classroom teacher, our APRIM Simon McCullough or myself.

Our school is registered on the **Be You** (formerly **Beyond Blue**) website to receive regular communication around professional learning opportunities to support the wellbeing of our children. The website also provides a range of resources and ideas to support the mental health and wellbeing of our young people. I encourage you to visit the website at <https://beyou.edu.au/> and have a look for yourself.

Pupil Free Day Monday June 5

Monday June 5 will be a Pupil Free Day. On this day all staff will be involved in curriculum development and strategic planning in the areas of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy. OSHC will be available on the day. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Mieke or the Front Office.

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 in the classroom next to our current R/1 Unit. 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 20. Our aim is to reach 30 enrolments which is our capacity.

Skool Bag App

To keep up to date with what is happening within our school along with upcoming school events why not download the

Principal News Continued

Skool Bag App from the App Store on your mobile phone. Once downloaded simply search St Joseph's School, Ottoway 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 spirit of the Risen Lord be with you and your family.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News

Pop up prayer space

To celebrate Catholic Education Week, we have invited students and all in our community to attach a prayer to the pop up prayer space. The theme has been to think about what we are grateful for in our St Joseph's Catholic school.



Journey to Emmaus Leadership Program for Year 6

- Last Monday our Year 6 students, along with Year 6 students from St Patrick's School, visited the Mary MacKillop Precinct in Norwood .
- The students worked well together as we explored the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Convent grounds and Chapel and shared lunch together.
- A second day will be held later in the year working with Vinnies on a social justice theme.

Pasta Sauce and Fred's Van

Thanks to Rebecca for organising and cooking a pasta sauce for Vinnie's Fred's Van each fortnight. Teresa Branch from Fred's Van tells us this contribution is a terrific ongoing commitment and support.

Masses in Term 2

You are invited to join us in the Church for these Parish Mass celebrations:

- Wednesday 24/5 10am to celebrate Our Lady Help of Christians
- Friday 16/6 10am The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Thursday 29/6 10am Saints Peter and Paul

Admin News

The school phone number changed last September to **8415 1100**.



There was a redirect on the old number for 6 months but this has now ceased.

If you are trying to call the school and getting the message that the number is no longer in service it is because you are still using the old number.

Please update your Contacts list to show 8415 1100.

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. That 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 1/2, 2023

May		June		July	
24	Mass—10am Our Lady help of Christians	5	Pupil Free Day	6	Term 2 finishes @ 3.00 pm
		16	Mass—10 am The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	7	School Directed Non Teaching Day. OSHC available
		29	Mass—10 am	24	Term 3 starts @ 8.45 am