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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 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

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

SCHOOL LEADERS 2023

Jessica



Karl



HOUSE CAPTAINS 2023

Mackillop

Karl



Sierra & Serah



Kolbe

Ayliffe



Nhicole



Tenison Woods

Tung



Jessica



Joseph

Timmy



Savanah



Congratulations to our Year 6 School Leaders and House Captains!

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.

IMPORTANT

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 6th March

OSHC is available on the day—please book with Mieke, or via front office, by Thursday 2nd March, to allow time to arrange staffing.

Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kamusta, Xin Chao, Habari, Geia sou, Ciao, marHaba, Salut, Suostei, Namaste, Kudual, Ya Hello-o

It has been a lively beginning to the school year. The teachers have been spending time really getting to know your children as learners and to understand them and what they need to flourish in their learning.

This week our small group learning has resumed for the year. Each class receives support from an additional adult, either within the classroom, or in small group learning. This is one of the ways we target the learning to the needs of your child.

Last Monday we opened our school after hours for you to have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher for this year. Thank you to those of you who were able to come in.

We also conducted our Annual General Meeting of the School Board on Monday 13 February. We are glad to welcome two new members who were elected unopposed. Congratulations to Przem Mazurek and Stacey Wright.

At the Annual General Meeting we briefly discussed the building plans that will be happening this year. The Administration Building will be demolished in the April School Holidays, after which the building of our new Administration Building will begin. We are hopeful that the new building will be completed by the end of this year. We will provide more details about the building program as dates become available to us.

We have welcomed **Ms Kathleen Melis** to take each class on Thursdays for a lesson in Drama. Your children will also see Kathleen in the school on other days as she covers for teachers who are away.

We have also welcomed **Mr Mick Grandey** to act as our Work Health and Safety Coordinator while **Michael Higgie** is on Long Service Leave this term.

This week we farewell, for a short time, **Ms Louise Moody** as she prepares for the birth of her baby in about six weeks' time. Louise has spent this past four weeks assisting **Ms Trish Pfeiffer** to learn our processes and practices as Lead Learner in our school. This has enabled a smooth changeover in the support we offer your children.

On **Monday 6 March**, we have a **Pupil Free Day**. On that day, the staff will be undertaking professional training in the ICT Platform we are using for management of children's learning data. They will also be involved in professional learning in targeting teaching towards the needs of the individual learner. We thank all of you for your understanding of our need to take pupil free days for the training and development that cannot be undertaken within regular school hours.

The next Pupil Free Day will be on Friday 14th April.

Peace and blessings

Kerri

APRIM News

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

Community prayer each Friday in the school yard unless the weather stops us.
St Patrick's Mass – 17/3 10am
St Joseph's Liturgy – date to be advised

Sacrament program

As advertised last year, we are about 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. We currently have a small group, please let me know if you would like your child to join the program. I can be contacted in person or via email, smccullough@stjotfo.catholic.edu.au

Email spam

I'm told many of you have received a spam email from me with a link. I have spoken with the ICT staff at Catholic Education and there is nothing we can do but recommend that you don't click on any links. Any email from me will use your name and please don't open an email if you are concerned about the origin of an email that uses my name. Thanks everyone!

Parents & Friends News

Parents and Friends and 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

Please return to Simon McCullough

I, _____ would like to support the 2023 Parents and Friends events or volunteer in another way.

My child / children are in: _____ (class)

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

Chaplain News

FREE Online Parenting Course to assist children to manage their anxiety and become more resilient.

Details below:

<https://www.triple-p-parenting.net.au/au/free-parenting-courses/fear-less-triple-p-online/>

Why is Fear-Less Triple P Online free in Australia?



Australian Government
Department of Health and Aged Care

Delivery of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® to parents and carers of children in Australia is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the Parenting Education and Support Program.

OSHC News

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Welcome to the new year, Term 1, 2023 in OSHC.

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

Morning care in OSHC is available, **6.30-8.30am. (by appointment or permanent booking)**

You will need to make a booking for the 6.30am care.

OSHC is available each weekday 7.30-8.30am, and 3.00-6.00pm, 2.45-6.00pm Tuesday.

All parents using OSHC will need to check their myGov app to check 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. If you don't confirm you will not receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy).

When you attend OSHC Casually.

Please remember check **your myGov app** and **Centrelink for messages.**

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

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

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/educator ratio in line with legislation.

24 hours notice is necessary when cancelling a booking or charges will occur.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mieke

OSHC Director

School Calendar

Term 1, 2023

February		March		April	
22	Ash Wednesday Mass & Class Liturgy at 10 am	6	PUPIL FREE DAY	7	Good Friday (holiday)
		13	Adelaide Cup Holiday	10	Easter Monday (holiday)
		17	St Patrick's Day Mass at 10 am	13	Term 1 Finishes at 3.00 pm
		25	Annunciation Mass at 10 am		