



From Adam Slater, Principal

As we approach the middle of Term 1 for 2025, it is incredible to already reflect on the amazing learning opportunities and events happening in our school community.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

This week our students from both campuses participated in Shrove Tuesday historical learning and making pancakes. The Preschool hosted a parent and family breakfast to enjoy a healthy start to the day. Students at each site also held Ash Wednesday liturgies to mark the commencement of Lent. It was wonderful to see many parents and families in attendance at the liturgies.





Year 6 School Leader Speeches

It was brilliant to hear 14 of our Year 6 students apply for school captain and leadership roles within our school. The students all shared well-written and confidently delivered speeches to outline how they would make a positive impact in our school if elected.



Preparing for NAPLAN 2025

As we begin the new school year, our students in Years 3 and 5 are preparing for the upcoming NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) assessments. These assessments, scheduled for March, provide valuable insights into students' literacy and numeracy skills, helping to inform our teaching and learning practices at a whole-school and individual level.

NAPLAN results support teachers in identifying strengths and areas for improvement, allowing us to tailor instruction to meet the diverse learning needs of our students. Alongside other school-based assessment data, NAPLAN contributes to a well-rounded understanding of student progress and helps guide future curriculum planning.

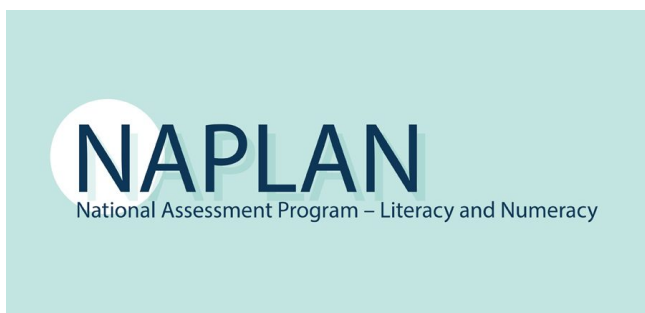
We acknowledge that NAPLAN is just one measure of student achievement, and we encourage all students to approach the assessments with a positive mindset. Our focus is on growth and learning, and we support students in building their confidence and skills leading up to the tests.

Exemptions and Withdrawals

While participation in NAPLAN is encouraged, parents and caregivers who wish to apply for an exemption or withdraw their child from the assessments are welcome to contact the school leadership team. This process must be completed before the testing period, and we are happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

The National Assessment Program (NAP) site has demonstration assessments available for students to become more aware of the assessment conditions prior to the administration period, <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

If you would like further information regarding NAPLAN or the exemption and withdrawal process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office.



Supporting Student Learning Through a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

At our school, we are committed to providing all students with the support they need to succeed in their learning journey. We implement a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to ensure that every child receives the appropriate level of instruction and intervention based on their individual needs.

Tier 1: High-Quality Classroom Instruction

Our foundation for student learning begins with high-quality Tier 1 classroom teaching. In literacy, we use Playberry Laser and Heggarty, which are explicit instruction approaches that ensures all students engage with structured, systematic, and evidence-based literacy learning. This method supports the development of strong foundational skills in reading and writing for all students.

Tier 2 and Tier 3: Targeted Support and Intervention

For students who require additional support, we provide Tier 2 MiniLIT and MACQLIT and Tier 3 one to one intervention groups. These small-group sessions focus on tailored and explicit learning points designed to help students develop confidence and experience

success. By providing structured and intensive support, we ensure that every child has the opportunity to progress at their own pace and reach their full potential.

All parents whose children participate in the intervention programs are consulted regarding their child's inclusion. Students do not remain in these groups permanently as these are formed on whole-school data sets and monitored closely for students to return to Tier 1 classroom instruction when adequately prepared.

eSafety Student and Parent Sessions

Recently, we invited SAPOL to host sessions for our Year 3 to 6 students on the topic of cyber safety to help students as they navigate online spaces using devices and technology. In addition, we worked with the Australian Federal Police to host a parent session to address working with their children on ensuring they are safe online.



Carnevale celebrations at Bridge Street

The students at Bridge Street have been learning about the Italian celebrational Carnevale festival and studying the design of masks. The students made their own personalised masks and held a parade to showcase their creations.





Principal

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From Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, APRIM

This week, we came together for our Ash Wednesday Liturgies. This day signifies, for Christians around the world, the beginning of the Season of Lent. A time when we prepare ourselves for Easter by reflecting on how we can be a better person by reflecting on life's choices and possible life directions.

On Ash Wednesday people who seek forgiveness for their wrongdoings or want to change their ways are marked with the sign of the cross, from blessed ashes, on their foreheads. This symbolic occasion reminds us of our sorrow for sins, as well as the will for change and the hope of forgiveness. It is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer.

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.

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This week your child took home a Project Compassion donation box. By donating, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring hope and opportunity to those most in need.



Project Compassion boxes can be returned to the Front Offices at both Bridge and William Street at any time before the end of this term. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

School and Class Masses / Liturgies of the Word

Date	Class / Year Level	Time and Place
Thursday 20 March St Joseph's Day Mass	Whole School Mass led by Year 4 students	9:30am in St Ignatius Church
Thursday 3 April	Year 3	9am in the PAS
Friday 4 April	Preschool	9:15am in the Preschool
Thursday 10 April	Reception	9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street

Volunteering at SJMS

At SJMS we value the time and commitment our parents and caregivers provide to our community when volunteering to coach sports teams, go on excursions, support teachers and students in the classroom or be a representative on our School Board or P&F Team.

A reminder that all parents and caregivers must have a Catholic School Police Clearance to volunteer at SJMS.

To support their role in the school, all volunteers are also required to:

- Complete the CESA Volunteer Application Package
- Participate in the Responding to Risks, of Harm, Abuse and Neglect Education and Care training: Information for School Volunteers (Please click on the link to access the relevant information): <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/fundamentals-course-responding-risks-harm-abuse-and-neglect-education-and-care>

Once complete, copies of this information must provided to Mary Fantasia at our William Street Office who will enter this information onto our Register.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Term 1 Calendar of Events



St Joseph's Memorial School Kensington and Norwood

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TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekend
1	27/01 Australia Day Public Holiday	28/01 1 st Day Term 1 9am P&F Welcome Morning Tea @ Bridge Street	29/01	30/01	31/02	2 nd Presentation Of the Lord
2	03/02	04/02	05/02 Road Traffic Monitor Training Years 4-6	06/02 9:30am Beginning of School Year Mass led by Year 6 class	07/02	
3	10/02	11/02 Safer Internet Day	12/02	13/02 Lunar New Year	14/02 2pm Year 6 Assembly	15/02 7pm P&F Welcome Drinks in the PAS
	← Healthy		Lunchbox		Week →	
4	17/02	18/02	19/02 6:30pm School Board AGM	20/02 World Day of Social Justice Year 5 Mass 9am PAS	21/02	
5	24/02 ThinkUKnow Years 3 – 6 (am) & Parent (pm) Cyber-Safety Presentation	25/02	26/02	27/02 Year 1 LOW 9:10am Library	28/02	
6	03/03	04/03 Shrove Tuesday	05/03 Ash Wednesday 9:15am Preschool – Yr. 1 LOW 11am Yrs 2 – 6 LOW	06/03	07/03 2pm Year 1B Assembly World Day of Prayer	
7	10/03 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	11/03	12/03	13/03	14/03 International Day of Mathematics	
			← NAPLAN →			
8	17/03 St Patrick's Day	18/03 Year 5 & 6 Camp	19/03 6:30pm School Board	20/03 9:30am St Joseph's Day Mass & Celebrations led by Year 4 class World Story Telling Day	21/03 Harmony Day	22/03 Earth Hour 8:30pm
			← NAPLAN →			
9	24/03 NAPLAN	25/03 Feast of the Annunciation	26/03	27/03 Year 2 LOW 9am PAS	28/03 2pm Year 5 Assembly	30/03 P&F Whole School Family Park Event
10	31/03	01/04	02/04	03/04 Year 3 Mass 9am PAS	04/04 Preschool LOW 9:10am Library	06/04 Daylight Saving Ends
11	07/04 World Health Day	08/04	09/04	10/04 Reception LOW 9:10am Library	11/04 Term 1 Ends	

LEARNING Through MUSIC



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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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www.LTMusic.com.au

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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 Rec-Yr 6 (Preschool Open)

Friday 4 July **Whole School Pupil Free Day**

TERM 3

Monday 21 July Rec-Yr 6 (Preschool Open)

TERM 4

Monday 13 October Rec-Yr 6 (Preschool Open)

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 1

7 March - hosted by our Year 1B students

28 March - hosted by our Year 5 students

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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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



Woolen 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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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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