



From Adam Slater, Principal

Dear Families

Our first four weeks at school have been a very successful start! It has been great to see our three school pillars of faith, learning, and community, in conjunction with our values of kindness, love, and care, actively being lived out every day.

School Leaders

At our first whole school assembly, we presented and blessed our 2024 Year 6 leaders. It was with great pride that the Year 6 students presented their applications for the leadership positions for appointment. We are excited to see the positive impact each of the students will have on our school community this year.

The Year 6 students shared speeches in application for the leadership positions. In their speeches the students outlined the various opportunities and experiences they have undertaken whilst at school, as well as, their vision to lead our community this year.



Congratulations to newly appointed 2024 School Captains Sienna and Jack for being voted for and selected by the school community:



I would also like to congratulate the Sports House Captains:

Tappeiner (Yellow) House Captains: Taylor and Vincent



MacKillop (Red) House Captains: Olive and Mia



Woods (Blue) House Captains: Corey and Jessie



Joseph House Captains: Nicole and Jack



I would like to congratulate our students appointed as **Social Justice Leaders:**



I would also like to congratulate our students appointed as **Information Technology Leaders:**



School Sports Commencement

Our afterschool and weekend sports have commenced for the first term with Basketball, Cricket and Netball. It has been wonderful to hear positive reports from coaches and students in regard to the way the teams are cohesively working together and improving their skills.



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Last week, our community celebrated and learned about Shrove Tuesday, the day prior to the commencement of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The Bridge Street students all enjoyed writing a procedure text on how to make a pancake and then enjoying the process of making and eating delicious pancakes. On Ash Wednesday, we held liturgies at the Bridge St. and William St. campuses. It was an amazing opportunity to prepare and learn more about the commencement of Lent.





Chinese New Year Learning and Celebrations in Preschool

In recent weeks, our Preschool celebrated Chinese New Year. The preschool children made hand drums and created a dragon head for a New Year dance, as it is the year of the dragon.



Parent Welcome Drinks

The event last Saturday night was an amazing opportunity for parents to catch up and connect. It was wonderful to see new families who have joined the community attend the evening. Thank you to our Parent and Friends committee for their organisation and planning to ensure the event was a huge success.



It has already been a brilliantly positive start to the school year.

Kind regards,

From Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, APRIM

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This Sunday at Mass we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This is one of the most dramatic events in Mark's Gospel and reveals the true identity of Jesus.

The word 'transfigure' means to change or be transformed. In this event we read that Jesus' physical appearance changes, "**His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.**"

The disciples who are with Jesus, see before them two of the most important figures in Judaism - Moses and Elijah. Moses represents the law as God gave him the *Ten Commandments* on Mount Sinai and Elijah, regarded as the greatest prophet.

In the Transfiguration, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection as we have the benefit of knowing what is to come. His Disciples however, don't and as such, their confusion continues as they do not understand what Jesus means by his words below:

Mark 9 – 10: "As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant."

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

A Prayer for Lent

O Jesus, you place on my forehead the sign of your saving Cross:

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

How can I turn from sin unless I turn to You?

Your speak, you raise your hand, you touch my mind and call my name,

"Turn to the Lord your God again."

These days of your favour leave a blessing as you pass

on me and all your people.

Turn to us, Lord God, and we shall turn to you.

Author unknown.

Project Compassion

Last week students took home a Project Compassion box from Caritas Australia. This year, Project Compassion shares stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish

her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.



Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

This year, we will focus our Fundraising efforts for Caritas in Week 8. Further information will be available shortly. Money raised during this week will go to supporting Caritas in their work with Ronita, Leaia, Memory and their communities.

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies of the Word

Week 5:

Thursday 29 February – Year 5 & 6 Mass

9:15am in the PAS

Friday 1 March – Year 1 Liturgy of the Word

9:15am in the classroom

Week 6:

Friday 8 March – Year 3 & 4 Mass

9:15am in the PAS



TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | Weekend |
|------|---------------------------------------|--|---|------------|--|---|
| 1 | 29/01 | 30/01 | 31/01 | 01/02 | 02/02 | |
| 2 | 05/02 | 06/02 Beginning of School Year Mass 9:30am | 07/02 | 08/02 | 09/02 | 10/02 Lunar New Year |
| 3 | 12/02 | 13/02 Shrove Tuesday | 14/02 Ash Wednesday | 15/02 | 16/02 Assembly | 17/02 P&F Welcome Drinks 6:30 – 7:30pm PAS |
| 4 | 19/02 | 20/02 | 21/02 AGM School Board 6:30pm | 22/02 | 23/02 Year 5/6 Mass 9:15am PAS | |
| 5 | 26/02 | 27/02 | 28/02 | 29/02 | 01/03 Year 1 LOW 9:15am | |
| 6 | 04/03 | 05/03 | 06/03 Road Traffic Monitor Training Yrs. 4, 5 & 6 students | 07/03 | 08/03 Year 3 & 4 Mass 9:15am PAS Year 6 Assembly 2pm PAS | |
| 7 | 11/03 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday | 12/03 | 13/03 | 14/03 | 15/03 Reception LOW 9:15am | |
| 8 | 18/03 | 19/03 St Joseph's Day Mass 9:30am Led by Year 2 Classes | 20/03 School Board Meeting | 21/03 | 22/03 | 24/03 Palm Sunday |
| 9 | 25/03 ← | 26/03 Holy | 27/03 Week | 28/03 → | 29/03 Good Friday | |
| 10 | 01/04 Easter Monday Public Holiday | 02/04 | 03/04 | 04/04 | 05/04 Year 1B Assembly 2pm PAS | |
| 11 | 08/04 | 09/04 Preschool & R4R LOW 9:15am | 10/04 | 11/04 | 12/04 | |

If Your Child Is Unwell

Just a reminder if your child is unwell we recommend that your child stays home. This is to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all our community members at SJMS.

Student Lunch Orders - Louie's Deli

Student (Rec-6) Lunch Orders are available every Monday and Friday (during school term) organised by Louie's Deli at Norwood.

Orders can only be made via the QKR app and have a range of pies, pasties, hotdogs, roast chicken wraps, croissants and some gluten free options.

Please visit the QKR app to view the full menu option.

Before School Drop Off

It has been brought to our attention that children are being dropped off before 8.20am on William Street campus and 8.30am on the Bridge Street campus.

We remind all families the importance of children's safety and the duty of care with yard duty commencing at those times. If your child needs to be dropped off before these times, they must be signed in to OSHC.

We also remind ALL families at William Street that siblings are not to be dropped off if sports training is taking place without the supervision of a parent.

Please note that OHSC is available every morning from 7am.



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 font, with 'Norwood and Kensington' in a smaller white font below it. The word 'Assemblies' is written in a large, bold, yellow font. Below this, the school's crest is visible, 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'.

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 1

8 March 2024

5 April 2024

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.

Learning Through Music

LEARNING Through MUSIC



*AMAZE YOURSELF!
LEARN TO PLAY
AN INSTRUMENT*

Join our school
instrumental
music program

Lessons are held at school once a week

LESSONS ARE HELD AT SCHOOL OFFICE A WEEK

Instrument hire is available

Please contact us for lesson prices
and instruments available

Music books available at an additional cost



Contact LTMusic for more information
or to complete an enrolment form:
info@LTMusic.com.au
www.LTMusic.com.au

Learn an instrument in 2024!

Students wishing to start learning an instrument next year are welcome to contact Learning Through Music to enquire about enrolling ready for Term 1!

If you would like to take instrumental music lessons please contact Learning Through Music online at www.ltmusic.com.au or email info@ltmusic.com.au if you would like further 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

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

2024 PRESCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE!



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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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

- Week 1 - Monday 29 April 2024 **R-6**
- Week 10 - Friday 5 July 2024 **Preschool-6 (Whole School Pupil Free Day)**

Term 3

- Week 1 - Monday 22 July 2024 **R-6**

Term 4

- Week 1 - Monday 14 October 2024 R-6
- Week 9 -

Wednesday 11 December **Last Day of Term R-6**

Thursday 12 December **Last Day for Preschool**

Friday 13 December 2024 **Whole School Pupil Free Day**

SJMS Calendar



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Calendar and Dates



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

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

Join the P&F Facebook Group



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P&F Facebook Group



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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




Belgravia Apparel

St Josephs Memorial Norwood

UNIFORM COLLECTION



| | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| <p>Short Sleeve Shirt \$48.00</p>  | <p>Long Sleeve Shirt \$49.00</p>  | <p>Woolen Jumper \$72.00</p>  | <p>Skirt (Culottes) \$63.00</p>  | <p>Elastic Back Shorts \$39.00</p>  |
| <p>Trousers \$43.00</p>  | <p>Ready-Knot Tie \$23.00</p>  | <p>Sports Polo \$56.00</p>  | <p>Rugby Top \$79.00</p>  | <p>Sports Shorts \$30.00</p>  |
| <p>Track Pants \$41.00</p>  | <p>Pre School Polo \$27.00</p>  | <p>Reversible Bucket Hat Red - \$18.00</p>  | <p>Reversible Bucket Hat Yellow - \$18.00</p>  | |
| <p>Reversible Bucket Hat Green - \$18.00</p>  | <p>Reversible Bucket Hat Blue - \$18.00</p>  | <p>Back Pack \$61.00</p>  | <p>Cotton Blend Tights \$17.00</p>  | |

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www.belgraviaapparel.com/collections/st-josephs-memorial-norwood
 Belgravia Website:
www.belgraviaapparel.com

SHOP LOCATION
 10 Newton Road, Campbelltown

SHOP INFO
OPENING TIMES
 Monday: 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Tuesday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm
 Wednesday: 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Thursday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm
 Friday: Closed
 Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Sundays & Public Holidays: Closed
SCHOOL YEAR ONLY



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



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.

[SJMS Staff contact details](#)

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Pathways Beyond Year 6



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

Southern Cross News



The Southern Cross

Living Catholic

[Click here](#) to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

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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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