



From Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 4 has well and truly started and although it is the shortest term of the School Year sometimes, I feel it is the one that is the

busiest. The first day of term was a Staff Reflection Day and the theme of the day was Giving Witness to Mary's Work Today. We were fortunate to have some of the Sisters of St Joseph join us to share with us their work. The stories they shared were inspirational and provided us with a deeper insight into the work of the Sisters, both past and present

This term, there are many exciting things to look forward to such as the Norwood Christmas Pageant, Christmas Carols evening, End of Year Mass and Graduation Ceremonies for the Year 6 and Preschool students. Information regarding these events will be sent home closer to the event.

Whilst we are coming to the end of the year, there are still many exciting learning activities that children are engaging with in the classroom as well as Swimming Week for our Reception to Year 5 students and some exciting Year level Incursions and Excursions.

Class Structures

Over the coming weeks the staff will be considering class structures for the 2023 school year.

All classes, whether a single year level or composite class group, have children with diverse learning needs and abilities and this is not a disadvantage for students. Within any class environment there is a wide and diverse range of abilities where the class teacher is required to differentiate.

Within the Australian Curriculum, teachers work in band levels and assess all students in their class according to their individual ability and plan accordingly. Teachers are also placed in professional learning teams according to their year / band levels and work as a team to collaboratively plan, prepare and assess all students carefully, providing time to access and moderate student work.

Reading Workshop for Parents

On Monday 7 November, Linda Clune will be running a Reading Workshop for parents and caregivers. The session will be held at 7pm in the Performing Arts Studio at William Street.

Linda is a Specialist Dyslexia Teacher and Literacy Consultant who is based at Fullarton House at Glenelg. The session will provide an update to parents about how students learn to read, what approaches work the best for most beginning readers and how evidence-based research can be used to teach reading and spelling from Reception to Year 6. Linda will also talk about what parents can do if learning to read for their child turns out to be more difficult than expected.

The information session will run for approximately 45 minutes, leaving the last 15 minutes for parents to ask questions.

Please RSVP via the form on Skoolbag. Thank you.

Grandparents / Grand friends Day

It was lovely to see many grandparent / grand friends and parents join the students to celebrate these wonderful people in our lives. This is the first year SJMS has celebrated this day as a whole school community and hope to continue to celebrate this day in the years to come.

COVID Update

To protect our school community, parents are reminded that students should:

Stay home if they are unwell.

Get tested for COVID-19 if they have cold or flu symptoms.

If students have COVID-19, please stay at home until their acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough, and fever) have cleared.

In consideration for the health of others, when returning to school, students should wear a mask while indoors until 7 days have passed since their symptoms first started or since they tested positive, (whichever is earliest).

Yours sincerely

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield





From Mr Canil



Dear Parents and Caregivers

OCTOBER ~ THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Many of the world's religions use beads, knotted rope or other tangible things people can hold to help them when in prayer. In the Catholic Tradition we use Rosary beads as one of the ways of assisting us to pray. The month of October has been dedicated to the Rosary in the church's liturgical calendar.

Some of you may be familiar with the Rosary as in some cultures the Rosary plays a very important part of their prayer life, whilst others may not have heard about them. The origins of the Rosary are a little unclear but the use of strings of beads to count prayers has been found from the middle ages. It is thought the structure of the Rosary gradually evolved between the 12th and 15th centuries and during the 16th century; the structure of the five-decade Rosary based on the three sets of mysteries prevailed.

Tradition holds that St Dominic devised the Rosary and was instrumental in its widespread use during the twelfth century although there are no records of this. Moved by a vision of Mary our Blessed Mother, he preached the use of the Rosary in his missionary work. Other more recent well-known visions of Mary include St Bernadette at Lourdes and the three shepherd children at Fatima. All involved Mary requesting the world praying the Rosary to bring people back to Christ and for peace in the world.

The Rosary is a series of prayers in honour of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The whole Rosary is composed of twenty decades. A decade consists of: The Lord's Prayer, ten Hail Marys and the Glory be to the Father. The Rosary consists of five decades of beads and each five decades is given specific times from the Bible of Mary and Jesus life for us to reflect on. We call these the 'mysteries', because so much of our faith is a mystery to us but we still believe. There are four groups of mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous and Glorious.

The five Joyful Mysteries include the Annunciation (Lk 1:28) when the angel came to Mary asking her to be the Mother of God, the visitation when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth (Lk 1:41-42), the birth of Jesus (Lk 2:22-23), the presentation of Jesus in the temple (Lk 2:22-23) and finding Jesus in the temple (Lk 2:46). Next, we have the five Sorrowful Mysteries where we asked to reflect on Jesus agony in the garden (Lk 22:44-45), The scourging at the pillar (Jn 19:1), the crowning with thorns (Mt 27:28-29), the carrying of the cross (Jn 19:17) and the Crucifixion (Lk 23:46). The Luminous mysteries are of the Baptism of Jesus (Mk 1:11), the wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-2), Jesus proclaims the kingdom (Mk 4:23), Jesus is transfigured (Lk 9:28-29) and Jesus gives us the Eucharist (Mt 26:26). The last mysteries, the Glorious mysteries, begin with the Resurrection (Mk 16:6), The Ascension (Mk 16:19), The descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4), The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven (Rev 12:1) and The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven (Rev 12:1).

Upcoming Events at our School to Place in your Diaries:

Tuesday 1 November – All Saints Mass at the Church at 9:15am.

Friday 11 November – Remembrance Day Whole School Liturgy in the PAS at 11am.

How Well Do We Know Our school?

Another beautiful area of our school.

Have you seen it before, do you know where it is?

Sacramental Program 2022/2023

If you have any questions about the program for next year or; if you are considering starting your children's Religious Journey with the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Franco Canil at the School Office or email fcamil@sjms.catholic.edu.au



This Week's Sunday Readings are:

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Also, as a quick reminder that Mass times at St Ignatius Church, Norwood are:

Saturday: (Vigil) 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

"We are all a reflection of God's love"

Places available in our Preschool - enrol today!



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

Last Chance - 150 Years of SJMS Tea Towel



Last chance to purchase your Sesquicentenary Tea Towel!

To celebrate the sesquicentenary of St Joseph's Memorial School, we have created a whole school tea towel for families to keep as a memory of their time at SJMS.

The tea towel includes a drawing of all students and staff at SJMS, proudly drawn by the students themselves.

Please note we have a limited number of tea towels available, so we encourage families to order early via the QKR app to avoid disappointment.

Thank you.



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Norwood and Kensington

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

info@sjms.catholic.edu.au

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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Calendar and Dates

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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.

Remember your hats!



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

Thank you.

SJMS Calendar



For dates, information on events and more, please visit the [SJMS Calendar](#).

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

Follow us on Social Media



Stay up to date with all that is happening across SJMS via our [Facebook Page](#) and [Instagram Account](#)

Communication Between School and Home

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

Mrs Kate Didyk is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mrs Didyk via email kdidyk@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](#)

Book your Uniform Shop visit

Uniform shop news

JS Sports Uniform shop: 10 Newton Rd Campbelltown

Ph: 0451 725 600

Book your Appointment online now!

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>

Why do I need an appointment???

Due to social distancing requirements we can only have 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 to

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>.

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.

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/uniform-shops>






[Click here to book a Uniform Shop visit](https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings)

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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.

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