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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

6.30 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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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

Reconciliation Week

Each Class did an activity to celebrate Indigenous culture and these can be seen as you walk through the library and see our Giant Serpent. It looks fantastic!



The Rainbow Serpent dreaming in Aboriginal society represents

one of the great and powerful forces of nature and spirit.

Connected to water, the Rainbow Serpent is the great life giver,

and protector of water, which is his spiritual home.



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

On Sunday May 28 the Catholic Church celebrated Pentecost. Pentecost is a time when we celebrate and acknowledge the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us by God. One way to think of the Holy Spirit is of the words and actions of Jesus being lived out through others today. During Pentecost, classroom Religious Education programs have centred on the Holy Spirit at work in our lives today. Our weekly communal prayer has also reflected upon the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

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 family has 5 children. We know at least two of the children are boys. Draw as many possibilities as you can as to what the family might look like.

Someone asked the teacher a question and she replied "Maybe." What might the question be?

Years 4-6

My sister was complaining that it was always extremely cold on her birthday which spoilt the activities that had been planned. When might the date of her birthday be? Explain your answer.

Design a spinner for which the chance of spinning blue is $\frac{3}{8}$.

Happy inquiry.

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

Read to your child in your family's first language

- Talk to your child about the different situations you find yourself in whereby you are required to read texts.

Happy reading.

Teaching and Learning in the Year Four Five Six Unit (4/5P and 5/6S)

Our Religious Education program this term has so far been focused on the events that occurred after Easter with the Resurrection and the Journey to Emmaus.

Our literacy program continues to run smoothly as our genre focus turns towards a Persuasive focus. We have also been focused on increasing students' ability to brainstorm and mind map ideas. We are continuing with our targeted Literacy Groups within our two hour Literacy Block between Recess and Lunch. Within this time, we have dedicated half an hour to Writing, Spelling, Reading and Oral Language activities.

Within Numeracy lessons, we have been focused on Measurement. We have begun by exploring why we use standard units of measurement and the differences between the metric system and the imperial system.

In Science we have been learning about Earth's Place in the Solar System using OneNote and videos Integrated with Technologies.

Pupil Free Day Monday June 5

On Monday as part of our Pupil Free Day, staff were involved in curriculum development and strategic planning in the areas of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy. The day proved to be a success with teaching staff coming away from the day with new learning.

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

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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. Commencing in Week 8 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 22. Our aim is to reach 30 enrolments which is our capacity.

School Master Plan Update

Demolition of our former front office building has now been completed. The next stage is the testing of our soil before building works commence. The current timeline of the project has a late November 2023 completion date.

Public Holiday Monday June 12

A reminder that Monday June 12 is a public holiday.

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.

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.

OSHC News

The Department of Education have announced **legislation changes regarding the way payments for 'gap fees' are collected** from families.

From July 1, 2023, families must pay the 'gap fee' using electronic means.

Electronic means may include:

- direct deposit or bank transfer, including PayID
- online payment systems through third-party software
- bank or credit card, including mobile wallets
- BPAY or [Centrepay](#)
- prepaid debit card

Families will not be able to pay for childcare using cash.

The Department of Education will be monitoring compliance and take action if required.

Reconciliation Week

To celebrate Reconciliation Week, our R/1 classes led our assembly with a beautiful prayer and shared a map they have made in their learning time. Our Aboriginal students participated in Catholic Educations Thriving People excursion to Carclew on Tuesday 6 June.

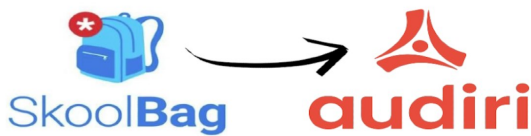


Masses in Term 2

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

- Friday 16/6 10am The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Thursday 29/6 10am Saints Peter and Paul

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 2/3, 2023

June		July		August	
16	Mass—10 am The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	6	Term 2 finishes @ 3.00 pm	4	Pupil Free Day OSHC available
19	School Board Meeting	7	School Directed Non Teaching Day. OSHC available	14	School Board Meeting
29	Mass—10 am Saints Peter & Paul	24	Term 3 starts @ 8.45 am		