



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

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)



Year 5/6 Camp

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.

Positive Education and a Sense of Meaning in our Lives

Meaning and purpose in life refers to how we construct and live our lives and greatly influences our choice of activities and goals, and how fulfilled we feel. Identification and commitment to goals in line with a person's values provides fulfilment and helps people to grow.

Understanding what gives us purpose has physical and psychological benefits. Helping others is beneficial because it fulfils the basic human needs of autonomy, competence and relatedness. People who identify a source of meaning and purpose in their lives report:

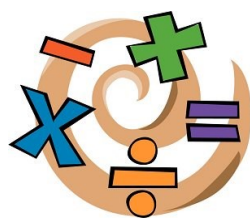
- greater overall happiness and life satisfaction
- higher levels of physical and emotional health
- higher levels of resilience
- a greater sense of control over their lives

Being a part of a Catholic school community here at St Joseph's provides us with a real sense of meaning in our lives as we are called by Jesus to share our gifts and talents as we work towards creating a better world for all people to live.

Curriculum News

In this newsletter edition I have included two mathematical tasks which you might like to have a go at with your child/ children at home.

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?

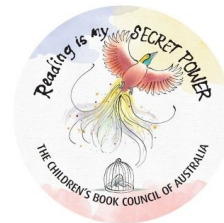
Years 4-7

What might the perimeter of a garden fence be if the area of the garden is 20 square metres? You have 90 metres of fence for a garden. What might your garden look like?

Happy inquiry.

Reading is also a 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.



Family Fun Night

This term we will once again hold our Family Fun Night. The event will take place in the school grounds on Friday December 6 commencing at 5:30pm. Members of our Parents and Friends have been working alongside APRIM Simon McCullough to plan for and prepare the evening. Further details about the event will be distributed to families closer to the time. I encourage you to put this date into your diaries.

Transition Program for Preschool and Reception children in preparation for 2020

This year we have extended our Transition Program for children entering Preschool and Reception in 2020. Children have been invited to attend five transition visits on **Tuesday October 29, November 5, November 12, November 19 and November 26 between 9.00am and 12.00pm.**

While children visited on Tuesday this week (November 5), parents had the opportunity to attend a Parent Information Session (9.00 am-10.30 am: Reception Parents, 11.00 am-12.00 pm: Preschool Parents) that provided important information to assist with a smooth transition to St Joseph's School.

In addition, on Tuesday morning this week (November 5), Linda Barclay (Speech Therapist) visited our new Preschool children to assess their oral language and discuss language support options with parents.

The thinking behind the extended transition is to ensure all children entering Preschool and Reception in 2020 feel comfortable, happy and familiar with their surroundings leading up to the start of the 2020 school year. The transition visits also provide staff with the opportunity to get to know each child and begin putting in place support programs in preparation for the 2020 school year.

Pupil Free Day Friday November 15

Friday November 15 will be a Pupil Free Day. On this day all staff will be involved in Professional Learning focusing on developing a *Shared Vision for Learning reflective of the Living Learning Leading Framework* which was launched by Catholic Education SA in January this year.

In addition staff will develop an *Action Plan around Ecological Conversion* in line with our sustainability focus across the school. What is developed on this day will become a key driver of teaching and learning across the school in 2020 and beyond. I will facilitate the day. OSHC will be available for families who require the service on this day. Bookings are essential so please see Mieke if you need to make a booking.

Principal News Continued

2019 Bookfair

As Deb Cashel was on leave during Term 3, our 2019 Book Week Fair along with our Premier's Reading Challenge presentation was postponed until Term 4 and will now take place between Thursday November 14 and Thursday November 21. Deb Cashel will provide the school community with further details closer to the time.

Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday December 11 our Year 6 children will celebrate the completion of their primary years schooling with our Year 6 Graduation Liturgy which will take place in the school hall at 6:00pm. Following the Graduation Liturgy the children will travel by bus to and from the Watermark Hotel, Glenelg to celebrate their Year 6 Graduation Dinner together. Further details surrounding the evening will be provided to families closer to the time.

The Importance of Play

Play is important for learning the social skills (including language and communication) that develop over time and will be the foundation for future relationships.

Through play, children learn about:

- the give and take of relationships with friends (negotiating)
- how their behaviour can affect others and to develop empathy
- how to lead and follow
- repairing relationships

Play helps children develop emotional skills

Through play, children can express their feelings, even before they have the words to say how they feel. Play also fosters imagination and becomes the basis for creativity in art or music or other ways of self-expression. These ways of personal expression can help people cope with feelings all their lives.

Play can also help children learn impulse control. They learn to think about what they want to do, to plan and to be patient. If they're building a castle and get frustrated and knock it down, they have lost their castle. In these ways, children gradually learn they need to control their impulses to achieve what they want.

Play is a way that children can work through and resolve problems

For example, a child whose family has separated may feel very anxious about what's going to happen to them. These feelings and possibilities can be explored through play. The child can practise having two homes set up with two houses and different dolls. There's no need for you to take part, but being near while the child plays shows support and acceptance.

Play helps children develop physical skills

Children like games that test their physical abilities (motor skills) – running, climbing, jumping and exploring. These games bring children happiness and build their confidence.

For further information visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue) <https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/development/brain-development>

Extended OSHC Opening Hours Trial

Due to demand from within the school community we have decided to trial an extension to our OSHC opening hours each morning. Throughout Term 4 OSHC will open between 6:30am and 8:30am each morning before school to accommodate families who start work early. If we find as a school community that the need remains we will continue to open the service earlier on a permanent basis.

I hope you have a positive end to the working week and an enjoyable weekend.

Working in partnership with you in the best interest of all our children.

Shaun O'Leary

APRIM News

Confirmation

The celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 9 November in St Maximilian Kolbe Church at 10.00 am. (Please note the change of time) First Communion will be celebrated later in November on a date yet to be confirmed.

Christmas Raffle

Another group of our wonderful parents have organised the Christmas Raffle. Thanks Allison and Jane! This will be drawn at the St Joseph's on the Green celebration, Friday 6 December. We are looking now for prize donations, these can be taken to the office or classrooms. Thanks so much for your generosity.



Vinnie's Christmas Appeal – we are now collecting goods to place in Christmas Hampers to support the work of St Vincent De Paul. Bernie and Esther from the Parish always tell us that the goods collected make a great difference to the families they try to support. Please send any donations to you child's classroom. There is a donation basket there. Thanks for your wonderful and generous support.

Whole School Mass – please join us if you can to celebrate a Mass for Tuesday 12 November at 10.00 am. This will be part of the Archdiocese visit to St Maximilian Kolbe Parish and we will welcome Fr Philip Marshall.

Journey to Emmaus Student Leadership Program

Our Year 6 students will travel to St Patrick's School at Mansfield Park to share in the final Journey to Emmaus Student Leadership day for 2019. We will be preparing Christmas items for St Vincent De Paul and sharing a lunch and liturgy.



Library News

Welcome back to Term 4. Could you please help me by searching for library books and readers that may be hiding at home? I will be sending home Overdue Notices each Tuesday. If you cannot find them, please return the notice with that message so we can search more thoroughly at school.

THERE WILL BE NO BORROWING FROM WEEK 7 ONWARDS.

We are having a BOOK FAIR this term, instead of a Book Club.



The **BOOK FAIR** will run from Thursday 14/11 until after school Wednesday 20/11.

I encourage you to come in for a browse, **Before School, After School** & it will also be open **Lunch Times**.

Thank you for your support
Deb Cashel

School Photos - Tuesday 12 November

ONLINE ORDER CODE: 4BT WW1 V2Q

Online Order link: <https://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=4BTWW1V2Q>

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

Important Information:

- Cash purchases must have the **correct money**
- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school's **advancedlife** & your **advancedyou** photo sites

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online by 11/11/19 or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

Pupil Free Day - Friday 15 November

OSHC is available so please see Mieke to book.

Notice Board

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Tuesday 29 October and Wednesday 27 November

BOOK A COLLEGE TOUR
Visit: www.mcc.catholic.edu.au or phone 8447 0500

Book a College Tour today!

Please turn over for more information...

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