



Week 5 Term 4 2023

Important Dates

Reception
Orientation visit

Friday 17 November 2023

Preschool
Orientation visit

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Assembly at 9am
(Sports Hosting)

Thursday 23 November 2023

Year 3 Class Mass -
9:15am

Friday 24 November 2023

Reception Liturgy at
10:15am

Friday 24 November 2023

**END OF YEAR
CONCERT**

Wednesday 29 November
2023

Yr. 2 Liturgy at
10:15am

Friday 1 December 2023

Singing Concert -
4pm

Tuesday 5 December 2023

Preschool
Graduation

Wednesday 6 December
2023

Yr. 6 Excursion -
The Beach House

Thursday 7 December 2023

End of Year Mass -
9:15am (+
Immaculate
Conception) (Yr. 5
hosting)

Friday 8 December 2023

Yr.6 Retreat Day
Monday 11 December 2023

**Last Day for Yr. 6
students**
Tuesday 12 December 2023

**Yr. 6 Graduation
Liturgy**
Tuesday 12 December 2023

**Yr 6 Student Dinner
at 6pm**
Tuesday 12 December 2023

**LAST DAY OF
TERM 4 - 3:00pm**
Wednesday 13 December
2023

From the Principal

Setting a Positive Example for Our Children

In our ever-changing world, where children are constantly exposed to a multitude of influences, setting a good example for our children has never been more important. We, as parents/caregivers have a profound impact on their growth, development, and the values they hold dear.

Educational experts emphasise the crucial role parents/caregivers play in shaping children's character and values.

Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate. Children learn by observing and emulating their parents. They look up to us, not only for guidance, but also for inspiration. Our actions, attitudes, and behaviours are the templates from which they will form their own worldview.

Actions carry more weight than anything we say. We can lecture our children on values and ethics, but it's our daily actions and choices that truly leave an impression. Children notice how we treat others, how we handle challenges, and how we navigate difficult situations.

The best way to teach our children is to model the behaviour we want to see. Children absorb their moral compass from the people they admire and respect, especially their parents. To instil virtues such as kindness, empathy, and integrity, we must embody these qualities ourselves.

The values we live by at home become the values our children take into the world. The values and principles we uphold within our family create the foundation upon which our children build their own belief systems. This foundation influences how they interact with others and make decisions in the wider world.

Children watch us as closely – be the role model they need. In this digital age, children are constantly observing, whether it's on screens or in real life. Being a positive role model means being mindful of our actions both online and offline.

As parents, our actions are the most powerful teaching tool we possess. By setting a positive example in our daily lives, we can help our children develop the values and character traits that will serve them well throughout their lives. Remember, we are not just raising children; we are raising the future leaders, thinkers, and caregivers of the world.

Staffing, 2024

After many years of dedicated service at St Joseph's Payneham, Marie Polvere has decided to retire at the end of this year. Marie first joined St Joseph's in 1988, and in this time has had many roles. For the last 20 plus years, Marie has been our school's Inclusive Education Coordinator – a position in which she has excelled.

On that note, I congratulate Nicole Joanni on being appointed to the Inclusive Education Coordinator role, commencing Term One, 2024. Nicole will be coming to us from St Andrew's Walkerville, having held a similar position there.

At the End of Year Mass on Friday 8 December (at 9:15am in our church), we will farewell Marie and Deputy Principal and APRIM, Ingrid Douventzidis (who is also retiring). Following Mass, parents/caregivers are invited to the school gymnasium, for light refreshments.

End of Year Student Reports

As cited in the previous Parent Newsletter, and as per the communication this week, for the End of Year Student Reports, the application, SEQTA Engage, will open. This means you will be able to access your child's Report online. Families who wish to have a hard copy, can request this option from the Front Office.

Sports Day thanks

Thank you for your attendance at Sports Day on Friday 3 November. We had ideal conditions to make for a splendid and successful day.

I acknowledge the children's effort and enthusiasm; our parent volunteers who gave out ribbons, assisted in walking the children to and from Payneham Oval, and who helped distribute Boost juices and lunches; staff who ensured the events ran effectively and those who assisted in the setting and packing up of equipment; the scorers; First Aid officers; the staff and P&F members who stayed back at the end of the day to make sure all rubbish was collected and everything in order; the P&F for not only setting up the fruit stall, but also handing out the fruit to the students; and the generosity of Tony and Mark's for supplying the fruit.

Lastly, I extend my thanks to Physical Education Teacher and Coordinator, Adrian Mastrangelo, for the planning, organisation and work in the lead up to Sports Day – it's a big task and I congratulate Adrian on a very successful school-wide event.

Children's University

Last Friday at Bonython Hall, located on the University of Adelaide grounds, some of our students were recognised for their efforts in completing extra-curricular hours, contributing to their Children's University award. A big congratulations to Leo Calabro, Jayden Dias, Sophia Festa, Dishawn Gavasaran, Alessio Lionello, Ava Lionello, Nadia Marroncelli, Louis Monterosso, Liam Panozzo, Avantika Swaminathan, Evie Traino, Mihir Yadav, Charlotte Doyle, Julian Luppino, Cartia Mitolo, Roshia Vojdani, Alexis Williamson, Brooke Williamson, Oliver Doyle, Sebastian Martino and Jayvin Purba on this achievement.

I also acknowledge staff member Josie Colangelo, who has worked behind the scenes, in liaising with children, families and the Children's University. If your child would like to participate in the Children's University program for 2024, please do speak with Josie – jcolangelo@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

New School Uniform, 2024

Details regarding the new school uniform have been circulated on several occasions. The new school uniform is mandatory for all new students to the school from January 2024. For all other students, there is a two-year transition period (between the current and new uniform); meaning that by the start of the 2026 school year, all students need to be wearing the new uniform.

End of Year Concert, Wednesday 29 November

The End of Year Concert is being held on Wednesday 29 November, commencing at 6:15pm on the school grounds. This is for all Preschool to Year 6 children and families. There will be food and drink available on the evening (noting it is an alcohol-free event).

Child safety and consideration for our neighbours

Please ensure you are watching your child/ren when leaving the school grounds at the end of each day, including when travelling on footpaths.

Additionally, please be considerate of our neighbours, by not parking or standing with your vehicle in their driveways. Further, please ensure your child is keeping out of residents' gardens and not ripping petals, leaves, etc. from their property.

Building and Infrastructure Update

The new building is nearing completion, ready to house our Reception and Year 1 students from 2024. A committee is at work to determine the name of the building.

As has been revealed, a new nature play space will be constructed over the December and January school holiday period, replacing the current playground. The endeavour is for the play area to be open at the beginning of the 2024 school year.

Google Review

If you can spare a few minutes, please consider leaving us a 'Google Review'. This will also help prospective families understand the quality of our services and community when considering enrolling their child at our school. Please click on the QR Code (located in this week's Newsletter) to access. Thank you!



Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- the Sassano family (Emilio, 2MG) on the passing of his paternal grandfather.

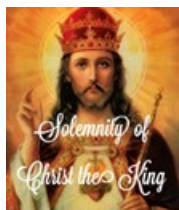
Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

From the APRIM/Deputy Principal

Feast of Christ the King

On Sunday the 26th of November we come together to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. God sent Jesus to show us how to live with compassion, justice and peace. Jesus showed us how to live in right relationships by being kind, forgiving and understanding.



We pray

Almighty God, we celebrate Jesus as our king.

Help us to live as kingdom people, willing to serve others as Jesus did,

Sharing what we have as Jesus did, and showing mercy, compassion and kindness to all we meet as Jesus did.

We ask this prayer in Jesus' name.

ReLAT (Religious Literacy Assessment Tool)

Last term all Year 4 students participated in an assessment in Religious Education. This assessment has been developed by the Catholic Education Office and is based on the learning outcomes identified in the Crossways Religious Education Framework. ReLAT is designed to assess some of the basic knowledge taught in Religious Education lessons. The assessment is not a measure of a child's faith or their participation in the broader life of the Catholic community. Recently we received our ReLAT results and while these provide only a 'snapshot' of children's overall religious knowledge, that data will be collated by our school to inform the learning needs of students and staff.

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who produced some excellent results, well above the state average. Parents will receive their child's ReLAT report sometime this week.

Mass and Liturgy

We have almost come to the end of term and it has been a very full five weeks of school. It was lovely to be able to celebrate Masses and liturgies this term with various classes. It has also been a blessing to have parents and caregivers join us for Mass and liturgy as it always special having the parish and school community come together.

End of Year Mass

Our End of Year is a very special celebration in the life of the school. Traditionally it is a celebration of thanksgiving for the wonderful year we have enjoyed together, and it is also a time to farewell our Year 6 leaders and those families who are leaving St Josephs.

The End of Year Mass will be celebrated in the Church on Friday 8th December at 9.15am.

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy

Year 6 Graduation will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th December. This will be a Liturgy in which the Year 6 Class of 2023 will have their Graduation in the Church.

A wonderful opportunities to say farewell to the Year 6 students.

Sacramental Program

Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy

Communion has begun with our first Parent workshop taking place last week in the Church. This is the work we undertake for the spiritual development and welfare of our children. We seek the best for them especially as they grow in their relationship with God.

The journey of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion continues in 2024.

Over the next few weeks, Father Michael and Sr Josie will be conducting interviews with parents and candidates who wish to receive the Sacraments. It is an opportunity for Father Michael and Sr Josie to meet with families and discuss why they wish their child to receive these Sacraments.

If you wish to be part of the Sacramental Program for 2024 please fill in the enrolment form below and deliver it to Father Michael in the Church.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As in previous years, we will be supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. We encourage all students and families to contribute any of the items listed as a donation on **Thursday 7th December**. The children will be able to wear casual clothes in return for a food donation.

The Vinnies volunteers are happy to accept any donations for their Christmas hampers. The items that they are looking to collect are:

- Christmas Pudding
- Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Mince Pies
- Tinned Ham
- Tuna
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta Sauce
- Tea
- Coffee
- Cordial
- Long Life Milk

Thank you in advance for your support with this initiative.

One to one Device Initiative Update for Year 4-Year 6 Students

After careful consideration and feedback from both parents, teachers School Board and ICT Committee, St Joseph's School is moving forward with the One to One Device Initiative for the 2024, specifically targeting students in Years 4 to 6. This initiative aims to enhance the educational experience for our students by providing them with personalised digital tools for learning. A tool which they will have at school and at home for their educational use.

As a result of this shift, the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program will no longer be in operation. Instead, we are offering parents the flexibility to choose between a MacBook or iPad for their child's education, depending on their preferences.

For families who choose not to participate in the One to One Device Initiative, we have established a shared device option to ensure that all students have access to the necessary technology during school hours but I emphasise it is a shared device. This shared option will be available to those who do not wish to provide their child with a personal MacBook or iPad.

Please be aware that the cut-off date for applying to receive a laptop or iPad for your child is **Tuesday November 21, 2023**. We

encourage you to make your selection by this date to ensure that your child has their device ready for the start of the 2024 academic year.

It's important to note that this opportunity will not be offered again until 2025, so we highly recommend taking advantage of this program now if you are in Year 4, 5 or 6 next year to support your child's learning journey.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ingrid Douventzidis ingrid@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au or Michael Musolino mmusolino@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au or ring the office on 8602 5100

Please see the attached for further information:

[Device Initiative Policy](#)

[iPad-registration-form](#)

[Laptop-registration-form](#)

Regards

Ingrid Douventzidis

Wellbeing

SRC

Well done to our SRC members who have been busy working to create a scarecrow using sustainable materials for the garden area near the STEM room. Come past and check it out! The SRC have also been busy upkeeping the garden area, by growing and maintaining different plants and vegetables, including sunflowers and tomatoes. Thank you to our ESO's Olivia and Eliza who have been working with our students in this space. Thanks also to those families who donated different items to create our scarecrow.



Wellbeing

'New Ways November' calendar

Please find attached the 'New Ways November' 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.

[New Ways November 2023 Calendar](#)

Keep well!

Michael Musolino

2024 School Fees

Please find attached information relating to 2024 School Fees which is being sent home via your child this week:

- 2024 School Fee Payment Plan
- Fee Schedule and School Fee Policy 2024

Following a change to the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Fee Policy, **all families must complete a payment plan for 2024.**

All families are requested to complete and return the forms to school office **by Monday 27 November 2023**

Our Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Crosato (Tel: 8206 5103 or E: hcrosato@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au) can help you if you have any questions.

[2024 School Fee Payment Plan](#)

[Fee Schedule and School Fee Policy 2024](#)

Sports News

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 8th November selected Year 3 - 6 students competed in Section 4 at The SACPSSA Athletics Carnival, out of 9 schools the boys squad came in 5th place, and the girls squad finished in 1st which is a great result for our students and our school!



Kind Regards,

Adrian Mastrangelo
P.E Teacher & Coordinator

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

[Mary MacKillop College Come & Try Day](#)

[Christian Brothers College Senior - Principal Tour](#)

[NPSP Movie Nights at the Pool](#)

[NPSP Whats On This Christmas 2023](#)

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 4 Calendar of Events 2023

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