



Week 5 Term 1 2023

Important Dates

Receptions Liturgy
at 10:15am
 Friday 3 March

Assembly at 9am
Yr. 2s hosting
 Thursday 9 March

STUDENT FREE
DAY
 Friday 10 March

Adelaide Cup Day -
Public Holiday
 Monday 13 March

Mass St Joseph's
Day at 9:15am - Yr.
5s hosting
 Monday 20 March

Annunciation School
Mass Yr. 4s hosting
 Friday 24 March

Assembly at 9am
Yr. 3s hosting
 Thursday 30 March

School Picnic St
Joseph's Day -
Payneham Oval
 Friday 31 March

From the Principal

Good Habits = Success

Here's a question: How do you define success? Ask a few people and you will no doubt be provided with different definitions. Ask your child/ren what they think.

Whatever your beliefs and definition of success, I believe that success comes about through the good habits which we create. As you read the brief extract below, reflect how this can apply to you and for your child/ren.

In the book 'Atomic Habits', author, James Clear points out that as we make tweaks, improvements, or whole scale modifications to our habits, slowly things begin to tilt in our favour. Eventually, if you stick with it, you hit a tipping point – and suddenly, it feels easier to stick with good habits.

The weight of the system is working for you rather than against you. Whilst the circumstances, and goals will be different for everyone, ultimately progress will happen if there is a commitment to tiny, sustainable, and unrelenting improvements.

Success is not a goal to reach or a finish line to cross. It is a system to improve, an endless process to refine. Bad habits repeat themselves – not because of 'a lack of endeavour to change', but rather, there is the wrong system for change in place.

The secret to attaining results that last is to never stop making improvements. Consider the following:

It's remarkable what you can build if you don't stop making. It's remarkable the business you can build if you don't stop working. It's remarkable the body you can build if you don't stop training. It's remarkable the knowledge you can build if you don't stop learning. It's remarkable the wealth you can build if you don't stop saving. It's remarkable the friendships you can build if you don't stop caring.

Small habits don't add up – they compound. That's the power of atomic habits = tiny changes, remarkable results.

St Joseph's Picnic, Friday 31 March

As highlighted in recent communication, the St Joseph's Day Picnic will now take place on Friday 31 March at Payneham Oval. Further details will be communicated closer to the date. A Reception to Year 6 St Joseph's Feast Day Mass will occur on Monday 20 March at 9:15am.

School Uniform News

As indicated, from 2024 St Joseph's Payneham will be endorsing a new school uniform. The Uniform Committee, together with the School Board have been working through this process. There will of course be a transition period from the current uniform to the new. Further details will be released in due course.

No dogs on the school grounds

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds, except for 'assistance dogs' i.e., helping visually impaired people; or if it has been arranged with your child's classroom teacher for 'show and tell'.

Student Free Day, Friday 10 March

Please take note there is a Student Free Day scheduled for Friday 10 March. Staff will be involved in professional learning on this day. OSHC will be available – please use the usual processes for booking if your child/ren require care.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

From the APRIM/Deputy Principal



Lent

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness...He fasted for forty days and forty nights...” (Matthew 4: 1-2)

The season of Lent is now upon us. This is the most important season on our Catholic Liturgical Calendar. It is a time for us to fully accept our brokenness and our weaknesses and ask God to guide and strengthen us for the journey God has planned for each one of us. It is a solemn time of reflection, renewal and change.

Above is a short passage from a Gospel reading which is read during Lent. It reminds us of Jesus' time 'in the wilderness'- the origins of the forty days of Lent before Easter. Jesus often went away alone because it is only through prayer and contemplation that we can build our relationship with God. But notice who led Jesus into the wilderness.... 'the Spirit.' Yes, it was God's Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted. God knows how important this 'time-out' is for our soul. And even more, God knows, the importance of the difficult times that we must endure, in strengthening us for things to come.

“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” (Archbishop Romero- El Salvador)

So how will you reflect, be renewed and be restored this Lent?

Make a commitment for positive change in your life which will bring you and your family closer to God. The 3 aspects of Lent, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, can be a good guide to change. Some ideas include:

Prayer: Prayer is the only way to communicate with the God that loves us as we are. Spend time in silence for individual prayer or mediation, take turns to say a prayer before the family meal or make a commitment to go to Mass each Sunday during Lent and experience the build-up to the Easter season. Someone once said, “God gives us 168 hours of life in a week, can we use just 1 to say thanks?”

Fasting: Fasting is 'giving-up' something. Take some time to examine your own life, are there habits that get in the way of strengthening your relationships with others and with God? Fasting is all about sacrifice- for the good of others. It is about becoming more aware of the needs of others rather than our own wants.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving is about sharing the earth's resources more equally with others. Consider how you can give something of yourself- time, money, talent, to others. Giving to, and assisting in events for Caritas' Project Compassion is one way of making this commitment. There may also be ways we can live more sustainably to care for the environment and others.

Second Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 6th March)

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Through Baabayn, Tereesa was also able to hear stories from Indigenous Elders and reconnect with her culture.

Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Watch a short film about Tereesa's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program will resume for 2023 with a growing group of students from the school and parish. We welcome all our families and look forward to undertaking the preparations for the upcoming Confirmation, Communion (Year 4) and Reconciliation (Year 3).

The workshop for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Tuesday, 11 April 2023 from 6.30pm-8pm. The workshop for First Holy Communion will be on Tuesday, 8 August 2023 from 6.30pm-8pm. Parents and candidates are asked to attend each of the workshops. If you wish to make your Confirmation, Communion, and Reconciliation this year please contact Ingrid on 8206 5100.

SEQTA

SEQTA is a student management system which has primarily been used in many High Schools. If you have a child at St Ignatius, Mary Mackillop or Loreto College, you may be familiar with some of the features and benefits of using this platform. Catholic Primary Schools in SA have now begun using SEQTA and will begin to use this platform to report student progress to parents. Here at St Joseph's, we have been using parts of SEQTA for several years and at the start of this year our teachers have begun exploring how to use SEQTA to plan and program lessons and units of work.

This year, all end of semester reports will be generated via SEQTA. This means our reporting format and process will look different to how it has been in the past. We are currently working with CESA on this process and hopefully we will have more information on how our reports will look as the semester progresses.

Five Critical Questions for Parents

St Joseph's has been focusing on contemporary learning and the effective use of data in our schools. Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) has engaged Dr Lyn Sharratt, an educationalist from Canada, to work with all Catholic schools in South Australia.

Her research has informed the book, *Clarity* which has moulded the basis of our professional learning. In her book, Dr Sharratt emphasises fourteen parameters that are needed to improve teaching and learning in a school. One of these is the appointment of a Leader of Learning, who will become the mentor for our teachers. We are fortunate to have the expertise of Sonia Vernillo and Vanessa Saccardo (starting in Term Two), appointed as Leaders of Learning for our school. In alignment with our 2023 School Improvement Plan they will focus on improving teaching and learning in Literacy and Numeracy.

As well as having Leaders of Learning, Dr Sharratt's research has identified the important role that parents play in their child's education as another key parameter.

To support family involvement in your child's learning and promote meaningful conversations, each teacher has shared their Term One Overview, which identifies the LEARNING INTENTIONS in all key learning areas. At the top of the overview, you will also see five critical questions parents can ask about their child's learning:

1. What did you learn today?
2. How did you do?
3. What did you do when you didn't understand?
4. How can you improve on your learning?
5. What are you most proud of?

Regards

Ingrid Douventzidis

Student Wellbeing

'The Wellbeing Club'

Last week, our two Social Work students (Eliza and Sayahat) started facilitating, 'The Wellbeing Club', a social skills program with selected students from Years 1-6 at our school. Various social skill topics will be discussed at the weekly sessions, through stories and learning activities, all of which will support students with their social and emotional wellbeing, so they are present, centred and ready to learn for school.

Multisensory Mathematics

This term, we have started our Multisensory Mathematics program (facilitated by three of our ESO staff) with selected students from Years 2-4. The program comes from 'Maths Australia', and is designed for differentiation, to tailor teaching to suit each child's varying needs. Each group will be focussing on concepts and topics (supported with the use of manipulatives) currently being taught in the classroom. The purpose of the Multisensory Mathematics program is to make Mathematics become concrete, useful and relevant to the students' everyday lives. It is also designed to help children feel more engaged, empowered and confident in their mathematical ability.

'Mindful March' calendar

Please find attached the 'Mindful March' calendar from the 'Action for Happiness' website. We encourage you to share this calendar with your families at home to promote kindness. An idea might be to place a copy on your fridge and discuss the activities with your child/children.

[Mindful March 2023](#)

All the best,

Michael Musolino

(Leadership Support & Leader of Student Wellbeing)

School Fee Payments

2023 School Fee statements were sent home via the students on Friday 10th February 2023 to all families including those who have set up automatic payment direct debits.

These direct debits commenced on Wednesday 1st March or else otherwise stated on your statement.

Unless you have an automatic deduction or payment arrangement in place one third of the total amount was due on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

If you have any questions regarding your school fees, please do not hesitate to contact our Finance Officer, Helen Crosato via email at hcrosato@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au or via telephone 8206 5103.

Premier Reading News

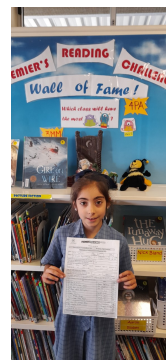
Premier's Reading Challenge Wall of Fame

Congratulations to Zara S (4PA) who is the first student to return their completed Premier's Reading Challenge form.

A Reading Monster for Zara has been placed on the Wall of Fame in the library.

Students have until 8 September to return their form.

Which class will have the most Reading Monsters?



Enrolments 2024 and beyond



2024 Preschool Enrolments

Is your child ready to start Preschool in 2024 and Reception in 2025?

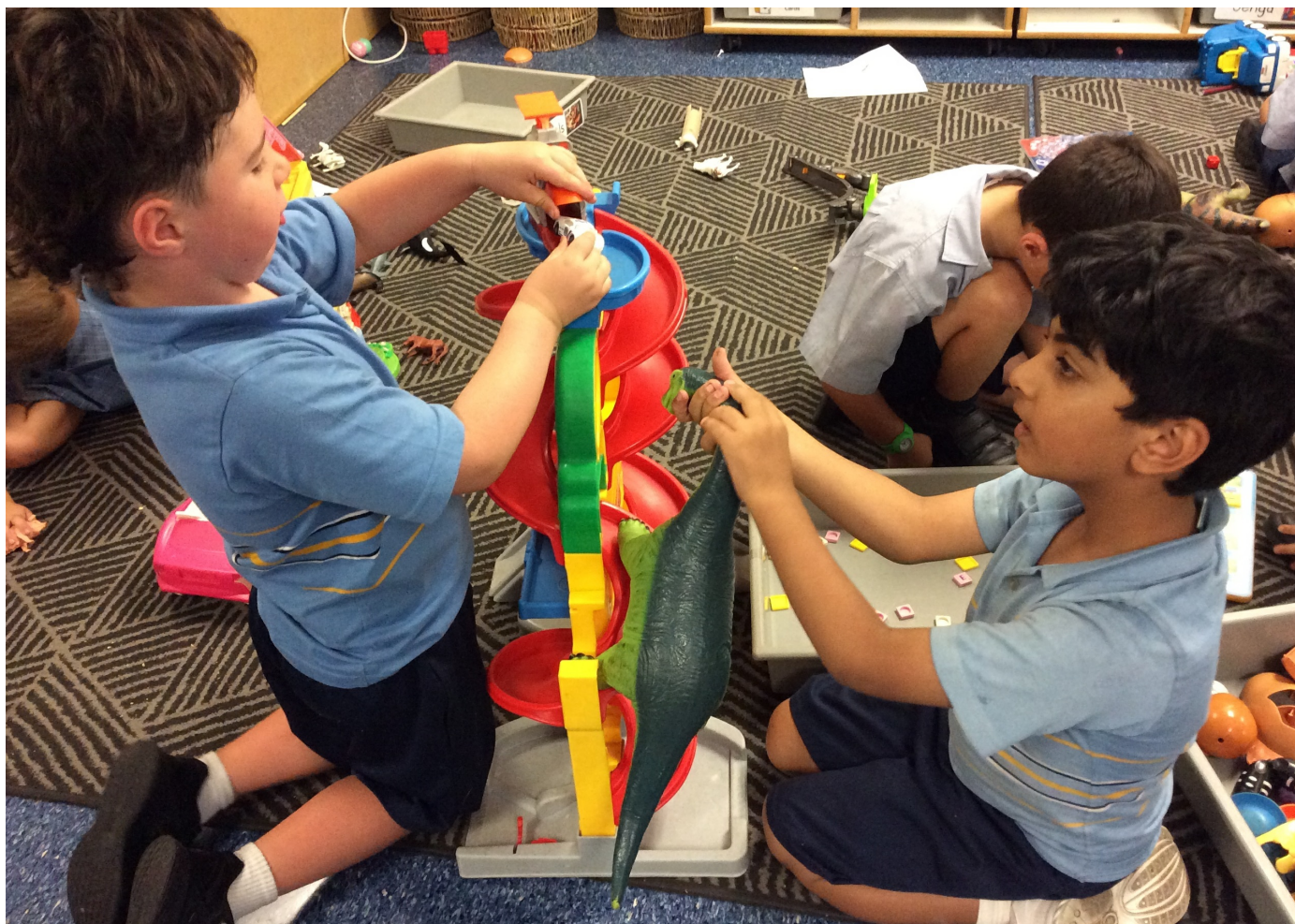
Places are filling fast for children born in 2019. January start if they turn 4 years of age by 30 April. July start if they turn 4 years of age between 1 May and 31 October.

Check the dates and tell your family and friends to avoid disappointment.

Ring 8206 5100 or email info@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

[Enrolment Information website](#)

OSHC



Please Note: Only the account holder can access the parent app BSC and ASC

Cancellations: Cancellations need to be made by 5:00pm the night prior to a BSC booking and by 9:00am the day ASC is required. Cancellations can be made by clicking the booking on the spike childcare app. In the case of an emergency and missed cut off times, parents/caregivers can notify OSHC staff on 0409675738 regarding cancellations. You will still be charged if you have not cancelled your child's booking.

[2023 OSHC Information Booklet](#)

[2023 OSHC Enrolment Form](#)



If you need any assistance, please contact OSHC staff on 0409675738.

Kind Regards,

Karina Forte

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.

Piccolini (Occasional Care)

Come and join our fun filled Piccolini sessions for 3-4 year old children.

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

[2023 Piccolini Enrolment Form](#)

[St Joseph's Early Learning Brochure](#)

[Qkr Instruction Guide](#)

Old Scholar Achievements



Last week, Christian Brothers College held their Missioning Mass for the College Leaders for 2023. We would like to share this wonderful news and congratulate the following students - all former students of St Joseph's Payneham

- Thomas Annese has been named College Captain,
- James Annese, Sion House Leader.
- Paul Payne has been named Vice Captain of Community

Community News

[Hook in 2 Hockey](#)

Children's University 2023

If your child/ren would like to become a member of CU for 2023 or students who participated in 2022 and would like to continue in 2023 please complete the application form available on the link below and return to Josie Colangelo by Monday 27 March 2023 along with your payment.

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.

Uniform Shop

[Devon Clothing New Webstore](#)

[St Joseph's School Uniform](#)

Term 1 Calendar Events Activities

[Term 1 Calendar of Events 2023](#)

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

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

Payments can be made via Qkr

