



## Important Dates

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**Yr.6 Retreat Day**  
Monday 12 December

**Canteen Special  
Food Day - Sausage  
Sizzle**  
Tuesday 13 December

**Last day for Yr.6  
students**  
Tuesday 13 December

**Yr. 6's Graduation  
Mass/Liturgy - 7pm**  
Tuesday 13 December

**Yr. 6 Graduation  
Dinner - 6:30pm**  
Wednesday 14 December

**End of Term 4 -  
School Holidays**  
Wednesday 14 December

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# From the Principal



Dear Families,

As next week is the last of the school year, and students finish on Wednesday (Year 6s on Tuesday) the final Newsletter for 2022 is being distributed today.

## Reflections, acknowledgements, and farewells

As 2022 draws to a close, I reflect on the challenges and successes that have taken shape throughout the last 12 months. I believe it is always a meaningful endeavour as a family to do the same; that is, have a conversation with your child/ren, asking about their achievements; most enjoyable learning moments; what there is to be grateful at this time; and to think about areas for growth moving forward.

I express my thanks and gratitude for your support this year, and for the care and encouragement you have shown to each other. I acknowledge the many parents/carers, grandparents, and other members in the community who have generously given their time to make St Joseph's Payneham a better place.

It is at this time, we say 'goodbye' to some staff members who are leaving the St Joseph's. We wish the following staff well and sincerely thank them for their input and service.

Carissa Cristancig (OSHC educator and of late, regular relief teacher at Payneham); Karyn Rowett (Year 1 teacher); Natalie Caruso (Leader of Learning – Numeracy during 2022); Nadia Plawecki (Mid-year Reception teacher); Vicki Traino (Mid-year Reception teacher); Maria Catalano (Italian teacher during Semester Two); Viv Camerini (Year 4 teacher during Term Four); Lyndall Hanson (ESO, Literacy Intervention during Semester Two); and Jane McDowell (Performing Arts teacher during Semester Two).

Our delightful Year 6s have a couple of days remaining as students at St Joseph's Payneham. They have been a great group and bright examples for the younger children. I thank the Year 6s for their vibrancy and contributions to the school. Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Our School Board Chair, John Flynn will also be finishing his time at St Joseph's (as his daughter Keira graduates from Year 6 next week). John has been part of the school community for a long time and on the Board for many years, including two separate stints as Chairperson. I am immensely appreciative to John for volunteering his time, providing valued feedback, bringing a high level of enthusiasm, and always making himself available for consultation.

For other students and families not returning to St Joseph's Payneham, thank you for your involvement in our community. May the road ahead be one of learning, adventure, and strong connections.

## Second Semester Report, Classes and Orientation for 2023

On Monday afternoon, you will receive your child's Second Semester Report. You will also have notification indicating your child's class teacher(s) for next year. Your response is important, as it can determine your child's attitude and mindset for 2023.

Students will spend a little time with their 2023 teacher(s) and peers on Monday 12 December. The intention is to reduce some of the anxiety that can exist for certain students. Knowing who is in their class, who is teaching them and being excited about the year ahead, generally helps our students to be ready for the challenges and opportunities of the new year.

## 2023 School Commencement date and 'Meet the Teacher and Family Day'

The first day of school for students will be Monday 30 January 2023, beginning at 8:45am. 'Meet the teacher and family day', whereby you, your child and the class teacher(s) have the opportunity to gather for a short period of time, will occur on Wednesday 25 January. Next week, information will be sent home providing details, including booking arrangements.

## Volunteer of the Year Award

At today's End of Year Mass, I presented the 'School Volunteer of the Year Award'. For 2022, we have two recipients – Kayla Holding and Skye Campbell-Hand.

Kayla and Skye have dedicated many volunteer hours to St Joseph's. Between them, Kayla and Skye have been heavily involved in the Parents and Friends, but also volunteered their time in the second-hand Uniform Shop, the Uniform Committee, coordinated catering for large school events such as Sports Day and the End of Year Concert; provided staff with goodies on World Educator's Day; organised the School Disco, Family Movie Night and the Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser. Congratulations and thank you Kayla and Skye.

## Casual Clothes Day – Tuesday 13 December

Next Tuesday will be a Casual Clothes Day with a donation to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Any non-perishable food item or a gift for a child (unwrapped) will be appreciated (which can be brought to the classroom or Parish Hall kitchen).

## Condolences

Sympathies to the South family (Jack, 2MG and Alexa, 1R) on the passing of their maternal great grandmother.

## Best wishes to Jen Annetta and Michael Mastrangelo

This weekend, two of our teachers, Jen Annetta (current Reception teacher) and Michael Mastrangelo (current Year 6 teacher), are getting married. On behalf of the community, I wish them the very best on this special day.

## Conclusion of the school year

As highlighted above, Term Four, and the end of the 2023 school year, concludes on Wednesday 14 December at 3:00pm (the final day for our Year 6 students is Tuesday 13 December). Once again, thank you for your support this year. I trust everyone will have a safe and positive festive season and upcoming school holiday break.

**Wishing you well!**

**Simon Mechis**





How quickly all the days, weeks and months of the 2022 school year have gone. As we prepare to close the school for 2022 and head off into the Christmas season and the summer holidays, there is much we can reflect back upon and give thanks for - our successes and how much we have learned (academic, social, physical and in faith), and how we have supported, cared for and challenged each other to be the best we can be. We thank God for the blessings of the year, for the friendships we have developed and nurtured, the promises we have kept and the kindnesses we have received. Thank you to all - students, staff, parents and family and parish - for your support this year.

We can most certainly take pride in who we are as a community. To the graduating Year 6 students who move to high school next year, thank you for the gifts of yourselves and we wish you success and God's blessing in 2023 and into the years ahead. I pray that you will be thrivers, not just survivors, that you will act out of optimism, not pessimism, that as you journey, you will all contribute to making this world a little more hospitable and a little less hostile, and that you will be sustained always by people who care for you, challenge you and love you. Thank you and farewell to the families, whose last child leaves St Joseph's this year, for your friendships and support.

To all students, thank you for giving of your best this year and for your care and support of each other. Enjoy the fun that the summer holidays will bring.

As we enter the final weeks of Advent we continue to wait in anticipation for the birth of our Lord Jesus. How are you going with making a space for Jesus in your heart? I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas celebration with your family and loved ones. I hope that you and your family are able to attend the Christmas services at your Parish Church to mark this holy occasion.

## End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Today 9th December we came together as a whole school to celebrate the Eucharist at our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass. We reflected and gave thanks for the wonderful year of learning and belonging we have experienced in 2022. We farewelled our graduating Year 6 students as well as teachers and students leaving our community. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours!



## Year 6 Graduation Liturgy

This Tuesday 13th December at 7pm our Year 6 students will experience their final days with us at St Joseph's School as we celebrate our Graduation Liturgy with their families. They have been an outstanding cohort of young people, full of energy, kind hearts and have displayed excellent leadership qualities. The Liturgy offer opportunities for prayer, reflection and affirming each other as they conclude their journey with us. We hope for it to be a meaningful night full of memories. We will miss this wonderful group of students next year and wish them all the best for their secondary studies and beyond!

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal/ Casual Clothes Day

This year SJP will again be supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. We can all help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas cheer this year by donating items for families who need our help this Christmas.

Below are suggested items that each class is asked to donate to help create some wonderful hampers as part of your casual clothes donation.

All donated items are to be sent to your child's classroom or the Parish Hall kitchen on Tuesday December 13th. Please ensure that all food items are within the expiry date.

### Preschool & Year 3

Chips, Lollies, Gift Item, Tinned Ham/Turkey

### Year 1, & Year 5

Christmas Cake, Biscuits, Gift Item, Cordial

### Year 2, & Year 4

Christmas Pudding, Lollies/ Pretzels, Gift Item

### Year 6

Mince Pies, Biscuits, Gift Item, Tinned fruit, 1L soft drinks.

Gift Items: Toys, stationery or sports equipment (for all ages and gender up to 16 years).

## Christmas Masses at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Payneham

### Saturday 24th December

- 6pm -Vigil Mass
- 9pm Vigil Mass
- 12 Midnight Mass
- Carols From 11.30pm

### Sunday 25th December

- 8am -Mass
- 9.15am – Mass (Italian)
- 11.00am Mass

### Confessions

- Saturday, 17 December-5pm-5-50pm
- Tuesday, 20th December-6.15-6.45pm
- Thursday, 22 December-6.15-6.45pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm
- Friday, 23 December- 9.45am-10.15am &6.15-6.45pm
- Saturday 24 December- 5pm-5.30pm

### With Regards

Ingrid Douventzidis

## Board Chair, Final Report for 2022

## Wellbeing

## Thank you!

We'd like to thank Olivia and Synne (our Social Work students) who completed their university placement in Terms 3 and 4 this year at our school. Olivia and Synne facilitated the 'Wellbeing Club', a social skills program, for 55 of our students each week. Both Olivia and Synne also worked in classrooms across the school and Preschool, providing support to students and teachers. We wish Olivia and Synne all the very best for their future endeavours.



## Educational games from the P&F

Your support of the various P&F fundraiser events that have occurred this year is appreciated. As mentioned in a recent Parent Newsletter, the funds from the P&F are going towards educational games for each class; a new oven for the school canteen; portable speakers for the Preschool; two tents with SJP logo; an outdoor PA system; coloured sporting flags with new SJP logo; and protective pads for the school's football posts.

Please see the attached images of the educational games for each of our classroom spaces. Our students will be very excited to use these activities in their learning spaces in 2023 and beyond. A big thank you to the P&F Committee (in particular Stephanie Donnarumma) for purchasing these educational games for each of our classroom spaces.



## Sports News



Congratulations to the SJP Year 4/5 Basketball Team who were successful in winning their grand final. They defeat Pembroke 22 - 28. The team played very well throughout the season and were rewarded with success to finish it off. Many thanks to Justin Chung who coached the team.



Well done!!

## OSHC



Dear Parents/Caregivers, please see December/January vacation care program. Please remember to use the new Childcare app to book in. Please use your phones camera app to scan the QR code below. If you are using the service for the first time, please fill in an enrolment form and return it to the front office or OSHC room, you will not be able to book in on the app unless your enrolment form has been added to the OSHC system. Dates available will show up in green on the app, to book in one of those dates click on the date and press accept next to your child's name. The date will turn blue when the booking has been accepted.

**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 unlicking 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.

**Vacation Care Cancellations:** Cancellation of bookings are required by 9:00am the day prior to a booked session. Full payments of fees apply if cancellations do not occur by 9:00am the day prior.

[Dec/Jan 2022/23 Vacation Care Info Booklet & Consent Form](#)

[2023 OSHC Information Booklet](#)

[2023 OSHC Enrolment Form](#)



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

Kind Regards,

Karina Forte

## 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.

### Week 9 Special Food day - Sausage Sizzle, Tuesday 13 December

Generously sponsored by The Perfect Blend Coffee Cafe located in Payneham South

- Fantastic coffee and hot drinks
- Tasty breakfast and lunch options
- Quick bites and tempting sweets
- Good selection of cold drinks

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Open: Monday to Saturday 7.30am - 4pm, Sunday 8.30am - 2.30pm

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## Uniform Shop

[Devon Clothing New Webstore](#)

[St Joseph's School Uniform](#)

## 2022 Term 4 Calendar of Events

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## 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



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## 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