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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

Mobile: 0437 863 067

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

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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

On Monday 30 August St Joseph's Ottoway held their S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math's) Open Day.

R/1 students had the opportunity to showcase their S.T.E.M. learning by making bridges. We researched and discussed the use of bridges and designed them. Students then used a range of resources to build their bridges such as foam blocks and craft boxes/construction.

The most exciting part was using the robotic lego, where students learned how to connect the iPad to the lego. They coded the iPad which made the lego car move across the bridge. We had so much fun!









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**

This week brings to an end Term 3. We are certainly moving through what has been a challenging year. During this term break I encourage you to take some time to relax and spend time with your children. I hope you can also find some time for yourself also. I know our teachers will both appreciate and benefit from things moving a little slower over the next two weeks. School holidays provide both children and teachers the opportunity to refresh and recharge in preparation for the following school term.

#### Catholic identity

During Week 8 I had the pleasure of attending our Preschool liturgy. Over the past 18 months we have introduced termly year level liturgy celebrations which complement our whole school mass experiences in the Parish Church. Parish masses held in our Parish Church are very formal and traditional and provide our children with the opportunity to celebrate in a more traditional Catholic way. On the other hand our class and house team liturgies provide children with a more contemporary and less formal experience of God through scripture, song, music and The Arts. Thank you to the classes and teachers involved in preparing our Term 3 year level and house team liturgies. I look forward to our Term 4 liturgy celebrations.

#### **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**

How many things can you find that are longer than 2 of your foot lengths but shorter than 4 of your foot lengths? What is there in your home that is 7 of your foot lengths long?

#### Years 4-6

What might the perimeter of a garden fence be if the area of the garden is 36 square metres? You have 72 metres of fence for a garden. What might your garden look like? Happy inquiry.

Reading is another core learning area here at St Joseph's 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.

#### **NAPLAN Results 2021**

Last week our Year 3 and 5 children brought home their individual 2021 NAPLAN results. As with any form of summative assessment (testing) we must remember that the results demonstrate how children performed on a given day, with a given circumstance in a structured environment. The results should always be considered as being indicative of their performance rather than a definitive account of the testing.

The results do not define your child as a learner. Under the NAPLAN model, attainment is considered as the knowledge and skills that students develop and are tested in formal tests and examinations. This attainment is summarised in test scores and grades. This differs from your child's achievement. Achievement is considered as the much broader range of knowledge and skills that students develop which are not tested. This knowledge and range of skills relate to the personal and social development of the individual. The data from the NAPLAN test does not take into account your child's sporting, musical or artistic abilities. NAPLAN doesn't reflect their sense of humour, their creativity, their sense of identity, joy or kindness to others and all that we see on a daily basis at home and at school. We must remember that these results do not define who they are or what they are capable of becoming. Like you, we are proud of your child and how they continue to grow as a unique and special person with a good sense of self-worth and a commitment to always doing their best.

If you require any further clarification regarding your child's results, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher, Louise Moody or myself.

#### Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir

On Wednesday evening I had the pleasure of witnessing 17 of our children perform at the Entertainment Centre as part of the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir. Janine Meyer once again coordinated our involvement in 2021. Janine has been working with the choir throughout the year in preparation for the festival choir event. The Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir is held during the last week of Term 3 each year. It is a wonderful advertisement for Catholic Education in South Australia. A big thank you to Janine Meyer for all her efforts in preparing our children for this year's event.

#### **Principal News Continued**

#### Staffing News

School Finance Officer Rosalie Fergus has won the position of Administration and Finance Officer at the soon to be opened Compass College, Elizabeth. Compass College is a brand new Catholic School located in the northern suburbs catering for high school age students and young adults who for whatever reason have become disengaged from mainstream schooling. Rosalie will conclude her role as School Finance Officer at the end of this term, commencing her role at Compass College in Term 4. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge and thank Rosalie for the great service she has provided to our school during her time with us. I am sure you will join me in wishing Rosalie all the best in her new role.

#### **Diary Dates**

Term 3 Concludes – 12:30pm Friday September 24.

Term 4 Commences – 8:45am Monday October 11.

#### How do you Practice Mindfulness?

Mindful meditation can be practised in a variety of ways such as moving attention through various parts of the body (body scan) or concentrating on the breathing. At times you'll find your thoughts wandering and that's completely normal. There's no need to berate yourself when the mind wanders – just gently bring it back to the breathing each time. It's the very practice of repeatedly bringing your attention back to your breath, and learning to be accepting and self-compassionate, that creates a mindful state. You can practise mindfulness in nearly everything you do. You can take a mindful approach to everyday activities, no matter how mundane or simple they might be. The so-called informal practice of mindfulness is easy to build into your day. Next time you have a snack, take your time and focus on the feel, smell, taste and sensation of chewing. You can bring your full awareness to the task of brushing your teeth or washing the dishes. The beauty of mindfulness is that you can do it anywhere, anytime, with no special equipment required.

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.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy school holiday period.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

School Calendar								
Term 3 2021								
September			October					
24	Term 3 Concludes 12:30 pm		11 Term 4 Commences 8:45 am					
			25	School Board meeting School Photo Day				

#### **School Photos**

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#### **4BT WW1 V2Q**



**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:** 

#### Monday 25 October 2021

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

**Sibling Photos:** Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at **www.advancedlife.com.au** using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

#### **Class Preparation for 2022**

Each year in Term 4 Week 1, staff begin class placements for the following year. To assist us with this very important and time consuming task, please complete the slip below if your child/ren (other than current Year 6) will **NOT** be returning to St Joseph's in 2022.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

#### PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE

#### ATTENTION: MR SHAUN O'LEARY

I wish to advise that the following student/s will **NOT** be returning to St Joseph's in 2022:

Child's N	ame		2021 Class				
Reason (optional)							
Your Name (printe	d):	Signature:		Date://			

#### **APRIM News**

#### Volunteers needed

Our Staff prioritises and welcomes the development of good relationships with parents and caregivers. As parents are the key educators of their children we work closely with you to ensure that this shared journey assists our children to reach their full potential. Parents are a vital part of our school community and provide much needed and valued support to the school. The contribution families make towards the success of community events and celebrations throughout the year is central to the success we have in building a strong, hope filled community.

All volunteers need to be inducted into the school and this takes around one hour. If you have previously been inducted, we need to meet with you again as some of the essential requirements have changed. I will be offering induction sessions before school board meetings which are held on Monday evenings. The sessions available are 3:30- 4:30 or 4:30- 5:30 and the dates will be advertised ahead of time.

The next school board meeting is Monday 25 October. Please email me at <a href="mailto:smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au">smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au</a> to book in or phone me on 84474969 to find out more.

#### Sacramental Program

Congratulations to Gerard, Nhicole, Raphael, Athan, Leannah, Xyrus, Jordan, Karl, Deng and Adreil on celebrating your First Reconciliation last week.

As we continue our preparation with the children in school we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The details for Confirmation are:

Celebrant: Vicar General, Father Philip Marshall

Date: 23/10/2021 Time: 10.00am

Number of Candidates: 11

Ceremony Type: Rite of Confirmation Outside Mass

Location: St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Ottoway

#### Tenison Woods Liturgy and Spring Picnic

On Wednesday 13th October we hope to walk down to the Wingfield Oval for some games and activities and a picnic lunch. As always, we hope to invite families along but will need to adhere to the latest SA Health directions. In Week Three the Tenison Woods House Group will lead us in a liturgy to celebrate the life of Julian Tenison Woods. We will certainly invite you to these events if health directions allow us to.

#### **School Camp**

We still plan to take our Year 5/6 students to the Wirraway Campsite in Week 2 of Term 4. Letters have gone out to families and we are looking forward to this fantastic event.

#### **Chaplain News**



#### School Holiday Fun!

To see what is on in Adelaide in the up-coming school holidays, please follow this link:

https://playandgo.com.au

Then click on the following headings for further detailed information:

- where to GO
- what to DO
- where to **PLAY**

#### **Notice Board**



COME 'N' TRY & TRIALS **NEW & EXISTING PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND** 

**MINIROOS** COME 'N' TRY UNDER 13 & 15 TRIALS

WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER MINIROOS & UNDER 13 GIRLS: 5:15pm to 6:30pm U15 GIRLS: 6:15pm to 7:30pm

SATURDAY 9TH **MINIROOS & UNDER 13 GIRLS:** 8:45am to 10am U15 GIRLS: 09.45am to 11am

**UNDER 17 & SENIOR** TRIALS

MONDAY 25TH & WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER UNDER 17 & SENIOR GIRLS 6:15pm to 8:00pm

SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER UNDER 17 & SENIOR GIRLS 8:45am to 10:30am

ALL TRIALS HELD AT CLUB MARION - 262 STURT ROAD MARION REGISTER FOR TRIALS AT:

https://thecovefc.com/the-cove-marion-trials-registration/ \*FURTHER TRIALS WILL BE ADDED IF REQUIRED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OR DEMAND



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www.wch.sa.gov.au/virtualurgentoare



Speak with emergency nurses and

doctors over video link for advice, care and, if needed, referral.

#### 2021/22 Enrolments Are Opening Soon!

Can you believe the VACSWIM 2021/2022 season is upon us?

As previous participants and those who signed up for our newsletter, we wanted to give you a heads up that online registrations will be opening at:

9am, Wednesday 29th September

Be sure to hop onto the VACSWIM SA website as soon as it opens to have the best chance at securing your preferred place and time. Please be aware that the site receives a lot of traffic during opening time and it's 'first come first

The program provides pre-school children (aged 3 to 5 years) and primary school aged children (aged 5 to 12 years) with opportunities to develop a range of skills and positive experiences in relation to water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures

This year the program will be delivered as 5-day blocks across the December and January school holidays. Check out our website for the first release of locations and dates - with more to come!

The VACSWIM program is the only government subsidised and endorsed summer holiday safety program. It is conducted by qualified instructors in controlled environments located at school pools, public and private pools, beaches and lakes throughout South Australia











# Book Week 2021









