



From Adam Slater, Principal

Dear Families

At this time of the year, we have one eye on completing 2023 and the other on planning for 2024. I would like to thank the teachers for all their hard work at this time of the year.

REPORTS

As the same for semester 1, your child/ren's reports will be emailed home, Monday 11 December (Week 9). If you have any changes to your email addresses, please make sure you update these with the front office.

PERMANENT TEACHER APPOINTMENTS

Today I would also like to share the exciting news about our contract staff who have been appointed to permanent positions on our staff:

- Christopher Heaney
- Will Dacombe-Bird

Next year we also welcome Annie Brearley to our Primary teaching team. Annie has a wealth of teaching experience in schools in Canberra and South Australia.

SCHOOL MUSICAL ON THE LIFE OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

On Monday our Bridge St students hosted families to share an afternoon musical performance on the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In addition, on Tuesday night our William St students also hosted a sold-out musical performance they had collectively written on the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It was amazing to see all our students showcasing their amazing talents. It was wonderful to host this event in our new Performing Arts Studio. Once again, thank you to Mrs Williams for your amazing work to ensure the performance was incredible. Thank you to the Parents and Friends team for helping on the night and the money raised from the ticket sales and popcorn will go towards the Performing Arts program in the future.





FIRST INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday of this week, we held our first inter-school sports competition with partner school St Raphael's School Parkside. As a new initiative we had over 100 students from both schools collectively participate in Soccer and Netball games from Year 1 to 6. The team spirit on show from all the students was to be commended. We are hoping to continue this event in years to come to be bigger and better. What a great opportunity for two schools to work together.





NORWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Last weekend we had over 80 students, parents and staff representing our school at the Norwood Christmas Pageant. It was great to see our families enjoy participating in the community event.



In closing, I would like to share that next Wednesday I will be in Melbourne, as I have been accepted to present findings of my PhD research at the Australian Association for Research in Education national conference at the University of Melbourne. In my absence, Franco Canil will be in charge, assisted by the leadership team.

Adam Slater

Principal

ADVENT 2023

A TIME TO JOURNEY THROUGH THE DARKNESS OF ADVENT TO THE LIGHT
BORN AT CHRISTMAS

A LIGHT THAT SHINES FORTH TO THE WHOLE WORLD

Advent begins a new church year. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day so this weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. It is a time for preparation and waiting; a time of hope, love, joy and peace.



The word Advent means "coming." Its focus is two-fold and encompasses the past and the future; the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

In the past, Advent was a time of penitence and fasting and the predominant colour was purple. In recent times, the penitential aspect of the Season has been replaced by an emphasis on hope and anticipation. This does not mean that the sense of penitence has been eliminated because as we live "between the times" we always need to be prepared for the Second Advent of Christ.

Advent is a time for us to reflect on our lives and how we allow God to break through or come among us today. Sometimes we can be so caught up with what will be happening in the future we forget to live and be prepared for the present. During Advent we are also reminded that the coming of Jesus is a daily event in our life of faith as we listen to God's word and put it into action in our lives.

I leave you this thought from Pope Francis about Advent: "For the great human family it is necessary to renew always the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that makes a good journey. The time of Advent that we begin again returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He is love! The time of Advent that the Church rejoices in preparation for Christmas, is a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Let us rediscover the beauty of being together along the way: The Church."

Upcoming Events at our School to Place in your Diaries.

Friday 1st December – School Christmas Carols Night

For any further school dates, please refer to the School Calendar.

How Well Do We Know Our school?

Another beautiful thing of our school.

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



Sacramental Program 2023/2024

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 fcanil@sjms.catholic.edu.au

This Week's Sunday Readings are:

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-25,15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

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".

Franco Canil

Acting APRIM

Vinnies Christmas Appeal



This year St Joseph's Memorial School is supporting St Vincent de Paul with their annual Christmas Appeal. Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future. Your donation can help remove a major stress for families. Your support also helps dedicated volunteers to work with people living in poverty, and provide assistance when life is tough. We are seeking donations of any non-perishable foods (e.g., pasta, rice, tinned fruit, puddings, biscuits, to name a few), and new toys, good second-hand clothing, store vouchers, etc.

We will continue collecting donations up to and including Friday 9th December. Students can take any food donations to their classroom and clothing items and toys to the blue Vinnie bins around the school during this period.

When: 14 November – 9 December 2022

Things you could donate...

- ❖ Pasta, rice, savoury biscuits
- ❖ Canned food – meat, fruit, vegetables
- ❖ Sweets – biscuits, jams, honey
- ❖ Christmas pudding, cakes, mince pies
- ❖ Biscuits – shortbread, ginger
- ❖ Nuts and dried fruits
- ❖ Long-life milk
- ❖ New Toys for children aged between 0-13 (unwrapped)
- ❖ Wrapping paper
- ❖ New clothes or very good second-hand clothing
- ❖ In date store vouchers

Let us all help each other to make it a very special Christmas for all.

Swimming Lessons

2023–2024 Season



Learn from the best at the Norwood Swimming Centre!
Our experienced and accredited instructors will guide you
through every stroke, kick and dive, ensuring your safety
and success in the water.

www.npsp.sa.gov.au

We offer a comprehensive curriculum designed to cater to beginners and advanced swimmers from the age of 3.

From water safety basics to competitive techniques, we've got you covered. Don't miss this opportunity to become a confident and skilled swimmer while having a blast.

Swimming Lessons

\$19 per lesson (includes entry)

Swimming Lessons are available at the following times
(30 minute classes)

Monday – Friday 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 12.00noon

Optimise your child's learning experience, beginner classes accommodate up to 4 students, while intermediate classes allow for 5 to 6 students.

Contact the Norwood Swimming Centre via email swimschool@npsp.sa.gov.au or call 84311327.



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TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekend
1	16/10 Pupil Free Day RFR + R-6 Preschool open	17/10	18/10	19/10	20/10 930am P&F Coffee Catchup	
2	23/10	24/10 930am Whole School Mass Grandparents Day led by year 2/3	25/10	26/10	27/10	
3	30/10 Year 3 & 4 Narnu Farm Camp 7pm P&F Celebration Drinks	31/10 Year 3 & 4 Narnu Farm Camp	1/11	2/11	3/11 915am Year 1 Liturgy of the Word	5/11 P&F Bunnings BBQ 830-430pm
4	6/11	7/11	8/11 7pm School Board	9/11 P&F Lawn Bowls Night 630pm	10/11 915am Year 4G Mass (PAS) 2pm Year 2/3 G Assembly	12/11 School Picnic 1130am Kensington Reserve
5	13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11 915am Preschool Liturgy	17/11	18/11 Norwood Christmas Pageant
6	20/11 130pm Rec – Year 1 Matinee Performance	21/11 630 pm Year 2-6 Performance	22/11	23/11 915am Reception /MYR Liturgy	24/11	
7	27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11	1/12 915am Year 5 Mass (PAS) 2pm MYR Assembly 615pm Carols Night followed by Picnic on the Court	
8	4/12 ← 915am Preschool Graduation	5/12 SWIMMING R - 5	6/12 7pm School Board	7/12 →	8/12	
9	11/12 930am Meet the Teacher Transition visit	12/12 930am PS, R-6 End of Year Mass 630pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner	13/12 Last Day of Term R-6	14/12 Pupil Free Day R-6 Last day of Term for Preschool	15/12 Whole School Pupil Free Day	

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.

- 13 December 2023 **Last Day of Term R-6**
- 14 December 2023 **Last day for Preschool Children**
- 15 December 2023 **Whole School Pupil Free Day**

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Assemblies



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We are trialling a new Assembly format for the year.

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 4

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.

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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

SJMS Calendar



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 main title 'Calendar and Dates' is written in a large, bold, yellow sans-serif font. Below this, the school's crest is displayed 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, elegant cursive script. At the bottom right, the school's website 'w | sjms.catholic.edu.au' and email 'e | info@sjms.catholic.edu.au' are listed in white sans-serif font.

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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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

UNIFORM COLLECTION

Short Sleeve Shirt
\$48.00



Long Sleeve Shirt
\$49.00



Woolen Jumper
\$72.00



Skirt (Culottes)
\$63.00



Elastic Back Shorts
\$39.00



Trousers
\$43.00



Ready-Knot Tie
\$23.00



Sports Polo
\$56.00



Rugby Top
\$79.00



Sports Shorts
\$30.00



Track Pants
\$41.00



Pre School Polo
\$27.00



Reversible Bucket Hat
Red - \$18.00



Reversible Bucket Hat
Yellow - \$18.00



Reversible Bucket Hat
Green - \$18.00



Reversible Bucket Hat
Blue - \$18.00



Back Pack
\$61.00



Cotton Blend Tights
\$17.00



Available to purchase at:
www.belgraviaapparel.schools.com/collections/st-josephs-memorial-norwood

Belgravia Website:
www.belgraviaapparel.schools.com

SHOP LOCATION
10 Newton Road, Campbelltown

SHOP INFO

OPENING TIMES
Monday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday: 1:00pm - 12:00pm
Wednesday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
Thursday: 1:00pm - 12:00pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
Sundays & Public Holidays: Closed
SCHOOL TERM 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

St Joseph's Memorial School

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Communication



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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 (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 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](#)

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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

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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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