



Week 9 Term 3 2023

Important Dates

Grandparents Day
 Friday 22 September 2023

1st Holy Communion
 Sunday 24 September 2023

Catholic School Music Festival at Festive Theatre
 Thursday 28 September 2023

9:15am - Mass (Yr. 3s)
 Friday 29 September 2023

10:15am - Liturgy (Yr. 1s)
 Friday 29 September 2023

Last day of Term Three - 3pm finish
 Friday 29 September 2023

TERM 4 Commences
 Monday 16 October 2023

From the Principal

Dear Families,

The importance for children to articulate their thinking

As our children grow and develop, an important skill they can acquire is the ability to articulate their thoughts and ideas effectively. Articulating thinking goes beyond mere verbal expression; it empowers children to communicate their feelings, needs, and perspectives. In this newsletter, we will explore the significance of encouraging our children to articulate their thinking and how it can positively impact their development.

Building communication skills: Articulating thoughts is the foundation of effective communication. When children learn to express themselves clearly, they are better equipped to convey their needs, ask questions, and engage in meaningful conversations with peers, teachers, and family members. These skills lay the groundwork for success in school and later in life.

Boosting confidence: When children are encouraged to voice their thoughts and opinions, it helps boost their self-esteem and confidence. They feel valued and heard, which in turn, empowers them to participate more actively in classroom discussions and social interactions. This confidence will serve them well as they face various challenges in their lives.

Enhance critical thinking: Articulating thoughts requires children to organise their ideas and think critically about what they want to convey. It encourages them to reflect on their experiences and make connections between different pieces of information. This process of structuring thoughts contributes to the development of analytical thinking skills.

Problem solving and decision making: When children can express their thought processes, it becomes easier for adults to guide them in problem-solving and decision-making situations. Children who can articulate their thinking are more likely to weigh the pros and cons, consider alternatives, and make informed choices.

Empathy and understanding: Encouraging children to articulate their thoughts also helps them understand the perspectives of others. By listening to their peers and learning to express themselves respectfully, children develop empathy and social skills, fostering harmonious relationships in both school and home environments.

Preparation for future success: The ability to articulate one's thoughts is a valuable skill that will serve children well in their academic, personal, and professional lives. Whether they are presenting ideas in the classroom, speaking in a job interview, or navigating complex social situations, the skill of clear communication is an asset that cannot be underestimated.

In conclusion, nurturing the skill of articulating thinking is an investment in your child's future success. It helps them become confident, empathetic, and critical thinkers, preparing them to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

First Holy Communion

Many of our Year 4 students have recently received or will be receiving their First Holy Communion. I offer my congratulations to the respective children. Thank you to Ms Ingrid Douventzidis, Ms Bernardette Robinson, Ms Rosanna Parrella and Ms Sara Altobelli, along with Fr Michael and Sr Josie, in preparing the children for this Sacrament.

Appointment of new Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)

As has been mentioned on several occasions, Ingrid Douventzidis will complete her tenure as Deputy Principal and APRIM at the end of this year. Applications for a new school APRIM closed recently. When a new APRIM is appointed, it will be announced to the community.

Festival Choir

Our school will be participating in the Catholic Schools Music Festival on Thursday 28 September at the Festival Theatre. Our School Choir is looking forward to the event. I thank our School Choir Trainer (and Voice Coach), Julia Johnson, in preparing the students for this special occasion. I also congratulate Festival Choir member, Eric Mathew (5YV), who has been elected to sing a solo across the whole week of festivities.

School Fees, 2024

As I highlighted in the last Parent Newsletter, 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.

Student Disco

It was pleasing to see most of the school students gather for the Student Disco last Friday afternoon/evening. I express gratitude to the Parents and Friends Committee for the time and work they invested in creating this occasion for our children. Also, thank you to those who volunteered at the disco.

Grandparents Day

Tomorrow, Friday 22 September we celebrate the Grandparents Day. It promises to be a great morning. As per the information which went home recently, we encourage grandparents to bring along one of their favourite story books (appropriate for the age of their grandchild) and/or any school souvenir/memento (photographs, school tie or cap, certificates, etc) to share with their grandchild.

Diary Dates and Term Four Calendar

The Term Four Calendar will be distributed to you in the short-term. In the meantime, I highlight a couple of whole school events taking place next term:

Sports Day, Friday 3 November (at Payneham Oval); and
End of Year Christmas Concert, Wednesday evening, 29 November (on school grounds).

New School Uniform, 2024

The new school uniform was circulated to you, in the form of a storyboard recently. All uniforms will be available for online orders or in-store purchases from 1 November 2023 (to be confirmed). Appointments are to be made for any purchase and or fittings. There will be a complete sizing range from early Term Four, in the 'Parent Room' (located at school), for families wishing to measure and order online. As I have been promoting, there will be a transition between the current and new uniform.

Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- the Russo family (Ivy, 6CK and Layla, 3VM) and the Zollo family (Issac, 1MP and Ella, Preschool 'Joeys') on the passing of their grandfather.
- the Piteo family (Ella, 5AS, Zara, 4BR and Aria, 2TM), on the passing of their paternal great grandmother.
- the Ricco family (Penelope, 1SP and Allegra, Preschool 'Koalas'), the Simone family (Casey, RRD) and the Rositano family (Antony, RLM and Arianna, Preschool 'Kangas'), on the passing of their great grandmother.
- the Forte family (Renato, 1DC), on the passing of his uncle, Charlie Sabatino.
- Sonia Vernillo (Year 3 Teacher), on the passing of her husband's grandmother, Carmela.

Congratulations

I offer my best wishes to:

- the Spaziani family (Sebastian, 1DC), on the birth of a girl, 'Oriana'.
- the Zaytoun family (Vanessa, RJM), on the birth of a girl, 'Sandra'.
- Brontè Platt (Semester One, Year 3 teacher), on the birth of her son, 'Sunny Lou'.

Conclusion of Term Three and Start of Term Four

As this is the last Parent Newsletter for Term Three, I wish you well for the two-week Spring break. Please note that Term Three finishes on Friday 29 September at 3:00pm. Term Four commences on Monday 16 October at 8:40am.

Wishing you well!

Simon Mechis

From the APRIM/Deputy Principal

Catholic Identity

Prayer

Season of Creation (1 September- 4 October)

This year we will unite around the theme,

“Let Justice and Peace Flow.”

Prayer for our earth

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.*

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

*Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of
this earth, so precious in your eye*

*Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and
destruction.*

*Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature*

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

*Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 2015.

You can access the Laudato Si Movement Prayer Book [here](#).

Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) - Human Sexuality Curriculum

The Made in The Image of God (MITIOG), Human Sexuality curriculum is mandated for South Australian Catholic Schools, for Years R-12. Each year our students engage with age-appropriate curriculum content regarding sexuality through this (MITIOG) curriculum. The content descriptors include:

- Identity
- Relationships
- Human Development
- Reproduction and Reproductive Health

Catholic understanding is that all humans are made in the image of God and therefore deserving of the utmost dignity and honour and that our sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person.

We acknowledge that the beliefs, values and insights of the Christian Tradition and Catholic moral teaching enrich our lives, whilst also holding an understanding of current family structures.

Our students have now begun engaging in this curriculum with their classroom teacher.

MITIOG in Reception

Reception students have been participating in MITIOG lessons with their class during the last few weeks. Students have been learning about their amazing bodies, in particular learning to use correct terminology to name body parts.

Students have identified different activities that both boys and girls can do with their bodies. We have also been discussing and describing our family structures. We have identified that our families look different and have a range of experiences and traditions that make them unique.

We all agreed that what makes our families so special is the love we share together.



Catholic Charities Appeal

"Never see a need without doing something about it" was one of the sayings of St Mary MacKillop and is what drives our Catholic Charity work in assisting struggling families and individuals in our own community.

Over the next few weeks, the students in all classes will be provided the opportunity to get involved in fundraising to support the homeless living in our society.

Being part of the Josephite Tradition means we are a welcoming, inclusive, compassionate community. Mary MacKillop believed that the compassionate love of God was available to all she met. Mary MacKillop had a compassionate heart for everyone.

During this time in our school community, we do the same. We promote compassion and empathy amongst our children for those less fortunate.

Charity is at the heart of Living Catholic. Catholic Charities is your umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia.

Catholic Charities Appeal

The agencies supported by Catholic Charities are:

- Hutt St Centre
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools
- Centacare Catholic Family Services

For more information on each agency click [here](#)

Please see attached the scheduled fundraising activities the students have elected to do with the class. [Catholic Charities Activities](#)

SOCKTOBER

This year our school is taking part in Socktober, a Catholic Mission program that raises funds for programs benefiting children around the world. Funds raised will support families in Timor-Leste facing health and wellness challenges. The SRC group is leading this initiative.

The theme for World Mission Month this year is:

'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'.

One of the first goals for students is to make a "sock ball" – a makeshift soccer ball made of recycled materials like old socks. The activity helps students understand the reality of children who cannot afford high-quality balls found in schools across Australia.

For more information on Socktober please visit: [Socktober](#)

ReLAT: Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLAT)

We congratulate all our Year 4's for participating in ReLAT Assessment. This annual assessment has been developed by the Catholic Education Office because Religious Education (RE) is a core Learning Area in all Catholic schools. ReLAT focuses on knowledge content which is core to the Year 3/4 Crossways Religious Education curriculum. The ReLAT assessment tool is an online multiple-choice test with 35 questions. Our students were given up to an hour to complete the test. This valuable data from the ReLAT assessment will be collated and used by our school to inform whole school professional learning needs in Religious Education. Our Year 4 families will be provided with an individual ReLAT summary.

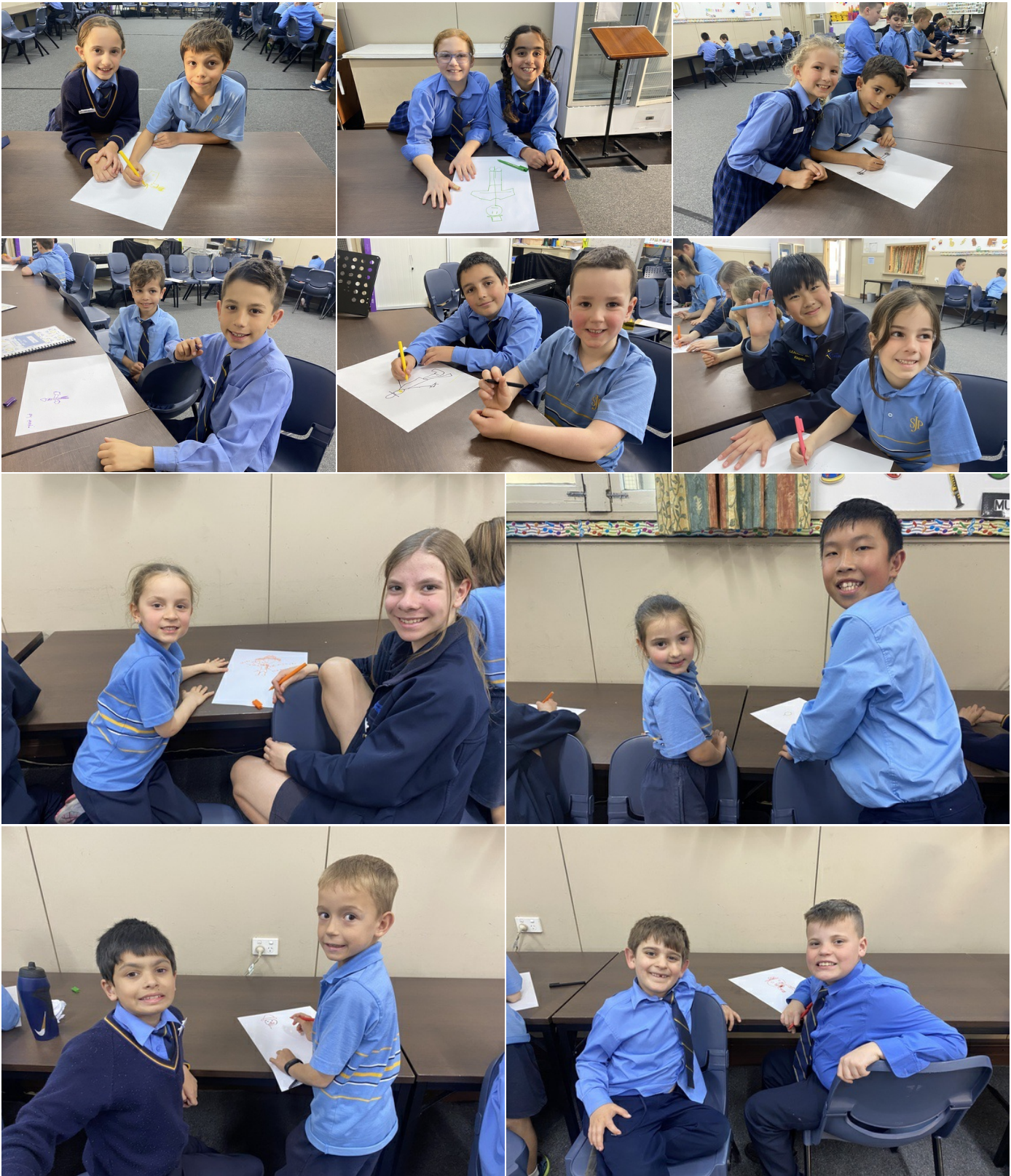
Keeping Safe Online - A great learning experience for parents!

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>

SRC News

At our last SRC meeting in Week 8, student members worked in pairs to create a sustainable scarecrow design for our garden bed area near the STEM room. Students had to list what sustainable items or products they could use to create a scarecrow and then draw what it might look like. The idea of a scarecrow is to deter birds or other animals from eating or disturbing our plants and vegetable gardens. We also thought a scarecrow would be a nice feature and will brighten up the garden bed area. Watch this space!



Brain Breaks

The Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) is a practical approach to teaching and learning that enables teachers to increase engagement and successfully improve all students'

self-regulation, growth and academic achievement. The domains within the BSEM are Body, Relationship, Stamina, Engagement and Character. Students are taught strategies which assist them to self-regulate and ground themselves, allowing them to focus on their learning.

Brain Breaks are small activities used by our teachers at St. Joseph's Payneham throughout the day to improve student engagement in learning. It is up to the teacher's discretion to decide when escalating and de-escalating brain breaks are needed to ensure students are ready to learn.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4!

Kind Regards,

Michael Musolino

(Leader of Student Wellbeing & Leadership Support)



Maths Olympiad 2023



Congratulations to the 29 students who participated in the 2023 Maths Olympiad.

They have completed the 4 challenging contests held in Terms 1,2 and 3.

Each student is to be commended for their participation and persistence in solving difficult maths problems. In Term 4, students will be presented with awards and

participation certificates. Details to be advised at a later date.

Try question No.3 from Contest Four:

The sum of seven consecutive counting numbers is 2023. What is the least of these counting numbers?

Well done to all the students who participated:

4BR	5AS	5YV	6MM	6CK
Domenic	Andre	Jacob	Dean	Kobe
Catherine	Anhad M	Veer	Amelia	Lincoln
Daniel	Hugo	Jack	Alexia	
Cartia	Jayvin	Allegra	Shazad	
	Samuel	Ashton	Olivia	
4PA	Terry	Eric	Rayyan	
Emma	Aiden N	Ari	Anhad B	
			Arin	

School Fee Reminder

Families not on payment plans via direct debit are reminded that the School Fees are to be finalise by **3rd October 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

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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