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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

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

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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

CAMP 2021



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.

We are fast approaching the halfway point of Term 4 in what has been another busy and challenging year. Children and teachers are busy working hard to ensure all areas of the curriculum are covered in preparation for end of year assessments and report writing. Our children have done a fantastic job this year to remain focused on their learning and to enjoy being children, allowing government authorities and health officials to once again take care of our society's response to the Covid 19 pandemic. I'd also like to acknowledge the respect our families have shown towards the school by adhering to social distancing guidelines put in place by South Australia Health. It is my hope in 2022 that restrictions will be significantly eased and we can resume many of our community building events with parents and carers in attendance.

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

I drew a shape with 4 sides. What might my shape look like?

I drew a picture using only triangles and squares. What might my picture have looked like?

Years 4-6

The Year 5 students said they were going to mark out a soccer pitch. Write down the instructions they need to follow.

A shape has at least two sides 5cm long and at least two sides 10cm long. One angle is 90 degrees, one angle is less, but the rest are more. What might the shape look like?

Happy inquiry.

Reading is another 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.

Year 5-6 School Camp

Our Year 5 and 6 school camp to the Wirraway camp site, Strathalbyn in Week 2 of this term proved to be a great success. Our children enjoyed horse riding and grooming, sheep herding, shelter building and archery amongst other activities. The experience of living away from home for a few days is an invaluable one for children of this age. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Jane Smith, Matt Pick, Simon McCullough and Louise Moody for all their efforts in preparing for camp and looking after our children while on camp.

Transition Program for Preschool and Reception children in Preparation for 2022

This year our Transition Program for children entering Preschool and Reception in 2022 will be run over three consecutive Tuesday mornings; November 16, 23 and 30.

While children are visiting on Tuesday November 16, parents have been invited to attend a Parent Information Session that will provide important information to assist with a smooth transition to St Joseph's School.

The aim of our transition visits is to ensure all children entering Preschool and Reception in 2022 feel comfortable, happy and familiar with their surroundings leading up to the start of the 2022 school year. The transition visits also provide staff with the opportunity to get to know each child and begin putting in place support programs in preparation for the 2022 school year.

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday December 7 our Year 6 children will celebrate the completion of their primary years schooling with our Year 6 Graduation Liturgy which will take place in the school hall at 6:00pm. Following the Graduation Liturgy, the children will travel by bus to and from the Watermark Hotel, Glenelg to celebrate their Year 6 Graduation Dinner together. Further details surrounding the evening will be provided to families closer to the

time.

Wednesday December 8 will be the last day of the school year for our Year 6 children. All children across the school will receive their end of year school report on this day.

Wearing of Masks when Onsite

A friendly reminder of the need to wear a mask when entering the school grounds. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

What is Optimism?

Optimism is to have an expectation, belief or faith that things will turn out well, while acknowledging and paying close attention to solving problems along the way. Optimism is a way of interpreting future events. When we interpret negative experiences as external to ourselves, caused by specific and changing factors, we are more likely to have an optimistic outlook. Optimism can be learnt through attending to how people think about events. Research shows that optimistic people:

- Live longer and have better overall health.

- Cope with adverse stressors in more adaptive ways.

- Persist longer on difficult tasks and perform better in school and work.

- Are less likely to experience mental health problems such as anger issues, depression, anxiety and substance abuse.

- Are less passive and fatalistic in their thinking.

In summary I would like to quote Lisa Hayes;

"Be careful how you are talking to yourself because you are listening."

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.

I hope you have a positive end to the working week and an enjoyable weekend.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

Sacramental Program

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

Celebrant: Fr Marek Ptak

When: Sunday 28th November at the 8:30am Parish Mass

Location: St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Ottoway

Mass

Some classes will be attending the Immaculate Conception Mass on Wednesday 8th December at 10am in the Church. You are always welcome to join us there. Masks must be worn and please check in at the door.

Whole School Zoo excursion in 2022

We have a whole school excursion booked on Friday 11th February 2022. This is in place of the swimming excursion. If you would like to volunteer to help in your child's class on the day there is a volunteer process we need to complete together. Please let me know if you are interested in being a Zoo volunteer or a volunteer in the school by phone, in person or by emailing me – smccullough@stjotito.catholic.edu.au

Thanks for your great support.



Confirmation

We would like to congratulate the Children below on their confirmation.

Gerard , Deng, Marco, Athan, Leannah, Nhicole, Minh—Thu, Karl, Xyrus, Jordan, Timmy and Adriel



School Calendar

Term 4 2021

November		December	
10	Children University Graduation Ceremony	7	Year 6 graduation
16	Transition Preschool and Reception / Parent information session	8	Student reports sent Home / Year 6 Last day
23	Transition Preschool and Reception	10	Term 4 Concludes 12:30pm
30	Transition Preschool and Reception		



Free to attend

positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers
Details & **UPDATED DATES** below

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your school

Modbury, SA
UPDATED DATES!
3rd & 4th November, 2021
9.30am - 2.30pm

Location:

Sfera's Park Suites & Convention Centre
191 Reservoir Rd
Modbury SA 5091



Interpreters available

Morning tea and a light lunch are provided

To register, visit



positivepartnerships.com.au OR,

contact Jo Zeitz

jzeitz@autismspectrum.org.au



For help, call:

1300 881 971

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Supporting Children Through Change and Uncertainty – free online seminar for Parents and Carers

The last few years has brought many changes and losses for children, young people, and families all around Australia. There are so many questions about the impacts of the pandemic, natural disasters, and life changes such as bereavement, family separation and relocation - and how we can best support the children and young people in our lives.

Seasons for Growth, through The MacKillop Institute, are offering a free online seminar for parents and carers Tuesday 16 November 2021 7-8pm (UTC+11) and will address how to support children and young people in sharing their experiences of change and loss in safe and creative ways, understand and attend to their feelings, and learn skills for adapting and recovering.

Registration for this seminar can be made via this link:

[Supporting Children Through Change & Uncertainty - General Tickets | TryBooking Australia](#)