



## Important Dates

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Yr 4 Class Mass -  
9:15am  
Thursday 27 October

Bandana Day  
Friday 28 October

All Saints Day - Year  
3-6 School Mass,  
9:15am  
Tuesday 1 November

2023 Preschool  
Parent Information  
Session, 5:45pm  
Thursday 3 November

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## From the Principal

### Use Curiosity and Compassion

I recently read a book on raising teenagers, by author Louise Clarke. Whilst the content is predominantly aimed at teens, many of the main messages can also be applied to children. I share with you the section that discusses curiosity and compassion.

Our child's behaviour is a means of communication and that beneath most behaviour is an unmet need. As hard as it might be in the

moment when face-to-face with an emotional child, remind yourself that they are trying to figure it all out too and haven't yet developed the skills to be able to control themselves (their reactivity, impulsivity, and everything else in between). This reminder can help us stay non-reactive and in control in the moment. It is important that we manage to control ourselves so we can guide our children.

The human brain is complex and for children there are many changes happening, which means that at times, life can be difficult to navigate, not to mention the pressure to fit-in, find friends, achieve and be 'successful'.

Ask many parents what they want most for their child, and you often hear the response, "I just want them to be happy and successful." If parents 'just' want their child to be happy and successful; what if their child is sad? If they know you want them to be happy, they might think it's not okay to be sad. The same goes for being successful.

The pressures on children today to be successful can be quite daunting. It does depend on what success means to you and what it means for your child. These are good questions to ask yourself and probably hard to answer because we are so wrapped up in society's definition of success. Don't get me wrong, high expectations are important – they provide purpose and accountability. However, goals are personal, and different for everyone. This is what counts.

In the heat of the moment, being curious and asking yourself the question, "I wonder what's going on for my child right now?" can help you stay compassionate rather than frustrated or accusatory.

Using empathy and remembering just what it was like when you were a child is always a good place to start. If you look back to when you were in their shoes, chances are you too were unsure why you behaved the way you did – your child is no different. It's okay for them to be sad, angry, frustrated, emotional, make mistakes and fail. As parents, it is our job to support our children and try to take some of the pressure off them (not add to it)

## Summer Uniform, Term Four

As we are now in October, we often see some cool mornings and warm afternoons. As usual when we change from Term Three to Four, parents can choose which uniform their child wears for the first two weeks. However, the Summer Uniform is expected for all students from Monday of Week 3. Please ensure your children does not wear a 'mix and match', with elements from both uniforms, as this really does detract from our uniform.

Further, as per our Sun Smart Policy, students need to be wearing hats when outdoors i.e., recess, lunch, P.E. lessons, etc. Please ensure you remind your child to place their labelled hat in their school bag each day. Thank you to those who consistently send their child in neat, clean, full, and correct uniform daily.

## Multicultural Dress-up Day, Friday 4 November

The SRC Executive invites children to wear clothing from their family's cultural background, or colours that depict the respective nation's flag. The SRC Executive has decided to organise this day, to promote multiculturalism. No gold coin donation is necessary for this day. Also, the Canteen Special Food Day on Thursday 3 November will have a multicultural focus. Additionally, in Weeks 3 and 4, Italian classes will concentrate on cultural activities during lesson time.

## Parents and Friends (P&F) funding going towards items

Various P&F fundraiser events have taken place this year, including the movie night, school disco, Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, and the recent selling of Cadbury chocolates. Thank you to the P&F for organising these events. We would also like to thank everyone for your continued support with our various P&F fundraisers so far this year. Without this support we wouldn't be able to raise money for our school.

With the funds raised this year, it has been decided the following items will be purchased for the school: educational games for each class; a new oven for the school canteen; portable speakers for the Preschool; two tents with SJP logo; an outdoor PA system; coloured sporting flags with new SJP logo; and protective pads for the school's football posts.

## Building work update

As has been mentioned, building work for the Stage 1 project (eight new classrooms with added facilities) commenced in early September. There will be extra vehicles (including trucks) during the construction period (on Tarcoma Avenue), so please take extra care when driving and dropping-off/picking-up your child(ren).

You can view images of what Stage 1 will look like upon completion, by clicking on the following link:

## COVID-19 isolation rules update

You have no doubt heard that it is no longer mandatory for those who test positive to COVID-19 to self-isolate at home. However, if your child is unwell, please do keep them home, as this is the most effective control against an outbreak of COVID-19 in our school community.

Also, please note that you are still required to notify the school if your child returns a positive COVID-19 test, so that we can record the absence period and record data requested by SA Health.

## No Parking in the Parish/School Driveway

Please observe the signage indicating no parking in the Parish/School Driveway. This is in place for the safety of our children and community members. Moreover, the driveway needs to be kept clear (it is only for authorised vehicles) as it is an emergency entrance/exit. Thank you for following this regulation.

## Term Four Calendar

Please view the Term Four Calendar (circulated on Friday 30 September), so you can see the different events occurring during the term.

## Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- the Jaensch family (Harriet, PS, Kanga group) on the passing of her maternal great grandmother; and
- the Jonas family (Alice, RPT) on the passing of her paternal grandmother.

**Wishing you well!**

**Simon Mechis**

## Catholic Identity

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 listed below.

Parents are welcomed to attend.

## Term 4 Class Mass/Liturgy Schedule

Reception – Friday 11th November 10:15am Liturgy in the Church

Year 1 – Friday 2nd December 10:15am Liturgy in the Church

Year 2 – Friday 28th October 10:15am Liturgy in the Church

Year 3 - Friday 11th November 9:15am Mass in the Church

Year 4 - Friday 28th October 9:15am Mass in the Church

Year 5 - Tuesday 1st November 9:15am Whole School Mass (Yrs. 3-6 only) in the Church

Year 6 - Friday 9th December 9.15am Whole School End of Year Mass (R-6) in the Church and Tuesday 13th December 7.00pm

Graduation Liturgy

## Child Protection Curriculum

As part of our Child Protection Curriculum, all class will be learning about Cybersafety.

They will explore

- What cyberbullying is;
- How to be cybersafe;
- How to create a positive digital footprint;

How to report unsafe online behaviour.

Students will have learnt that cyberbullying is bullying using any digital technologies including mobile phones, private messaging and any

social media tools. Many students are using social media or games that have age restrictions.

This year like every other year we highlighted with our Year 3 – 6 students the importance of being Cybersafe. This term we have organised a Cyber-safety session on Monday 7th Nov at 11.30am, run by SAPOL, which is endorsed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. The aim of these sessions is to support positive online experiences and digital citizenship by encouraging students to navigate their way around their online world with responsibility, resilience, respect and empathy. The session is customised, interactive and engaging for the students and covers the latest up to date information to complement the already valuable messages being shared by our school community.

The student session will include the following topics:

- Digital reputation
- Online Gaming
- Social Media dos and don'ts
- Cyber bullying
- Strategies for online wellbeing and screen time management
- Online security and privacy, protecting personal information.
- Ways to stay safe where to seek help.

It is important as a parent to ensure that you know what your child is doing online and with whom they are talking to. The message to parents is to remember that you are the parent, and you make the rules for your home to keep your children safe, despite the protests you may receive.

## Preservice Teachers

On Monday we welcomed Mary, Jemma and Sharma pre-service teachers who began their placement with us this term. Jemma and Sharma will be working with Ms Annetta's Reception students and Mary will be in Ms Rowett's Year 1 class. I know you will all make them feel very welcome at our school.

**Regards**

**Ingrid Douventzidis**

## 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.

19 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/our register at Preschool entrance



## Enrolments 2023/2024



### 2023 Preschool Enrolments

Is your child ready to start Preschool in 2023 and Reception in 2024?

Places are filling fast for children born in 2019. 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](mailto:info@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au)

[Enrolment Information website](#)

### Community News

[Royal Life Saving Holiday Swim](#)



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.

**A reminder to update class profile on Qkr if applicable (i.e., especially for those who have moved to mid-year Reception).**

### 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.**

## 2022 Term 4 Calendar of Events

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## 2023 School Term Dates

Term 1 - 30 January to 14 April

Term 2 - 1 May to 7 July

Term 3 - 24 July to 29 September

Term 4 - 16 October to 15 December

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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

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