



Important Dates

LLL Family Survey
closes

Friday 25 August

Assembly at
9:00am (SRC and
Specialist hosting)

Thursday 31 August

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31 August

SCHOOL HATS
BACK ON

Friday 1 September

Father's Day
morning

Friday 1 September

Father's Day

Sunday 3 September

Student Free Day

Friday 8 September

1st Holy
Communion

Sunday 10 September

R U OK Day

Thursday 14 September

Mass at 9:15am (Yr.
4s)

Friday 15 September

Student Disco

Friday 15 September

1st Holy

Communion

Sunday 17 September

Assembly at
9:00am (Yr. 6s
hosting)

Thursday 21 September

Grandparents Day

Friday 22 September

From the Principal

Perspective and Empathy

As parents, we play a crucial role in nurturing our children's cognitive and social development. One essential skill that can significantly benefit our children, throughout their lives, is having perspective. Perspective involves understanding and appreciating the viewpoints, feelings, and thoughts of others, closely linked to empathy.

I recently finished reading the book, 'The Power Paradox', by Professor of Psychology, Dacher Keltner, where he writes extensively about empathy. Keltner's research recognises children, teenagers and adults who have high levels of empathy are more likely to experience a dense network of good friends; greater status in the eyes of peers; higher levels of trust; fare better academically; have healthier job satisfaction; less vulnerable to depression and anxiety; more probable to rise to positions of power; and more pleased with life.

Cultivating perspective and empathy from a young age can help children become not only empathetic, but also open-minded and effective communicators.

Perspective is at the core of empathy – the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. When children learn to consider someone else's point of view, they become more compassionate and considerate individuals.

What else does perspective and empathy promote:

Conflict resolution: Being able to see things from another person's perspective helps children navigate conflicts more effectively. They learn to negotiate and compromise, leading to healthier relationships.

Communication: Perspective and empathy enhances communication skills. Children who can understand different viewpoints are better listeners and can express their thoughts more clearly, leading to improved interpersonal relationships.

Open-mindedness: Embracing different perspectives and having empathy encourages open-mindedness. Children learn that there's more than one way to view a situation, fostering tolerance and respect for diversity.

In closing, children learn by example, so it's important to show empathy toward others in your interactions and discuss how you consider their feelings. Narrate your own thought process to highlight perspective. Additionally, fostering perspective skills in our children is an investment in their emotional intelligence, communication abilities, and overall character development. By guiding them to consider different viewpoints, we equip our children with tools that will serve them well throughout their lives. Remember, it's a gradual process, so be patient and consistent in your efforts to cultivate this invaluable skill.

Book Week

This year's Book Week theme is, 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Today we held our annual Book Week Parade. It was great seeing the children dressed up as a book character. I thank our Library staff, Manuela Ciniglia and Giovanna De Meo, for the additional work in the lead-up to, and during Book Week. Of course, the real purpose of Book Week, is to celebrate literature and the benefits of reading; so an opportune time to highlight with your child/ren all the wonderful benefits of reading.

Appointment of new Deputy Principal

As you would have read in the circular from Catholic Education South Australia Executive Director, Dr Neil McGoran, Michael Musolino has been appointed as the next Deputy Principal at St Joseph's Payneham, commencing at the start of 2024. I congratulate Michael on this appointment. Ingrid Douventzidis will complete her tenure as Deputy Principal at the end of this year.

Furthermore, the process to employ a new Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM) has started, with the position to be advertised soon.

Catholic Schools Open Week

You may have noticed the banners, advertisements, etc. promoting 'Catholic Schools Open Week', which is taking place this week. There are some posters on bus shelters endorsing our school as well. 'Catholic Schools Open Week', is a time to highlight what is great about Catholic Education and closer to home, acknowledging the magnificent work that happens here at St Joseph's. Thank you for choosing St Joseph's Payneham and your contributions to the school community.

School Fees, 2024

I am pleased to inform that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year. Additionally, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact School Finance Officer, Helen Crosato, hcrosato@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au for more information.

STEM MAD congratulations

As you are no doubt aware, all students from Reception to Year 6 have a STEM specialist lesson every week, with STEM Specialist Teacher, Nicholas Polvere. Late last term, some student groups submitted entries for the annual STEM MAD (Make A Difference) competition. Two of the groups were successful in making it through to the next stage, which meant they presented at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 17 August, up against other finalists from South Australian Catholic Schools.

Our two student groups – Violet, Rayan and Anhad; and Jack, Lily, Luisa and Eric presented their products in a very professional manner. I offer my congratulations to the groups, who both came a joint second in the primary school category – a fantastic achievement! I also acknowledge Nicholas Polvere, and the many extra hours spent in working and supporting the students, to aid their presentations.

Building and Infrastructure update

Work on the new Junior Primary Building facility is proceeding in a good manner. Completion is likely to happen during early Term Four this year, in readiness for the commencement of 2024.

You may have noticed new signage on the corner of Portrush Road and Marian Road, as well as the front entrance to the school (on Portrush Road). The new signs reflect a more contemporary look for our school.

Father's Day

Sunday 3 September is Father's Day and I remind our dads about the inaugural 'Father's Day Morning' on Friday 1 September. Please see the flyer which has been distributed for details. Hoping dads can come along. Further, thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee for organising the upcoming Father's Day Stall.

New School Uniform, 2024

As has been mentioned, at the June School Board Meeting, the proposed new school uniform was endorsed. You will be notified when new uniform items will be ready for purchase. As I have been promoting, there will be a transition between the current and new uniform. A storyboard of the new uniform items will be circulated to families soon.

Hats are back on soon

From the start of September, as per our Sun Smart Policy, students need to be wearing hats when outdoors i.e., recess, lunch, P.E. lessons, after school sport trainings, OSHC, etc. Please ensure you remind your child/ren to place their labelled hat in their school bag each day. From the start of Week 7 (Monday 4 September), children not wearing a school hat when outdoors will be directed to an undercover area.

Student Free Day – Friday 8 September

As you may have noticed in the Term Three Calendar, Friday 8 September is a Student Free Day. Staff will be involved in professional activities on this day. OSHC will be available for those students requiring care on this day.

Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- the Bertin family (Annabel, 6CK, Hugo, 4PA and Will, 2SW), on the passing of their paternal grandmother, Maria Teresa Bertin, who passed away on 16 July.
- the Plawecki family (Cartia and Oliva, 2TM), on the passing of their maternal great grandmother.
- the Dias family (Jayden, 1SP), on the passing of his maternal grandmother.

Best Wishes

Congratulations to:

- the Mascolo family (Siena, Preschool 'Koala' group), on the birth of a baby boy, 'Gianluca'.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

From the APRIM

Catholic Charities

That special time of the year has come again.

The students all band together to raise money for Catholic Charities.

The children show through their actions how they can respond to people who need their help. Over the next few weeks support your children.

“For it is in giving that we receive”.

A run-down how each of the classes will fundraise and on which days will be provided in the next few weeks.

Please support as best, and as generously as you are able.

Only through your giving and support will our giving be a success.

While the agencies that Catholic Charities support are Catholic welfare agencies, they provide critical care for all needy people irrespective of their religion.

Some of the places we will be helping are:

Catherine House offers emergency and transitional supported accommodation to single adult women over 21 years who are homeless and unaccompanied by children. Ain Karim permanent accommodation and care for adults with intellectual disabilities. Aboriginal Catholic Ministry provides the wider indigenous community with counselling; a drop in service; work with street kids and outreach, visiting people in the streets, parks, hotels, in their own homes, in prison and in hospital. It also supports indigenous students attending Catholic Schools. Catholic Deaf Association. The Sisters of St Joseph, through the Catholic Deaf Centre provide services for people who are deaf. St Patrick's and St Ann's Special Schools cater for children with intellectual and multiple disabilities. Students range in age from 5 - 20. Centacare Catholic Family Services works with around 20,000 people each year providing a wide range of counselling, education and support services. Louise Place offers supported accommodation for homeless pregnant teenagers. Counselling, life-skills and general education and support to continue school education are also given to these girls. Hutt Street Centre run by the Daughters of Charity is a meal and day centre for the homeless people of Adelaide. Men, women and at times children attend the Centre. Facilities are breakfast, lunch, laundry, showers, lockers, counselling, referral, housing and advocacy. Each year over 2000 people attend the Centre with approximately 51,000 meals being served. St Joseph's Family Care Centre. Through the Sisters of St Joseph at Mitchell Park homeless families are given emergency housing and counselling.

NEW Made in the Image God: Human Sexuality Curriculum

This term many classes have engaged in the Made in the Image of God program. It is a program firmly based upon Catholic moral teaching and calls upon the Tradition to understand the meaning of human sexuality. When such education is undertaken in the classroom it requires a high level of partnership between parents and teachers. It is important that as parents you feel supported and comfortable with the way that these important topics are taught so please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself if you have any questions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 3 students this year.

Reconciliation is part of our ongoing efforts to nurture their spiritual growth and development and help them to reflect, seek forgiveness, and renew their relationship with God.

We would like to inform you that Father Michael will be overseeing the Sacrament of Reconciliation process. He offers a deep commitment to guiding our students on their faith journey. Father Michael will be sending out detailed information regarding the sacrament, including dates, times, and procedures in the coming weeks.

Participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is entirely voluntary, and we respect the individual choices of each family. However, we encourage you to consider this opportunity for your child to engage in a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please feel free to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child in their faith journey.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the education and spiritual formation of our students.

Regards

Ingrid Douventzidis

From the Deputy Principal

Social Media Platforms and Online Games

I wanted to take a moment to discuss a topic that has become increasingly relevant in our digital age - the use of social media platforms and online games by our children, specifically platforms like TikTok, Snapchat, and many other social media sites Discord and games like Among Us and Roblox.

As our children grow up in a world dominated by technology and connectivity, it is important for us to be vigilant about their online activities and the potential dangers they might encounter. While these platforms and games can be entertaining in some cases, they also pose definite risks that we should all be aware of.

I'm sure many parents already believe that they are aware of the potential dangers associated with these platforms, but the level of understanding does vary widely depending on the parent's familiarity with technology, their willingness to educate themselves, and their level of involvement in their children's online activities. Here's a breakdown of potential dangers associated with each platform:

Roblox: Parents might be aware that Roblox is a popular online gaming platform. Concerns can include exposure to inappropriate content, online predators, cyberbullying, and potential scams or phishing attempts. However, some parents might not fully understand the details of these risks. It has come to our attention that one family in our school whose children were active participant using Roblox had the cameras unknowingly on the iPad turned on by a stranger posing as a child and were spying on the family who were unaware this was happening.

Among Us: Among Us is a social deduction game where players work together to complete tasks while identifying the "impostor." Parents might not see it as inherently dangerous, but online interactions can still expose children to inappropriate language, bullying, or interactions with strangers.

TikTok: Many parents are aware of TikTok's popularity and might know that it involves short video clips. Concerns about TikTok include inappropriate content, potential for cyberbullying, privacy issues, and exposure to harmful challenges or trends.

Snapchat: Parents might be familiar with Snapchat as a platform for sharing photos and videos that disappear after a short time. Concerns could include sexting among teenagers, sharing personal information with strangers, and the possibility of sharing explicit content.

Discord: Discord is a popular communication platform, often used by gamers. Parents might be less familiar with it. Concerns include exposure to explicit content, interaction with strangers, cyberbullying, and potential for inappropriate private messaging.

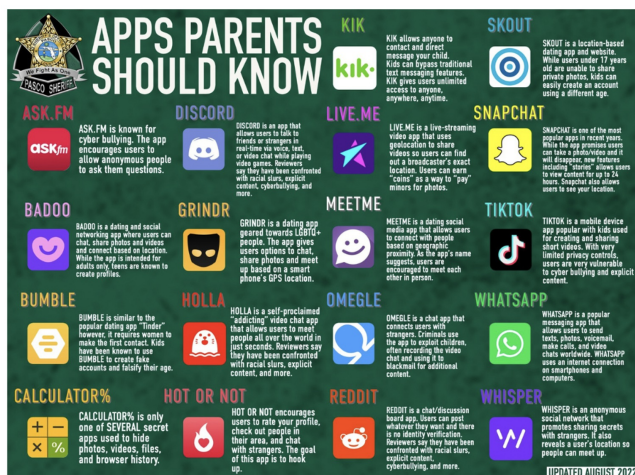
Remember that the online landscape can change rapidly, so it's a good idea to stay up-to-date with the latest features, risks, and safety measures associated with these platforms.

As a school we have asked all students using the BYOD Program to delete these platforms on their iPads.

Also see [links](#) for further information and guidance.

<http://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources/fact-sheets>

See below other Apps that you might also need to be aware of.



Regards

Ingrid Douventzidis

Wellbeing and SRC News

Wellbeing

SRC Update

The SRC met this week and discussed a few items from their recent class meeting. These items included brainstorming activities students could participate in on the last day/week of school and thinking of resources or equipment the school could purchase to support students' learning and wellbeing? The meeting was a great opportunity to listen to and share student ideas amongst the group. We now look forward to sharing these ideas with the school leadership team.

At our meeting, we also listened to a special guest, Tony Johnston, from Catholic Mission, who spoke to our students about ways our school community can support children in our world who are less fortunate than us. One way we can make a difference in the lives of children and communities is through an initiative called 'Socktober'. We look forward to sharing further information about this initiative with you soon.



Classroom Pulse Check In

Each term in Weeks 5 & 6, Catholic Education SA school students undertake a 'Classroom Pulse Check In'. The purpose of the 'Classroom Pulse Check In' is to find out how students are feeling about their experience of school. Students are asked some simple questions about:

- Identity
- Learning
- Relationships
- Belonging.

Our aim is simply to "check in" with our students and measure how they are feeling. Your child's responses will help us to identify any potential social, emotional or learning needs they may have.

Have a good week!

Michael Musolino

Catholic Schools Open Week

It's Catholic Schools Open Week from August 21-27.

Choosing a school is one of the most important decisions that a parent makes.

This Catholic Schools Open Week. This is an opportunity for all interested families to come and see our school community in action.

Please feel free to invite friends or family members who might be interested in learning how a Catholic education can set their child up for life.

School Fee Reminder - 3rd/Final Instalment

Families not on payment plans via direct debit are reminded that the 3rd/Final Instalment of School Fees are due by **1st September 2023**.

Late payment may attract a late fee.

Should you have any queries please contact Mrs Helen Crosato on 82065103 or via email hcrosato@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

Sports News

SJP Shooting Stars

It has been a pleasure to watch our Yr 3 netball team "The SJP Shooting Stars" grow and build their confidence during the winter season. Playing netball has taught the girls how to be apart of a team and given them the opportunity to further develop their netball skills. We have had some close exciting games and it's been great to have the parents cheering on the girls from the sidelines. At St Joseph's Payneham we definitely have some future netball stars in the making.

Kirsty Taddeo and Allison van der Akker



SAPSASA Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 students Talia, Ivy-Rose, Luisa, Isabella, Siena and Alexia who were selected in the Torrens River SAPSASA Girls Soccer team. The most selected players in the team from our school, with 6 representatives.

The girls participated in a 3-day carnival competing against other districts from around the state. They had a great time, playing some very impressive soccer. The team finished the carnival 2nd overall.

A great achievement from them all, they should be proud of their efforts. Well done!!



Early Learning/Preschool

Please click on the links below for further information

[Playgroup](#)

[Preschool](#)

[Preschool Mid-year intake](#)

[Piccolini](#)

OSHC

Please click onto link below for further information

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

Community News

[Royal Life Saving SA's Holiday Swim Program is running again in the December 2023/ January 2024 Summer Holidays! Enrolments are already open.](#)

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.

2023 School Term Dates

Term 1 - 30 January to 14 April

Term 2 - 1 May to 6 July

Term 3 - 24 July to 29 September

Term 4 - 16 October to 15 December

Term 3 Calendar of Events 2023

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