



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

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)



This term we **welcome** nine new Receptions in to our St Joseph's community. They are **Landon, Glyzelle, Harmony, Felicity, Thomas, Mary Kate, Jan, Camille** and **Bailey**. We wish them all the best as they settle into school life.

A Snap Shot of the Junior Primary Area



I created a centipede with the pattern blocks and I really like it!
ADAM



Jack and Peter are my friends and we have lots of fun together at school.
PRINCETAN



I am exploring with our new LEGO train set. We can use the app on the iPad to make the train move on the tracks and it can make a noise like a real train too!
ABRAHAM



I enjoy doing Maths activities with Ethan and Adam.
WILLIAM



This is me making a cake in the café. I like playing with my friends during activity time.
MAKEME



I am drawing a picture of me playing in the garden at my house on the SMART Board. It is a lot of fun!
CURTRICIA

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.

Some background on our school Josephite Tradition

On Saturday August 8 the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of St Mary of The Cross Mackillop. This is the date she died in 1909 in Sydney at the age of 67. Mary's influence on education and bringing God to the people, especially the poor, is one of the most remarkable stories in our Australian story. She remains our only Australian Saint. Yet she was an ordinary person who held a deep love for God, a deep love for people, a deep love for the poor. Mary believed that education sets a person free and she believed that Catholic children should learn about their Catholic faith through their parents and at school. Although Mary favoured the poor and the marginalised, she welcomed all and she befriended people at different levels of society.

As a Josephite School we carry on this Tradition. The word 'Tradition' is often misunderstood as something from the past. Tradition is actually the lived expression of the values that inspired St Mary MacKillop and the sisters of St Joseph, in the past and now expressed in today's world.

Where do these values come from? The values come from the Gospel. They are Gospel values as Mary MacKillop interpreted the stories of Jesus in the Gospel and applied them in her life through her words and actions. Our school community is fortunate to be part of this story and, therefore we are part of the Mary MacKillop's legacy and the Josephite Tradition is alive in us.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means to be a welcoming, inclusive, compassionate community. Mary MacKillop believed that the compassionate love of God was available to all she met. Mary Mackillop had a compassionate heart, big enough to enclose all humanity. No one was excluded. Today in our school community we do the same. We include and welcome people of all cultures and all religious backgrounds, of all socio-economic backgrounds and, support children with special needs who are considered to have special rights. We promote compassion and empathy amongst our children.

Community News

As a school community we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of The Cross Mackillop on Friday August 7 in a number of ways. The day commenced with our communal prayer gathering which was in the form of a whole school liturgy lead by our Year 5 and 6 children. The day was a casual clothes gold coin donation day providing children and staff the opportunity to get involved in fundraising to support the homeless living in our society. The fundraising slogan was *Walk a Mile in My Boots*. As a sign of support, as a whole school we walked a mile within the local school area.

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

$\square + \square + \square = 13$. What might the missing numbers be? How many different combinations can you find?

Port Power are leading the Adelaide Crows by 4 points. What might the scoreboard look like?

Years 4-6

The answer to a division question is 5. What might the question be? List as many sums as you can.

$2\square 6 + \square 8 = \square 2\square$. Work out all the possible answers for this addition number sentence.

Happy inquiry.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year a large number of our children have once again taken up the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge closes on Friday September 4 with children needing to have their Premier's Reading Challenge *Student Reading Record* forms handed into the front office by this date.

Between now and September 4 you may like to view the Top 10 lists for all books along with each age level (R – 2, 3 – 5, 6 – 9 and Mature) by visiting the Premier's Reading Challenge Website. Utilising the "like" feature, the data for the Top 10 list is generated by the number of times a title has been "liked" on the website. This feature is live, so will give an up-to-date representation of what students are reading – and liking. You can access the Top 10 lists from the 'booklists' section of the website accessed through the main menu on the left hand side of the page.

Happy reading.

STEM Open Day

As part of this week's Catholic Schools Open Week and in preparation for National Science Week a number of parents and carers joined our school STEM Open Day on Tuesday August 11. 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 ongoing STEM learning focus within the school.

Playgroup

As a result of parents and carers being able to re-enter the school grounds **Playgroup** has resumed this term. Social distancing protocols of no more than 1 person per 2-square metres in an enclosed space and a minimum social distance of 1.5 metres remain in place. Please also remember to refrain from attending if you or your child are unwell. Our Playgroup coordinator Sue Scheller has been in contact with all of our Playgroup families to inform them of the resumption of **Playgroup**.

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. Staff and student surveys opened on Monday August 3 and close on Friday August 28. Staff and Year 3-6 surveys will take place online while our R-2 children will complete a paper version of the survey. The parent survey also opened on Monday August 3 and will close on Friday September 11. This year we are offering the parent survey as a paper version also. I have already approached a number of parents before and after school to participate in the survey. Thank you to those who have already completed and returned their survey. The parent survey is seeking your thoughts and opinions on how you think things are going for the school. The results are collated by Curtin University in Western Australia and provided to the school to inform school improvement focus areas moving forward. No names are attached to the survey meaning parents are able to remain anonymous. If you would like participate in the survey and have not received a copy of the survey please come and see either myself or one of our front office staff. Copies are also available in Vietnamese. The more parents we have complete the survey the more data we will have available to draw upon in terms of targeting areas for school improvement.

School Master Plan Update

We have progressed from the initial drawings stage of the development of our Nature Play & Sustainability Garden space to initial costings and seeking approval from Catholic Education South Australia to sign off on the project. This process will take the majority of Term 3 as there are 4 committees who each need to approve the project. Once this has taken place the project will go to tender, giving local companies the opportunity to bid for the project. In consultation with our architect and Catholic Education South Australia we will decide on the company to take over the project. It is hoped that the project will commence some time during Term 4 with a completed date some time during Term 1, 2021.

Nude Food Wednesday

On Wednesday August 5 St Joseph's School began a 4 week *Nude Food Wednesday* trial.

For four consecutive Wednesdays children will be encouraged to not bring food packaging to school. Any food packaging children use throughout the day will be sent home in their lunch box.

This initiative is in line with our school action plan around ecological conversion and sustainability and is supported by our school Student Sustainability Council. The school canteen is also on board and will be limiting the amount of food packaging where possible on these days.

Canteen Committee

Our recently established *School Canteen Committee* meet for the second time last week to review our canteen practices and food supply. Agenda items included feedback on our Healthy Food Thursday initiative, ways to reduce food packaging and the exploration of other canteen menu items which meet our goals of overall nutritional benefits and reduced packaging. The school canteen will be providing *Healthy Food Special Lunch Orders* as part of our weekly Healthy Food Thursday. The canteen is also exploring ways to reduce the amount of packaging as part of our *Nude Food Wednesday* initiative.

OSHC News

As you may be aware the Federal Government's subsidised childcare fees came to an end on July 13 and as a result commencing this term all care in OSHC will be charged according to user's CCB (Child Care Subsidy) as was the case prior to the outbreak of Covid 19. If you need to change your OSHC booking, please see Mieke Vanden Bos. OSHC users are encouraged check their **myGov** and **Centrelink** app regularly to check for any messages as they may be asking users to confirm their childcare usage.

Anxiety is more than feeling stressed or worried

Whether a diagnosis is made (by a health professional) will depend on how often, how easily and how intensely a child or young person experiences the symptoms of anxiety and how much it interferes with everyday living.

Common signs and symptoms of anxiety include:

- feeling more anxious than others their age and level
- having anxious feelings that are consistently very intense
- feelings that persist well after the stressful event has passed

feeling so distressed that it interferes with their capacity to learn, socialise and do everyday things.

It's estimated that one in 14 children and young people experience anxiety. There are a range of effective treatments and supports available, focusing on how to enable them to manage their condition.

To learn more about anxiety visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue)

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets>

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.

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.

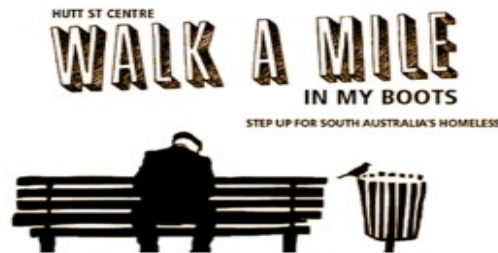
May the love of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop be with all our families.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

Prayers and liturgies

Thank you for the donations towards '**Walk a Mile in my Boots**' for the Hutt St Centre. Last Friday we enjoyed a wonderful liturgy lead by students in Year 5/6 for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, casual clothes day and our walk. We continue to celebrate Community Prayer at 8:45am each Friday in the Tenison Woods Centre and you are always very welcome to join us.



Parents and Friends

We welcome you back onto the school grounds this term and would love to work with you to create some community events for later in the year that we can manage alongside of the COVID19 social distancing requirements. If you would like to share some ideas or get involved in preparations please contact me in the yard or office or by phone 84474969, or email, smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au. I'm looking forward to working with you.



Tea and Coffee – change of day

From this term we will have tea and coffee available each Thursday morning in the yard. We would love for you to drop by and say hello.

School Calendar

Term 1 2020

August		September	
17	School Photo Make up day	4	Premiers Reading Challenge Closes
19	Nude Food Day	7	School Board Meeting
21	Whole School Assembly 8:45am	11	Pupil Free Day
24	Dental program	11	School Climate Parent Survey Closes
25	Dental program	25	Whole School Assembly 8:45am
26	Nude Food Day / Dental program	25	Term 3 concludes 12:30pm

Notice Board

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

Catholic Schools Open Week
August 10-16

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