



From Mr Slater



Dear Families

We've had a positive start to the year, with so many exciting elements to highlight this start.

Learning has been in full swing at St Joseph's Memorial, and it has been wonderful to go into the classes to see teachers lead purposeful learning and to hear the students confidently share what they are learning about with great excitement.

Last week we held a whole school Mass in the Norwood Parish Church, led by Father Chris Jenkins and it was wonderful to see the whole community together. In addition, we held our first combined Preschool to Year 6 assembly in the new Performing Arts Centre. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the students who received the Live Learn Lead award certificates and to announce our new Year 6 school leaders. The whole school is looking forward to all of the student leaders having a positive impact in their roles.

Additional highlights of the past few weeks have been the community school events that have been held. Last Wednesday night, our Preschool staff hosted a 'Welcome night' and last Saturday night, our Parents and Friends group held a 'Welcome drinks' in the Performing Arts Centre. Both events were a wonderful opportunity for our community to connect and catch up. It was wonderful to see families that are new to our school community attend.

Our popular playgroup has commenced and it is again held on Friday mornings starting at 9:15am in the Bridge St campus OSHC / Library room. The group is run by Marta and is for children, parents, grandparents and care givers. There is no need to book in to attend and it is free for all community members.

The 'Skoolbag' application is our major link to families delivering school alerts, information as well as our electronic version of the school newsletter instantly and directly to your smartphone and/or tablet. This year we are continuing our Facebook site and Instagram page to celebrate the many fantastic things happening in our school. Please feel free to follow these sites to keep posted.

Finally, in reference to staffing news, I would like to congratulate Jess Nelson on winning a position as Marketing and Communications Coordinator at Mary MacKillop College. Jess has been an integral member of our school community as a parent for over 15 years and staff member for over 13 years. In that time Jess has led OSHC, P&F, enrolments, school marketing, communications and administration. It is evident that she goes above and beyond for the school and families to which we have been extremely appreciative of. It is with no doubt that Jess will be sorely missed by the staff, families, students and the community. We will have an interim replacement for Jess in the office and will advertise the position.

Yours sincerely

Adam Slater
Principal

From Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we came together for Ash Wednesday as we begin the season of Lent.

Lent invites us to connect more deeply with our faith. We are asked to focus on Jesus and his life especially the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted. It is a beautiful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and prepare us for the Easter season.

During Lent we are encouraged to open our eyes and ears with a deeper focus on praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Parish Lenten Groups and Talks

St Ignatius Parish is hosting Lenten Reflection groups and Lenten Talks for anyone who would like to prepare more deeply for Easter.

If you are interested in participating in the Parish Lenten Reflection groups which are weekly sessions, please refer to the information below.

Wednesdays, beginning 1 March from 11-11.45am

Location: Hall

Facilitator: Sophie Marta

Wednesdays, beginning 1 March from 2-2.45pm

Location: Spirituality Centre

Facilitator: Louise Howell

Tuesdays, beginning 7 March from 7- 7:45pm

Location: Spirituality Centre

Facilitator: Fr Stan Lim SJ

The Parish Lenten Talks will be held on 3 Thursday evenings in March. Each talk will have a special focus. Please see details below.

Thursday 2 March at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Sr. Sue Pollard RSJ: 'Healing, Hope and Spirituality from a Therapeutic Perspective.'

Thursday 9 March at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Fr Frank Brennan SJ: 'Finding Hope in The Voice Debate'

Thursday 16 March at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Ms. Leanne Haddad: 'Gentacare: Vehicle of Hope'

A prayer for Lent

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you.

Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul,

noticing the times, I turn away from you.

Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.

May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you

and live forever in your abundant grace.

Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father.

Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

Amen.

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday we gathered at both campuses for Ash Wednesday Liturgies and acknowledged the beginning of Lent. Together we reflected in prayer and pledged our Lenten promises.



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The banner features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the bottom left is the school's crest, which includes a cross, a lily, and the motto 'IN OMNIBUS CARITAS'. The phrase 'In all things love' is written in a white cursive font across the bottom.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We would like to inform you of the dates for Pupil Free Days (PFD) for this year. Please note that OSHC will be available for families that require this service on these days.

- Monday 1 May 2023
- Friday 7 July 2023
- Monday 24 July 2023
- Monday 16 October 2023
- Thursday 14 December 2023

- Friday 15 December 2023

Yours sincerely

Adam Slater
Principal

Random Acts of Kindness Day

On Friday 17 February we celebrated

Our staff on duty during the morning had special gifts for parents and caregivers to brighten their day!



2023 School Assemblies

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are trialing a new Assembly format for the year.

In Term 1 to Term 3 we will have 3 Assemblies per term and in Term 4, 2 Assemblies.

All Assemblies will be held in the Performing Arts Studio at William St on Friday afternoons at 2pm.

Students from Bridge Street will walk across to William Street to participate in Assemblies, face to face.

Below, please find the dates for our Assembly and the Class that will be hosting in that week.

Term 1

10 March - Year 6B Assembly

31 March - Year 1G Assembly

Term 2

19 May - Year 5G Assembly

9 June - Year 1B Assembly

30 June - Year 4B Assembly

Term 3

11 August - Preschool Assembly

1 September - Reception Assembly

22 September - Year 2/3B Assembly

Term 4

10 November - Year 2/3G Assembly

1 December - Mid-Year Reception Assembly

We will ask for help from our wonderful parents and caregivers to help walk the Bridge Street students across on these dates. Please look out for the form on Skoolbag, next week.

Please remember to check the [school calendar](#) regularly for any updates.

Carnevale in the Preschool

Our Preschool students celebrated Carnevale by decorating their very own masks!



Places available in our Preschool - enrol today!



Come see our Preschool in action, [contact us](#) for a tour or enrolment information.



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Volunteering at SJMS

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St Joseph's Memorial School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold the following:

1. **A current Catholic Police Check (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events);**
2. **A current Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate (please click here to view how to complete this requirement);**
3. **Completed the volunteers application.**

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers at SJMS are free for our current parents and caregivers. [Application Forms](#) are available to [download here](#) or at either school office.

We ask that you present your completed form with verification ID to the front office, and we will submit the application on your behalf. You will then receive an email link to complete the process online. Once all cleared you will receive a Catholic Police Check ID card in the post, please bring this in to the front office and we will take a copy of your clearance.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through either school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at either office.

Thanking you

The SJMS Admin Team

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For more information on how Catholic Education SA provides a safe environment for all, please [click here](#).

Summary of what is needed to volunteer at SJMS:

[Valid Catholic Police Check](#)

[Responding to Abuse and Neglect Education and Care Volunteer Certificate](#)

[Completed application form](#)

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Term dates do not include Pupil Free Days. Please check the [SJMS Calendar](#) for up to date Pupil Free Days.

2023

Term 1 concludes on Friday 14 April

Term 2 Monday 1 May to Friday 7 July

Term 3 Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September

Term 4 Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

2024

Term 1 Monday 29 January to Friday 12 April

Term 2 Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Term 3 Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4 Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December

2025

Term 1 Tuesday 28 January to Friday 11 April

Term 2 Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July

Term 3 Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September

Term 4 Monday 13 October to Friday 12 December

Please remember to check the [SJMS calendar](#) regularly for important dates and events.

Don't forget your hat!



A reminder to ensure your child has their school hat in their bag. Thank you!

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For dates, information on events and more, please visit the SJMS Calendar.

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

Ice Block Fridays



Ice Blocks are available to purchase for Reception to Year 6 students (not Preschool) via the QKR app.

Ice Blocks are distributed Friday at lunchtimes and orders close the day before, each Thursday at 6pm. Please order before this time to avoid disappointment.

Ice Block options are:

Zooper Dooper 50 cents

Sugar Freezies 50 cents (sugar free)

Thank you

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If you want to stay up to date with the Parents and Friends Committee, connect with other Parents or buy/sell second hand uniform, remember to join our P&F Facebook Group!

[Read More](#)

Remember your hats!



Please remember to pack your child's school hat to ensure they are able to play outside.

Thank you.

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Emails

[Click here to view the current staff email addresses.](#)

If you are not receiving emails from us, please email info@sjms.catholic.edu.au to ensure your email is correct on our system. Thank you.

School Phone Number

The phone number for the school is 0881307777. The phone will be answered by either office and your call directed to the appropriate area/staff member.

Skoolbag app

An app used to communicate letters and information between the school and home.

[Skoolbag app instructions.](#)

SeeSaw

A communication site used to share learning in the classroom with parents and caregivers. Invitations are sent home via email.

[Click here to access the login page for SeeSaw.](#)

Social Media

Communication platforms ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) used to showcase the learning and events occurring at SJMS, as well as a marketing tool for our school.

Parents and Friends Facebook Page

A [Facebook Group](#) where parents and caregivers can join to see P&F news, events and sell/buy second-hand uniform.

Qkr! app

An app families can use to pay school fees, OSHC fees, lunch orders and much more.

[Qkr! app instructions.](#)

Submitting a student absentee

Parents and caregivers can use the form in the Skoolbag app or via this website to advise when your child is absent. Please submit before 9am on the day of the absence. Thank you.

[Submit an absentee.](#)

Outside School Hours Care Software

iParent portal - the software used for the OSHC services at SJMS. Parents (once registered) can log into the portal and manage their child/ren's bookings online and check their OSHC account balance. Please note OSHC bookings are essential to ensure a child safe environment, maintain appropriate staffing ratios and ensure we do not exceed our licence.

[OSHC email.](#)

[iParent portal link \(for after you have registered\).](#)

OSHC registration form.

OSHC information page.

SJMS Sport

Mr Will Dacombe-Bird is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mr Dacombe-Bird via email wdacombe@sjms.catholic.edu.au.

Instrumental Program

Learning Through Music provides instrumental lessons at SJMS. You can contact them via email info@ltmusic.com.au.

[SJMS Staff contact details](#)

[Communication Flowchart](#)

[SJMS Communication Information](#)

From the Library



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been sent home with students. Please note all payments and orders for the Scholastic Book Club need to be paid online through Scholastic LOOP:

Scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Or you can download the Loop app.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept any money and orders at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Julie Moore

Librarian

From the Finance Team

School Fees and Fee Remission for 2023

School fee statements will be sent home by the end of Week 2 and will show the 2023 fees and sibling discounts. If you have not received your statement by the end of Week 3 please contact the office.

Please be assured of the school's support for your family during hard times. If you are having difficulty paying fees, please contact school Bursar, Nicki Cambourn, to make a time to discuss assistance and payment options available.

School Card 2023

The Government School Card discount is a scheme offered and administered by the School Card Office.

School Card needs to be re-applied for on an annual basis. The 2023 School Card application is now available online, please apply as soon as possible.

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Any parent/caregiver who would like more information about the scheme can contact our school or phone the School Card Office on 1800 672 758 (free call).

For eligible families, St Joseph's Memorial School lower income fee will apply once School Card is approved. A credit is applied to your

account to reflect the lower fee and a revised statement sent home for you.

School Card Income Limits

To qualify for School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have. The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2023 – this based on the family's gross income in 2021/2022.

Number of dependent children Combined gross family income limit for the 2021/22 financial year Gross weekly school card income limit.

1 child	\$66,412	\$1,277
2 children	\$67,598	\$1,300
3 children	\$68,784	\$1,323
4 children	\$69,970	\$1,346
5 children	\$71,156	\$1,369
Each additional dependent child	\$1,186	\$23

Fee Remission Assistance

Parents/caregivers experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to apply for fee remission ASAP. Please email accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au for a fee remission application form. We assure parents/caregivers that all details provided will be kept strictly confidential.

If you are having difficulty with meeting your fee obligations or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Nicki Cambourn (Bursar) or Adam Slater (Principal) on 8130 7777.

Yours sincerely

Nicki Cambourn




Bursar accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

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SJMS Uniform Shop News

Sort by Price, high to low   



St Joseph's Norwood
| Rugby Top

From \$76.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Woollen Jumper

From \$70.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Skirt (Culottes)

\$60.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Back Pack

\$58.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Sports Polo

\$54.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Banded Shirt - Long
Sleeve

\$48.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Banded Shirt - Short
Sleeve

\$45.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Trousers

\$41.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Track Pants

\$38.00



St Joseph's Norwood
| Elastic Back Shorts

\$38.00

You can now book your uniform shop appointment online!

Why do I need an appointment?

Due to social distancing requirements there can only be 2 families in store at a time. If you do not have an appointment you will have to wait outside until we can serve you.

How do I book?

The easiest way to book is to go online. You can book a quick 15 minute fitting (best for current students) or a full 30 minute fitting (best for new students or full uniform updates). You can also follow the link to the online shop through your school website!

What if I know exactly what I need?

If you know what you need you can place an online order and collect in store or have it sent to the school for no additional charge.

[Find out more](#)

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Pathways Beyond Year 6



[Click here](#) to view the local Catholic pathways beyond Year 6.



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