



Important Dates

Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 8 May 2025

Mother's Day

Morning at 8:15am
in the Gym

Friday 9 May 2025

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday 11 May 2025

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 16 May 2025

Assembly at 9:00am (Receptions hosting)

Friday 16 May 2025

Multicultural Day

Friday 23 May 2025

P&F Pasta Night at Altavilla Club

Friday 23 May 2025

From the Principal

Welcome to the second term of the school year. I trust everyone had a Happy Easter and a positive holiday.

Having Open Communication

Raising children today means more than just teaching them right from wrong – it's about understanding their world and being active participants to help guide them through different situations.

With the rise of social media, digital platforms, and shifting ideas of identity and respect, it's crucial to stay connected and remain curious about the influences affecting our children.

Make a habit of asking open-ended questions about what your child is experiencing (this includes online, especially as your children become older). Ask about the shows they're watching and the messages they're receiving. This helps create an open dialogue where you can guide them toward healthy values, positive self-worth, and respect for others.

Without generalising, for boys it can often be about building their sense of self-confidence and questioning outdated ideas of masculinity. For girls, it can typically be about empowering them to stand strong in their identity and supporting to navigate societal pressures; reinforcing the importance of self-respect in the face of sometimes harmful online narratives.

By staying curious and engaged, you can help ensure your children feel supported and affirmed as they navigate an ever-changing world. Having open communication will help you to have a deeper conversation and let them know you're there for them.

Top Tips for Open Communication

- Choose a time where you are side by side doing day-to-day things. For example, walking the dog, doing the dishes, driving to school. This creates a safe space that feels less confronting.
- Stay up to date with their daily life including their friends, school, extra-curricular activities.
- Always remain open and ready for the moments when your children want to talk. You never know when your child might open-up from a deeper level.

Friday 9 May – Mother's Day morning

Next Friday 9 May from 8:15am there will be a Mother's Day morning for all mums and significant women in our school community. Mothers are invited to come along for a coffee before moving to their child's classroom at 9:00am and join for morning prayer. Classrooms will be open until 9:20am. I thank the P&F for the support provided to host this event.

Winter Uniform, Term Two and Term Three

Wearing the correct uniform brings a great sense of belonging to the community as well as pride in one's appearance. Let's work together to ensure it is sustained. The start of 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.

A reminder that students need to have their long-sleeve shirt tucked-in (except for when they are playing during recess/lunch and fitness lessons). Wearing the school hat is not compulsory in Term Two (until 1 September). If you are unsure of any school uniform requirements, please speak with the Front Office.

Congratulations

I offer my best wishes to:

- Melinda Harding (Year 4 teacher), who during the holidays, gave birth to a healthy baby girl, 'Alexis Grace'.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back to Term 2!

I hope you all had a restful and joyful Easter and enjoyed the Term 2 holiday break. We are excited to welcome our students back to school, refreshed and ready for another wonderful term of learning, growth, and community connection.

Cyber Safety Sessions

Thank you to those family members who attended the Cyber Safety Parent Workshop last term on Friday 4th April at school. Please see below some website links to parent resources shared by the presenter:

Think U Know (ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the Australian Federal Police, delivered nationally in partnership with police and industry partners to prevent online child sexual exploitation)

- <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/index.php/resources-tab/parents-and-carers>

ACCCE (The ACCCE brings together a world-leading approach, incorporating key stakeholders and partners, and driving a collective effort to counter the epidemic of child exploitation) - <https://www.accce.gov.au/resources/for-parents-and-carers>

Kids Helpline (Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, even from a mobile, confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. The website also has lots of resources for parents) - <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents>

Preservice Teacher

Shelley Bornman will soon be starting her teaching placement in one of our primary classrooms at school. Shelley is a third-year student at UniSA and is studying Early Childhood Education. We welcome Shelley to our school community when she starts and wish her all the best for her teaching placement.

National Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day, coming up on Friday 16th May, is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term wellbeing of our children.

If you live close enough to walk to school, or can park a good distance away and walk the rest, we encourage you and your child to do so, both on this day and whenever possible. Walking to and from school offers a wonderful chance to connect with your child, talk about what they're excited for, what they learned or enjoyed during the day, and discuss important topics like road safety, responsibility, and staying aware of their surroundings.

'Meaningful May' Calendar

Please see 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. Thursday 1st May encourages you to... 'Do something kind for someone you really care about'.

Keep Well!

Michael Musolino

From the Acting APRIM

Dear School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I am Acting Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM) for this term whilst Mrs Patrizia Puglia is on long service leave. I have been teaching in various year levels at St. Joseph's Catholic School Payneham since 2008 and am grateful for this opportunity.

Easter

I trust that you enjoyed a beautiful Easter with your families and took some time to give thanks. In our everyday lives in this busy world, we are faced with many challenges. It becomes hard to find signs of hope in times when we experience despair and suffering, but Easter is an opportunity to see the light of Jesus through this darkness. It is an opportunity to proclaim the good news that through Jesus rising, new life and hope is brought to all people. In John's Gospel we read of Mary Magdala's grief as she weeps with sorrow for the death of Jesus, however, through His rising, we are invited to be open to the transformation of God's love. We are encouraged to allow God to work within and change us. We are encouraged to live each day positively and with hope. A hope that enlightens our life in the joyful times and offers us guidance, just as it was offered to Mary Magdala in her darkest hours.

Passing of Pope Francis

As a global community, we mourn the death of Pope Francis, a man of great devotion to education, peace, justice and human dignity. Pope Francis' goal was to inspire young people to live with courage and compassion. Through his legacy, good deeds and worldly changes, we too can look beyond the darkness of his death to find glimpses of light in the countless lives he has touched. We give thanks to God for his life and leadership. May he rest in eternal peace.

ANZAC Day

On Friday 25th April we commemorated ANZAC Day. We remember a time when the selfless sacrifice of the soldiers, reflect the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Whilst we acknowledge the pain and suffering of war, we recognise and celebrate the courage and spirit of those who fought with bravery for justice, freedom and peace.

The underlying theme and meaning of Easter is not be interpreted as just a once off event in isolation, but an event that we see time and time again through our struggles like with the death of Pope Francis and the commemoration of ANZAC Day. With God's love, our hearts resurrect and with time, we can override the pain and sorrow. In the celebrations of Easter, traditionally we give chocolate to celebrate

the joy of fasting being over for the season of Lent and usually it's in the shape of an egg to symbolise new life and new beginnings. Alleluia! We give thanks for He has Risen!

Fundraising at SJP

Thank you to those children who worked hard baking cupcakes to raise money for RSPCA; to those families who contributed to the 'Big Water Walk'; and for your generous donations towards Project Compassion and Harmony Day. We continue to have Project Compassion boxes in each class, whereby the children still have an opportunity to donate towards this worthy cause.

- Harmony Day Coin Donation \$431.90
- Project Compassion \$2368.10
- Water Walk \$1535.00
- Total raised going towards Caritas Australia \$4,335.00
- Total raised for RSPCA from Cupcakes for a Cause \$181.15

Go gently as we embrace the routines and busyness of Term 2.

Adriana Graziani

Acting Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)

Enrolment Information

Please ensure that you enrol each of your children at least 24 months ahead of their starting date, in order to secure a place.

Complete the Enrolment Application Form that covers Preschool to Year 6 and return to the Front Office. A separate Piccolini Enrolment form is also needed.

Playgroup: For children 0-4 years of age, attending with their parent or carer. Book online via QKR app from Mondays to attend on a Wednesday morning.

Occasional Care (Piccolini): For children aged 3-4 years of age. Book online via QKR app 24 hours ahead of each session. Days available are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Preschool: For children who turn 4 years of age before 1st May. Children who turn 4 from 1st May – 31st October, can commence mid-year.

Piccolini Occasional Care



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Piccolini Occasional Care

Welcome to St Joseph's Payneham, Piccolini Occasional Care - an Early Years Program for 3-4 year old children.

Two sessions per day available each week from **Tuesday to Friday**.
Session 1: 9am - 12pm
Session 2: 12pm - 3pm

Bookings are essential via the Qkr App and open up 24 hours prior to each session with a maximum number of 15 children per session at a cost of \$25 per session.

Our friendly Piccolini Coordinator, Celesta Seal meets and greets families in the Preschool play piazza and multipurpose areas. We look forward to seeing you!

 08 8206 5100
 www.stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

Preschool and Playgroup

Please click onto the link below for further information

[Playgroup](#)

[Preschool](#)

[Preschool Mid-year intake](#)

OSHC

Please click onto the link below for further information

[Out of School Hours Care \(OSHC\)](#)

Community News

[Bursary Opportunities at Saint Ignatius' College Adelaide](#)

[Community Invitation - Celebrating 60 Years of Kildare College](#)

[Play Lacrosse this winter 2025](#)

[Save up to \\$200 on sport, active recreation and music fees voucher 2025](#)

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.

St Joseph's Catholic School Payneham Sun Protection Policy



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2025 School Term Dates

28 January to 11 April

28 April to 4 July

21 July to 26 September

13 October to 10 December

Calendar of Events for 2025

Calendar of Events for Term 2 2025

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