



Important Dates

6:30pm –
Sacramental Parent
Workshop for 2025
Tuesday 22 October 2024

World Teachers'
Day.
Friday 25 October 2024

9:00am – Assembly
(Creative Minds
hosting)
Thursday 31 October 2024

All Saints Day
9:15am – Whole
School Mass (Year 3
and 5 classes
hosting)
Friday 1 November 2024

All Souls Day
Saturday 2 November 2024

Preschool Sports
Morning, 9-10am
(Koalas and Joeys)
Tuesday 5 November 2024

5:45pm – Preschool
2025 Parent
Information Evening
Tuesday 5 November 2024

Preschool Sports
Morning, 9-10am
(Kangas and
Possums)
Thursday 7 November 2024

5:45pm – Reception
2025 Parent
Information Evening
Thursday 7 November 2024

SPORTS DAY
Friday 8 November 2024

From the Principal

Welcome to Term Four

I trust everyone had the opportunity for some down-time during the break and is ready for the final term of 2024.

As mentioned in the letter last week, it is good to be back after being on leave for the last five weeks of Term Three. I again express my thanks to Mr Michael Musolino and Ms Tania Melfi for their leadership (as respective Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal) during my absence.

Being able to forgive and move on

I recently came across a piece about what means to forgive and move forward in our lives. The information is pertinent adults, but also central for our children.

During our journey through life, we often experience difficulties, traumas, relationship breakups and all manner of things that we feel hurt us. When we begin defining ourselves by these 'wounds' it begins to impact the way we see the world and how we fit into it.

These wounds show themselves in our lives as feelings of fear, betrayal, pain, anger and resentment. We know we're stuck in the wound because we continually bring it up in conversation, frequently thinking about what we could or should have done and can't seem to let it go.

Often getting stuck in our wounds leads to a negative spiral and can put us at risk for illness. Using the wound for self-pity, or an excuse for poor behaviour, attitude and unkind words is not helpful. Taking a healing approach is crucial.

We are not meant to stay wounded, but instead to move through the tragedies, challenges and painful episodes of life with a perspective of growth. Wounds and difficulties provide us with the ability to transform our thinking and behaviour as we reflect on what we have learned. Taking responsibility for our healing journey also means that we are increasing and building up our positive energy bank.

Learning to move through the pain attached to the wound in a constructive and healthy way is important. Being able to let go of the pain and incident and re-author a new preferred story that allows us to learn and move on with life in a positive way is essential.

I really like the sentiments of Don Miguel Ruiz, author of 'The Four Agreements' – "Don't take things personally, because the truth is everyone is dealing with their own feelings, beliefs and opinions. Nothing other people do is because of you. It is because of themselves."

The biggest step of moving on from wounds is the ability to embody forgiveness. This is not saying that what happened didn't matter or approving of another person's actions. A significant goal of forgiveness is to release the negative emotions and feelings about the event or persons involved from our being, so that it is not causing long term damage to our mental, physical and emotional health.

'Right to Disconnect' legislation

We understand that parent/caregiver engagement goes hand in hand with student wellbeing and success and productive communication with parents/caregivers is an essential feature of a positive school culture.

Digital technologies have greatly assisted in this regard and the use of parent/caregiver information apps, social media (for general school information), school website, SEQTA and the use of email communication directly with staff is now routine.

We appreciate that parent/caregiver expectations as to staff accessibility have evolved in the context of enhanced digital communication practices. While representing efficient modes of communication, the breadth of digital communication options can create 'availability creep' where school employees become more accessible in locations and at times of the day, weekends and during periods of leave when they should be able to disconnect from work. Indeed, the Fair Work Act has taken effect which provide school employees a right to disconnect.

In the interests of respecting the rights of our staff and recognising the importance of facilitating and promoting healthy communication, we are introducing the following as standard protocol during term time:

- Noting our staff spend a significant amount of their workday focusing on teaching or other activities applicable to their roles, staff will endeavour to respond to parent/caregiver communications requesting a response within 48 hours, noting staff will discern whether an urgent matter requires a shorter response timeframe:
- Teachers will likely respond to emails between 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday; and
- Parents/caregivers are encouraged to contact the school Front Office in the first instance for general information and anything

requiring immediate attention.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding and support of the above.

World Teachers' Day

Friday 25 October is World Teachers' Day. I believe the day should be called 'World School Staff Day', as it is a combined effort which is required to educate and support children. I pay tribute to all staff at St Joseph's Catholic School Payneham, for the dedicated work towards the children in our care.

School Uniform Reminder

As we are now in Term Four, all students are expected to wear their summer uniform (noting that for the first week of term there is a grace period between winter and summer uniform) However, the summer uniform is expected to be worn by all students from Week 2.

We also seek your ongoing support in ensuring students are meeting the school uniform expectations, including having hair that is clean, neat and well-groomed. Cuts and styles which are extreme are not acceptable. Hair that touches the collar must be tied back. Thank you to the families who consistently send their child in neat, clean, full, and correct 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.

Carlo Acutis Building

I remind you about the official opening of the Carlo Acutis Building, to take place on Thursday 20 February 2024 at 10:00am.

Additionally, a letter will be distributed to families tomorrow about a wooden sculpted relief depicting Blessed Carlo, which will be installed and displayed in the building.

Surname displayed in car for Marian Rd after school pick-up and moving efficiently on Marian Rd

As promoted, if you collect your child/ren in the 'pick-up' area along Marian Road after school, we'd love to trial having your family surname written on a piece of A4 paper, placed on the front passenger side windscreen. From a staff perspective, this will allow for easy visibility, so when on yard duty the respective staff member can call out the surname ahead of time, preparing your child/ren ready for pick-up, and hence speed up the collection process. Obviously, your help is required, in writing your family surname on an A4 white, keeping it in your car, and placing it on the front passenger dashboard when collecting your child. If there are family members who regularly do the pick-up, promoting this initiative with them will be appreciated. Thank you to those who have already got on board.

Further, please ensure there is efficiency when dropping-off and picking-up your child on Marian Road. Moving along in safe and efficient manner assists with traffic flow.

Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- The Nero, Luppino and Gentilcore families (Mrs Joyce Nero, Reception teacher, Julian, 5YV, Alana, 1TC and Annalise, RCL) on the passing of their maternal great grandmother, Grazia, who passed away during the school holidays.

Congratulations

I offer my best wishes to:

- Michael Musolino (Deputy Principal) and Caterina Musolino (Year 1 teacher), on the recent birth of their third child, Gia Margherita.
- Josie Ferragamo (Business Manager) on becoming a grandmother (for the first time), to baby girl, Mia.

Diary Dates and Term Four Calendar

Please refer to the Term Four Calendar which was distributed earlier this week. I particularly highlight the following whole school events taking place this term:

- Sports Day, Friday 8 November (at Payneham Oval); and
- End of Year Christmas Concert, Wednesday evening, 27 November, on the school grounds.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

APRIM News

A Formative Pilgrimage

Welcome to Term Four!

It doesn't feel like that long ago when I led prayer at our first Staff Meeting of the year. At that time, inspired by my Lasallian teachings, I introduced the metaphor of formation as a pilgrimage — a personal and communal journey of faith that deepens our sense of mission and purpose. Each pilgrim embarks on their own journey while joining others on a shared path towards a common destination. And so, the journey of one becomes the pilgrimage of many.

A pilgrimage takes time; it involves pauses along the way that provide moments for reflection and renewal, reigniting the pilgrims' motivation to continue. It is not always easy or smooth and often includes detours and interruptions. What gives a pilgrimage lasting significance are those vantage points along the route that invite the pilgrims to stop, contemplate, and be transformed by what is seen and experienced. These moments are key opportunities for growth — threshold experiences that precede the next steps.

The pilgrim journeys of Saint Joseph, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and more recently, Blessed Carlo Acutis are powerful examples of how faith can shape lives in service to others. They faced challenges, yet their steadfast commitment to God's mission continues to inspire us as a school community. Their lives reflect our school's vision: to nurture faith, inspire hearts, and encourage service to the broader community. Together, we strive to walk in their footsteps, fostering a spirit of love, courage, and compassion on our shared pilgrimage of learning, faith, and service.

Our formative pilgrimage has proven beneficial for our students, who are learning to see with the eyes of faith, pray, and associate with others to form an educational community that works in solidarity with those most in need. In Term Three, our school made a difference by standing in solidarity with those facing homelessness in our communities. The Bags of Love that our students so lovingly prepared, supported Catherine House, Hutt Street Centre, St Vincent de Paul, and Catholic Mission. Tony Johnston, Province Director SA & NT Catholic Mission, personally delivered the Bags of Love himself to the outback parishes of Port Augusta, and Coober Pedy. Here are some images he shared.

In addition to the essential items, the Bags of Love initiative also raised a total of \$1,730.75. Thank you to our school community for your generous donations. May we continue to be worthy pilgrims on this journey of faith, bringing peace, hope, and compassion to the poor and vulnerable.

Last Tuesday, the children preparing for their First Holy Communion gathered for the third workshop, marking an important step in their formative pilgrimage. This journey is not one they walk alone; their parents accompany them closely, guiding them through moments of learning, prayer, and reflection. As the primary nurturers of faith, parents play a vital role in fostering an environment where the children can grow in their love for Christ and understanding of the Eucharist. This shared pilgrimage not only strengthens the bond between families but also invites the entire worshipping community to reflect on their own faith journey. By welcoming these children, the community receives a renewal of its own faith, as their innocence and enthusiasm inspire all to deepen their connection with God and the Eucharistic mystery.

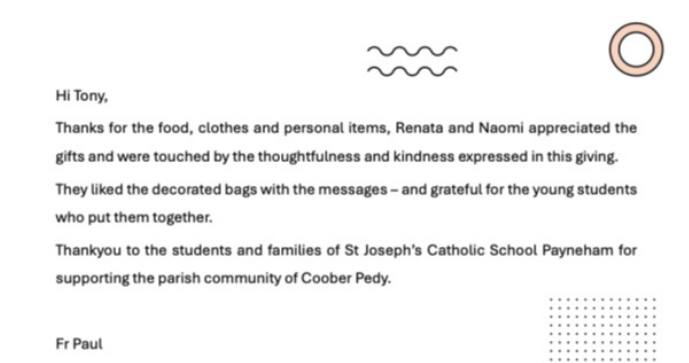
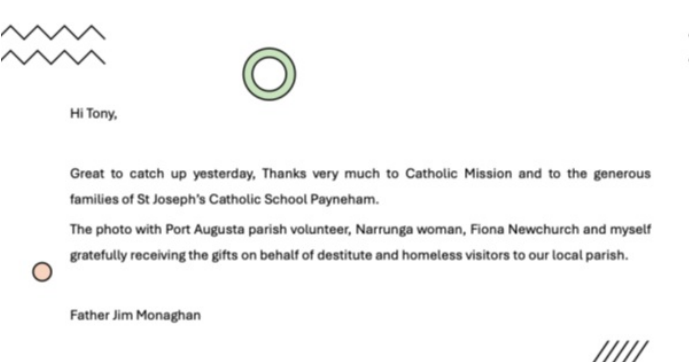
First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will take place over four weekends in November during the regular Sunday Masses of the parish. Parents and caregivers have booked their preferred date. A special thank you goes to Fr Michael and Sr Josie for their ongoing support and care on this formative journey.

Information Evening for Sacrament Preparation 2025

A friendly reminder to families of current Year 3 students - Our Parent/Caregiver Information Evening for Sacrament Preparation 2025 with Fr Michael will take place on Tuesday, 22nd October at 6:30-7:00pm, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. We look forward to seeing you there as we begin this important journey together with a new group of children.

God bless!



Enrolment Information

Please ensure that you enrol each of your children at least 12-18 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 is now available on Tuesdays



St Joseph's School
PAYNEHAM



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

Playgroup and Occasional Care Programs

Please click onto the link below for further information

[Playgroup](#)

[Preschool](#)

[Preschool Mid-year intake](#)

[Piccolini](#)

Library News



Look out for the copy of the Book Club catalogues coming home in your child's school bag today. Packed with 100's of books at affordable prices to help you on your child's reading journey.

Orders are due by Friday 25th October.

Orders can be made by credit using the online LOOP system, please visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Cash payments will not be accepted.

[Due date notice](#)

[Book Clubs Information](#)

[How to order Book Club](#)

Please click onto the link below for further information

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

Canteen

Volunteers needed in the Canteen for Term 4

We rely on Volunteers to help run our Canteen. We are desperately seeking volunteers for Term 4.

Currently, we only have a small number of dedicated volunteers, however, we do require more, especially on Fridays and on special food days.

Should volunteers not be forthcoming, we may need to cease over the counter sales during recess and lunch.

Should you be interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Roma on 0401 929 639 or via email: sroma@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

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



[SJP Sun Protection Policy 2024](#)

2024 School Term Dates

29 January to 12 April

29 April to 4 July

23 July to 27 September

14 October to 11 December

Term 4 Calendar of Events 2024

[Term 4 Calendar of Events 2024](#)