



Newsletter

Around the classes in Term 1 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 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

Phone: (08) 8447 3223

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)



SAFE

H A P P Y



S U C C E S S F U L



Safe, Happy & Successful environments encourage learning.

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.

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.

Parent Information Evening & School Board AGM– Monday February 28.

This will involve class teachers outlining their classroom programs and procedures for 2022. This is an opportunity for parents to hear from classroom teachers about class routines and ways they can support their child at home. As a result of the current Covid 19 restrictions in place classroom teachers will conduct the information evening in one of the following ways:

- Invite families to attend a Microsoft Teams meeting
- Provide a pre-recorded video to families
- Provide a power point presentation to families.

Families will be informed by individual classroom teachers as to which format, they will use.

On the same evening I will present the AGM Report sharing our school's achievements from 2021 and our plans moving forward as a pre-recorded video to all families.

In addition, Parent/Teacher interviews will also take place during Week 9 of this term. More information will be forwarded to you closer to the time.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday March 2.

Our Year 4/5 and 5/6 classes 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 Liturgy – Friday March 18.

As a whole school we will celebrate the feast day of St Joseph (March 19) on Friday March 18. The St Joseph House Team will lead our whole school liturgy which will be followed by several fun activities. Parents are very welcome to join our celebration. Further details about the day will be forwarded to you closer to the time.

Pupil Free Day – Friday April 1.

Our staff will be involved in professional learning in the areas of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy. APRIM Simon McCullough and I will facilitate the day where staff will be involved in further developing their teaching pedagogy in these important learning areas. 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.

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 tasks which you might like to have a go at with your child/children.

This week's Mathematical tasks:

Reception to Year 3

I am thinking of a number between 10 and 100 with a single 7 in it. What might my number be?

What numbers can you make using 2, 6 and 9?

Years 4-6

How many numbers can you make using the digits 6, 7, 4 and 8? You can only use each digit once in each number.

Two numbers multiply to give 32000. 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.

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.

Canteen News

The canteen will return to being open 5 days per week in 2022 with Rebecca Allen returning to the role of fulltime canteen manager. Rebecca did a wonderful job supporting our front office staff on Tuesdays throughout 2021. This year Administration and Finance Officer Anne Turtle will take on this work.

Teaching and Learning

Our whole school Literacy and Numeracy blocks will commence next week. Literacy and Numeracy Blocks are daily non-interrupted times where teaching and learning is focused on developing children's understanding, knowledge and skills in these vital areas of school life.

I will have the pleasure of working with our Year 2, 3 and 4 children every Monday to Thursday as part of their Numeracy block. Enhancing children's learning outcomes through providing contemporary child centred and engaging learning opportunities is our focus as teachers. Being in relationship with our children and their families, working in partnership to support all learners across the school is an important part of what we do.

2021 School Board Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school board in 2022. 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. Our first school board meeting for the year is scheduled for Monday March 28.

If you are interested in serving on the school board in 2022, please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the front office.

To nominate please complete the form on the last page.

School Master Plan Update

During the recent school holidays our preschool outdoor space was completely upgraded. Work commenced in mid-December and was completed on January 31. Our preschool outdoor space includes a water trough, a mud kitchen, a cubby house, an inground trampoline and a new sand pit, all of which is incorporated into the newly created outdoor nature play space. Preschool staff are very excited by what has been created and our preschool children (and OSHC children after school) are really enjoying their new play space.

What is Resilience?

Resilience refers to the ability to manage everyday stressors and challenges. Resilience enables people to shift back along the mental health continuum towards good mental health. A child or young person's ability to be resilient can depend upon many things and can change depending upon their situation. Importantly, specific situations or events that one child or young person may find challenging, another may not.

A child or young person who is resilient might:

be optimistic

use positive self-talk for encouragement

have a positive sense of self

identify and express their feelings and thoughts

not hide away from strong feelings

have helpful, age-appropriate strategies to manage their emotions when upset

rearrange their plans to work around an unexpected situation

have a sense of agency or responsibility

keep on trying if something doesn't work out and use their judgment about when to stop

hold a sense of purpose or hope for the future

actively ask for help if they need it

feel a sense of attachment to family, their learning community and to learning.

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

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.

May God continue to bless all our families throughout 2022.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News

Hello from home!

I am writing this to you from home as we isolate, and my son Darcy recovers from Covid. It certainly makes you stop and consider how valuable the basics in life are. I am very grateful to be able to be home to look after my family and very much miss being a part of the day-to-day community at St Joseph's. It has certainly been a strange and tough time for all of us at some point. Please always let us know how we can help you and your family. We know strange and tough times come and go but the staff and community at St Joseph's are always wanting to make a difference in the lives of our students and their families. We know that children won't learn unless their wellbeing is being looked after and so, don't hesitate to let us know when we can be of help. Even if it is just to provide a kind and listening ear. We will do that at a minimum.

Mass: you are very welcome to join with us at these Parish Masses and school liturgies:

Ash Wednesday – 2/3 10am Mass and class liturgy

St Patrick's Mass – 17/3 10am

St Joseph's House group liturgy and celebration 18/3 8:45am

Annunciation Mass 25/3 10am

Parents and Friends News

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. The current situation with Covid has restricted so many of our activities but we are preparing for the future and hope to still work with you in as many ways as we can.

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 and something as simple as making new families feel welcome here.

Parent volunteers are also so important to the life of the school

- in the classroom, 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; (We can help you to organise all of these).

- Work Health and Safety induction for Volunteers
- Responding to Abuse and Neglect online training for volunteers
- Protective practices for working with children – applying for a working with children check.



5 Happiness Tips...

1. **Gratitude** – being consciously aware of what we are thankful for can actually change our happiness levels. Keeping a 'Gratitude Journal' assists this process.
2. **Give something back** – helping others can allow you to receive more than you imagine in return, like a sense of 'Joy'!
3. **Take some time out for yourself** – cultivating self-care improves our sense of wellbeing. Sit in the sun for 10 minutes in quiet prayer. Listen to music.
4. **Exercise** – a short, brisk walk will help release 'happiness' brain chemicals.
5. **Avoid regrets** – mistakes are part of the human condition – forgive yourself and try to move on.



Parentline is here for you.

Sometimes you just need to talk to someone. Sometimes you need guidance.

1300 30 1300

More information and a range of topics at

<https://www.parentline.com.au/kids>



Kids Helpline also offer comprehensive assistance to both children and adults:

1800 55 1800

OSHC News

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Welcome to OSHC.

Children are cared for in a safe supervised environment; learning happens while children play, have fun, and make new friends.

Please feel welcome to visit.

Parents will need to check their myGov app for messages.

Follow the prompts—confirming that you used the OSHC service.

This occurs as we have just had a break, and Centrelink is just confirming you are using the service.

When parents use OSHC casually you won't automatically receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy). Check and confirm Attendance.

If you do not confirm you will not receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mieke

OSHC Director

Band News



We are hopeful that Battle of the Rock Bands at Nazareth Mackillop Hall, will be on Wednesday 22nd June, Week 8 of Term 2.

To support our entry, we will begin band for current members only from week 5 of this term.

Initially this will be at lunchtime only.
Duncan

School Calendar

Term 1 2022

February		March		April	
28	Parent Information Evening/AGM Meeting Offered remotely. (Refer to communication sent via email and Skoolbag on February 21, 22 & 23)	2	Ash Wednesday	1	Pupil Free Day - Bookings are essential so please see Mieke if you need to make a booking
		14	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	14	Term 1 Concludes 12:30 pm
		18	St Joseph's Feast Day	May	
		28	School Board Meeting	3	Term 2 Starts 8.45 am

Nazareth
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A PATHWAY FOR ME

FLINDERS PARK CAMPUS (7-12)
OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH
www.nazareth.org.au

OLSH
OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE

OPEN DAY
- Sunday 20 March -

For more information and to register, please visit: olsh.catholic.edu.au

A Girls Secondary Catholic College from Years 7 - 12
496 Regency Road, Enfield SA 5085 | E: registrar@olsh.catholic.edu.au | T: 8269 8800

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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

- Mandy Duncan
- Mandy.Duncan@thesmithfamily.com.au
- 0417 060 559 or 1300 610 355

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Find out more at severplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Tear Off Slips

Please return to Shaun O'Leary

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 2022.

Signature _____



Please return to Simon McCullough

Parents & Friends

I, _____ would like to support the 2022 Parents and Friends events or volunteer in another way.

My child / children are in: _____ (class)

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