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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

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 Mobile: 0437 863 067

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Priest - Fr Marek Ptak CR Phone: (08) 8447 3223 Email: stmax@ottowayparish.com

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

Religion in R/1 - Prayer

This Term, we have been learning about Prayer. We know that Prayer is a way to talk to and be with God. Students have explored different places and ways to pray, and the symbols used during Prayer time.



Sign of the cross music 70+5 of voice happy and Sad relaxation body closed eye +alking different languag Silence



Symbols help us pray.

"I pray at the Temple - it



is good for you to pray"

We can sit in God's Creation of nature to feel calm and still.



draw Prayers on the school's Prayer

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 News

The end of Term 2 marks the half way point in the school year with Semester One School Reports sent home yesterday. This is an opportunity for parents and children to discuss achievements during the first half of the year and set goals for the remainder of the year. The upcoming school holidays is an ideal time to do this.

Catholic Identity

Over the past 3 weeks I have had the pleasure of being a part of our preschool, junior primary, middle primary and upper primary liturgies. Our school liturgies provide an opportunity for children to experience contemporary liturgical celebrations with a focus directly related to classroom learning experiences. This is in line with our 2021 Annual Strategic Improvement Plan.

With Covid 19 restrictions easing somewhat, this term our 3 older classes have had the opportunity to join the parish in celebrating mass during the feasts of *Our Lady Help of Christians* and *The Nativity of St John the Baptist*. It is hoped by the end of this year we will be able to include the whole school in the celebration of parish masses.

Teaching and Learning

Yesterday (Wednesday June 30) you should have received your child's/children's Semester One school reports. These reports capture the entire learning achieved by your child/children during their first semester of school this year.

Each of our children received a grade for 'Overall Achievement' and for 'Overall Effort'. One of the areas I take particular note of is a child's 'Overall Effort'. This grade is provided for each subject area and compliments the 'Overall Achievement' grade, informing you about how your child has applied themselves and given effort in their learning. Two of our Keys to Success; 'Persistence and Resilience' highlight the importance of trying your best, regardless of your knowledge or interest level in a particular subject area.

I'd like to thank our teachers for their efforts with writing these reports and encourage you to celebrate your child's/children's achievements and talk to them about the importance of setting personal learning goals for the remainder of the year.

Curriculum News

I have included two mathematical challenges which you might like to have a go at with your child/children.

This week's Mathematical challenges:

Reception to Year 3

I am thinking of a number between 10 and 100 with a single 8 in it. What might my number be? What numbers can you make using 4, 5 and 6?

Years 4-6

How many numbers can you make using the digits 5, 6, 7 and 8? You can only use each digit once in each number.

Two numbers multiply to give 25000. What might the two numbers be?

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

Happy reading.

Whole School Excursion

Today (Thursday July 1) our children have had the opportunity to attend a matinee performance of the 2021 Mount Carmel College Musical "Footloose Junior." This is a whole school excursion to the Scott Theatre, located in the grounds of Adelaide University. In the Catholic North Western Community schools there is a tradition of Catholic primary school students attending a matinee session as part of the region's primary to secondary schooling transition strategy.

School Vietnamese Translator

In Week 4 of this term Hahn Do commenced as our school Vietnamese interpreter and translator. Hanh is available each

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Wednesday afternoon 1pm to 2pm to meet with our Vietnamese families, taking on the role of interpreter. Hanh is available to support our Vietnamese families wishing to meet with their children's classroom teachers, a member of the leadership team or our front office staff. Hanh will also translate parent notices into Vietnamese during this time each week. If you would like to use this service please contact 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. Our Term 3 new Receptions will join our current R/1 classes. 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. Transition visit mornings for our new Pre-school and Reception children have taken place on recent Tuesdays with the aim of supporting their new start.

Staffing News

Preschool Coordinator Catherine Crosbie returns to the school at the commencement of Term 3 after two years Maternity/ Parenting Leave. We are very much looking forward to Catherine's return. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Catherine back to the St Joseph's School community.

Maddie Merenda has done a wonderful job as replacement Preschool Coordinator in Catherine's absence over the past two years. Maddie will be leaving us at the conclusion of Term 2 and we wish Maddie all the best in the next stage of her teaching journey.

Hanh Do was appointed as a Preschool Education Support Officer earlier this term to work alongside Maddie Merenda and Bronwyn Robinson providing additional support for our preschool children.

In addition Melissa Strudwick will also join our team of Preschool educators at the commencement of Term 3. This position is a temporary teaching position which has been created as a result of an increase in preschool enrolment numbers for Semester Two this year. Melissa Strudwick is a qualified teacher who is familiar with our school having worked with children with special needs in our school over the past two years.

School Master Plan

Federal Government Minister Mark Butler visited our school on Friday June 25 to tour our Nature Play and Sustainability Garden. Mark's department contributed \$20000 towards our Nature Play and Sustainability Garden project as part of the 2019 Local Schools Community Fund Grant. We thank both Mark and the Federal Government for their contribution towards the overall cost of the project.

School Band

On Wednesday June 23 I had the privilege of witnessing a number of our school band members represent our school as part of the 2021 Battle of the Bands competition which was held at Nazareth College Primary Campus. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge and thank Duncan Kilburn for volunteering his time to coordinate our Battle of the Bands performance. The children did a fantastic job representing our school. Band members were given the opportunity to audition for a place in the competition band in the lead up to the Battle of the Bands.

Healthy Eating Equals Fuel For Our Brain

As I have been moving around the school I have noticed many of our classes stopping for Brain Food. Eating well is good for our mental as well as our physical health. The brain requires nutrients just like our heart, lungs and muscles do. Here at St Joseph's School children are encouraged to bring healthy foods to school to eat daily, with many classes stopping throughout the day for **Brain Food** snack time. Wholegrain breads, fresh fruit and vegetables are easy to manage Brain Foods children should be eating on a regular basis. A helpful tip when choosing snacks for your children is; if it comes with packaging it generally is high in salt, sugar and/or fat so avoid these snacks where possible.

School Climate Surveys

This year we are continuing our partnership with Professor Jill Aldridge from Curtin University who is supporting us in Developing Leadership Capacity in School Improvement through surveying the school community. The School Improvement focus involves collecting and analysing data from the school community (students, parents and staff) to identify plans for future actions. Surveys will take place throughout Term 3 with further details provided next term.

Sun Smart School

Principal News Continued

Our school meets the Cancer Council's requirements of the Sun Smart Program, making us a Sun Smart School. Our children are required to wear their school bucket hat when outside during Terms 1 and 4 which are the hottest parts of the school year. This year we moved our Sports Day to Term 2 in line with recommendations of a Sun Smart School. Our Sun Protection and Hot Weather School Policy has recently been updated and can be found on our school website under Community, Welfare, Your Child's Welfare.

How Much Exercise do Children and Young People Need?

The Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines outline the following recommendations for children and young people:

- **Infants** (birth to one year): 30 minutes of supervised interactive floor-based play including tummy time, reaching and grasping, pushing and pulling and crawling.
- Toddlers (1-2 years): at least 180 minutes a day, including energetic play such as running and jumping.
- **Pre-schoolers** (3-5 years): at least 180 minutes a day of which 60 minutes is energetic play such as running, jumping and kicking and throwing.

Children (5-12 years) and young people (13-17 years): at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity every day.

The percentage of children meeting current guidelines is:

- 61% of two to five-year-olds
- 26% of five to 12-year-olds

7.9% of 13 to 17-year-olds.

To learn more about how you can support the Wellbeing 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, 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.

Diary Dates

Term 2 Concludes - 12:30pm Friday July 2.

Term 3 Commences – 8:45am Monday July 19.

I hope you have a positive end to the school term and enjoy the upcoming break. Working in partnership with you in the best interest of all our children.

Shaun O'Leary.

School Calendar		
Term 2 2021		
	July	
	2	Term 2 Concludes 12 :30pm
	19	Term 3 Commences – 8 :45am

APRIM News

Sacramental Program

Families have begun the preparation of their children for the current Sacramental Program. We will be meeting as a group every second week in the Church. Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated in Term 4. The details have been confirmed as follows:

Celebrant: Vicar General, Father Philip Marshall

Date: 23/10/2021 Time: 10.00am

Number of Candidates: 12

Ceremony Type: Rite of Confirmation Outside Mass

Location: St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Ottoway

Volunteers

We love for all parents and Carers to join in the life of the school where they can. If you would like to become a volunteer in classrooms, on excursions, or with the parents and friends for our community please see Tanya for the forms we require you to complete and make a time with me for an induction. This takes around one hour but can also be done online if you would prefer to do it at home.

Social Justice Casual Clothes Day Fundraiser Friday July 2nd

Please bring a gold coin donation to make towards the Catholic Charities that are supported by St Joseph's School.

These include; Caritas, Catholic Charities, Catholic
Missions and Vinnie's

(Next term we will have the

'Walk a Mile in my Shoes'

Hutt St Centre fundraiser.)

The day will begin with Community prayer and assembly

The deadline is upon you.

OSHC Families are reminded the government sent a letter to you and asked you to confirm your income for the 2018-2019 financial year by the end of March. If you do not, your CCS will cease. I have put some of these details below.

Parents will lose their eligibility for both CCS and ACCS from 12 July 2021 and we will be required to charge full fees.

Confirming 2018–19 income

Most families confirmed their 2018–19 income before the first deadline on 31 March 2021. Any families who still have not confirmed their 2018–19 income must do so by the second deadline on 30 June 2021. If they do not, they may need to pay back all the CCS they got in 2018–19.

Confirming 2019–20 income

Many families have confirmed their 2019–20 income already. If they have not, they must do so by the first deadline on 30 June 2021. If they don't, their CCS will stop, and they'll need to pay full fees for childcare.

How do families confirm their income?

You can inform families they confirm their income by:

lodging their tax return, or

telling Services Australia, they don't need to lodge a tax return. Families can complete an <u>Advise non-lodgement of tax return</u> using their <u>Centrelink online account</u> through <u>myGov</u> or through the <u>Express Plus Centrelink mobile app</u>. They will need to do this even if they've already told the Australian Taxation Office they don't need to lodge.

If a parent separates from their partner/s, Services Australia will also need their ex-partner's income. If a parent is concerned that their ex-partner/s won't lodge their tax return by the deadline they should call the Families line.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mieke

OSHC Director

Overseas Born Students

If your child was born in a country other than Australia, we are required to hold copies of current VISAs. If your resident status has changed to 'citizen', it is imperative that you provide us with copies of your Australian Passport and Citizen certificate.

Every August we are required to complete an Australian Government Census which includes reporting how many students attend our school who hold VISA's to determine eligibility to attend Government funded schools.

If your VISA has expired, conditions have changed or you status is now that of an Australian citizen, please bring your original documents into the Office as a matter of priority so we can update our records. If our records are not current or we are unable to determine your eligibility to access Government funded schooling, you may be charged the overseas full fee paying studentrate per year.



Chaplain News

For your one stop guide to activities available these July school holidays, please click on this link:

https://playandgo.com.au/adelaide-school-holidays-july/



Adelaide School Holidays - Activities, Events & Ideas for Kids & Families - What's on for Adelaide Families & KidsWhat's on for Adelaide Families & Kids

The 13-Storey Treehouse Live on Stage. Adapted from the multi-award-winning book by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton, The 13-Storey Treehouse comes to life on stage for children 6-12 and their adults in an all-new show!

playandgo.com.au

MORNING TEA & COFFEE:

Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to join me for tea, coffee and biscuits on Thursday mornings. Please look for the signs. Should the weather be inclement, the Hall will provide a warm, sheltered space.



School Band News

Battle of the Rock Bands at Nazareth College was a huge success with both bands performing superbly.

Band rehearsals will recommence in Term 3 on Thursday lunchtimes and after school with Year 3s who have returned permissions slips welcome, and encouraged to come along.

I would like to thank the families of these students for their patience whilst we have concentrated on the Battle of the Bands gig.

Next performances will be Semaphore Street Fair and hopefully year end activities to be

announced.

Duncan Kilburn
(School Band Coordinator)





Book Week Parade Wednesday 25th August 2021

Term 3 (Week 6) on the court yard, 9.00 am – 9.30 am



Dear Parents/Caregivers and friends, you are invited to attend the annual St Joseph's School Book Week Parade.

> Each year level has an open theme of "OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS"

All students Preschool - Year 6 can dress as their favourite book character, and bring either the book or a copy of the front cover.

Parents, please assist your child in the making or purchasing of their costume, as it needs to be created at home, not at school, (this could be a fun holiday activity). The costumes do not have to be Festival Theatre quality - just have fun and keep it simple!



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College Tours

Tuesday 22 June and 27 July 9:30am and 5:30pm

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