



From Adam Slater, Principal



Dear Families,

As we approach the end of Term 4, we are working on a successful completion of the 2024 school year and planning for 2025. I would like to share my appreciation for our teaching staff for their dedication and hard work at this time of the year.

Currently we are finalising staffing, completing class lists for next year, and working very hard on each child's Semester 2 Report.

REPORTS

As the same for Semester 1, your child/ren's reports will be emailed home on Monday, 9th of December (Week 9). If you have any changes to your email addresses, please make sure you update these with the front office. With the reports, we will also send out your child/ren's class and teacher for 2025.

STAFF UPDATES

Next year we will welcome two new staff members to our community. Clare Willmore, brings a wealth of pedagogical knowledge and impactful practice from Magill Primary and Amy Steven, who works in the Junior years at Trinity College and has rich experience in leading Literacy and Numeracy for effective improvement in a range of schools. I am extremely excited about the positive impact both educators will have in our community in 2025.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

Last week, 23 of our students graduated from Children's University at Adelaide University. I would like to congratulate each student who went above and beyond to extend their learning inside and outside of school to complete this program in 2024. Thank you to Mrs Caruso for leading the students to be successful to complete this initiative.



HOSTING THE G.A.T.EWAYS EXTENSION PROGRAM

Our school hosted the G.A.T.EWays 'Mindblown' extension program for our students and from nearby schools in the area. This year we have sent a total of 12 students from Years 2 and 4 to undertake the program. For the session this week, the early years group explored bugs and neuro pathways through robotics and the primary group explored spiders and game theory through a range of different explorations.



JAPANESE LEARNING

Recently, we have been celebrating the Japanese language program, which was established at St Joseph's Memorial in 1994 and has been taught in our school for 30 years. The different year levels have been involved in special activities, such as the Year 2 classes, which were able to make Onigiri, Japanese rice balls. We would like to acknowledge Mrs Radman who has ensured the success of the Japanese language being effectively taught in our school over so many years.



YEAR 2 BOOK SWAP FUNDRAISER

Last week, our Year 2 students hosted a 'Book Swap' charity fundraiser in our Performing Arts Studio. Students were able to donate books they had already read to others to reuse in a way to think and act more ecologically and sustainably friendly.



BRIDGE ST AFTERSCHOOL CRICKET PROGRAM

Our Bridge Street students have been enjoying participating in the weekly Friday afternoon cricket program offered by Simply Sports. The students have been learning about bowling, batting, and fielding. It has been wonderful to see the joy of each student as they play and learn about cricket with their friends.



MID-YEAR RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

Last week our newest class, Mid-Year Reception hosted an assembly in our Performing Arts Studio. It was wonderful to see the confidence of each student in the class to have the courage to speak in front of the whole school community.



END OF YEAR TESTING AND DATA COLLECTION

Currently, our learners across all cohorts are undertaking diagnostic assessments in DIBELS (phonics/reading), PAT R (reading), and PAT M (numeracy). This is part of our ongoing commitment to track student progress, development and growth. These results will be analysed by our classroom teachers and leadership, at an individual, class, and whole school level, to ascertain areas that show strengths and areas that require an increased focus for 2025. I have been extremely impressed with the growth of our students in PAT Reading and Mathematics assessment results in comparison to previous years and will be awarding certificates to students who have shown significant growth this year at our whole school assembly next Friday afternoon.

Student well-being is also collected each term, and it is important to remember that academic success and student well-being are closely linked, with each influencing and reinforcing the other. Elements such as self-esteem, persistence, motivation, resilience, and a growth mindset all contribute to students' positive well-being and experiences at school.

CHESS CLUB

Our Social Work students have been leading a range of different lunchtime clubs across both campuses this year. Students have been enjoying participating in the Chess Club on Fridays during lunch.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday November 11th both campuses held a prayer service for Remembrance Day.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Our students have enjoyed participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year and were delighted to receive their certificates and medals for their wonderful teachers. Thank you to our Librarian, Ms Moore for leading this opportunity for our all students.



UPCOMING EVENTS

We have so many wonderful community events to look forward to before the end of the year, including:

- Norwood Christmas Pageant (23/11)
- Bridge St Nativity Play Musical (25/11)
- William St Nativity Play Musical (26/11)

- P & F Picnic (1/12)
- School Carols (6/12)
- William St Music and Sports Assembly (6/12)
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner (10/12)
- Swimming week (Week 8)

I am looking forward to the wonderful finish to the year and am grateful to every family for your positive support of our school throughout the year.

Adam Slater

Principal

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.
Your generosity will help others to have a brighter Christmas.

Here are some ideas for items to donate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit cake | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas pudding | <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-life custard | <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-life juice | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea and Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Spreads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Milo | <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dried Pasta | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-life milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake mix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas lollies | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned vegetables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortbread | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit mince pies | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup |



This Sunday (known as the Feast of Christ the King) completes the annual cycle that began on the first Sunday of Advent last year. The liturgical year ends with a celebration of the cosmic significance of Christ.

The Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of right relationships, when we are in the right relationship with our Father in heaven, and in right relationship with our neighbours.

In Biblical times kings were not known for their gentleness and concern; but they were to be obeyed. Christ points to a different understanding of kingship, yet with the same obedience. The Christian insight is that if we want to get the most out of life then obedience to God is the way.

Jesus rules our hearts and knows us intimately, like the shepherd who calls his sheep by name. Accordingly, we will not escape scrutiny for our actions by simply 'hiding in the flock. Under the loving gaze of the good shepherd, responding compassionately to the neediest—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger—is what truly matters

God's commandment is that we love one another, as he has loved us, that the world may know we are his disciples.

The Servant King / Servant-leadership: These are the twin roles of a minister, and indeed of all Christians. We lead in such a way that we serve, and we serve in such a way that we lead. Christ the King came among us as one who serves, he has set us an example.

Advent

Next Sunday, the new Liturgical Year commences with the Season of Advent. This is a special time when we prepare ourselves for the most holy of seasons, Christmas. A tradition during Advent is the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Please check out the link below to find information to make your own Advent Wreath as a Family along with a prayer for your family to pray.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/media/urrefies/advent-wreath-guide.pdf>

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

In weeks 7 and 8 we will be supporting the 'Vinnies' Christmas Appeal. St Vincent de Paul support many families within our community throughout the year and Christmas especially is also a challenging time.

During weeks 7 and 8 we are inviting families to donate something for the Christmas Hampers that will be delivered by Vinnies during this time. Donations will be received in the classrooms until Thursday 5 December.

Please refer to the attached poster with suggestions for donations. Alternatively, you may wish to donate a gift for a child aged 12 months to 12 years of age.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the great work of the SVDP Society.

Grace Vassallo-Wakefield
Assistant Principal

Term 4 Calendar of Events



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Kensington and Norwood

A Catholic educational setting in the Josephite tradition

TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekend
1	14/10 Pupil Free Day RFR + R-6 Preschool open	15/10	16/10	17/10 Yr. 5 Inquiry Showcase 3 – 5pm PAS	18/10 Yr. 5 Inquiry Showcase 8:15 - 8:40am PAS	
2	21/10	22/10	23/10	26/10	25/10 World Teachers Day 2pm Year 3 Assembly	
3	28/10	29/10	30/10	31/10 Year 1 LOW 9:15am - Library	1/11	3/11 P&F Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
4	4/11	5/11 Athletics Carnival Years 3 – 6 (Selected squad)	6/11 7pm School Board Meeting	7/11 Year 3 & 4 Mass 9:15am PAS	8/11 Preschool LOW 9:15am - Library	
5	11/11 Remembrance Day	12/11	13/11 Children's University Graduation PE WEEK	14/11 Year 2 Mass 9:15am – PAS	15/11 2pm MYR Assembly	
6	18/11	19/11 GATEWAYS PROGRAM	20/11	21/11 Year 5 & 6 Mass 9:15am - PAS	22/11	23/11 Norwood Christmas Pageant
7	25/11 P – Year 1 Performance @ 1:30pm	26/11 Year 2 – 6 Performance @ 6:30pm	27/11	28/11	29/11 2pm Year 2G Assembly	
8	2/12	3/12 SWIMMING R – 5 Reception / MYR LOW 9:15am	4/12 7pm School Board Meeting	5/12	6/12 2pm Sports & Music Assembly 6:30pm Carols Night	
9	9/12 9:30am Meet the Teacher Transition Visit 2pm Preschool Graduation	10/12 9:30am End of Year Mass & Yr. 6 Graduation 6:30pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner	11/12 Last Day of Term R-6	12/12 Pupil Free Day R – 6 Last day of Term for Preschool	13/12 Pupil Free Day	

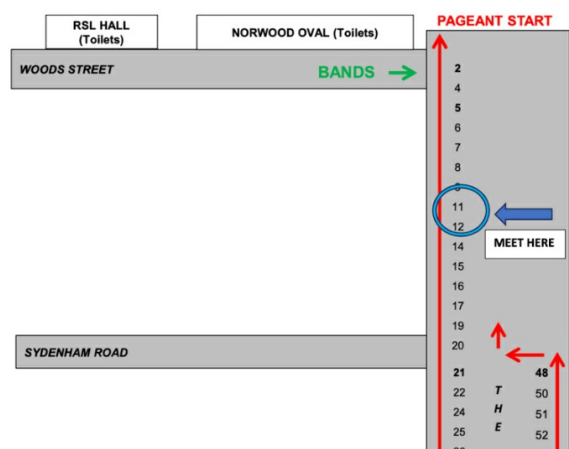
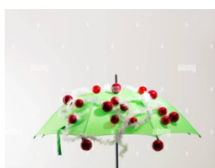
1 MORE SLEEP...Are you Ready to Join Us!



Help us proudly represent St Joseph's Memorial School while spreading some Christmas cheer. We would LOVE to see you there! ALL are welcome.

The details are:

- Date: Saturday 23rd November
- Time: Arrive at the specified location at 9:10am.
Parade commences at 10am (Please note we are unable to wait for any late arrivals after the parade commences)
- Location: We are Number 11a – Please see the map attached
We will meet on the northern side of The Parade where our designated number is located between Norwood Oval and Sydenham Road.
- Please wear: Christmas colours
- Decorations: Please bring an umbrella decorated in a Christmas theme – Please see the images below for inspiration



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

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Instrument hire is available

Email us for lesson prices or an enrolment form



Contact LTMusic for more information
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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 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**

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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 4

15 November 2024 hosted by MYR

29 November 2024 hosted by Year 2

6 December 2024 Sports & Music 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.



Mary MacKillop College Kensington

19 November 2024

Dear Colleagues,

RE: New Fee Structure at Mary MacKillop College – Reduction of Fees Across All Year Levels to Support Our Community

We are delighted to share some exciting news from Mary MacKillop College. In line with our mission to make high-quality, holistic education in the Josephite Tradition accessible to more families, we will be introducing a reduced fee structure across all year levels starting in 2025.

This initiative reflects our commitment to the legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, whose vision for accessible education continues to inspire us today. By reducing fees at every grade level, we aim to ensure that more families can experience the unique advantages of a Josephite education, where academic excellence is paired with the development of strong values such as courage, compassion and justice.

We would be grateful if you could share this news with your school community—whether through newsletters or other parent communications. Please find attached an advertisement that would be suitable for your next newsletter. It would be appreciated if you could link this image in your edition with the following link to the fees FAQ page on our website: [College website](#) and '[Frequently Asked Questions](#)'.

Of course, still feel free to let families know that they can contact us directly at the College if they have any questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the important transition from a Catholic primary to a Catholic secondary setting such as ours. We look forward to welcoming more families from your community into our own and working together to ensure that every girl has the opportunity to excel and thrive at Mary MacKillop College.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions about this exciting initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Sonia Nelson
Principal

Courage to lead

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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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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.

[Click here to view the 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.

[SJMS Staff contact details](#)

[Communication Flowchart](#)

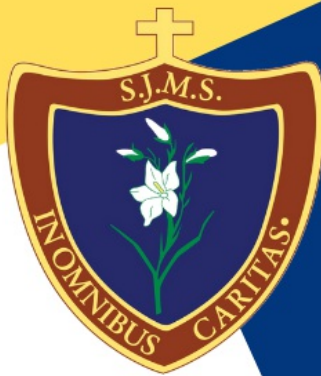
[SJMS Communication Information](#)

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

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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