



## Important Dates

Parent Cyber Safety  
Sessions Yrs 3-6, 9-  
9:45am

Friday 4 April 2025

Daylight savings  
end (move clock  
back one hour at  
3am)

Sunday 6 April 2025

Celebration of The  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
3:00pm-6:00pm  
held in Our Lady  
Queen of Peace  
Church

Thursday 10 April 2025

LAST DAY OF  
TERM ONE -  
3:00pm finish

Friday 11 April 2025

Celebration of The  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
3:00pm-6:00pm  
held in Our Lady  
Queen of Peace  
Church

Friday 11 April 2025

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13 April 2025

TERM TWO  
COMMENCES  
(Winter uniform to  
be worn)

Monday 28 April 2025

## From the Principal

### Be a role model of strength and resilience for your child

In a world that is constantly changing and presenting new challenges, one of the most valuable traits we can instil in our children is resilience. That is the ability to adapt, recover, and grow stronger in the face of adversity. It is crucial for children's personal development and overall well-being.

Children look to their parents/caregivers to understand how to deal with and react to everyday situations, especially the more difficult and challenging ones.

By modelling resilience in our own lives, we teach our children how to appropriately do the same. As they move through their childhood into their teen years, and then adulthood, they will be better equipped to cope with life's challenges.

It is important to know that some children are naturally more resilient than others. Their temperament allows them to deal with problems, difficulties or disappointments and recover without too much fuss or bother.

However, not every child will have this natural resilience and will need support from ourselves, to help build skills and confidence to deal with life's challenges and recover to move forward.

#### Some tips to support resilience in our children:

1. Demonstrate a positive attitude towards your own challenges. Talk about them as opportunities to learn and improve.
2. Support their sense of self. Help your child/ren to develop a positive sense of who they are, how they feel about themselves and what they can do.
3. Build coping skills. Talk to your child about how to develop strategies for dealing with difficult situations.
4. Help them to find solutions to problems. Ask questions like, "What could you do?" and "What do you think?" and try not to always solve the problem for them.
5. Allow them to take on healthy challenges and risks. Provide opportunities for them to build confidence by taking on tasks and encourage them to work through problems and dilemmas.
6. Help them to take on responsibilities. Start with the basics like caring for their own belongings, making their own bed and chores i.e., feeding the pets, putting the dishes away, etc. This builds their sense that they are capable.

### Save the Date, Friday 9 May – Mother's Day Morning

Early notice that on 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 your child's classroom at 8:45am and join for morning prayer. Please join us. I thank the P&F for the support provided to host this event.

### Student safety around strangers

Please remind your child/ren to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied and/or travelling to and from school. If your child is approached, they should not respond or accept offers for a ride or gift. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

### Swimming Carnival Congratulations

On Tuesday our School Swimming Team participated in the annual Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival, at the SA Aquatic Centre where St Joseph's Payneham came an impressive first place! This is the second consecutive year, we have been victorious. A big thank you our Physical Education Coordinator, Mr Adrian Mastrangelo for organising the opportunity for our students.

### 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. If you are unsure of any school uniform requirements, please speak with your child's class teacher, or the Front Office.

## End of Term One / Beginning of Term Two

Term One concludes on Friday 11 April at 3:00pm. The first day of Term Two, is Monday 28 April at 8:40am.

### Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- The Salem family (Sebastian, 5YV), on the passing of his maternal great grandfather.
- The Hall family (Jaxson, 5YV and Leo, 2TM), on the passing of their maternal great grandmother.

### Congratulations

I offer my best wishes to:

- Emma Burke (OSHC Assistant Director and ESO), on her recent marriage to Chris. We will now refer to Emma as Mrs Young.

**Wishing you well!**

**Simon Mechis**

## From the Deputy Principal

### SRC Update

The SRC has recently been working incredibly well together to create new and engaging activities for Friday Funday in the school gym. Through brainstorming and collaboration, students have established fun activities and games that encourage teamwork, movement and creativity, ensuring everyone has a great time. We look forward to sharing the exciting activities on offer for Term 2 soon. In addition, the group has begun planning for World Environment Day on Thursday, June 5th. The students are excited to introduce various activities to their peers that not only celebrate the environment but also inspire students to take action in caring for the Earth. Stay tuned for more details as the SRC continues to develop these exciting initiatives!

### Cyber Safety Sessions

Tomorrow at school, we have a representative from the South Australia Police (SAPOL) facilitating Cyber Safety workshops for parents and students. The parent workshop will be held in the gym from 9:00-9:45am, focusing on ways young people SEE, SAY and DO online, the challenges they may face and how to report and get help if things go wrong. There is no cost to attend the presentation. If you wish to attend, please RSVP [info@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au) by 8pm this evening. The student workshop will be presented to our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students during the school day.

### Preservice Teacher

Gloria Wang has recently started a teaching placement in the Koala and Possum Preschool groups. She is a third-year student at UniSA and is studying Early Childhood Education. We welcome Gloria to our school community and wish her all the best for her teaching placement.

### 'Active April' Calendar

Please see attached the '[Active April](#)' calendar from the 'Action for Happiness' website. We encourage you to share this calendar with your families at home to promote kindness.

Thank you everyone for your hard work and support throughout this term. Enjoy the Easter period and two week holiday break, and we look forward to seeing you next term!

**Keep Well!**

**Michael Musolino**

## From the APRIM

### Dear School Community

As we come to the end of Term One, I want to take a moment to thank each of you - students, families, and staff - for the dedication,

kindness, and generosity you have shown throughout these past months. This term has been filled with moments of learning, growth, and deepening faith, and I am grateful for the way we have walked this Lenten journey together.

Lent invites us to pause, reflect, and renew our hearts in preparation for Easter. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are reminded of the call to love and serve others. Our support of *Project Compassion* is a powerful way to live out this mission, as students continue to engage in acts of generosity to help those in need. It has been inspiring to see their commitment to making a difference, and I thank all families for your encouragement and support.

Student leadership has shone brightly this term. Our Student Leadership teams have embraced their call to serve, leading with curiosity, faith and compassion. Across our school, students have taken initiative, shown kindness, and lived out our Josephite spirituality in their daily actions. I look forward to seeing this continue to grow as the year unfolds.

In the last week of term, we will hold two special fundraising events: *Cupcakes for a Cause*, and *The Big Water Walk*.

- *Cupcakes for a Cause* – supporting the RSPCA - is an initiative close to the Year 5 Eco Squad leaders. With the help of mums and dads, the young leaders will bake and sell cupcakes during Recess and Lunch.



- *The Big Water Walk*, led by the Year 6 Student Leaders, will be held on the last day of school. Year Levels will take turns walking laps of the oval and asphalt while carrying a small bucket of water, symbolising the many children and families around the world who must travel long distances each day to collect water for their basic needs. This powerful experience will foster empathy and awareness while raising funds for those who lack easy access to clean, safe water.

A Sponsorship Form has been sent to families via Audiri and Seesaw, inviting families and friends to support our children walking the distance. Alternatively, families and friends can support this initiative by making a donation to *Project Compassion* via the School's Qkr! App.



On Friday 11 April, at 10:15am, we will gather as a school community to pray the Stations of the Cross in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross is a meaningful Lenten tradition. Guided by Fr Michael and some of our students, we will

reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross. His words, *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"* (John 15:12) remind us that Jesus' journey was an act of ultimate love and sacrifice, calling us to follow his example in our own lives.

And as we step into the final days of Lent and prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, I ask that you keep our school community in your prayers. In a special way, I invite you to pray for me as I travel to Italy and Rome for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. This will be a moment of profound significance, as the Church officially recognises this young saint who has inspired so many with his deep love for the Eucharist and his ability to bring faith into the digital age. I will carry our school community in my prayers as I take part in this special event. During my Leave, Mrs Adriana Graziani will be in the acting position, and I am grateful for her leadership and support.

May this Easter be a time of renewed hope and joy for each of you. As we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, may we embrace our call to be Pilgrims of Hope, walking together in faith. May the light of Christ fill your hearts and homes, and may we continue to be inspired by the lives of Blessed Carlo Acutis and St Mary MacKillop, who showed us what it means to love and serve with courage and compassion.

**Wishing you all a blessed Easter and a restful holiday.**

**With gratitude,**

**Patrizia Puglia**

**Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission**

## 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



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](http://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

[St Aloysius College Scholarship for 2026](#)

[St Paul's Enrolment Process for 2027](#)

[PlayStart Soccer Term 2 2025](#)

[Parks YMCA April School Hoildays 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



[SJP Sun Protection Policy 2024](#)

## 2025 School Term Dates

28 January to 11 April

28 April to 4 July

21 July to 26 September

13 October to 10 December

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# Calendar of Events for 2025

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