



Newsletter

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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

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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Mass Times

Saturday 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30 am English &
10.30 am Polish

Weekday 6.30 pm English & Polish
Except Tuesday



Wakakiri
"All You Need is Love"
2019



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

Staffing News

Catherine Crosbie will be taking Maternity Leave throughout Terms 3 and 4. We wish Catherine all the best with the upcoming birth of her first child. We know Catherine is destined to be a great mother who will treasure the time spent with her newborn child.

Maddie Merenda has been appointed as Catherine's replacement teacher for Terms 3 and 4. Maddie comes to us with a number of years experience working in Preschools and Junior Primary classrooms. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Maddie to the St Joseph's School community.

Karyn Burlow has successfully won the position of Administration and Finance Officer at St Joseph's School, Hindmarsh. Karyn will commence this role at the beginning of Term 3. We thank Karyn for her many years of service here at St Joseph's, Ottoway. Karyn has done a magnificent job managing the finances here at St Joseph's School in partnership with the Principals she has worked with. From a personal point of view I am grateful to Karyn for the strong financial position I found the school to be in upon my arrival at the beginning of this year.

The process to appoint a new Administration and Finance Office has commenced with an announcement to be made in the near future. It is hoped that the new Administration and Finance Office will commence with us at the beginning of Term 3.

Safety Message

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.



School Disco Friday June 28

On Friday June 28 we held our school disco evening. Our R-3 disco ran from 3:45pm-5:15pm and our Years 4-6 disco ran from 5:30pm -7:00pm. A group of our wonderful parents did a great job planning and running our school disco. Thanks also to the teaching staff who stayed behind after school to help supervise the children.

Canteen Volunteers Required

Our canteen manager Rebecca Allen is currently short of volunteers to help prepare food for our children. Rebecca is looking for volunteers to support her between 9:30am and 11am most days throughout the week. If you are interested please make an appointment to meet with our APRIM Simon McCullough who will take you through the Volunteer Induction process. Simon will ensure that all volunteer requirements are met prior to commencement of volunteer work.

Upcoming Parent Workshops with Mark LeMessurier

Last year our school applied for a PIE Grant (Parent Initiatives in Education) and earlier this year we were informed that we were successful in obtaining the Grant. This has provided us with funds available to use for two Parent Workshops.

The first workshop, "A Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum; How does that feel for Parents, What does it Mean, What Next?" will be held on Wednesday 7 August at 6.00 pm in the School Hall. There is no cost to families.

The second workshop, "Real Ideas to Tame Ugly Behaviours" will be held on Wednesday 18 September at 6.00 pm in the School Hall. Once again there is no cost to families.

We have engaged the wonderful expertise of Mark LeMessurier to facilitate both Parent Workshops this year. Having worked with Mark LeMessurier in the past, I know Mark is engaging and entertaining in his presentations. He is realistic and understands the Autism Spectrum deeply. I encourage you to place both of these dates in your diaries.

Term 3 Reception Intake

St Joseph's School will have a Reception intake at the start of Term 3 this year. Our Term 3 new Receptions will join our current R/1 classes. Places are limited, therefore if you would like your child to start Reception in Term 3 please make a time to have an enrolment interview with me. Alternatively you may know other families interested in enrolling their child/ren at our school.

Just a reminder that the criteria for starting Reception on the first day of school in Term 3 is that a child will have turned 5 between May 1 and October 31 in that year. The criteria for starting Reception on the first day of school in Term 1 continues to be that a child will have turned 5 on or before April 30 in that year. Children whose birthday falls between November 1 and December 31 are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

End of Term 2 and Beginning of Term 3 Arrangements

Term 1 finishes on Friday 5 July at 12.30 pm - (Out of School Hours Care is available until 6.00 pm)

BEGINNING OF TERM 2 ARRANGEMENTS - Term 3 commences on Monday 22 July at 8.45 am

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.