



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 Except Tuesday
7.30 am to 8.30 am
and 2.45 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

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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)



We are learning about **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** in our Religion lessons. We believe our world would be a better place if we follow the seven principles:

Human Dignity * Common Good * Solidarity * Subsidiarity
* Participation * Care of Our Common Home.

Let's all play our part in remembering we are part of, and all need to care for, creation.



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.

The Human Brain and its Ability to Change

"Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Did you know that the human brain changes throughout our lives and that our experiences play a significant role in the changes which take place? Our brains are constantly looking for ways to save energy. The part of the brain known as the basal ganglia is responsible for recalling patterns and acting on them, assisting the brain to conserve energy in the process. But what happens if the patterns we find ourselves in are not particularly helpful or productive. The good news is we can re-train our brains with new, more productive patterns, but it takes time and energy and requires self-control. Self-control can strengthen our character and resolve. People high in self-control set up life with good habits and don't have to waste as much energy on effort and resistance. They achieve higher academic and work performance and have less incidents of mental health, impulse and behaviour problems. To form new habits people need to set clear goals, start small, monitor progress and build from there.

"Willpower is about being able to hold opposites. So... I can feel the craving, and at the very same time, I just make my awareness big enough to hold my commitment to make a different choice."

Kelly McGonigal, 2014

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>

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

You did a survey to find out who felt joyful and who felt mad. What pictures could you use to represent these feelings?

Some students did a survey, and they recorded their results like this:

Blue	8
Green	5

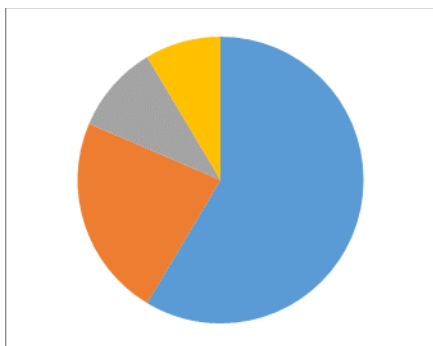
What might their survey have been about? Give more than one possibility.

What might the graph they drew look like? Be creative.

Years 4-6

The average of three numbers is 7.4. One of the numbers is 11.2. What might the other numbers be?

What might this graph be of?



Happy inquiry.

Principal News Continued

Children develop their reading skills, knowledge and understanding by reading regularly. Below are some strategies you might like to try at home to support your children's learning:

Encourage and model reading in the home

- Listen to your child read their reading material and ask specific questions related to what they have read
- Read with your child
- Share what you are reading with your child
- Read your child a bedtime story
- Talk to your child about the different situations you find yourself in whereby you are required to read texts.

Happy reading.

Transition Program for Preschool and Reception children in Preparation for 2023

This year our Transition Program for children entering Preschool and Reception in 2023 will be run over three consecutive Tuesday mornings; November 22, 29 and December 6.

While children were visiting on Tuesday November 22, parents were invited to attend a Parent Information Session that provided important information to assist with a smooth transition to St Joseph's School.

The aim of our transition visits is to ensure all children entering Preschool and Reception in 2023 feel comfortable, happy, and familiar with their surroundings leading up to the start of the 2023 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 2023 school year.

Family Fun Night

This term we will hold our Family Fun Night for the first time since 2019. The Covid 19 pandemic has prevented us from holding our Family Fun Night in recent years. The event will take place in the school grounds on Friday December 9 commencing at 5:30pm. Members of our Parents and Friends will work alongside APRIM Simon McCullough to plan for and prepare the evening. Further details about the event will be distributed to families. I encourage you to put this date into your diaries.

Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday December 14 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.

Wednesday December 14 will be the last day of the school year for our Year 6 children. All children across the school will receive their end of year school report on this day.

Teaching and Learning: Middle Primary Term 4 News

Year 1/2D – N Doyle

This term children have been reflecting on their personal learning goals to gauge their growth academically, emotionally, and spiritually this year. In Religion this term we will be looking at the bible stories, Advent, and Christmas celebrations from around the world.

In Literacy we are reading and writing book reviews, looking for the title of the book, author, illustrator and giving their book a star rating. It is great that Speech Pathologist Jessica Curnow is working with some students on Mondays supporting their speech and language development.

In Numeracy groups this term we are looking at measurement and time. Our focus on time links children's holiday homework of filling in a calendar with special days, family celebrations and birthdays to our Mathematics program. We are also looking at word problems as our Mathematics lesson warm up each day.

The gardens around the school are looking wonderful with flowers and herbs everywhere. The students are looking forward to maintaining the gardens this term.

Year 3/4H – B Higgins

In our Religion lessons this term we are learning about the liturgical season of our Catholic church. The students know that the church has several "seasons" and that each season can be associated with a colour. This new knowledge will be useful as we move from "Ordinary Time" to "Advent" in late November.

Our focus for Mathematics for the first five weeks was Measurement. The students had a variety of activities to learn how to estimate and measure using units of length, mass, volume and time.

In our literacy blocks the students have been learning to write reviews/responses to literature. We have been reading and viewing a variety of texts including short clips online, Disney feature films, poetry and songs. The class is currently making puppets and writing a script for their own puppet play. These plays will be recorded and shared with others in the class. Each student will then be able to critique the work of others using some agreed criteria.

Principal News Continued

Pupil Free Day – Friday November 18.

Last Friday our staff were involved in professional learning in the areas of NAPLAN and the Australian Curriculum. Leader of Learning Louise Moody and myself facilitated the day where staff were involved in NAPLAN Data Analysis to inform teaching and learning along with familiarising themselves with the new version of the Australian Curriculum. The learning gained from the day will enable teaching staff to implement the new Australian Curriculum from the commencement of the 2023 school year.

English Language Class for Migrant Parents

Each Thursday morning 9:00am-10:00am, our School Chaplain Michelle Dinning facilitates our English class for Parents of which English is not their first language. 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 join the English class being offered, please contact the front office.

School Band

Our school band *Peace and Harmony* will perform at the Semaphore Street Fair this Sunday 27 November at 12:30pm on the Jagoe Street stage. It would be great to see members of our school community come along on the day to support the band.

School Master Plan Update

We have now moved from the Design Development Phase to the Contract Documentation Phase of our Education and Administration Centre building project. The project will result in the demolition of the current administration building and the construction of our new Education and Administration Centre. Much of the building works will take place in 2023 with our school hall set to become our front office/administration Centre throughout the year. During the upcoming school holidays, we will move out of the current front office building into the hall in preparation for the beginning of the 2023 school year. Demolition of the current administration building is set to take place in April next year.

2023 School Board Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school board in 2023. The school board plays a valuable role in school governance. The board also allows parents to have a voice in the strategic direction of the school. Being a part of the school board can be a very fulfilling and rewarding experience. The school board meets twice a term on Mondays at 5:30pm.

If you are interested in serving on the school board in 2023, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the front office.

2023 School Finance Committee Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school finance committee in 2023. The school finance committee reports directly to the school board and plays a valuable role in school governance and transparency. The school finance committee meets the week before school board meetings (twice per term).

If you are interested in serving on the school finance committee in 2023, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the front office.

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.

Principal News Continued

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

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

2023 School Board Nomination

Please return to Shaun O'Leary

I wish to nominate _____ to serve on the St Joseph's School Board in 2023.

Nominee's Signature _____

I wish to nominate myself _____ to serve on the St Joseph's School Board in 2023.

Signature _____

School Finance Committee Nomination

Please return to Shaun O'Leary

I wish to nominate myself _____ to serve on the St Joseph's School Finance Committee in 2023.

Signature _____

APRIM News

Family Fun Night 9 December 2022



Family Fun Evening – 'St Joseph's on the Green' – Friday 9 December

Families are invited to the school grounds for 'Family Fun Evening' from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm. This evening is an opportunity for the St Joseph's School community to celebrate the '2022 School Year' together. Students will be singing songs and the School Band will be playing.

Please bring your own dinner and drinks. There will be a free BBQ sausage available until we run out. The canteen will be closed on the night, but we hope to have a tea and coffee van available.

All children must be accompanied by an adult for this event. Please join us with your blanket enjoying the Family Fun Evening presented by your children.



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

APRIM News Continued

support.

We are collecting:

Christmas related food – nonperishable quality food such as tuna, fruit, lollies, mince pies and anything that could be used in a Christmas meal. We are also collecting new adult socks for Fred's Van.

2023 Sacrament Program

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are preparing to begin our 2023 Sacrament Program group. Catholic children from Year 3 to Year 6 can nominate to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. I have checked our records and note that your child might be interested in joining our group. Can you please indicate on the form below your choices and return it to the office or email me at smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au

We have no dates available for these celebrations, but families will be advised of these as they come to hand from the parish.

Every second year at St Joseph's School, students are invited to be a part of the Sacramental preparation program.

The Sacramental journey in the school context follows on from Baptism and includes the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the program so far. If you are interested in receiving an enrolment form or would like to find out more about the Sacramental program, please fill in the slip below and return to the front office.

Kind regards,

Simon McCullough

APRIM

I would like for my child to join in the 2023 Sacramental program.

My child is already baptised: Yes No

I would like to enrol them in Reconciliation

I would like to enrol them in First Eucharist

I would like to enrol them in Confirmation

Child's Name..... Class:.....

Parent's Name..... Signature:.....

Next Mass – You are very welcome to join us in the Church at 10am on Thursday 8 December.

Our parents and volunteers are an integral part of our school community

There are a variety of ways in which parents, grandparents and carers can become involved in our school community. Involvement strengthens links between home and school whilst developing a sense of community through:

- Classroom volunteering – please chat with our teachers who will let you know about any needs or ways to become involved in children's learning
- Supporting children and staff on school excursions
- Coaching a sporting team – we can help you to start a team
- Joining the Parents & Friends initiatives and/or the School Board
- Supporting school fundraising

**Please see the Front Office prior to volunteering for assistance with the requirements listed below:

Volunteer Requirements at St Joseph's School Ottoway

St Joseph's School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold the following:

1. **a current Catholic Police Check (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events);**
2. **a current Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate;**
3. **shown evidence of being fully up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.**
4. **and have completed the volunteers application.**

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers at St Joseph's is free for our current parents and caregivers. Application forms are available at the school office.

We ask that you present your completed form with verification ID to the office, and we will submit the application on your behalf. You will then receive an email link to complete the process online. Once all cleared you will receive a Catholic Police Check ID card in the post, please bring this into the office and we will take a copy of your clearance.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanking you
Simon McCullough APRIM
smccullough@stjotfo.catholic.edu.au ph 84151100

Summary of what is needed to volunteer at SJO:

Valid Catholic Police Check

Evidence provided of up to date COVID-19 vaccination

[Responding to Abuse and Neglect Education and Care Volunteer Certificate](#)

[Completed application form](#)

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!



Parents and Friends News

We are looking at re-establishing the P&F at our school. P&F was put on hold due to COVID but now that we have a bit more certainty with regard to isolation rules we would like to see the P&F once again become a vibrant part of our school community.

P& F members are Volunteers so you will need to complete the Volunteer requirements (see above).

If you are interested in being on the P&F Committee please complete the section below and return it to the front office.

I would like to join the P&F.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

Band News

Semaphore Street Fair will be on November 27th and our students will perform at 12:30 pm.



Finance News

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS

A reminder that School Card needs to be applied for each year.

If you think you may be eligible, please complete an application urgently. Application forms are available in the office, or you can apply online.

2023 cut off date for paper applications is Friday 25th November.

Applications received after these dates will not be accepted by the Department for Education.

To automatically receive Low Income Remission, on your School Fees, you must be Approved for School Card.

Important

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

Please change our number in your Contacts.



The Apps We Use



The Skool Bag App is used to keep you up to date with what is happening within our school. This is an information tool and we recommend that all families have this App.



The Qkr! App can be used to:

- Order from the Canteen
- Pay school fees
- Pay OSHC fees
- Book into Occasional Care (limited spaces and the app is open for bookings from Noon on Tuesdays until Noon Wednesdays)

School Calendar

Term 4, 2022

November		December		December (continued)	
27	Semaphore Street Fair School Band performing @	6	Third Transition Morning 9.15 am—11.15 am	14	Year 6 Graduation & Dinner
28	School Board Dinner 6.00 pm	9	St Joseph's Family Fun Night 5.30 pm	16	Term 4 Concludes 12.30 pm
29	Second Transition Morning 9.15 am—10.45 am				