



From Adam Slater, Principal

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic fortnight at our school, filled with achievements, community spirit, and exciting opportunities for our students. From sporting success to musical performances and fundraising efforts, our students continue to shine in so many ways. Here's a snapshot of some of the highlights from the past two weeks.

Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival

A huge congratulations to our Year 2–6 students who represented our school at the South Australian Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival at Marion Swimming Centre. We are incredibly proud to have placed 2nd overall, with our Year 3 and Year 5 teams winning their age group championships. A special mention goes to a Year 3 student who won the individual age champion title, which was an outstanding achievement! Thank you to Mr. DB for leading this talented group.



Bake Sale for Project Compassion

Both campuses came together for a bake sale to raise funds for Project Compassion, with families and students generously providing an array of delicious treats. Thanks to their efforts, we raised over \$1,000—an incredible achievement that reflects the generosity of our community.



St Joseph's Community Family Picnic

Last weekend, our school community gathered for the St Joseph's Memorial School Picnic, enjoying a beautiful day outdoors. Families spent time together, children played on the playground, and the atmosphere was one of joy and connection—a wonderful way to strengthen our school community.



Year 5 Violin Performance

At the Year 5 assembly, we were privileged to hear an extraordinary violin performance of Verbunk & Friss by one of our talented students who is a member of the Australian Youth Orchestra. It was a breathtaking performance that showcased the dedication and skill of the student.



Year 5/6 Camp Legends

At the recent Year 5/6 assembly, six students were recognised as our 2025 Camp Legends! These students went above and beyond in supporting their peers, demonstrating leadership, and helping with clean-up efforts. Their positive attitudes and willingness to contribute made them stand out.



Bridge Street Science Incursion

Students at our Bridge Street campus have been exploring insect life cycles in Science. A recent incursion brought the topic to life as students learned about biodiversity and the important role of invertebrates in nature. It was a fascinating and hands-on experience for all involved.



Gather Round Opportunity

We are thrilled that our Year 5/6 football team has been invited to play in a pre-game match before the GWS Giants vs. St Kilda game at Norwood Oval during Gather Round. Our Middle and Upper Primary students have worked hard in after-school games this term, and this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase their skills.

Traffic Safety Reminder

A reminder to all families that U-turns near the school crossing have been increasing, raising safety concerns for our students and community members. We kindly ask that all drivers use the roundabout on William Street instead. Thank you for prioritising the safety of our students.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant and caring community.

Kindest regards,

Adam Slater

Principal

From Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, APRIM

On Sunday at Mass, we heard the parable of the Prodigal Son. This parable only appears in Luke's Gospel. It is a favourite parable to use in the classroom when we are teaching our children about forgiveness and unconditional love.

In the story, the younger son turns his back on his father and runs away. After squandering his father's gifts, he decides it is in his best interests to return home. On his return, the son is not confronted with a closed door but rather with a father waiting on the front porch, for his son's return.

When the son meets his father, the father is not interested in his son's excuses but instead embraces him and takes him in immediately. He is home, nothing else matters. This example of the Father is the one Jesus talks to us about. The father, who offers his love and acceptance, to the people around him unconditionally.

In our story the older brother is there to remind us that even if we get our relationship with God wrong, that God's love is free and forgiving. The older son believes that he has earned his father's love but a reminder for all of us that love is not earned it is spontaneous

and forgiving.

Henri Nouwen in his book 'Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming says:

"For most of my life I have struggled to find God, to know God, to love God. I have tried hard to follow the guidelines of the spiritual life—pray always, work for others, read the Scriptures—and to avoid the many temptations to dissipate myself. I have failed many times but always tried again, even when I was close to despair.

Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not "How am I to find God?" but "How am I to let myself be found by him?" The question is not "How am I to know God?" but "How am I to let myself be known by God?" And, finally, the question is not "How am I to love God?" but "How am I to let myself be loved by God?" God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home."

Over the next week, go back and read this parable and then consider and reflect on the questions raised. As the father said in the parable: 'let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'

Holy Week Liturgy

On Friday 11 April, we will gather in the PAS at 9:30am to reflect on the events of Holy Week. The reflection will be led by Fr Chris and some of our Year 6 leaders. It is a way for us to start our preparations as we end term 1 to go on holidays and prepare for one of the most holy weeks in our liturgical calendar.

Term 2 Calendar

Diary dates for Term 2 are now available. Please refer to the calendar which is printed in the Newsletter.

School Chaplain

Last week we introduced Marzie Galikowski our School Chaplain, to our community. Marzie will be onsite every Monday to support the school community. Her role will focus on:

- pastoral care services; and
- strategies that support the wellbeing of the broader school community which may include:
 - 1:1 support / counselling for students
 - Support for parents / caregivers (via appointment)
 - In class support sessions on resilience / wellbeing of students
 - Small group work with students

To access support parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact Marzie via email: MGalikowski@sjms.catholic.edu.au

Term 2 Calendar of Events



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TERM 2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekend
1	28/04 Pupil Free Day	29/04 Term 2 Begins	30/04	01/05	02/05	
2	05/05	06/05 7pm First Eucharist and Confirmation Meeting	07/05 Mother's Day Gift Stalls @ both sites	08/05 9:30am Mother's Day Mass led by Year 5 class	09/05 Mother's Day Breakfast @ William St	
3	12/05	13/05	14/05	15/05 9am Year 4 Class Mass PAS	16/05 2pm Year 1G Assembly	
	← Catholic		Education		Week →	
4	19/05	20/05	21/05 6:30pm School Board	22/05 9:10am Reception LOW National Simultaneous Storytime	23/05	
5	26/05	27/05	28/05	29/05 9am Year 3 Mass PAS	30/05	01/06 The Ascension
	← National		Reconciliation		Week →	
6	02/06	03/06 9:10am Preschool LOW	04/06	05/06 9:10am Yr 6 Mass PAS World Environment Day	06/06 2pm Year 4 Assembly	08/06 Pentecost
7	09/06 King's Birthday Public Holiday	10/06 9am Year 2 LOW PAS 7pm First Eucharist and Confirmation Meeting	11/06	12/06 9-11am MYR Transition	13/06	15/06 Trinity Sunday
8	16/06	17/06 7pm Confirmation Celebration	18/06 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 6:30pm School Board	19/06 9am-12pm MYR Transition 7pm Confirmation Celebration	20/06 SPORTS DAY	22/06 Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ 2pm 1 st Eucharist Celebration
	←		Refugee Week		→	
9	23/06 SPORTS DAY MAKE UP IF NEEDED	24/06	25/06	26/06 11:40am Years 4, 5&6 Sacred Heart of Jesus mass with MMC 12-3pm MYR Transition	27/06 9:10am Year 1 LOW Library 2pm RB Assembly	29/06 Feast of Sts Peter and Paul
10	30/07 2pm Preschool Graduation	01/07	02/07	03/07 Netball Carnival Years 3- 6	04/07 Term 2 Ends Pupil Free Day	

Bridge Street Bugs & Slugs Incursion



Interviewing now for
2026 & 2027

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LEARN TO PLAY
AN INSTRUMENT*

**ENROL NOW
FOR 2025!**

Join our school instrumental
music lessons for 2025!

Contact us to find out what
instruments are available to learn

Lessons are held at school once a week

Instrument hire is available

Email us for lesson prices or an enrolment form



Contact LTMusic for more information
or to complete an enrolment form:
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Pupil Free Days



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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.

TERM 2

Monday 28 April - Preschool, Rec-Yr 6

Friday 4 July - Preschool, Rec-Yr 6

TERM 3

Monday 21 July - Preschool, Rec-Yr 6

TERM 4

Monday 13 October - Preschool, Rec-Yr 6

Wednesday 10 December - Last Day of Term R-6

Thursday 11 December - Last Day for Preschool

Friday 12 December Whole School Pupil Free Day

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Assemblies



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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.

TERM 2

16 May hosted by Class 1G

6 June hosted by Class 4B

27 June hosted by Class RB

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 information on Audiri if you are able to assist.

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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

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](#)

Places available in our Preschool - enrol today!



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



St Joseph's Memorial School

Preschool to Year 6
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Website: www.sjms.catholic.edu.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SJMSSA
Instagram: @SJMSSA



Your child is at the heart of everything we do

What we offer

Playgroup

- For 0 - 4 year olds
- Held every Friday 9:15am - 10:45am
- Location at the Bridge St Library
- Free
- Parents / carer join in activities

Preschool

- For 4 - 5 year olds
- Friday 8:30am - 3pm daily
- OSHC available before Preschool from 7am to 8:30am and after school from 3pm to 6 pm.
- Teaching program is delivered to build on the interests of children and their curiosity to tailor learning opportunities.

Ready for Reception

- For children in the semester before they commence Reception.
- Monday and Tuesday
- Aimed to prepare each child to approach schooling with confidence and positivity.
- Children have opportunities to enjoy learning the daily school processes, curriculum and building social connections

School Reception - Year 6

- Highly skilled teachers who build positive relationships with each child to help enhance their learning achievement.
- Extra-curricular activities offered include Children's University, school sport, carnivals, choir and performing arts.

Contact us to book in a tour with our Principal

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Preschool
to Year 6



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Calendar and Dates



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

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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!

[Visit P&F Facebook](#)

SJMS Uniform Shop News



ST JOSEPHS MEMORIAL NORWOOD

UNIFORM COLLECTION 2025



Short Sleeve Shirt
\$ 48.00



Long Sleeve Shirt
\$ 49.00



Woollen Jumper
from \$ 72.00



Skirt - Culottes
\$ 63.00



Elastic Back Shorts
\$ 39.00



Trousers
\$ 43.00



Ready-Knot Tie
\$ 23.00



Sports Polo
\$ 59.00



Rugby Top
\$ 87.50



Softshell Jacket
\$ 86.50



Sport Shorts
\$ 30.00



Trackpants
\$ 41.00



Pre School Polo
\$ 27.00



Reversible Bucket Hat
\$ 18.00



Back Pack
\$ 62.00



Cotton Blend Tights
\$ 17.00

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TRADING HOURS

Monday 8.00am - 1.00pm, Tuesday 10.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 8.00am - 1.00pm, Thursday 10.30am - 5.30pm
Friday 10.30am - 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am - 12.00pm



You can now book your uniform shop appointment online!

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.

[Read More](#)

Finance Team

Go to our [Fee Information page](#) to see school fee structure.

For any finance enquiries, email Nicki at accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

Nicki Cambourn

Bursar

Communication Between School and Home



The banner features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, it reads 'St Joseph's Memorial School' in a large white serif font, with 'Norwood and Kensington' in a smaller white sans-serif font below it. The word 'Communication' is written in a large, bold, yellow sans-serif font. Below this, the school's crest is visible on the left, featuring a shield with a cross, a lily, and the motto 'IN OMNIBUS CARITAS'. To the right of the crest, the phrase 'In all things love' is written in a white cursive script. At the bottom right, contact information is provided: 'w | sjms.catholic.edu.au' and 'e | info@sjms.catholic.edu.au'.

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 (08) 8130 7777. The phone will be answered by either office and your call directed to the appropriate area/staff member.

Audiri app

Download the Audiri app and add 'St Joseph's Memorial School' as your school. This app is used to communicate letters and information between the school and home.

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 Audiri 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.

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Pathways Beyond Year 6



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Southern Cross News



The Southern Cross

Living Catholic

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PAS SPACE AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Do you know a community group that is looking for an affordable space to hire,
somewhere to meet regularly?

A martial arts class, bible study group, children's dance class, drama group,
choir group, book club or the like?

Ask them to contact us to enquire about hiring our Performing Arts Studio (PAS)!

Hire includes use of the retractable stage, kitchen facilities and bathroom. Weeknights or weekends available.

Please contact Nicki Cambourn, Bursar accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

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