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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

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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

Whole School Multicultural Celebration Day

Last Wednesday the whole school joined together for our end of year Celebration. It was lovely to see all students participate in wearing their Multicultural dress or Christmas outfits. It was beautiful to begin in Liturgy with each class sharing a piece of the Christmas story.

This was followed by Sports rotations. A big Thank you to Mr McCarthy for organising these activities. The children enjoyed being active and playing together. It was lots of fun.

Thank you to Mr McCullough and Tom Chandler for cooking the sausages for our shared lunch. They were delicious.

After Lunch the Celebrations continued with the annual Talent Show. A HUGE Thankyou to Ms Smith for all her time put into making this a great show each and every year. Thank you to everyone who shared their talents. It was a fabulous Day.

The 2/3 Class performing We Three Kings of Orient Are with their beautiful voices and shining their Stars of Wonder.



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.

Principal News

It's hard to believe that the 2021 school year is rapidly coming to an end. It has certainly been another year full of many challenges, surprises, twists and turns as we have navigated through the Covid 19 pandemic for the second year running.

To all our parents and carers, I would like to say thank you for your cooperation in working with myself and our school staff this year, once again respecting Covid 19 restrictions put in place and for adhering to social distancing protocols where possible. Your support has been greatly appreciated and has gone a long way towards reducing the anxiety levels of children and staff in these unprecedented times.

When I reflect back on the year, I have fond memories of the following experiences our children have been involved in outside of their day-to-day learning; excursions, incursions, Sports Day, sports carnivals, masses, liturgies, STEM Open Day, St Joseph's Feast Day, Tri-skills Gymnastics, Book Week, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day, Multicultural Advent & Christmas Fun Day, Graduation, assemblies and fund raisers, just to name a few.

As we find ourselves in the Advent season, a time for preparation and waiting, there is an opportunity, regardless of our age, to step back and to evaluate the priorities which we live out in our daily choices. There is a chance to take stock and feel the gentle 'nudging' of the Spirit. So, as Christmas approaches, amidst the busyness of shopping and organisation, perhaps there will be an opportunity to be attentive to the inner voice, the voice which calls us to see at this time of the year the newborn child, a countercultural message to reorder our priorities, to put people, not things first and to give first call to love.

In the words of Pope Francis:

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."

Catholic Identity

In the Catholic Church, the season of Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin word *advenio*, which means "to come to," and refers to the coming of Jesus. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Jesus in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time. At St Joseph's School we have the opportunity to invite Jesus into our lives through our interactions with others, the relationships we build and through our school celebrations and community building events.

Following Advent, we enter the season of Christmas, the shortest of all church seasons. Christmas is the season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before.

As Catholics we believe we are made in the image of God. This makes each of us unique and special just the way we are. The festive season provides an opportunity to pause, reflect and value how important those closest to us are in our lives. Spending quality time together at Christmas is what it is all about.

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

What numbers can you make using the digits 5, 6 and 8?

A two digit number contains exactly one 4. What might the number be?

Years 4-6

Represent 268 in as many different ways as you can?

Someone has written a number in words but the words have been cut up. The words and symbols used are:

Two	four	hundred	eight
Five	and	.	
Seventy	,		thousand

What might the original number be?

Happy inquiry.

Children develop their reading skills, knowledge and understanding by reading regularly. Below are some strategies you might like to try at home to support your children's learning:

Principal News Continued

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.

Transition Program for Preschool and Reception children in Preparation for 2022

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

While children were visiting on Tuesday November 16, parents were invited to attend a Parent Information Session that provided 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.

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 has done a wonderful job supporting our front office staff on Tuesdays this year. In 2022 Finance Officer Anne Turtle will take on the work Rebecca has been undertaking on Tuesdays.

Farewell to Mr McCarthy

We thank and farewell Mr James McCarthy who has won a full time Physical Education teaching position at Stella Maris Catholic School, Seacombe Gardens. James has done a wonderful job leading the expansion of the physical education opportunities provided to our children through weekly physical education specialist lessons, our involvement in Catholic Schools sporting carnivals and organising outside facilitators to come into the school and take classes for additional physical education sessions as part of the Sporting Schools program. We wish James and his family all the best in the future.

Whole School Transition in Preparation for 2022

On Tuesday December 7 between 1:00pm and 1:30pm all children will visit their 2022 class teacher and classroom in preparation for the 2022 school year. This provides an opportunity for children to familiarise themselves with the classroom environment, classroom teacher and children they will be spending the 2022 school year with.

School Fees

Our school fees in 2022 will remain unchanged.

St Joseph's School Ottoway 2022 Fees

	Full School Fee	Concession School Fee	Preschool Fee
1 st Child	\$1490	\$990	\$690
2 nd Child	\$990	\$750	
3 rd Child	\$750	\$500	
4 th Child	\$0	\$0	

*Families are encouraged to speak to Finance officer Anne Turtle about concession fee eligibility.

2022 Teaching Staff and Class Structures

I have completed the process of putting together class structures and teaching roles for the 2022 school year. Teachers have completed the process of placing children into classes in preparation for 2022. Children will find out the class they are in on Tuesday December 7 as part of our Whole School Transition in preparation for the 2022 school year.

Below is an outline of our 2022 teaching staff structure:

Shaun O'Leary: Principal, Leader of Teaching and Learning: Numeracy and STEM

Simon McCullough: Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (0.6), Administration (0.2), Literacy Cover (0.2)

Louise Moody: Leader of Teaching and Learning: English as Additional Language, Literacy, Inclusive Education Coordinator (0.8)

Preschool Teachers: Catherine Crosbie (0.6) and Melissa Strudwick (0.6)

R/1 Classroom Teacher: Danielle Librandi

R/1 Classroom Teacher: Jennifer Craig

1/2 Classroom Teacher: Anna Huynh (Term 1), Natalie Doyle (Terms 2-4)

3/4 Classroom Teacher Ben Higgins

4/5 Classroom Teacher Matt Pick

5/6 Classroom Teacher Jane Smith

Janine Myer: Specialist French Teacher (0.2)

Janine Myer: Specialist Music/Drama Teacher (0.2)

Daniel Nguyen: Specialist Physical Education Teacher (0.2).

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who have supported our children and school in so many different ways throughout 2021. There is strong research that indicates that student learning outcomes improve when families are engaged and working closely with schools. Without the support of our volunteers, we simply would not be able to offer the many different opportunities for our children. The ongoing efforts of our volunteers is greatly appreciated.

Important Dates

Term 4 concludes 12:30pm Friday December 10.

Term 1 commences 8:45am Monday January 31.

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 wish all of our families an enjoyable end to the school year, a safe summer break and hope Christmas is a joyful celebration of Jesus' birth and ongoing presence in our lives.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News

Sacramental Program

Congratulations to Leannah, Jordan, Nhicole, Adriel, Gerard, Xyrus, Raphael, Karl, Athan and Marco who celebrated their First Communion at St Maximilian Kolbe Church on the weekend.

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

A letter has been sent home about our whole school excursion to the Adelaide Zoo. It is 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.



To be a volunteer you need to have a Working with Children Check and have completed the updated RAN training either online through PLINK or with the school APRIM.

Thanks for your great support.

OSHC News

We expect to have the Government approved electronic sign in and out system in place for the start of the 2022 school year.

Instructions on how this will work and the impact on families will be sent out to all Before and After School Care families during the holidays, in readiness for the start of the year.

This will be a new experience for most of us. Those families that use Vacation Care at other schools will no doubt already be familiar with the process.

School Calendar			
Term 4, 2021/Term 1, 2022			
December		January	
7	Year 6 graduation	31	Term 1 Commences 8.45 am
8		February	
Student reports sent Home / Year 6 Last day		11	Whole School Excursion to Adelaide Zoo
10	Term 4 Concludes 12:30 pm	14	Parent Information Evening and School Board AGM
		March	
		28, 29,	Parent—Teacher Interviews

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

AGES 5Y-14Y | All Sessions **9:15-11:15am**



WEEK 1

Monday	13 Dec	Learn to Skate
Wednesday	15 Dec	Nerf Wars
Friday	17 Dec	Aqua Inflatables

WEEK 2/3 Christmas and New Year Break

WEEK 4

Wednesday	5 Jan	Nerf Wars
Friday	7 Jan	Active Kids <i>Participate in Yoga and all your favourite tag and group games.</i>

WEEK 5

Monday	10 Jan	Ninja Warrior
Wednesday	12 Jan	Learn to Skate
Friday	14 Jan	Aqua Inflatables

WEEK 6

Monday	17 Jan	Multi-Sport <i>Learn the fundamentals of Athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Dodgeball and Volleyball</i>
Wednesday	19 Jan	Learn to Skate
Friday	21 Jan	Soccer Life Mastery Clinic

WEEK 7

Monday	24 Jan	Nerf Wars
Thursday	27 Jan	Einstein The Magic Bookworm

A holiday program to keep the young ones entertained during their time off. A mixture of activities such as skating, water fun and much more! Sessions run on weekdays.

\$10 SESSIONS

QUICK BOOK



For the full schedule visit:
parksrsc.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-fun

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