



Week 1 Term 2 2023

Important Dates

Parent/Student/Teacher Confirmation
 Interview (Students Celebration - 7pm
 finish at 1:00pm) Tuesday 9 May
 Monday 8 May

Liturgy - Yr. 2s at

Confirmation
 Celebration - 7pm
 Wednesday 10 May

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Stall
 for Rec-6
 Thursday 11 May

Assembly at 9am -

10:15am
Friday 12 May

Sunday 14 May

Yr. 1s
Thursday 18 May

Italian and
Multicultural Day
Friday 19 May

'Our Lady Help of
Christians' Mass -
Yr. 3-6s at 9:15am
Wednesday 24 May

P&F Movie Night at
Regal Theatre at
6:30pm
Friday 26 May

From the Principal

How to best support children

Parents and caregivers can support their children in many ways. I provide some strategies (which you are probably aware of already), that I believe can have meaningful impact.

- Show unconditional love and support: Children need to feel loved and accepted unconditionally. Supporting our children by creating a safe and nurturing environment where they feel valued and appreciated is key.
- Encourage and support their interests: Children have unique talents and interests. Supporting your children by encouraging them to pursue their passions is important. This can involve providing opportunities for them to explore their interests and offering positive feedback and encouragement.
- Foster independence and responsibility: Teaching independence and responsibility for our actions (sometimes missing in today's society), is an essential quality. This can involve giving children age-appropriate tasks and responsibilities, allowing them to make decisions, and providing guidance and feedback when necessary.
- Communicate openly and listen actively: We know that effective communication is essential for building strong relationships. We can support our children by listening actively, showing empathy, and communicating openly and honestly.
- Model positive behaviours: Children learn by example, hence why the need for good role-models. Support your children by modelling positive behaviours such as kindness, respect, a sound work ethic and responsibility.
- Provide educational opportunities: You can support your children's learning by providing educational opportunities such as reading together, visiting museums or other cultural institutions, and enrolling them in extracurricular activities.

Overall, by providing a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment, encouraging your children's interests, fostering independence and responsibility, communicating openly and listening actively, modelling positive behaviours, and providing educational opportunities are the central ingredients when it comes to supporting our children.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews, Week 2 – early finish (1pm) on Monday 8 May

As has been previously communicated, Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews are taking place during Week 2, including the early finish for students on Monday 8 May, at 1:00pm. Interviews on this day will commence at 1:30pm.

If you are unable to collect your child/ren early on Monday 8 May, any students remaining at school will be supervised by school staff, until 3:00pm, with usual pick-up procedures in place. OSHC will also be available as per typical routine. If you are picking-up your child at 1:00pm next Monday 8 May, please collect your child from their classroom, where your child's class teacher will sign them out for the day.

A final reminder, that if you are yet to book in a time for the Interviews, please note that the online booking system closes on Friday 5

May at 12:00pm.

Colour Blast

What a colourful and great day we experienced on the final day of Term One, for our school's Colour Blast. The weather was in our favour, and a successful day took place. Approximately \$14,000 (net figure) of fundraising was achieved. Thank you to the P&F, and especially Skye Campbell-Hand for her work involved to organise this day for the school.

New Benches and Mathematics Resources

As a result of the fundraising efforts from the Colour Blast, we have ordered new outdoor benches for students, as well as additional Mathematics resources (to be stored in individual classrooms) – all to be arriving shortly.

School Uniform, Term Two

Term Two is when the school Winter Uniform is worn. We always have a two-week transition period. However, by the start of Week 3 all students need to be wearing the Winter Uniform. If you are unsure of any school uniform requirements, please speak with your child's class teacher, or the Front Office.

Being punctual for the start of school

Being on time counts – for work, appointments, trainings/games, events, etc. For school, it is no different. Having your child arrive at school on time each day ensures a smooth transition into the classroom and supports your son or daughter in their readiness for the day ahead.

School Gates

A reminder that the Tarcoma Avenue gate is locked from 9:30am until 2:30pm each day (for the safety of the students). If coming on to the school site during this time, please access the Marian Road or Portrush Road gate.

COVID update

Families are recommended to notify the school if their child returns a positive COVID-19 test.

Parking, road safety and driver etiquette

As communicated on several occasions, please demonstrate consideration, patience, and follow the road and parking regulations (i.e., travelling slowly around the school; not parking across driveways, double-parking, etc.).

As outlined previously, parking a little further away from the school, where you will not only find it easier to locate a parking space, but also opportunity for a short brisk walk with your child/ren, is well worth considering.

Moreover, a prompt departure after drop-off and pick-up is encouraged, as it assists with less vehicles on the road and opens up parking opportunities for others.

Mother's Day, Sunday 14 May

I wish all the mums, carers, grandmothers and significant women in our community a splendid Mother's Day for next Sunday 14 May. Hoping you are able to share quality time with your loved ones. A big anticipated thank you to the Parents and Friends who are organising the Mother's Day Stall for the community next week.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis



Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

On Tuesday and Wednesday night next week, 37 of our Year 4 students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This is a special and significant celebration in their faith journey. The ceremony will be presided over by Vicar General Fr Dean Martin and Parish Priest Fr Michael Romeo.

I wish to congratulate the students who will receive this sacrament and wish them well as they continue their faith journey. They will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist at a Parish Mass sometime in September.

Let us all pray for the children and their families as they celebrate and share in this joyous day.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks for accepting us into your kingdom through holy baptism. We pray that you show the paths to faith to our confirmation candidates, so that they daily might turn to you, and throughout their lives thus learn to know your son Jesus Christ.

Class Masses/Liturgies

Throughout Term Two, there will be many opportunities for us to gather as a class to come together in faith to celebrate the Mass. Please see the timetable below outlining Liturgies/Masses this term. Where necessary, more information will follow from the class teacher via Seesaw. We would love you to join with our children and the wider parish community on these occasions.

- Friday 12 May at 10:15am – **Year 2 Liturgy**
- Wednesday, 24 May at 9:15am – **School Mass (Year 3-6)** 'Our Lady Help of Christians' (Year 6s hosting)
- Friday 2 June at 9:15am – **Year 4 Mass**
- Friday 2 June at 10:15am – **Reception Liturgy**
- Friday 16 June at 12:00pm – **Whole School Mass (Reception-6)** 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' and St Anthony of Padua' (**Year 5s hosting**)
- Friday 23 June at 9:15am – **Year 3 Mass**
- Friday 23 June at 10:15am – **Year 1 Liturgy**

Project Compassion

Last term the children raised \$1135.05 during Lent.

These donations are used to help the world's poor in order to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Well done to everyone who support the children and the school during Project Compassion.

Online Literacy Resource for Families

Below is a link to some wonderful digital resources which families can share to promote reading in the home. The Unit for Literacy website provides access to a large number of fantastic picture books narrated in 41 different languages.

There is the option to listen to book pages in both English and another selected language at the same time, swapping between the two.

www.uniteforlitera

Regards

Ingrid Douventzidis

Wellbeing/SRC News

Wellbeing

Welcome back to Term 2!

Hoping all our families had a nice holiday break.

SRC Update - Wonder Recycling Rewards

Our focus in SRC this semester continues to be around the theme of sustainability. A new initiative starting at school this term is the 'Wonder Recycling Rewards'. We will be recycling bread bags (any brand) that might otherwise go to landfill. In return, our school will earn rewards points to redeem on new sports equipment. This exciting initiative will be happening both in the Preschool and School.

Wonder Recycling Rewards are partnered with APR Plastics, who manage the recycling process. APR Plastics empty the cartons and recycle the boxes. The plastic is then processed into an oil that can be reused to create food grade packaging, creating a circular economy.

Bread bag collection boxes have been placed throughout the school, including in the Preschool, Front Office and Library areas.

Remember if you have any bread bags at home, please bring them in so we can keep them out of landfill and earn reward points to purchase sporting equipment for our school.



Friday Funday

'Friday Funday' will start again this Friday. Every Friday at during lunch time, our Year 6 SRC Executives (Lincoln, Amelia, Dean and Kingsley) will be helping with the running of different wellbeing activities for our students. We will look at offering different activities throughout the year for our students. Reception to Year 2 students can participate during JP lunch (1:10-1:30pm) and our Year 3-6 students can participate during Primary lunch (1:30-1:50pm). All are welcome to attend. We will also be promoting this initiative through our weekly Student News to our students.

[Friday Funday](#)

'Meaningful May' calendar

Please find attached the 'Meaningful May' calendar from the Action for Happiness website. We encourage you to share this calendar with your families at home to promote kindness. An idea might be to place a copy on your fridge and discuss the activities with your child/children.

['Meaningful May' calendar](#)

Michael Musolino

(Leadership Support & Leader of Student Wellbeing)

Enrolments 2024 and beyond



2024 Preschool Enrolments

Is your child ready to start Preschool in 2024 and Reception in 2025?

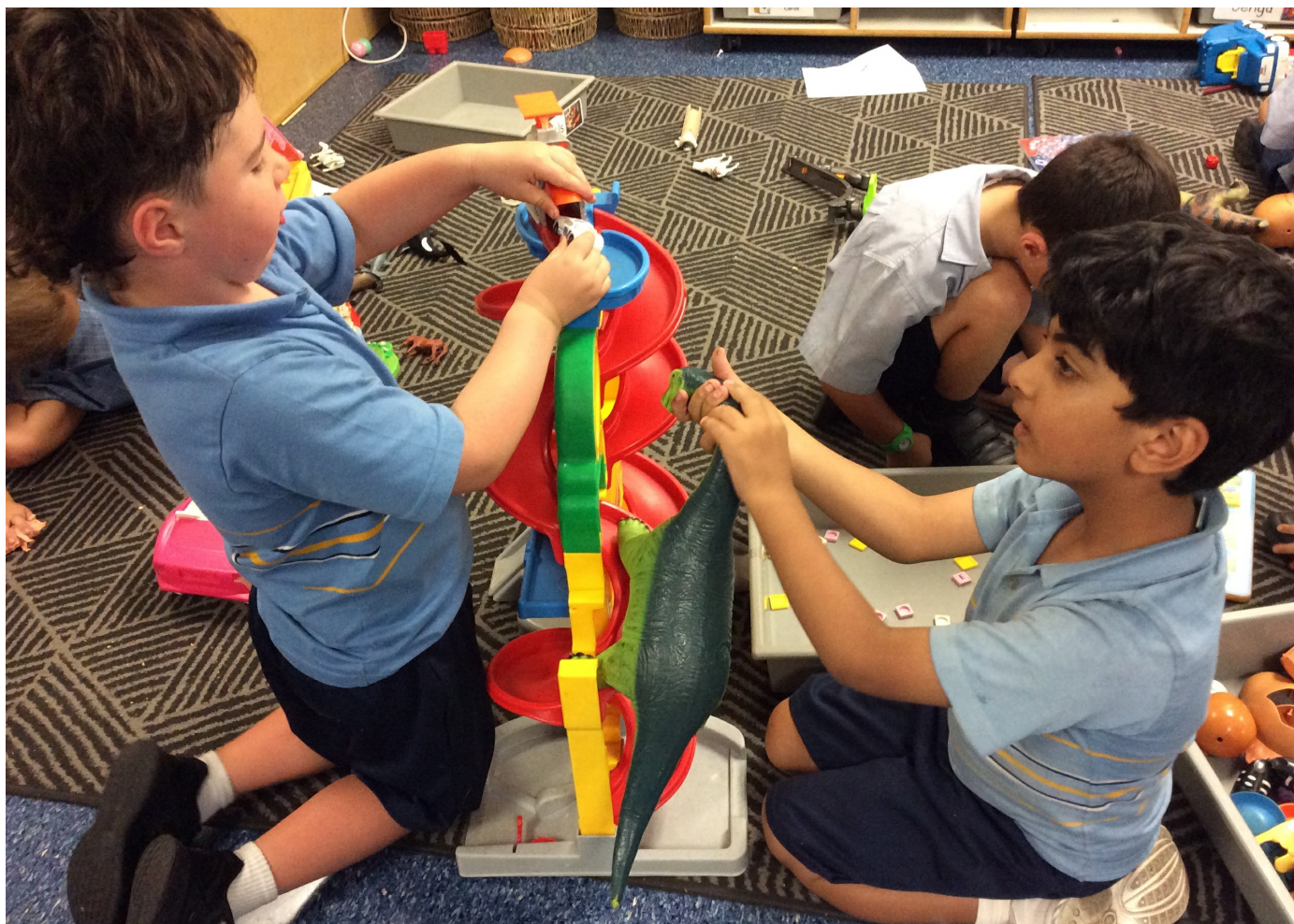
Places are filling fast for children born in 2020. January start if they turn 4 years of age by 30 April. July start if they turn 4 years of age between 1 May and 31 October.

Check the dates and tell your family and friends to avoid disappointment.

Ring 8206 5100 or email info@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

[Enrolment Information website](#)

OSHC



Please Note: Only the account holder can access the parent app BSC and ASC

Cancellations: Cancellations need to be made by 5:00pm the night prior to a BSC booking and by 9:00am the day ASC is required. Cancellations can be made by clicking the booking on the spike childcare app. In the case of an emergency and missed cut off times, parents/caregivers can notify OSHC staff on 0409675738 regarding cancellations. You will still be charged if you have not cancelled your child's booking.

[2023 OSHC Information Booklet](#)

[2023 OSHC Enrolment Form](#)



If you need any assistance, please contact OSHC staff on 0409675738.

Kind Regards,

Karina Forte
OSHC Director

Playgroup and Occasional Care Programs



Lots of families enjoying our fun intergenerational playgroup sessions – grandparents, aunts, mums and bubs too!

In the Early Learning/Preschool Area: signs will direct you to:

Playgroup

Every Wednesday of the school term a group of children (0-4 yrs), along with their parents/carers, join our school coordinator for a one and a half hour Playgroup Session in the Early Learning Area.

9.00am – 10.30am in the Preschool area

\$5 per session pay via QKR App - bookings must be made each week via Qkr App.

Piccolini (Occasional Care)

Come and join our fun filled Piccolini sessions for 3-4 year old children.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the school term

3 hour sessions (9am - 12pm) (12pm - 3pm) (choose as many sessions as you like)

The Coordinator is Celesta Seal

\$25 per session paid via QKR App - bookings must be made each week via Qkr App

Limited places available. Please visit the website for further information.

[2023 Piccolini Enrolment Form](#)

Remember

Piccolini places open up 24 hours ahead of each session

Playgroup places open up a week ahead

Sign in/our register at Preschool entrance.

St Joseph's Early Learning Brochure

Qkr Instruction Guide

Community News

[Christian Brothers College Principal Tour](#)

[Catholic School Parents SA - Inspirational Evening with Gill Hicks](#)

Canteen

Canteen Sponsorship

Does your business need Promoting or Advertising?

Do you want to get involved and support your child's Canteen?

Sponsor the Canteen for just \$250 (tax deductible)

By becoming a Sponsor you will receive free advertising for the whole term in the School Newsletter and on the St Joseph's Payneham social media pages.

Any queries please contact Mrs Helen Crosato on 8206 5103.

Term 2 Calendar Dates

[Term 2 Calendar Events Activities](#)

2023 School Term Dates

Term 1 - 30 January to 14 April

Term 2 - 1 May to 6 July

Term 3 - 24 July to 29 September

Term 4 - 16 October to 15 December

