



# Week 1 Term 3 2023

## Important Dates

**Special Food Day -  
Sausage Sizzle**  
 Thursday 3 August 2023

**Feast of Mary  
MacKillop - Whole  
School Mass at  
9:15am (Yr. 6s  
hosting)**

Tuesday 8 August 2023

**Pre-school  
Portraits- Joeys and  
Koala**

Tuesday 8 August 2023

**1st Communion  
Parent Meeting at  
6:30pm**

Tuesday 8 August 2023

**Assembly at  
9:30am - (STEM  
MAD hosting)**

Thursday 10 August 2023

**Pre-school Portraits  
- Kanga and  
Possums**

Thursday 10 August 2023

**Catholic Schools  
Cross Country**

**Yr. 2s Liturgy at  
10:15am**

Friday 11 August 2023

**Yr.3-6 Mass -  
Solemnity of the**

**Rec-Yr.6 School  
Photos**

Wednesday 16 August 2023

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## From the Principal

### Welcome to Term Three

I trust everyone had the opportunity for some down-time during the break and is ready for learning and activity over the next 10 weeks. As we commence a new term, I provide a special welcome to the mid-year Preschool and Reception children (and their families); Vicki Traino and Amanda Karam (the mid-year Reception teachers), both whom have previously taught at St Joseph's Payneham; and Jessica Nunnari, who will be teaching in the Year 3BP class, taking over from Brontè Platt, who is expecting her first child very soon.

### Why it's important for children to take responsibility

As parents/caregivers, we strive to raise responsible and independent individuals who will be able to navigate life's challenges with confidence and integrity. One vital aspect of this upbringing is teaching our children the importance of taking responsibility for their actions and choices.

Encouraging responsibility in students lays the foundation for personal growth and character development. When students take ownership of their actions, they learn to evaluate their choices, reflect on their mistakes, and make amends. This process fosters self-awareness, resilience, and accountability—essential qualities for success in all aspects of life.

Taking responsibility is directly linked to academic success. Students who assume responsibility for their learning take an active role in their education. They understand that their effort, preparation, and study habits directly impact their academic performance. By setting goals, managing their time effectively, and seeking help when needed, students become more engaged and motivated learners.

By fostering accountability, parents empower their children to become independent and self-reliant individuals. Students who understand the importance of taking responsibility are more likely to make decisions confidently and solve problems effectively. They develop a sense of agency, as they realise that they have control over their choices and the outcomes they achieve.

Responsibility is crucial for building trust and integrity. By taking ownership of mistakes and learning from them, students cultivate integrity and establish a positive reputation.

The ability to take responsibility prepares students for the challenges they will face in the real world. Whether in the workforce, or personal relationships, individuals who understand the consequences of their actions and decisions, are better equipped to navigate complex situations. Responsibility promotes problem-solving skills, adaptability, and ethical behaviour, which are highly valued in all walks of life.

Families play a critical role in fostering responsibility in their children. Here are a few practical ways to support your child's development:

- Set clear expectations: Clearly communicate your expectations regarding responsibilities, academic performance, and behaviour.
- Encourage reflection and accountability: Teach your child to reflect on their actions, take responsibility for their mistakes, and make amends when necessary.
- Foster independence: Gradually allow your child to take on age-appropriate responsibilities, such as managing their homework, organising their time, and making decisions.
- Provide guidance and mentorship: Offer guidance and support while allowing your child to learn from their experiences. Help them brainstorm solutions to problems and encourage critical thinking.
- Celebrate achievements: Acknowledge and celebrate your child's responsible actions and achievements, reinforcing the positive impact of taking accountability.

Teaching our children to take responsibility is one of the greatest gifts we can offer as parents/caregivers. By instilling this vital quality, we empower them to become resilient, independent, and ethical individuals. The lessons they learn about responsibility during their formative years will guide them throughout their childhood journey and into adulthood, hopefully paving the way for a successful and fulfilling life.

## National School Improvement Partnership Survey

Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) through National School Improvement Partnerships (NSIP) are asking parents/caregivers to participate in a survey regarding St Joseph's Payneham.

This survey is being offered to Catholic schools across South Australia. When you access the survey and enter the specific code for our school community (details below), all the relevant information will be sent to our school.

Staff and Year 2-6 students are participating in a similar survey, and like the parent/caregiver survey, all responses are confidential.

Further details will be circulated later this week. However, in the meantime, please click on the following link and enter the unique school code when asked: **SJSPLLLP** [www.NSIPartnerships.com.au](http://www.NSIPartnerships.com.au) The survey closes on 25 August 2023.

## School Performance Report

The St Joseph's Payneham School Performance Report, for the 2022 school year, can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.stjopayn.catholic.edu.au/our-school/school-performance>

The report has a focus on various aspects of our school's performance. The information can also be viewed on our website and printed copies are available from the Front Office.

## Appointment of new Deputy Principal

As stated in a Term Two Newsletter, Ingrid Douventzidis is concluding her tenure as Deputy Principal and APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission) at the end of 2023. Applications for a new Deputy Principal closed recently, and therefore an announcement will be made soon. The appointment of a new APRIM will take place this year as well.

## School uniform and personal grooming

### New School Uniform, 2024

At the June School Board Meeting, the proposed new school uniform was endorsed. Thank you to all those people and groups who have been part of the process to date. You will be notified when new uniform items will be ready for purchase. As I have been promoting, there will be a transition between the current and new uniform.

As I highlighted in the previous edition of the Parent Newsletter, 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 the wearing of the correct uniform occurs on a consistent basis. As per the school uniform policy, I provide a reminder regarding school uniform expectations.

### Jewellery, etc.

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged and restricted. Any jewellery worn by a student to school is the responsibility of that student. The only jewellery permitted is a watch and simple earrings (either small sleepers or studs), and only one in each ear. If the student wears a chain, it must be worn inside the uniform and not be visible. Nail polish, make-up and tattoos are not permitted.

### Hair accessories/styles

- Ribbons/Scrunchies/Head Bands – Navy Blue or in uniform fabric
- Clips – need to be simple and plain
- Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied up at all times
- Streaks and hair colouring (permanent or temporary) are not permitted
- Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy and out of the eyes

### The following hair styles are not permitted:

- Razor cuts or patterns cut into the hair
- Cutting/shaving/gelling of the hair that leads to a mohawk/mullett/skullet style
- Streaks or hair colouring (permanent or temporary)
- Rat tails

Students are able to wear a navy or dark blue rain jacket or parka when conditions are cooler.

## NAIDOC Week

In the last week of Term Two NAIDOC Week was celebrated. This occasion observes the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to recognise and learn more about the history and culture of indigenous communities.

## Thank you – Hutt Street Winter Appeal

On the last day of Term Two, we asked for food and clothing donations, to go to the Hutt St. Centre. The Hutt St. Centre personnel were extremely grateful to have received so many goods from our community.

## Reminder – parking, road safety and driver etiquette

We all want our children to arrive at school and depart school safely. This is a priority. Consideration, patience, and following the road and parking regulations (i.e., travelling slowly around the school; not parking across driveways, double-parking, etc.), need to be adhered. As has been outlined before, 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.

## R-6 School Photos, 2023

School Photos for Receptions to Year 6s will be occurring on Wednesday 16 August.

## New Outdoor Benches

The new outdoor benches (located outside the library and mid-year Reception class), are a result of your fundraising efforts. A special mention to our school's Parents and Friends group, for the work they do in planning and coordinating school-wide events and the fundraising that comes from such initiatives.

## Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools

I draw your attention to the 'Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools'. The document can be found in today's newsletter.

## Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- the Roman family (Oriana, 2MG), on the passing of her great maternal grandfather; and
- the Demaria family (Valentino, 2TM), on the passing of his paternal grandfather, Phillip D

**Wishing you well!**

**Simon Mechis**





### Feast of St Mary of the Cross

Who is this remarkable woman who has inspired so many to pray through her intercession for their needs?

Mary MacKillop was an Australian who co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866. The Order grew because it was needed. There were 750 Sisters in the Order when she died. Even in her dying she was deemed to be a saint. Today there are over a thousand Sisters, who live the charism of Mary MacKillop, to do the will of God with love and gratitude, in their day to day lives.

St Mary MacKillop certainly knew tough times. Julian Tenison Woods described Mary's life as 'a nest of crosses' and yet she never lost her faith and her hope that everything would turn out okay.

St Mary MacKillop was a prolific writer and there is so much wisdom in her words; wisdom for all time.

**She wrote in 1890 "Keep your mind in peace whatever happens".**

What can we take from Mary MacKillop's wisdom for these unpredictable times we find ourselves in?

Mary MacKillop reminds us to slow down in our minds and be in peace there. If only we could keep our mind in peace, we would not miss the ordinary. Slowing down offers the opportunity to take in more of the 'ordinary' things in our lives, that in busyness we can overlook. The ordinary has so much to offer if we are in tune and have a feeling for what is going on around us.

St Mary MacKillop was always aware of the presence of God hidden in the ordinary things of life. She knew that she was called to bear her cross.

Mary MacKillop lived by the power of the Cross, in the light of resurrection. She carried her cross without complaint, as a gift from God. She never shirked hardship because she saw it as Christ asking her to do something for him.

Mary MacKillop died on 8th August 1909 in the Josephite convent in North Sydney. She was beatified in 1995 and was canonised on 17th October 2010. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of her Canonisation.

#### **Saint Mary MacKillop Prayer**

*Ever generous God,*

*You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop we ask that you grant our request.*

### Feast of the Assumption

On 15th August as Catholics, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when we remember that Mary was taken or 'assumed' into Heaven after she died. This was God's way of showing us that Mary is special to God, she said 'yes' to becoming the Mother of Jesus.

The Assumption Mass will be celebrated at school on Tuesday 15th August led by Year 5s, which will be in the Church at 9:15am.

## Sacrament of the Eucharist

The Sacrament of the Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion, is one of the central sacraments in our Catholic faith. This term our Year 4 students will celebrate their First Holy Communion.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is a celebration that takes place in a family setting. It is not an event that takes place only once. It is an ongoing celebration with family members.

The School and Parish help the parents in the faith formation of their child, and in the immediate preparation for their First Holy Communion. The school and the parish are unable to do this work of preparation without parental support, cooperation and ongoing commitment.

Parents' and the children continue this term to be actively involved in this preparation by:

- Attending Sunday Mass
- Their presence at the Parent Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th August 6.30pm in the Church
- Engagement with the Blessed Program

### CELEBRATION DATES OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place over 3 weekends during the regular Sunday Masses as outlined below:

**Sunday, 10 September** - 8am, 9.15 (Italian), 11am

**Saturday, 16 September** - 6pm Vigil

**Sunday, 17 September** - 8am, 9.15 (Italian), 11am

**Saturday, 23 September** - 6pm Vigil

**Sunday, 24 September** - 8am, 9.15 (Italian), 11am

Families have the option to choose which parish Mass they would like to attend for the celebration of First Holy Communion.

We continue to keep these families in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Year 3 children will be preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. Parents have the essential role in discerning the readiness of their child to celebrate this sacrament.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion is a cooperation between the parish, school and families as the candidates continue their initiation into the life of the Catholic Church. This is a work we undertake for the spiritual development and welfare of our children. We seek the best for them especially as they grow in their relationship with God. Our hope is that this time of preparation will be a special time for the candidates and their families which will help them to experience the Christian way of life. The celebration of this Sacrament is another step in the faith journey you take with your child.

Enrolment forms will be sent out next week to all Year 3 families if you wish to nominate them to celebrate Reconciliation this year.

## Mass

Mass is the formal religious service, usually held in the church. Father Michael Romeo will be the celebrant for all Masses and Liturgies. All children attend Mass, both as a whole school and in class groups. Families are encouraged and welcome to come and join us in this celebration.

The School and Parish also encourage and welcome families along to Mass every weekend. **Saturday night Mass is at 6pm. Sunday Mass is at 8:00am and 11:00am.**

Class Masses/Liturgies this term are planned on the following days:

### Term 3 Class Mass/Liturgy Schedule

Reception- Friday 18th August 10.15am Liturgy in the Church

Year 1 – Friday 29th September 10:15am Liturgy in the Church

Year 2 – Friday 11th August 10:15am Liturgy in the Church

Year 3 - Friday 29th September 9:15am Mass in the Church

Year 4 - Friday 15th September 9:15am Mass in the Church

Year 5 – Tuesday 15th August 9:15am Assumption Whole School Mass (Yrs. 3-6 only) i

Year 6 - Friday 5th August 9.15am St Mary McKillop Whole School Mass (R-6) i

**Regards**

**Ingrid Douventzidis**

## Wellbeing and SRC News

### Wellbeing

Welcome back to Term 3!

Hoping all our families had an enjoyable holiday break.

### SRC Update

Our Semester One SRC reps can be proud of their artistic efforts in creating an 'Australian Flag' art piece using recycled bottlecaps donated by our school families. We look forward to displaying this art piece in our school soon.

We look forward to meeting the new Semester Two SRC reps next week at our first meeting, where we will continue to focus on building more sustainable practices within our school.

*\*Jayvin from 5AS absent from photo*



### New bin system

You may have seen some new coloured bins around our school lately, both out in the yard and in the classrooms. Through our Student News, students have been learning about which rubbish items go into each bin. We continue to use our new bin system as an opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle the waste we currently have at school.



We encourage our students across the school to bring in a 'Wrapper Free Lunchbox' every Wednesday (or any other days if they'd like) to support our work on becoming more sustainable at school.

Please see below an article on, 'Tips on how to pack a Wrapper Free Lunchbox'.

[Wrapper Free Wednesdays](#)

### Wonder Recycle Rewards Program

Bread bag collections for the 'Wonder Recycle Rewards Program' have been extended until Friday 4th August. Remember to drop off any bread bags to the Front Office, Library and Preschool areas. Bottle caps can still be brought in until next Friday 4th August. Thanks for your support!

### Social Work students

We welcome Archita and Neil to our school community this semester. Archita and Neil are conducting their University placement at St. Joseph's Payneham and will be facilitating a Social Skills program for some of our students this semester.

**Keep well!**

**Michael Musolino**

**(Leadership Support & Leader of Student Wellbeing)**

## School Fee Payments

3rd/Final School Payment Due

Invoices have been posted out. If you have not received your invoice please contact Helen Crosato via email at [hcrosato@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hcrosato@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au) or via phone 8206 5103. Payments are due September 1st 2023.

## Early Learning/Preschool

Please click on the links below for further information

[Playgroup](#)

[Preschool](#)

[Preschool Mid-year intake](#)

[Piccolini](#)

## OSHC

Please click onto link below for further information

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

## Community News

[Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools'](#)

[Mary MacKillop College Principal's Tour](#)

[OLSH College Tours](#)

[NAB Auskick 2023](#)

[NJNC Summer Registrations](#)

[NJNC Come & Try Session](#)

## Canteen

**Special Food day - Sausage Sizzle Thursday 3rd August**

Cost \$2.50 (available via Qkr)

Orders close Tuesday 1st August 10am

No other lunch orders will be available on this day.

Volunteers are needed on this day, please contact the office if you are available. Thank you.

***We are seeking sponsorship for this sausage sizzle please contact the front office for further information.***



## 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.

## 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

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## Term 3 Calendar of Events 2023

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