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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

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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

2020 SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS

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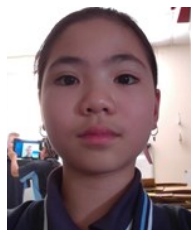
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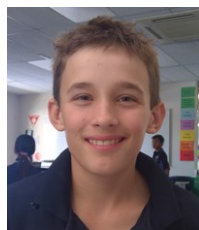
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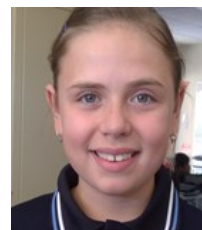
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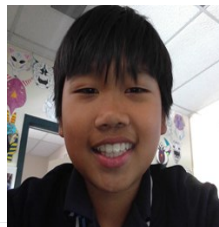
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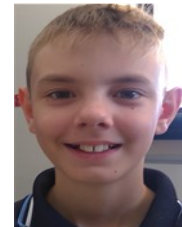
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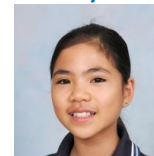
Tenison Woods

Our continuing Senior SRC members
are organising the
Clean Up Australia Day
on Friday 28 February.

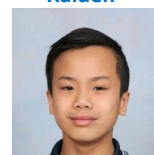
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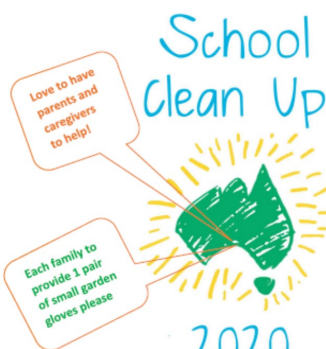
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Friday 28 February 2020

9.30 – 11.30 am

Meet in the

Tenison Woods Centre

St Joseph's SRC will lead our student community in *Clean up Australia Day 2020* by 'cleaning up' our local Council oval at Eastern Parade Reserve.

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

As I have been moving around the school each day it has been very pleasing to see that children have settled well into the new school year. In classrooms children are busy engaged in the learning opportunities presented to them, enjoying each other's company and learning together.

Making Space for Learning 2 Year Inquiry Project

Across 2020-21 our school will participate in the Making Space for Learning Inquiry Project. The aim of the inquiry is to be able to identify the behavioural and learning difficulties associated with developmental trauma and formulate an informed and effective educational response. To this end, the inquiry begins with a detailed understanding of early year's brain development. It then examines the nature and effects of developmental trauma. Lastly, it provides strategies to respond to the specific behavioural and learning difficulties associated with developmental trauma. The whole school staff were involved in the initial 2 day workshop held on January 22 and 23 this year. Feedback from staff has been positive and they are looking forward to the inquiry progressing further.

Teaching and Learning: A message from our Specialist French Teacher Janine Meyer

French will be introduced to the students as a beginner's language in 2020. Throughout Term 1, students will become more familiar with France as a country. Students will develop an appreciation that they are part of a much wider, global community and that there are both similarities and differences between life in Australia and life in France. Over the course of the year, students will also learn how to use simple French greetings, respond to these greetings and will explore important French celebrations and events. With this being an Olympic year, students will spend some time examining sporting life in France. Through these integrated topics, students will be introduced to and practice relevant French vocabulary that they will be able to build upon in the years to come.

Whole School Swimming Excursion Wednesday 5 February

Our whole school excursion to the SA Aquatics Centre on Wednesday February 5 proved to once again be a great success. The day provides an opportunity for the whole school community to spend the day together having fun and getting to know each other. Across the first 3 weeks of each school year teachers spend a lot of time developing relationships with their children and allowing their children to develop relationships with each other. This strategy forms the basis for a successful school year. Our whole school swimming excursion compliments this strategy very well.

Parent Information Evening & School Board AGM – Monday 10 February

It was encouraging to see the large number of families attend our Parent Information Evening and School Board AGM on Monday February 10. The evening provided an opportunity for parents to gain an insight into their children's classroom learning environment and routines along with hear about ways they can support their children's learning at home. In addition those who attended the School Board AGM were able to gain an insight into our school achievements for 2019 along with how the school is tracking in terms of strategic planning and finance. The partnership between home and school is a vitally important one as there is concrete evidence which states that high parent engagement supports children in their academic and social development. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on this evening. Thank you also to all our teachers for their efforts in preparing for and facilitating the evening.

Finally, a reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews will take place during Week 9 of this term. More information will be forwarded to you closer to the time.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 6 March

Our staff will be involved in professional learning as part of the Aboriginal Cultural Competence Program facilitated by Catholic Education South Australia. The program aims to increase staff expertise in teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as part of our Indigenous Education program. 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.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 26 February

As a whole school we will join the parish community in celebrating Ash Wednesday mass in St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Parents are very welcome to join us during this mass.

St Joseph's Feast Day – Thursday 19 March

As a whole school we will join the parish community in celebrating St. Joseph's Day mass in St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Parents are very welcome to join us during this mass. Further details about the day will be forwarded to you closer to the time.

Sports Day – Friday 27 March

Sports Day this year will be held at the Port Adelaide Athletics Club. It promises to be a great day full of fun for all our children. Further details will be forwarded to you closer to the time.

Catholic Identity

In the past I have used the following piece of scripture from the book of Jeremiah with staff:

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord; Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as the potter has done? Says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. (Jeremiah 18: 1-6)

This piece of scripture reminds us of how impressionable children can be and the impact our attitudes, words and actions have on the development of children in our care. Our school motto of, *In All Things Love* calls us to ensure that words spoken, decisions made and actions taken are out of love, compassion and respect for each individual.

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:

Years 4-7

How many numbers can you make using the digits 5, 6, 7 and 0? You can only use each digit once in each number. Two numbers multiply to give 45000. What might the two numbers be?

Happy inquiry

Reading is another core learning area here at St Joseph's School. Our staff use an agreed set of practices around children's development of reading skills, knowledge and understanding. These practices shape our reading programs across the 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

Principal News Continued

2020 School Board Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school board in 2020. 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. If you are interested in serving on the school board in 2020 please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the front office. Our first School Board meeting for the new school year is on Monday 24 February, 5.30 pm-7.00 pm in the school staffroom.

Why is Resilience Important?

Resilience is associated with better outcomes

Resilience has been associated with better academic performance and behaviour and, longer-term, is associated with greater life opportunities (including employment and satisfying relationships).

Children and young people need resilience to manage ups and downs

Children and young people with greater levels of resilience are better able to manage stress. When children and young people learn to navigate these stressors, it supports their mental health and wellbeing now and into the future. Ups and downs can range from everyday challenges like conflict with friends or falling off a bike. They can be emotional experiences such as loss, rejection, disappointment or humiliation. Some children and young people face serious challenges like disability, learning difficulties, family separation, family illness or death, or bullying.

Feeling optimistic and hopeful are key to mental health and wellbeing

Children and young people's resilience is enhanced when they:

- are loved by someone unconditionally
- have an older person outside the home they can talk to about problems and feelings
- are praised for doing things on their own and striving to achieve
- can count on their family being there when needed
- know someone they want to be like
- believe things will turn out all right
- have a sense of a power greater than themselves
- are willing to try new things
- feel that what they do makes a difference in how things turn out
- like themselves
- can focus on a task and stay with it
- have a sense of humour
- make goals and plans, both short and longer-term.
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To learn more about how you can help [build resilience in your children](#) visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue)

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

Skoolbag App

To keep up to date with what is happening within our school along with upcoming school events why not download the **Skoolbag App** from the App Store on your mobile phone. Once downloaded simply search St Joseph's School, Ottoway and add to your Skoolbag page. Many of our families currently use the **Skoolbag 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.

OSHC Opening Hours

Just a reminder that OSHC is now open from 6:30am each morning to accommodate families who start work early. It is hoped that continuing to open the service at 6.30 am each morning will support our working families meet both their working commitments while at the same time ensuring quality care for their children.

May God continue to bless all of our families throughout 2020.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

Overseas Born Students



If your child was born in a country other than Australia, we are required to hold copies of current VISAs. If your resident status has changed to 'citizen', it is imperative that you provide us with copies of your Australian Passport and Citizen certificate.

Every August we are required to complete an Australian Government Census which includes reporting how many students attend our school who hold VISA's to determine eligibility to attend Government funded schools.

If your VISA has expired, conditions have changed or you status is now that of an Australian citizen, please bring your original documents into the Office as a matter of priority so we can update our records. If our records are not current or we are unable to determine your eligibility to access Government funded schooling, you may be charged the overseas full fee paying student rate per year.

Tea and Coffee is set up on the barrels each Tuesday morning and we would love you to stop with us for a chat whenever you have time.



Orphanage Appeal

This term Fr Marek has asked that we support an orphanage the parish is helping in South America. We are asked to donate good quality clothes or toys, and these will be sent to the orphanage later this year. Fr Marek tells us that these kinds of goods are vital and that our support would be wonderful. A basket is in each classroom for you to leave any donations and we thank you on behalf of the parish.



Sports Day this year will be held on Friday 27 March – Sports Day @ Port Adelaide Athletics Track. Students will be required to be dropped off and picked up from the venue. We will send a letter home with all the details very soon and hope you can stay and enjoy the day.

We are looking for volunteers to help cook the barbecue and to serve lunch. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

Parents and Friends and Volunteers

At St Joseph's School relationships between parents, carers, staff and students are highly valued. Parents and staff are partners in the educational process of the children in our care.

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 parents and carers in our community are what we call Parents and Friends and we would love to support you in creating the community events and spirit that you want to have at St Joseph's. This might include fundraising, celebrations and community events or something as simple as making new families feel welcome here.

Parent volunteers also play an important role in the life of the school by supporting classroom learning, canteen, school band and excursions.

All volunteer contributions are very valuable. To become a volunteer in the school there is a short process of induction and some requirements that need to be met. We can help you meet these requirements easily and appreciate your commitment.

Some of the requirements are:

- Work Health and Safety for Volunteers
- Responding to Abuse and Neglect training for volunteers
- Protective practices for working with children

Please make a time with me. This will take around 45 minutes to complete.

Over the past two years St Joseph's parents have organised:

- barbecues at Sports Day and at the End of Year celebrations
- School Discos
- a Mid-Autumn Festival with a beautiful banquet of food
- Morning Teas
- Mother's and Father's Day events amongst many other valuable contributions
- Karaoke Night

OSHC

Welcome to 2020 in OSHC.

The school has a pupil free day on Friday 6 March 2020. OSHC will be open for this day, please make a booking if your child/children need care.

Monday 6 March is a public holiday, Adelaide Cup.

Great news - The extended morning session in OSHC **6.30-8.30am** will continue this year.

Please feel welcome to visit OSHC, where children are in a safe supervised environment. Where learning happens while children play, have fun and make new friends.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to read the OSHC Policies. Feel free to ask and I will make copies available for your perusal.

Casual attendance in OSHC

Please remember to check **your personal myGov** downloaded site and then **Centrelink for messages**. When parents use OSHC casually you won't automatically receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy). You will need to visit **your myGov website** to check for messages. Follow the prompts—confirming that you used the OSHC service. **This will occur for casual attendance of the service. Centrelink is just confirming that you are using the service.**

Please remember to make a booking when you need OSHC. All bookings can be made by ringing or messaging the OSHC mobile on 0437 863 067. If there is no answer leave a message on the service. I will call or message you back. Making a booking helps us keep the child/staff ratio in line with legislation. 24 hours' notice is necessary when cancelling a booking or charges will occur.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mieke

School Calendar

Term 1 2020

February		March		April	
24	School Board Meeting - 5.30 pm	6	Pupil Free Day – School Closed The Aboriginal Cultural Competence Program	6 to 10	Holy Week liturgies 8.45 am each morning in the Tenison Woods Centre
26	Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday 10.00 am	9	Adelaide Cup Holiday	9	Holy Thursday - 12.30 pm finish Last Day of Term 1
		17	Whole School Mass - St Patrick's Day 10.00 am	10	Good Friday - School Closed
		19	Whole School Mass - St Joseph's Day 10.00 am and Harmony Day	Term 2 2020	
		23	School Board - 5.30 pm	27	First Day of Term 2 - 8.45 am
		23 to 25	Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday is the late night		
		25	Whole School Mass - The Feast of the Annunciation 10.00 am		
		27	Sports Day - Port Adelaide Athletics Track		

Reply Slips

To: Simon McCullough

PARENTS & FRIENDS

I, _____ would like to support the 2020 Parents and Friends events or volunteer in another way.

My child / children are in: _____ (class)

I am best contacted on: _____ (phone / email)

Signature _____

To: Simon McCullough

2020 / 2021 Sacramental Program.

I, _____, parent of _____

in _____ (class) Would like my child to join in the 2020 / 2021 Sacramental Program.

Signed _____

To: Shaun O'Leary

SCHOOL BOARD 2020

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

Nominee's Signature _____

I wish to nominate myself _____ to serve on the St Joseph's School Board in 2020

Signature _____

PORTLAND
FOOTBALL CLUB



Junior Registration Day

16 Baynes Place Port Adelaide

Feb 28th 6 to 7-30pm

Grades U10, U13, U15 & U16.5



Meet the Coach



register your child on the day

Port District Football Club Girls Teams

Port District Football Club is calling all Junior girls to come and try football in 2020.

No Experience is Required. Positions are available in Junior Teams: Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s.

Since Junior girls Football began in 2018, the club has had multiple successes.

In 2018, the Under 12s and Under 16s were Premiers. In 2019, the Under 16s finished Runner Up.

For further information email: pdfcjuniors@gmail.com

St Joseph's Old Scholars Annual Mass in St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Kensington.

Sunday 29 March at 2.00 p.m

Priest: Father James Valladares.

**Most have a connection with a Josephite School/College as a teacher/old scholar and/or
with St Mary MacKillop.**

Devonshire Afternoon Tea (\$5) will follow Mass.

All very welcome. (Josie Van Pelt - 82953667)