



Week 3 Term 1 2022

Important Dates

Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday 1 March

Sacramental 3rd Meeting
Tuesday 1 March

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 2 March

Student Free Day
Friday 11 March

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Positive about the school/learning experience

The whole school is now back in face-to-face learning (after two weeks of online/remote learning for our Year 2-6s), and it is great having everyone on board.

I congratulate you in preparing your children well for the start of this school year. As you are no doubt aware, establishing sound routines

to support your child's readiness for learning each day are essential. Arrival at school on time, by 8:40am, is an important first step, in ensuring your child is ready for the day ahead.

Be optimistic about the school and learning experience – your reaction and attitude will rub off onto your child. To get the conversation going about your child's day at school, try asking the following 'after school' questions: What was the best part of your day? Tell me something interesting that happened at school? What is something you learned today? How did you help someone?

We need to be realistic and know that on some days at school (just like in our own lives), there are going to be dilemmas; is it conflict with a friend, not understanding the content for a respective subject, etc. Again, your outlook and comments are important in these situations. Remain calm and level-headed; remember there are always two sides to a story; focus your questions so your child is doing the problem solving (not you doing it for them). For example, questions such as: 'what needs to happen to improve the situation'; or 'what can we do to fix this?' can be helpful and empowering. Your child needs to know you are there to support them. Be patient and give your child opportunity to answer.

Communication is an essential element in any healthy relationship – school/home dialogue is no different. Therefore, sound discourse with the school, in particular, your child's teacher is paramount to having a successful year. As a parent/carer, we are our child's advocate. However, I believe we shouldn't 'rescue' our children when something goes wrong. This will not help our child in the long run. If we want our children to be resilient and independent beings, they need the opportunity to develop such skills. We need to give our child the chance to think creatively and proactively. The results for our children, are that they will develop sound strategies when faced with problems, and ultimately, this will help them as they become adolescents and adults.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the School Board and Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee will be held on Thursday 3 March 2022, commencing at 7:00pm (in the Gymnasium).

The Board and P&F are your foremost parent representative groups and help make decisions on behalf of all families and children within the St Joseph's School community.

School Board meetings occur monthly (twice per term), usually on the third Wednesday of each month. Parent representatives are elected to the Board for a 2-year term (with a maximum 6-year tenure).

There are three positions available on the School Board this year. A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Nominations will close on Friday 25 February at 5:00 pm.

On the other hand, the Parents and Friends has no restrictions to the number of parents who wish to be involved in this proactive group. P&F meetings are open to all parents (dates and times of meetings will be confirmed, but typically occur once a term).

Parking, road safety, driver etiquette and being friendly to our neighbours

School drop-off and pick-up times are busy for everyone. The endeavour is for this to happen in a safe and courteous manner. Please demonstrate consideration and patience, as well as travelling slowly around the school, especially where marked (no faster than 25 km/h).

As a result of the busyness at drop-off and pick-up, finding a car park next to the school gate can be tricky. I recommend to find a park a little further away from the school, where you will not only discover that it is easier to locate a parking space, but also opportunity for some exercise with your child/ren, and an extra chance to 'connect', as you walk your child to and from school. You could even plan to meet with another family at a designated point (for example at Payneham Oval), and then walk the 5 or 10 minutes to school.

Additionally, please be considerate of our neighbours, which includes not parking or standing with your vehicle in their driveways. Lastly, kindly ensure your child(ren) are keeping out of residents' gardens. Thank you for your anticipated attention to the above.

School Uniform

The students are looking very neat and professional in their uniforms. 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.

A reminder, students are to wear their school hats during Terms One and from the 1st September. Wearing the sport uniform is only to occur on the allocated days (as indicated by your child's classroom teacher).

Student Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

For students who bring a mobile phone to school, the protocol is that at the beginning of the day, the phone is handed to the class teacher. At the end of the day, students have their phone returned.

If a staff member needs to make contact throughout the day, we will communicate through our usual channels. Likewise, if you need to make immediate contact with your child, please ring the school.

We are currently reviewing our 'wearable technology policy' (i.e., smart watches at school), and will provide you with the particulars soon.

Nut allergies

St Joseph's School tries very hard to create a 'nut free' environment. There are a number of students across the various year levels in our school who will suffer an extreme adverse reaction — life threatening in some cases — if they come into contact with any food product containing the slightest trace of nut substance. For that reason, we ask parents/carers to avoid sending nut products to school. When classes have 'shared lunches' parents will need to be mindful that the plate of food that is being sent to school is 'nut free'. We appreciate this could be an inconvenience as some children love peanut paste, Nutella and other nut-based spreads. However, for the safety and wellbeing of our children, we need to adhere to this practice.

Food allergies

Incidentally, in a typical classroom at least one student is likely to be affected by food allergies, and for reasons that are not completely understood, the number of children with food allergies is increasing. About 20% of students with food allergies (1 of 5) will have a reaction while at school. A food allergy is an adverse immune system reaction that occurs soon after exposure to a certain food. As children get older, allergen avoidance becomes complex, as they desire to fit in with peers and navigate social activities. Therefore, the rest of the school community needs to be vigilant, to ensure that all children are not placed in awkward situations whereby they may experience a severe reaction. For these reasons, we discourage students sharing food and touching other people's food.

Advance notice – Student Free Day, Friday 11 March 2022

On the above date, staff will be engaged in a whole day of Professional Learning (with the other Eastern Catholic Primary Schools), and therefore will be a Student Free Day. OSHC will be available.

COVID-19 Update

Unfortunately, we will have children who will test positive to COVID-19. This may impact on the child's class mates and their Class Teacher (and ESOs). When we are notified that a child has tested positive, the families of the child's respective class will be notified (via our Skoolbag or Seesaw app).

Obviously, class teachers and ESOs may also test positive from their interaction within the school community, or may be exposed to family members who have tested positive. We will endeavour to engage the appropriate temporary staff for the period of the staff member's quarantine time.

To keep ourselves and others safe, in line with SA Health and Catholic Education South Australia (CESA), please ensure you:

- aim for a prompt drop-off and pick-up;
- do not congregate with others in the community;
- continue to have your child focus on good hygiene and hand washing;
- keep your child(ren) home when they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms and have your child tested for COVID-19, notifying us as soon as possible if your child does test positive for COVID-19.

Congratulations

Lastly, I share with you the following 'good news' and offer my best wishes to:

- the Jerkic family (Arlia, Preschool), on the birth of a boy, Andre; and
- the Saifuddin family (Jamila, RK), on the birth of a boy, Adam.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

From the Deputy Principal/APRIM



Religious Education

The Religious Dimension is the core element of everything we do at St Joseph's and is founded on the teachings of Jesus through the Gospels, and our Josephite traditions.

The Religious Education curriculum called 'Crossways' is made up of one 'Skills and Dispositions Strand' called 'Wisdom' and five 'Knowledge Strands'. These 'Knowledge Strands' are: 'God, us and Faith', 'Sacred Texts', 'Church for the World', 'Moral life' and 'Sacramentality and Prayer'.

This curriculum aims to ensure that students acquire knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith and develop the skills and knowledge to become strong advocates of social justice. The curriculum also encourages students to explore their own faith journey.

At St Joseph's families are also supported in the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. Children are also given spiritual experiences through prayer, meditation, gratitude journaling and the many liturgical celebrations we participate in throughout the school year.

Catholic schools work in partnership with families. educating the whole person, that is, our children's moral, intellectual, physical, social, spiritual and religious development.

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

On **Wednesday 2nd March**, the students from Reception to Year 6 will celebrate an Ash Wednesday liturgy in their classroom. This day marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a special time of the year when we reflect on our baptismal promises and think about how we are living out Jesus' mission in our home, school and community. It is a time when God invites us to become better people.

The Season of Lent is a time in which we reflect on how we can have a change of heart. We reflect on this in special ways: by prayer; by giving to our brothers and sister in need and by fasting.

We are drawn into a personal conversation with God on:

How am I being a voice of love and joy in my home, my community?

How have I been at the service of God's word each day?

Are others able to see and experience the love and forgiveness of God through my actions?

These questions are challenging at the best of times for adults. For children, we discuss Lent as a time to 'Turn Back to God.' It is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Whilst prayer is something that children engage readily in, the notion of fasting and almsgiving can be a more distant and abstract concept for children to grasp. We need to make these Lenten practices more tangible.

Prayer

pray for a sibling or family member

write a letter of thanks to someone you love

pray for someone you dislike

spend 5 minutes in quiet prayer as a family

read a Bible story

pray for those who have no one to pray for them

Fasting

fast from all screen time (tv, computer, video games, readers, iPhone, etc.)

fast from saying anything negative

fast from eating out

fast from yelling

fast from your favourite toy

Almsgiving

open the door for someone

let someone go ahead of you in line

do something anonymously for a friend or neighbour

do a chore without being asked

smile at three people you meet

give someone a compliment

Once again, we are waiting on an update of the ever-changing guidelines regarding large school gatherings including Eucharistic celebrations.

On **Tuesday 1st March**, children will be involved in the ancient ritual of Shrove Tuesday. The pancake is a gentle reminder that we are preparing to enter the season of Lent, a time of personal reflection as we journey with Jesus towards Easter. Classes will be engaged in cooking pancakes and remembering this ancient ritual.

Sacramental Program – Eucharist/Confirmation

If your child is in Year 4 and above and you would like them to undertake the sacramental journey of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during 2022, please complete the form attached and bring to the Office.

Requirements:

Children need to be:

- in Year 3 and above
- Baptised Catholic (Please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate during the Sacramental lessons)
- Supported by their family (A Catholic Sponsor for Confirmation)
- Available to participate in a preparation program of prayer and learning about the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. (week night after school at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church – time and dates to be advised)

Timeline:

- Reconciliation: **Friday 16 September and Friday 23 September - 6:00pm**
- First Holy Communion: **Saturday 21 May and 28 May - 1:30pm**
- Confirmation: **Tuesday 17 May and Thursday 19 May - 7pm**

We look forward to working with our families to nurture the faith formation of their children as they participate in the 2022 Sacramental Program.

Class Masses/Whole School Masses

Unfortunately, we are currently restricted from celebrating our Class Mass and Whole School Masses for the time being. However, we are aiming to have our Year Level Masses every Friday at 9.15am in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Family members may attend but will be required to wear a mask and maintain the required social distancing when restrictions are lifted. A roster will be distributed next week via Seesaw.

Ingrid Douventzidis

2022 School Board

[2022 School Board Nomination Form](#)

**The best way to cheer yourself
up is to cheer someone
else up ~ Mark Twain**



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new school year!

My name is Michael Musolino and part of my Leadership Support role this year will focus on student wellbeing. I look forward to working with our students, families and staff across the school in this role.

In order to assist with the future planning of wellbeing initiatives at our school, we would like to hear from you to identify the wellbeing successes and needs of your child/ren at St. Joseph's Payneham. To support us in this endeavour, below is a link to a survey regarding the wellbeing of your child/ren at school. It would be greatly appreciated if you could respond to the questions, which should take no longer than 5 minutes to answer. Thank you in advance.

Have a great week!

Michael Musolino

(Leadership Support)

*Student Wellbeing – Parent/Caregiver Survey

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/ozwksiuu>

School Fees

School Fee Statements for 2022 Fees have been posted home this week.

Please email me if your mailing address has changed since last year.

Should you not have returned your 2022 Payment Option Form please do so at your earliest opportunity.

I provide the following information:

- Paying Full Year's Fee (less discount): Account due by 28th February 2022
- Paying 1st Instalment (1/3 of account): Account due by 28th February 2022
- Direct Debits will commence as per completed agreements

To be eligible for the lower income fee, you need to qualify as a low income family. This is determined by your family's gross income for the 2020/2021 year and is a \$ value set by the State Government. In 2022, your family's gross income needs to be below approximately \$60,867 for a family with one school-aged child (the limit will vary depending on how many dependent children you have). Proof of income is required and applicants will need to apply via the State Government's School Card scheme. This does not apply for Preschool Fees. Applications can be lodged online: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or forms are available from my office.

Should any families be experiencing any financial hardship at this time, I strongly encourage you to contact myself or Simon Mechis for a

confidential discussion.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on: T:8206 5103 or via email: hcrosato@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

[2022 Payment Options](#)

Enrolments 2022/2023



[Enrolment Information website](#)

Playgroup and Occasional Care Programs



We hope you are all well and ready to start Early Learning with your little ones.

We plan to start on **WEDNESDAY 23 February 2022** provided circumstances remain the same.

In the Early Learning /Preschool Area: signs will direct you to:

Playgroup is :

Every Wednesday of the school term starting 23 February, 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 - **\$5 per family/session - bookings must be made each week via Qkr App.**
- sign -in, wear a mask and respect social distancing

Piccolini (Occasional Care) is:

- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the school term
- 3 hour sessions (9am - 12pm) (12pm - 3pm)
- sign in each time in the Preschool Play Piazza
- The Coordinator is Celesta Seal
- \$25 per session paid via QKR App - **bookings must be made each week via Qkr App**
- 6 sessions available (choose as many sessions as you like)

Remember:

- **Scan** school QR code as you enter
- Piccolini places open up 24 hours ahead of each session
- Playgroup places open up a week ahead
- Adults wear masks at all times
- **Book session via** App weekly
- Socially distance from others

Community News

Choosing a School for Year 7

[CBC Open Evening Flyer](#)

[Kildare College Tour Flyer](#)

OSHC and Vacation Care



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.

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.

[2022 Canteen Price List T1 & T4 \(summer\)](#)

Uniform Shop

[Devon Clothing New Webstore](#)

[St Joseph's School Uniform](#)

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2022 School Term Dates

Term 1: 31 January to 14 April 2022

Term 2: 2 May to 8 July 2022

Term 3: 25 July to 30 September 2022

Term 4: 17 October to 16 December 2022

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