



# 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

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



Are you ready?



Are you set?



Go!



**See you at Sport's Day, Semaphore Beach**

**Friday 5 April**

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.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

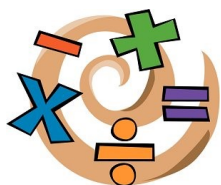
Thank you to families who were able to take part in our *Parent Teacher Interviews* last week. I'd also like to thank our teachers for their preparation work and for making themselves available. These interviews provided an opportunity for teachers to share the academic and social progress your child has made and to discuss areas of growth and future goal setting. Our *Parent Teacher Interviews* also provided an opportunity for parents to ask teachers questions related to their child's development.

If you were unable to attend last week's interviews and would like to make a time to meet with your child's class teacher, please feel free to do so by contacting them directly and arranging a time that is suitable for both of you.

### 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**

Mandy from Venus has a friend from Jupiter. Her friend has 3 eyes, 7 arms, 5 legs, 21 fingers and lots of spots. What does he or she look like? What is its name? Try to create number sentences about Mandy's friend.

#### **Years 4-7**

Clara has a puzzle to solve. Help her list all numbers that fit these clues:

I have two digits. I am less than 96. I am more than 18. The sum of my digits is not even. My ones digit is one more than my tens digit. Please show working out. Example: 34. (Working Out:  $3+4=7$ .  $34=3$  Tens and 4 Ones).

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.



### Catholic Identity: The Church Season of Lent

During Lent, our school has been participating in Project Compassion which is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal bringing thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year the theme for Project Compassion is *Hope*.

Classes have been sharing stories that reflect this year's theme. These inspiring stories tell how the lives of people around the world have changed through Australian Catholic schools like ours and their support of Caritas Australia's development programs.

This Lenten season, on Tuesday 19 March, as part of St Joseph's Day celebrations, we had a Casual Clothes Day to raise money for Project Compassion. Our Casual Clothes Day raised almost \$200.

Inserted into this week's newsletter is a copy of the Archdiocese of Adelaide Commitment Statement: *Safeguarding our Children and Young People*. The commitment statement reminds us that all children are unique, precious gifts created in the image of God. As parents we have had the opportunity to experience this deep sense of awe at the birth of our children, true gifts from God. Let us not forget how sacred each and every child is as we are called to deeply respect, value and care for all children.

### **Sports Day: Friday 5 April**

Just a reminder that tomorrow is Sports Day. This year Sports Day will be held at Semaphore Beach. It promises to be a great day full of fun for all our children. Below is a recap of details of the day sent home to all families in recent weeks.

Students will be required to be dropped off and picked up from Semaphore Beach. Staff will be available to supervise at the venue from 8.30 am with the day officially beginning at 9:30am. Staff will be waiting at the entrance of the playground in front of Semaphore Jetty to mark off students as they arrive. Pick up will be available from 2.30 pm with presentations due to take place between 2.30 pm and 2.45 pm. Students who are booked into OHSC will be transported to and from the beach by the school provided the necessary permission forms have been completed.

In order to encourage team spirit, enjoyment and participation, all students are encouraged to wear a plain t-shirt in their House Colour. Large logos or slogans are not permitted on these t-shirts. Children are to also wear their school sports shorts/skort/pants, white socks, sneakers and their school hat. Please ensure your child has applied sunscreen prior to arrival. Sunscreen will be available for re-application throughout the day.

The Parents and Friend Committee have organised a sausage sizzle for the children. Children must pre-order their sausage before the day. Children are required to bring their lunch with them to the venue unless they are purchasing a sausage. Children will be required to bring their own drink bottle on the day.

### Upcoming Events

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I would like to draw your attention to the following upcoming events:

Term 1 Concludes – 12:30pm Friday April 12.

Term 2 Commences – 8:45am Monday April 29.

8:45am Monday April 29: Easter Communal Prayer and Celebration followed by Easter Raffle Draw.

#### NAPLAN Testing

This year our Year 3 and Year 5 children will complete their NAPLAN testing online for the first time although the Year 3 Writing Test will continue to be a paper test. NAPLAN Online Testing will take place on Tuesday May 14 (Writing Test), Wednesday May 15 (Reading Test, Conventions of Language Test), Thursday May 16 (Numeracy Test) and Friday May 17 (Test Catch Up Day).

Our school has been preparing to undertake NAPLAN Testing online since July 2018. In October 2018 our current Year 3 and 5 children were involved in a short online practice test to ensure children became familiar with the online format and to make sure our school infrastructure was able to cope with the online testing. This process was repeated again last week. So far preparations have been going to plan.



Beginning in 2018, NAPLAN started a 3 year transition from paper testing to an online mode of testing. NAPLAN is a nationally developed program that provides schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia and the content of the tests are aligned to the Australian Curriculum; English and Mathematics. NAPLAN Tests are just one of many assessments conducted at our school. If you would like further information about NAPLAN online testing this year feel free to come and see me.

#### Student Representative Council

This year our school Student Representative Council (SRC) will take a lead role in driving our whole school Environmental Awareness and Sustainability focus. Already this year the SRC have discussed ways to ensure our planter boxes located around the school remain healthy during the warmer parts of the year. The school has applied for a grant through the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges School Environment Grants program and the SRC has endorsed the idea of using the grant funds to implement the Bring Back the Butterflies initiative whereby part of our front of school kerb/verge and an area of school grounds are landscaped and planted with plants that sustain the local environment by flowering and attracting butterflies, being easy to care for and creating an aesthetically pleasing area to look at and engage in.

#### Term 3 Reception Intake

St. Joseph's School will have a Reception intake at the start of Term 3 this year. Our Term 3 new Receptions will join our current R/1 classes. Places are limited, therefore if you would like your child to start Reception in Term 3 please make a time to have an enrolment interview with me. Alternatively you may know other families interested in enrolling their child/ren at our school.

Just a reminder that the criteria for starting Reception on the first day of school in Term 3 is that a child will have turned 5 between May 1 and October 31 in that year.

The criteria for starting Reception on the first day of school in Term 1 continues to be that a child will have turned 5 on or before April 30 in that year.

Children whose birthday falls between November 1 and December 31 are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

#### Volunteer Induction and RAN Training Requirements

Earlier this term our school conducted a Volunteer Induction Workshop for those new to the school and those who have not completed the training in the past.

The workshop equips our school volunteers with the necessary background knowledge of the school and workplace safety protocols to ensure the safety of volunteers, children and staff while engaging in volunteer activities and in the event of an emergency. The workshop also included Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) Training. We are very keen to ensure all our volunteers receive this valuable training.

Parents, caregivers and family members who have volunteered their time within the school and who have not completed the training are asked to make an appointment with our APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission) Simon McCullough to arrange a suitable time to complete the training.

May God's love continue to be with us during this season of Lent.

Working in partnership with you

**Shaun O'Leary**



You are invited to join us each morning for our Holy Week and Easter Community Prayers. Each class is leading a prayer at 8.45am on the following days.

- Monday 8 April – R/1
- Tuesday 9 April – 2/3
- Wednesday 10 April – 3/4
- Thursday 11 April – 4/5 and 6
- Friday 12 April – 4/5 and 6

Monday 29 April – Easter Prayer and following that, the Easter Raffle will be drawn.

Please join with us as often as you are able. Prayers will be held outside or in the Tenison Woods Centre.

**Parents Initiatives in Education Grant**

Last year Miriam helped us to successfully obtain a grant from The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities SA. This grant is to be used to support the parents in our community with their crucial role as parents. The grant could be used in a variety of ways such as: support for completing forms and documents e.g the NDIS, educational forums facilitated by experts following themes such as 'How to support my child with Autism', strategies for keeping the family home, cyber safe and many other themes. Please make a suggestion below as to how you would like to see this grant used and return to me in the office by Tuesday 9 April.



**Easter Raffle**

We are asking for any Easter prize donations in preparation for our annual Easter Raffle and thank you for all of the generous donations received. Please return any sold raffle books by the end of this term. The raffle will be drawn after our Easter Community Prayer on Monday 29 April at 8.45 am. Thanks Allison and Mary for preparing the raffle for us.

**Vinnies 40 Days 40 Items**

You will see St Vincent De Paul clothing and goods bins placed around the school. We are asked during the 40 days of Lent to look at what we don't need that may be of help to others such as good quality clothes and toys. Thankyou for your thoughtful generosity. The bins will be returned to Vinnies at the end of Lent.



**Tea and Coffee**

Please join us near the barrels each Tuesday morning for a chat and a tea or coffee.

**Sports Day BBQ**

Chris Harakos has very kindly offered to cook our Sports Day Barbecue for us and there is a group of parents and staff who have offered their help to serve lunch. We are very grateful for this fantastic support. Please pre-order any sausages and drinks as none will be sold on the day.



**Mother's Day**

Thanks to Bronwyn, Karina, Jane and Kylie who have recently ordered a range of Mother's day gifts for the children to buy. We will hold a Mother's Day stall in Week 2 of next term and we invite all Mother's and Carer's to a morning tea which will follow on from our Friday Community Prayer on May 10 at 8.45 am. More to come soon.

**Parents and Friends**

We now have many different groups of parents contributing to the life of our school community. Plans are underway for social events to be held throughout the year. We always have fantastic support with photography, other parents are joining in with excursions and classroom events which is fantastic. We value all contributions of your time, skills and support. While there is not a single group but many, we are seeing people help out wherever they can and hope that more from our parent community will do the same as we grow the spirit and friendships in our wonderful school.

Working in Partnership  
**Simon McCullough**

To : **Simon McCullough**  
**St Joseph's School**

PIE Grant Survey 2019

I would like to see this grant used to support parents with

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\_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cake & Biscuit Stall

A HUGE thank you to the families who supported this on Tuesday. The Library Committee were very happy with the outcome - I can't tell you the amount yet, as there are still some items for sale at lunch time. It was very successful - Perhaps read a recipe book in the holidays & try out something new! Happy Reading - Visit your local Library for holiday activities!



## Entertainment Book

### St Joseph's School - Ottoway is fundraising with Entertainment!

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*– Zana B. Sydney*

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- Chevalier Academic
- Xavier Performing Arts
- Roncalli Parishioner
- St Cecilia Instrumental

Applications for 2020 close 29 April, 2019  
For more information, visit:  
[www.olsl.catholic.edu.au/node/50](http://www.olsl.catholic.edu.au/node/50)

**Kalaivani Mahalingam**  
2019 Chevalier Academic Scholarship recipient

A Girls Secondary Catholic College from Year 7 - 12  
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## School Holiday Sessions

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Suitable for all ages and levels

**Places are limited so book now!**

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# Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

## Commitment Statement

### Safeguarding Our Children and Young People

“ Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’ Matthew 19:14 ”

Created in the image of God, all children and young people are our most precious and sacred citizens with a voice that must be heard, respected and valued. Accordingly, we, the people of God in the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of our children and young people.

We support the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as the foundation for child protection and believe that all children and young people have the right to be safe, happy and healthy. We are committed to being an inclusive, culturally diverse and resilient Church where God’s children can flourish.

Our Church strives to enable and empower children and young people to be part of the Kingdom of God as a safe and secure home. We are committed to a shared responsibility, a culture of safety which is underpinned by robust, responsive and effective policy and procedures.

As we are reminded by Pope Francis, a future in which children are secure is a future where “every child is held in God’s infinite tenderness and God is present in each of their lives”.

