



## Important Dates

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**Mother's Day**  
Sunday 8 May

**Catholic Education  
Week**  
Monday 9 May

**P&F Meeting**  
Tuesday 10 May

**Sacramental  
Meeting**  
Wednesday 11 May

**Confirmation  
(Group 1)**  
Tuesday 17 May

**Confirmation  
(Group 2)**  
Thursday 19 May

**Eucharist  
Celebration (Group  
1)**  
Saturday 21 May

**Our Lady Help of  
Christians Whole  
School Mass**  
Tuesday 24 May

**Eucharist  
Celebration (Group  
2)**  
Saturday 28 May

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

I am trusting everyone had a restful and rewarding holiday, and now ready to embrace the learning and challenges that the new term will hold.

### Risk taking, failure and independence

On the morning of Good Friday, I turned on the television aiming to briefly catch the morning news headlines. Instead, the news anchor was reflecting on the 2018 rescue of the Thai boys, who became trapped in a cave, as conditions quickly changed and hence their

unfortunate predicament. As we know, it ended up being a good news story, as the boys (all part of a junior soccer team), were rescued.

One of the central people credited for rescuing the boys was Dr Richard Harris – a South Australian anaesthetist and cave diver. You may recall that Dr Harris was also named 2019 Australian of the Year, for his integral part in the rescue.

After introducing the story, the journalist crossed over to Dr Harris, for a live feed. The reporter commented on Dr Harris' uncomfortable status with the attention since the 2018 rescue. Dr Harris focused his conversation about courage, and how he has needed to demonstrate this trait in his life. He further spoke about the importance of risk-taking (including for children), to achieve goals.

Dr Harris associated risk-taking as the ability to be involved in activities where mistakes, embarrassment, falling down, even failure may eventuate. However, it is through taking risks that we build courage and independence skills. If we only go for the safe options and don't put ourselves out there, growth will be minimal.

Moreover, Dr Harris talked about his risk-taking passion for cave diving. However, his message was how there are many activities which involve taking risks; but the personal satisfaction and internal rewards are deeply gratifying when giving such things a go (of course, certain risks which put one's life at risk are not the reference point here).

Consider risk-taking to an activity a child may want to try, such as climbing a tree, or riding a skateboard. Not to try for the fear of failure (a core message from Dr Harris), is suppressing the opportunity to learn, explore, discover and experience. These characteristics alone promote courage and independence – elements needed in our world.

In closing, I leave you with an abridged version of a personal favourite saying, by former US President, Theodore Roosevelt (quoted in 1910), as I believe it captures Dr Harris' sentiments:

"..... The credit belongs to the one who strives valiantly, who comes short again and again; because there is no effort without error and shortcoming ..... and if one fails, at least fails while daring greatly...."

## 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.

If waning to purchase a uniform item from the second-hand uniform shop, the usual hours are Thursday afternoons, from 2:30 – 3:15pm, and Friday mornings, from 8:30 – 9:15am. Lastly, if you have any school uniform items that are no longer required, these can be donated to the school.

## Annual Parent Survey

If you could please spare a few minutes to complete the Annual Parent Survey (link underneath). A similar Staff Survey has been communicated and the Year 6 students will complete the Student Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GDQF6S8>

## COVID-19 Update

To keep ourselves and others safe, in line with SA Health, please ensure you:

- continue to have your child focus on good hygiene and hand washing;
- do not enter classrooms when children are present (unless absolutely necessary), and in which case, please wear a face mask;
- wear a mask when indoors (as this rule still applies in schools for the time-being);
- keep your child(ren) home when they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms and have your child tested, notifying us as soon as possible if your child does test positive for COVID-19; and
- please note that from Saturday 30 April 2022, asymptomatic close contacts no longer are required to quarantine, but instead are required to take 5 Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) over seven days. This means staff and students who are asymptomatic close contacts may continue to attend school, though anyone over the age of 12 is required to wear a mask. Close contacts who develop symptoms are still required to get a PCR test and isolate until a negative result is received.

## Traffic Study

I have been approached by the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, to promote a traffic study about student safety. The purpose of the study is to develop an integrated transport system that meets the needs of the residents and visitors as pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and public transport users, and to support more liveable and sustainable neighbourhoods.

If you are interested in participating in this traffic study, please click on the link here, and follow the directions as asked:

<https://npsp.mysocialpinpoint.com/may2022/map#/>



## Congratulations

I share with you the following 'good news' and offer my best wishes to the Heitmann family (Dallas, 2W) on the birth of a baby girl, 'Elsie'.

## Mother's Day, Sunday 8 May

I wish all the mums, carers, grandmothers and significant women in our community a splendid Mother's Day this Sunday. Hoping you will be spoilt and share quality time with your loved ones.

Lastly, a big thank you to Aly Giannitto who organised the wonderful Mother's Day Stall for the community, and also to her helpers on the day.

Wishing you well,

**Simon Mechis**

## From the Deputy Principal/APRIM



***Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers and Special People who fulfil a 'mother's' role! May your day be spent surrounded by those you love and being showered with kindness.***

### **A Poem**

#### **A Mother's Love**

*Your arms were always open when I needed a hug.*

*Your heart understood when I needed a friend.*

*Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson.*

*Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly.*

*May God bless you always and reward you for all you are and do for me.*

As we enter the month of May it is a wonderful opportunity to pray and reinforce our devotion to Mary. She is a model for all Christians and by sharing our prayers with her we are doing what Jesus tell us.

During this month, the children at St Joseph's will devote at least one morning prayer to Our Mother Mary. The children will also be invited to pray the Rosary. If your child has a set of rosary beads, you might like to send them in so they can be used during prayer time in the class.

## Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th May.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday 21st May and Saturday 28th May at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church with a group of 39 students. Father Michael Romeo will be our celebrant at this year's Confirmation Ceremonies.

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

## Gifted Awareness Week Professional Learning Workshop

Please find attached further information about the upcoming Gifted Awareness Week Professional Learning Workshop on "The Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Students" by Dr Jae Jung (Associate Professor in Gifted Education at the University of New South Wales; Director of the Gifted Education Research, Resources, and Information Centre of UNSW).

The workshop will be held 27 May 2022 at the Glenelg Golf Course from 9am – 11:30am. The workshop will be repeated at the same venue from 1:30pm – 4pm.

Please note: you only need to register for one session.

Light refreshments will be provided.

To register, please click on the following links:

### Morning session

<https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-4814961>

### Afternoon session

<https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-4814909>

Thank you for your support for our gifted students and their families/caregivers.

[Gifted Awareness Parent Flyer](#)

## Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy

Mobile phones and smart watches are becoming more and more popular with young students and St Joseph's Payneham is no different. As a school we have adopted a policy on the use of mobile phones and smart watches for both in classrooms and also in the yard.

The policy takes into account matters pertaining to cyberbullying, distraction, and discipline. The policy explains the approach regarding these devices.

The definition of 'wearable technology' is any device which can be worn that connects to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. It may take phone calls and send messages that can be transmitted to others outside of the school.

The school discourages students from having mobile phones and smart watches (with the above functions) during school time for the following reasons: the communication devices contain a sim card; the devices are not 'enrolled' or managed on the school network; and the devices are not monitored by our C-Filter; therefore, allowing student access to restricted sites.

Our BYOD program policy specifies that iPads purchased for students should not contain any sim card, as students are encouraged to connect to the school Wi-Fi, which is monitored and contains the C-Filter for safety.

We understand that students may want to bring a mobile phone or wearable technology to school, particularly if travelling independently to and from school.

When a student does bring a mobile phone (or technology that has the same capabilities i.e., able to make/receive calls, send messages, etc.) to school the parents will **need to sign a Consent Form with an understanding that: your child needs to hand in their technology to their classroom teacher first thing in the morning (at approximately 8:45am):** the school bears no responsibility for the loss or damage to a mobile phone, or smart watch (with the exception that it becomes stolen or damaged whilst



stored/locked in possession of the school i.e., from the start to the end of the school day); and your child's technology should be appropriately marked so that it makes the device easy recognisable to them.

Please read the policy and if there are any questions please contact Ingrid in the Office.

[Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy](#)

#### **Project Compassion / Ukraine Appeal**

Thank you for all the support and generous donation made by our families to support the Ukraine Appeal and Project Compassion. Monies raised for the Ukraine Appeal - \$991.90 and Project Compassion - \$866.55.

**Ingrid Douventzidis**

# Mathematics News

## Numeracy Update!

At St Joseph's School Payneham, we are dedicated to providing our students with a rich and engaging Maths program. At the beginning of the year we engaged our learners in the Story of Mathematics, and got their perspective on what a mathematician is. We are all mathematicians! Maths is all around us and we frequently use mathematical concepts in our everyday lives. Students used their noticing skills, one of our "Thinking Keys", and were engaged in a variety of patterning experiences. We know that patterns are not just linear, but can be cyclic, growing, and symmetrical too! Maths is the science of patterns, rules and relationships, and with this solid foundation, we are ready to continue our Maths journey.

Our teachers are committed to our Numeracy Agreement and have designed their lessons to accommodate all learners, ensuring each child receives the learning that they are entitled to. When entering into a Maths lesson, you will see a variety of modes of instruction, such as explicit teaching, hands on experiences using a variety of resources to support the taught concept, and individual and group work. All learning is related to their lives. Engaging in class games is another way to learn concepts in a collaborative and fun way! We are also lucky enough to have Lisa-Jane (the Maths guru from the Primary Mathematics Association) come to work with us in class this term. Lisa-Jane has worked with us in the past and we love getting her insight into teaching Mathematics.

We are commencing our Multisensory Maths Intervention program this term. This intervention will target selected students in Years 2, 3 and 4 and uses an approach to teaching Maths as we would teach a language. It is designed for differentiation, tailoring teaching to suit each child's varying needs.

Above all, our aim in Mathematics is to help all children feel engaged, empowered and confident in their maths ability.

**Natalie Caruso**

**Leader of Learning - Numeracy**



## Enrolments 2022/2023

[Enrolment Information website](#)



## 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.**
- sign -in, wear a mask and respect social distancing

### Piccolini (Occasional Care)

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

10 places available in the morning or afternoon.

- 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

### Remember

- Piccolini places open up 24 hours ahead of each session
- Playgroup places open up a week ahead
- Sign in/ou register at Preschool entrance
- Adults must wear masks at all times





- [Socially distance from others](#)

[2022 Piccolini Enrolment Form](#)

[St Joseph's Early Learning Brochure](#)

[Qkr Instruction Guide](#)

## Community News

### Year 7 pathways and beyond

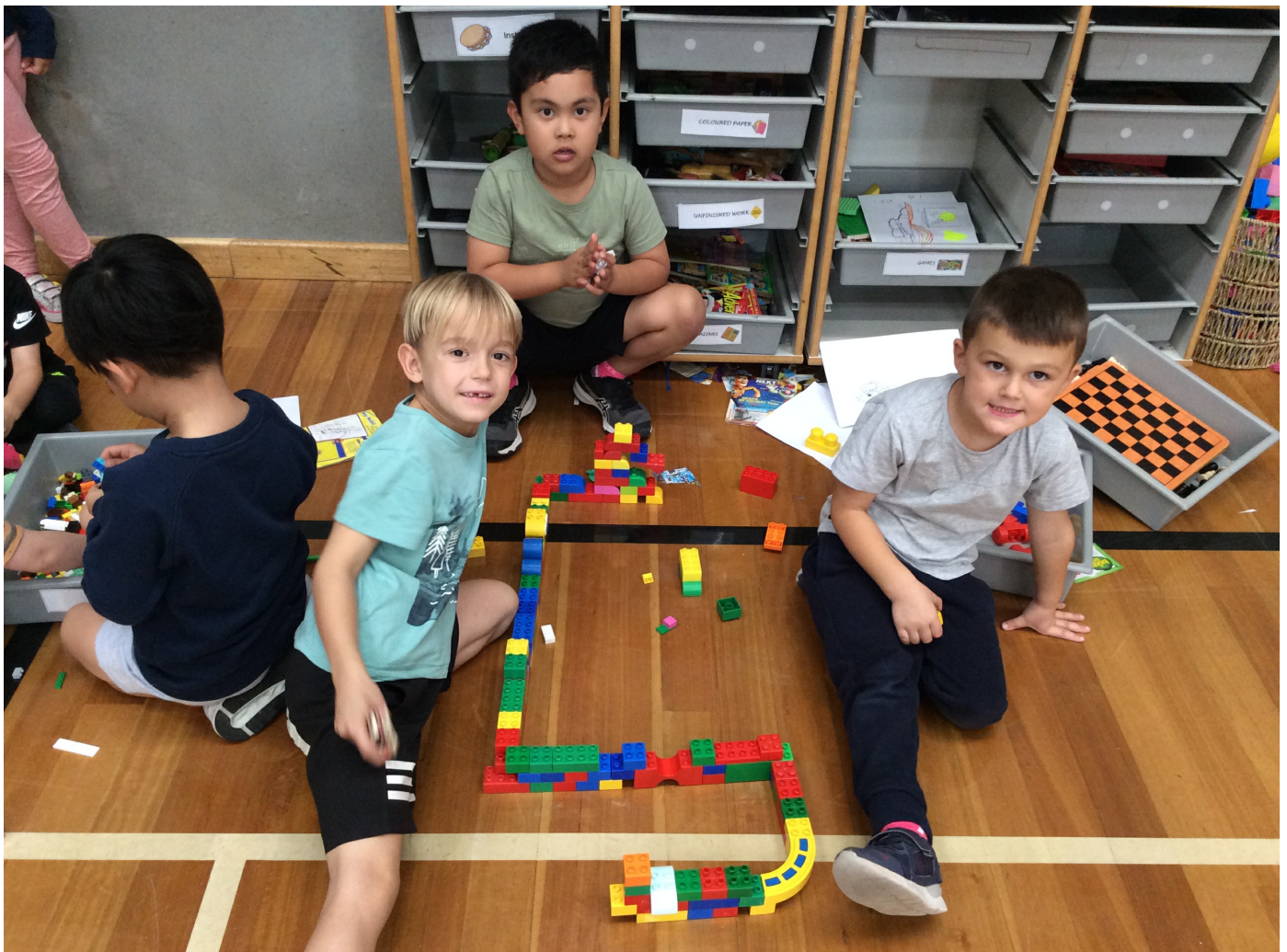
[Secondary School at Blackfrairs](#)

Further information available from Front Office.

[Mary MacKillop College Term 2 Principal tours](#)

[Christian Brothers College TWBU Tours](#)

## OSHC and Vacation Care



Bookings can be made using our [Parent Booking Portal](#)

**A reminder 12 hours notice is required if you wish to cancel your bookings through the portal.**

[Download New OSHC Booking System for SJP](#)

## Canteen

Please contact Josie on 0413 313 112 if you are available to volunteer in the Canteen.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the Front Office.

### 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.

## Uniform Shop

Please Note that families are no longer required to make appointments **from now until October 2022 at Devon Clothing.**

[Devon Clothing New Webstore](#)

[St Joseph's School Uniform](#)

### Secodhand Uniform Sale

**Change Swap to END OF MAY (Devon Clothing only)**

**SALE OF ALL NON-CONSIGNMENT ITEMS: \$15 EACH**

## Term 2 Calendar of Events

[Term 2 Calendar of Events & Activities](#)

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## 2022 School Term Dates

Term 2: 2 May to 8 July 2022

Term 3: 25 July to 30 September 2022

Term 4: 17 October to 16 December 2022

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## Devon Uniform Shop



Shop 24, Clovercrest Plaza, Montague Road, Modbury North

T: 8350 7930

W: [Devon Clothing new Webstore information](#)

### Secondhand Uniform Shop - New Opening Hours

Secondhand uniforms can be purchased from the school on:

Thursday: 2:30 - 3:15pm and Friday: 8:30 - 9:00am (TBC)

Payments can be made via Qkr

