



# Newsletter

## What's Happening in R/1 Term 3, 2022

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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

Priest - Fr Marek Płak CR

Phone: (08) 8447 3223

Email: [stmax@ottowayparish.com](mailto: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)



Soccer Clinic



Multicultural Day



Making Jelly



Measurement in  
Maths



Class Liturgy



Literacy Games



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

This week brings to an end Term 3. We are certainly moving through what has been a busy 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**

Throughout the past 3 weeks I have had the pleasure of attending a number of class liturgies. Over the past 2 years 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 tasks which you might like to have a go at with your child/children.

This week's Mathematical tasks:

#### **Reception to Year 3**

How many things can you find that are longer than 3 of your foot lengths but shorter than 5 of your foot lengths?

What is there in your home that is 6 of your foot lengths long?

#### **Years 4-6**

What might the perimeter of a garden fence be if the area of the garden is 42 square metres?

You have 66 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 2022**

Last week our Year 3 and 5 children brought home their individual 2022 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.

### **English Language Class for Migrant Parents**

In the past St Joseph's School has offered an English class for Parents for who English is not their first language. As a school we are keen to offer this opportunity once again to our parents. Our School Chaplain Michelle Dinning will facilitate the English class for our parents from 9:00am to 10:00am each Thursday morning. Michelle is a qualified teacher who is well known to our school community through her current role as School Chaplain. If you would like to be a part of the English class being offered, please contact the front office.

## Principal News Continued

### Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir

20 of our children have been preparing since Term One for this week's Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir held at the Festival Theatre on Monday September 26. Choir coordinator Janine Meyer has spent many hours working with the choir throughout the year in preparation for the event. The Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir is held during the last week of Term Three 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.

### Water the Original Cool Drink

Soft drinks, fruit drinks, cordial, flavoured mineral waters, sports drinks, energy drinks and fruit juice all contain water. But they also contain sugar and sometimes caffeine, so they are not good choices for kids to have everyday.

If kids regularly drink these sugar sweetened drinks instead of water it may cause tooth decay and they could put on excess weight. So limit sweet drinks and choose water instead.

Water, as a drink is good for:-

Your teeth – most tap water in South Australia has added fluoride and that helps to prevent tooth decay

Your budget - tap water is free.

Your health - replacing some sugary drinks with water reduces overall kilojoule (calorie) intake and helps to avoid excessive weight gain

We know that plain tap water as a drink is healthy and free and important for our bodies to function, but what other healthy drinks can we try? Some ideas include:

Add slices of cucumber or mint leaves to water jugs for a different flavour

Plain milk contains calcium which is good for teeth and bones and important for growing children

Add ice or straws to water for crunch and fun

To learn more about how you can support the Social and Emotional Learning and Wellbeing of your child visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue) <https://beyou.edu.au/dashboard/resources/fact-sheets>

### Safety Around Ina Avenue Pick Up/Drop Off Points

A friendly reminder to ensure that for safety reasons, you park outside of the yellow lines adjacent to the school crossing on Ina Avenue when picking up/dropping off children. Drivers are also reminded that the disabled parking spaces at the front of the school are reserved for those with a disability. Alternative parking before and after school (along with school access) is available along Rosewater Terrace. The local council has informed the school that they have resumed enforcing parking regulations around schools now that Covid 19 restrictions have eased. As a school community we are seeking your support in following the parking regulations in place outside of the school.

### 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

Wednesday September 28: Whole school excursion to the Adelaide Zoo

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

Term 4 Commences – 8:45am Monday October 17.

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

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

## APRIM News

### Year 6 Journey to Emmaus

Our Year 6 students will meet with Vinnies Fred's Van staff and see the van that they take out to help feed people in the city. We are looking at ways we can continue to assist them.

**Next Mass** – You are very welcome to join us in the Church at 10am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November for the All Saints Mass.

### Volunteers

We would love to see you join us as a volunteer. There are a range of ways to be involved and we greatly appreciate opportunities to work with you and get to know your family. Volunteering requires that you complete a process of induction and also some online training in child protection called, 'Responding to abuse and neglect.' All people who work with children are required to do this training. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to complete the following;

Speak with Tanya and Anne about a Working with Children check which the school will lodge on your behalf. There is also a personal information form to complete which includes your contact details and those we would contact in any emergency.

Complete the required Child Protection training – Responding to abuse and neglect for volunteers. This will take an hour or two and it is done online. Follow the instructions below to locate this training. You will need to register for a PLINK number to access the training on the Department for Education website.

Provide the school with a copy of your child protection training certificate. This will be accessible at the end of the training module - Responding to abuse and neglect for volunteers.

Follow this link to register and get your plink number. This will allow you access to the training.

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>

Then access the training through this website:

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/external-dashboard.jsf?menuId=1104&locale=en-GB&showbundlekeys=false#/?dashboardId=6>

Thanks very much for considering becoming a volunteer, we respect and value your time very much. Please let me know if you have any questions. My email is [smccullough@stjotfo.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smccullough@stjotfo.catholic.edu.au)

## Class Preparation for 2023

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 2023.

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 2023:

**Child's Name**

**2022 Class**

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Reason (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Chaplain News

English classes on a Thursday morning

9-10am - in the Staffroom.

Please contact Front Office 8415 1100 if you would like to join.

We look forward to welcoming you!



## Important

**We have a new phone number - 8415 1100.**

Please change our number in your Contacts.



## Introducing the School Board

The St Joseph's School Board meets every month to oversee the financial position of the school, discuss issues or challenges faced by the school, and provide suggestions on ways to improve. We also receive updates on each class with a different member of the teaching staff joining us each meeting. This makes joining the Board a great way to hear about the amazing things that happen each day in the school – especially important if you get the answer 'nothing' when you ask your child what happened that day!

I'm Kat Mitchell, we have a son in the new Reception class, and a daughter who will be starting in Preschool in 2024, and I'm the Chair of the St Joseph's School Board. We've lived just round the corner in Ottoway for 9 years and love the relaxed feel of the area. I'm the elected Councillor for the local area on the Port Adelaide Enfield Council, so I am also able to bring information that might affect the school, or quickly report issues to improve safety in the area.

As the Chair of the Board, it is my responsibility to run the meeting, and sign off on documents as received and reviewed by the group. School policies are reviewed on a rolling basis so there are a few each meeting to be read and approved. In the September meeting these included how the school manages and distributes images, and the response in case of traumatic events that affect the school.

If you see me around, please stop me for a chat, about the school, joining the Board, or our local area in general!

Katharine Mitchell



Katharine Mitchell  
Chairperson



## School Calendar

Terms 3 & 4, 2022

| September |   | October |                                 | November |                               |
|-----------|---|---------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 28        | Zoo Excursion<br>Whole School<br>Departs @ 9.00 and<br>Returns @ 3.00 | 17      | <b>Term 4 starts at 8.45 am</b> | 28       | School Board Dinner<br>6.00pm |
| 30        | <b>Term 3 finishes at 12.30 pm</b>                                    | 31      | School Board Meeting<br>5.30pm  |          |                               |

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE**

JOIN US FOR A COLLEGE TOUR

Tuesday, 27 September 9:30am & 5:30pm

To register visit: [olsh.catholic.edu.au/book-tour](http://olsh.catholic.edu.au/book-tour)

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College is a vibrant and inclusive community allowing your daughter to discover her full potential. We invite you to our College Tours to see ALL we offer girls from Years 7 – 12. Come and see how your daughter will find her place with us, as we nurture her to thrive as a confident young woman.

ENROL NOW! Finalising places for 2023 & interviewing for 2024.

A banner for Mount Carmel College's next college tour. The banner has a dark blue background with the college's crest on the left. The main text reads 'MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE' in large white letters, followed by 'NEXT COLLEGE TOUR Secondary Campus' in yellow. The date and time are 'Monday 31 October 4pm'. A red circular button on the right says 'Book a Tour today!'. At the bottom, a yellow bar contains the text 'Visit [www.mcc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mcc.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8447 0500'. Three circular inset images show students and staff interacting in a classroom setting.