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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

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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

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

When we first came we met Alan from KESAB. He told us he would teach us how to make our own compost. First he told us that you can buy a bin in which you put food scraps in. He also said if you put one bucket of greens you have to put one bucket of browns or news paper. Then we ripped some news paper side ways to learn and he also told us we need to water the compost for moisture. We then had a go at creating our own compost near the playground in a special bin.



We acknowledge that our school is on Kaurana country. We recognise and respect the Kaurana people as the continuing custodians of the Adelaide Plains and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Principal News

Next Tuesday brings to an end the winter season with spring just around the corner. Like many of you I am looking forward to the warmer weather, increased sunshine and more daylight hours each day.

Catholic identity

In the last newsletter I provided the school community with some background information on our school Josephite Tradition. Below is further information on what it means for us here at St Joseph's to be a part of the Josephite Tradition.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means that as a community everyone is treated with dignity. Mary MacKillop believed that God, in Jesus, called her and the sisters of St Joseph to show reverence for the dignity of all people. Mary MacKillop's reverence for all people meant she was incapable of 'giving up' on anyone.

Today in our school community, we support families by reducing fees if required, helping with uniforms and providing breakfast for children whose families may be experiencing financial difficulties. In 2020 and 2021 a number of our families have received fee remissions as a result of a loss of income due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means that as a community we most support the people who are poor and marginalized.

For Mary MacKillop those who were the most 'Needy' in our world come first. Mary MacKillop and the Sisters established "bush schools" and later as needs arose, orphanages, refuges, and other services for those most vulnerable in the society of their time. Mary MacKillop was an extraordinary woman of action and her response was a practical one. Small acts upon small acts make a big difference over time.

Today in our school community, we teach children to reach out and support those in need. To grow into people who have a sense of the common good in our society. We teach them that we use our gifts and talents to raise money to support people who are poor, people who are less fortunate. We do this through Project Compassion, St Vincent De Paul and Walk a Mile in My Boots to name a few.

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

A basketballer scored 10 points in two games. What might her scores in each of the games be? Record as many possibilities as you can.

The difference between two numbers is 4. What might the two numbers be? Record as many possibilities as you can.

Years 4-6

$7\square4 - \square\square6 = 58$. Work out as many possible answers for this subtraction number sentence as you can.

A problem for $8 \div 2$ is: There are 8 tennis players. How many teams of 2 are there? Make up two different types of word problems for $48 \div 4$.

Happy inquiry.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year a large number of our children have once again taken up the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge closes on Friday September 3 with children needing to have their Premier's Reading Challenge *Student Reading Record* forms handed into the front office by Wednesday September 1.

Happy reading.

Pupil Free Day Friday September 10

Friday September 10 will be a Pupil Free Day. On this day all staff will be involved in curriculum development and strategic planning in the areas of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy. OSHC will be available on the day. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Mieke or the Front Office.

School Climate Surveys

During Term 3 of each year we survey our school community to gauge how things are going for families, children and staff in terms of their current experience of school life at St Joseph's. This term we are encouraging all parents and staff to participate in two surveys both facilitated by Curtin University Western Australia.

The Living Learning Leading parent online survey provides families with an opportunity to inform the school of how things are going for them at the moment. Staff and children have been involved in a similar survey. An information flier was sent home to all families on Monday July 19 with details of how to access this online survey. The Living Learning Leading parent online survey opened on Monday July 19 and closed on Friday August 20.

Principal News Continued

The second survey is still open and is a continuation of our partnership with Professor Jill Aldridge from Curtin University who is supporting us in *Developing Leadership Capacity in School Improvement* through surveying the school community. The School Improvement focus involves collecting and analysing data from the school community (students, parents and staff) to identify plans for future actions. This survey is offered to parents and carers in paper/hard copy format in both English and Vietnamese. As a school we value your feedback and will endeavour to respond to the information provided. The feedback St Joseph's School will be provided with by Curtin University (who will analyse survey data) will be in the form of graph based feedback which will include data submitted by all parents. The feedback will not include data of individual parents. It is data around your impressions of the school climate that we are seeking. The survey response format will require parents to consider how often each statement takes place in terms of; *Almost Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Often and Almost Always*. The Parents and Carers Survey (PaCS) opened on Monday July 26 and closes on Friday August 27. In a similar way staff have participated in the *School Organisational Climate Survey* and children have completed the Classroom Climate Questionnaire.

Supporting Healthy Eating in the Home and School

The Australian Dietary Guidelines recommend that we all increase our intake of fruit and vegetables and reduce foods high in sugar, salt and fat. However, changing lifestyles and increased access to processed foods mean many children and young people fail to meet these recommendations. Less than 1% of children and young people aged two to 18 years consume the recommended amount of vegetables each day. Children and young people need support to learn about nutrition and to establish lifelong healthy eating habits.

While much of this work is done by families at home, early learning services and schools also play a role in promoting healthy eating to help support children and young people's development and learning.

Below is an outline of strategies we use here at school and you can use at home to promote healthy eating:

- make mealtimes as relaxed and comfortable as possible, and sit and eat with your children
 - talk positively about the healthy foods your children are eating
 - encourage children to drink water throughout the day
 - be a good role model with the foods you eat
 - provide opportunities for cooking or food preparation (for example making a fruit salad)
 - plant a vegetable garden with greens children can pick and eat (such as herbs and lettuce)
 - offer healthy foods in the school canteen
 - incorporate breaks for students to eat fruit and vegetables in class
 - allow students to bring water bottles into the classroom
 - be a positive role model and pack your own healthy food
- use non-food rewards (pencils, stickers) instead of sweet treats.

To learn more about how you can support the Wellbeing of your child visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue)

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

Kiss and Drop Zone

A reminder that the school *Kiss and Drop Zone* along Rosewater Terrace is not a place to park your car if you need to enter the school grounds as this holds up all incoming and outgoing traffic. It also leads to children exiting their cars on Rosewater Terrace and having to manoeuvre between traffic, raising safety concerns.

If you need to come into the school grounds parking is available along Rosewater Terrace and on Ina Avenue. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this important safety matter.

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 of our families throughout Term 3.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News

Sacramental Program

As we continue our preparation with the children in school, we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament, of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The details for Confirmation are:

Celebrant: Vicar General, Father Philip Marshall

Date: 23/10/2021 Time: 10.00am

Number of Candidates: 11

Ceremony Type: Rite of Confirmation Outside Mass

Location: St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Ottoway

Liturgy and Mass

The Kolbe house team prepared a beautiful whole school liturgy to celebrate St Maximilian Kolbe on Friday 13th of August. A liturgy to celebrate the life of Julian Tenison Woods will be prepared the by Tenison Woods house team. Our next Mass is not until All Saints day on the 1st of November. We look forward to the time when we can invite you to join with us again.

Father's Day

Usually, we like to organise a small community event such as a breakfast, morning tea or a liturgy to celebrate Mother's and Father's Day. This year it seems unlikely we will be able to invite parents to celebrate with us in the school grounds. We will let you know what is possible over the next week.

Sports News

On Wednesday the 18th of August, 32 students from years 3-6 travelled into to the Adelaide Parklands to represent St Joseph's Ottoway in the annual Catholic school's cross-country race. With over 50 schools in attendance and 24 races it was a very busy day. The cross-country track which was 2km through dirt, grass, footpaths and rocks took its toll on some of the students. The children from St Joseph's Ottoway did a fantastic job at completing the course and representing the school. In the Year 6 boys C division our school captain Henry Dam ran a fantastic race and was first past the finish line. Congratulations Henry on such a wonderful achievement.



Chaplain News



Family Wellbeing

<https://www.centacare.org.au>

Centacare Catholic Family Services is a Catholic Welfare organisation delivering a range of services across the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide. Please refer to the website for further details.

School Calendar

Term 3 2021

August

September

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Pupil Free Day. OSHC available. Please see Mieke or front office to make booking.