



Week 9 Term 2 2023

Important Dates

Last day of Term
Two - 3pm finish
Thursday 6 July

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 7 July

First day of Term 3
Monday 24 July

From the Principal

Semester One Reports

In the prior Parent Newsletter, I explained that all South Australian Catholic schools will have a new student reporting format this year. This means the student reports will look different from the past. However, as summarised previously, for us at St Joseph's Payneham, there are not many changes to the report style of past years.

The first semester reports will be distributed on Monday 3 July. They emphasise the learning that students have demonstrated this semester and aim to give families a clear picture of a student's educational progress to date, across all areas.

Learning and teaching take place throughout the year and so does the assessment of the learning. I encourage families to look at the 'Approach to Learning' (or the effort) section before viewing the grades. It is important to look at reports as a measure of their own individual learning journey and not as a comparison to one another or their friends' development.

For Reception students, the Semester One Reception Reports do not include an A-E grade. Instead, their achievement is reported as

either: working 'towards', 'at', or 'beyond' the achievement standard.

Families can use the report to celebrate successes and identify ways to support their child. A student's report is only one of many ways that schools keep families informed about student progress. I trust all families are aware that if they have questions about what their child is learning or how to help their child learn at home, they can make a time to discuss with the class teacher/s.

Parent Cyber Safety Workshop

As promoted, on Monday 3 July at 3:15pm there will be a cyber safety workshop for parents/caregivers. The session will be facilitated by a representative from South Australia Police (SAPOL). There is no cost for the presentation. If you wish to attend, please RSVP info@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au by 12:00pm, Friday 30 June. On the Monday morning of 3 July, the Year 3-6 students will be part of a cyber safety presentation, also facilitated by SAPOL.

Refugee Week

Last week was Refugee Week, including World Refugee Day on 20 June. It is an annual event to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

Refugee Week provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted to create a culture of welcome throughout Australia. The ultimate intention of the celebration is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

It is an opportune time to have a conversation around the dinner table, acknowledging multicultural Australia and give thanks for the diversity and traditions that refugees have brought to Australia.

School uniform and personal grooming

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 the wearing of the correct uniform occurs on a consistent basis. As per the school uniform policy, I provide the following reminders regarding school uniform expectations.

Jewellery, etc.

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged and restricted. Any jewellery worn by a student to school is the responsibility of that student. The only jewellery permitted is a watch and simple earrings (either small sleepers or studs), and only one in each ear. If the student wears a chain, it must be worn inside the uniform and not be visible. Further, nail polish, make-up and tattoos are not permitted.

Hair accessories/styles

- Ribbons/Scrunchies/Head Bands – Navy Blue or in uniform fabric
- Clips – need to be simple and plain
- Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied up at all times
- Streaks and hair colouring (permanent or temporary) are not permitted
- Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy and out of the eyes

The following hair styles are not permitted:

- Razor cuts or patterns cut into the hair
- Cutting/shaving/gelling of the hair that leads to a mohawk/mullett/skullet style
- Streaks or hair colouring (permanent or temporary)
- Rat tails

New School Uniform, 2024

As has been stated, 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 for some time. There will of course be a transition period from the current uniform to the new. Additional details, including when the new uniform will be available for purchase, will be released in due course.

Reminder – parking, road safety and driver etiquette

We are all busy and have places we need to be. However, we all want our children to arrive at school and depart school safely. This is priority. Consideration, patience, and following the road and parking regulations (i.e., travelling slowly around the school; not parking across driveways, double-parking, etc.), need to be adhered.

As has been outlined before, parking a little further away from the school, where you will not only find it easier to locate a parking space, but also opportunity for a short brisk walk with your child/ren, is well worth considering.

Farewell Brontè Platt

Brontè Platt, Year 3 teacher, will be concluding her time with us at the end of this term, as she will be commencing maternity leave. Whilst Brontè has only been at St Joseph's since the beginning of 2023, she has fitted in very well to the Payneham community and has done a great job in her role as Year 3 teacher. We wish Brontè all the best as she welcomes her first child into the world.

Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- Milena Belperio (staff member), on the passing of her sister-in-law.

Congratulations

I offer my best wishes to:

- the Shanahan family (Zac, RJN) on the birth of a boy, 'Finn'.

Conclusion of Term Two and Start of Term Three

As this is the last Parent Newsletter for Term Two, I wish you well for the two-week Winter break. Whilst the holidays are an occasion for rest and recovery, it is important to continue with daily reading. As we know the more children read, the greater exposure they have to a wider range of vocabulary, and children are more likely to be better at spelling, writing and to articulate their thinking.

As informed this week, on the final day of term we are asking for donations to go towards the Hutt Street Winter Appeal. Children may dress in casual clothes, including wearing a beanie, or pyjamas, to reflect on those doing it tough this Winter. Also, on final day of term, we have a 'Boost Juice' van on site, providing pre-ordered drinks to students.

Please note that Term Two finishes on Thursday 6 July at 3:00pm. Term Three commences on Monday 24 July at 8:40am.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

From the APRIM/Deputy Principal



Masses

This term each Year level has been participating in the 9:15am Parish Masses or a 10:15am Liturgy on Friday morning celebrated by Father Michael. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect with our Parish and to be part of the Eucharistic celebration.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion are offered to baptised Catholic children from 7 years of age (Year 3) at St Joseph's School.

To celebrate this Sacrament parents will need to make a firm commitment to the Sacramental preparation of their child. Your presence at the Parent Meetings and Mass on Sundays will be indicative of your wish for your child to celebrate this Sacrament in 2023.

Registration for the Sacramental Program occurs later in third term, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament is generally celebrated in November.

The celebration of this Sacrament is another step in the faith journey you take with your child.

Refugee Week Prayer

We pray for all those who are forced to flee from their homes due to war, violence, hunger or economic desperation.

Let us pray,

God bless our eyes so that we will recognise injustices.

God bless our ears so that we will hear the cry of the stranger.

God bless our mouths so that we will speak words of welcome to newcomers.

God bless our shoulders so that we will be able to bear the weight of struggling for justice.

God bless our hands so that we can work together with all people to establish peace.

Amen

CYBERSAFETY WORKSHOP

In this rapidly advancing digital era, our children have become more connected than ever before, exploring the vast realm of the internet and engaging in various online activities. While this digital landscape offers countless opportunities for learning, socialising, and entertainment, it also presents numerous challenges and risks that we must address as parents.

The purpose of this cybersafety workshop is to empower parents with the knowledge and tools necessary to safeguard our children's online experiences effectively. We have invited SAPOL's cybersafety officer Phil Moss who will share valuable insights, practical advice, and strategies to ensure the digital well-being of our children.

During the meeting, we will cover a wide range of topics, including:

Understanding the digital landscape and its potential dangers.

Recognising and responding to cyberbullying incidents.

Protecting personal information and practicing safe online behaviour.

Managing screen time and striking a healthy balance.

Identifying warning signs of online predators and taking preventive measures.

Navigating social media platforms responsibly and understanding their risks.

By attending this meeting, you will not only equip yourself with knowledge but also contribute to building a safer and more secure online environment for our children. It is essential that we unite as a community to tackle these challenges together and provide the necessary guidance and support to our children.

I sincerely urge you to prioritise this event and make every effort to attend. Your presence will not only benefit your own child but also contribute to the collective well-being of all our children. Together, we can create a safer digital space and ensure that our children thrive in this ever-evolving technological world.

Please RSVP by 12pm Friday 30 June to confirm your attendance. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the office on 8206 5100.

I look forward to seeing you at the cybersafety workshop.

Keeping Safe Online - A great learning experience for parents!

The e-Safety Commissioner's expert education and training team who have put together a series of webinars as part of their Parent Series. One of those webinars discusses Parental Controls.

Parents are provided with an understanding of what are the Parental Control we can use to protect our children online. An excellent video to keep our child safe. <https://vimeo.com/612389757>

Regards

Ingrid Douventzidis

Wellbeing and SRC News

SRC Update

At our last SRC meeting, student reps spent time sharing feedback from their recent class meeting. It was great to hear the wonderful ideas student reps provided from their classes about the new nature play area. We look forward to sharing these ideas with the nature play designers soon.

Students also spent time creating art pieces using the recycled bottle caps collected by our school families. We will continue to work on these art pieces and hope to share them with you all soon. Thank you to our families for bringing in so many bottle caps!

A big thank you to all our Semester One SRC reps for your hard work this year. Your dedication to making our school a better place has been truly inspiring, and we appreciate the time you have put in to making our student voices heard.



New bin system

We will soon be introducing new bins in our yard and classrooms. In Week 10, our SRC Executive will be supporting students during recess eating time to put rubbish into the appropriate bin. In Term 3, we will be introducing new bins into our classroom learning spaces. Further information about classroom bins will be shared early next term with our students.

We are looking forward to using the new bin system as an opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle the waste we currently have at school.



Wonder Recycle Rewards Program

Week 10 is the last week for families to bring in bread bags for our Wonder Recycling Rewards program. Bread bags (of any kind) can be placed in any of our collection boxes, located in the Front Office, Library and Preschool areas.

At the end of Term 2, we will collect the bread bags and post them off to be recycled. Points are collected by the school based on the number of bread bags collected. The points will then be used to redeem new sporting equipment. Thank you to our families for bringing in lots of bread bags. Please keep them coming for another week!

'Jump Back Up July' calendar

Please find attached the 'Jump Back Up July' 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.

[Jump Back Up July calendar](#)

Wishing all our families a happy and enjoyable winter holiday break.

Michael Musolino

(Leadership Support & Leader of Student Wellbeing)

Library News

[Book Week 2023 Announcement](#)

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 \(OSHC\)](#)

Sports Results

Year 3 Basketball Bears

Congratulations to SJP Year 3 Basketball Bears team who defeated SPX All Stars 26-10 in a spectacular Grand Final! What a great season with the team winning 14 games finishing top of the table.

Well done!

A 'BIG thank you' to Bernadette Williamson for coaching the team throughout the season.



Community News

[Parent Engagement Evening - A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\) and its impact on your family.](#)

[Christian Brothers College Come & Try- Senior Campus](#)

[Mary MacKillop College Principal's Tour](#)

[OLSH College Tours](#)

[Simply Sports](#)

[The Parks - YMCA School Holidays Program](#)

[NAB Auskick 2023](#)

Canteen

A Big thank you to Compassion SA for sponsoring the sausage sizzle which was held on Thursday 15th June 2023.



Compassion SA

Compassion SA is a Registered NDIS Provider,

Our organisation is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals living with a disability by offering accessible and high-quality care services throughout South Australia.

Our team of Specialist Support Coordinators, Support Coordinators, and Psychosocial Recovery Coaches have extensive backgrounds in psychology, nursing, social work, mental health, and allied health management. Our approach is centred around the client and ensuring that they have choice, control, and independence in their care.

Our support services are tailored to each participant, with a team of Support Workers who are matched based on their support needs, interests, and values. Our services include personal care, in-home care, daily outings, community engagement, out-of-home activities, and other social events.

We also have 3 access vehicles & multiple brand-new MG's to use for social or community engagement.

Compassion SA can provide a complimentary

meet and greet to ensure we are the right choice.

Visit compassionsa.com.au Or call 0414 630 635, 0437 801 739 for more information.

Darcy Wood

Community Support Team Leader

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.

Term 2 Calendar Dates

[Term 2 Calendar Events Activities](#)

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