



From Adam Slater, Principal

It is remarkable that we are already at the end of week 8 of the second term with the mid-year holidays approaching.

MID-YEAR RECEPTION

Our new Mid-Year Reception teacher, Ms Emily McGuffin, has enjoyed meeting her new students who are commencing next term and have been undertaking transition visits over the past few weeks.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

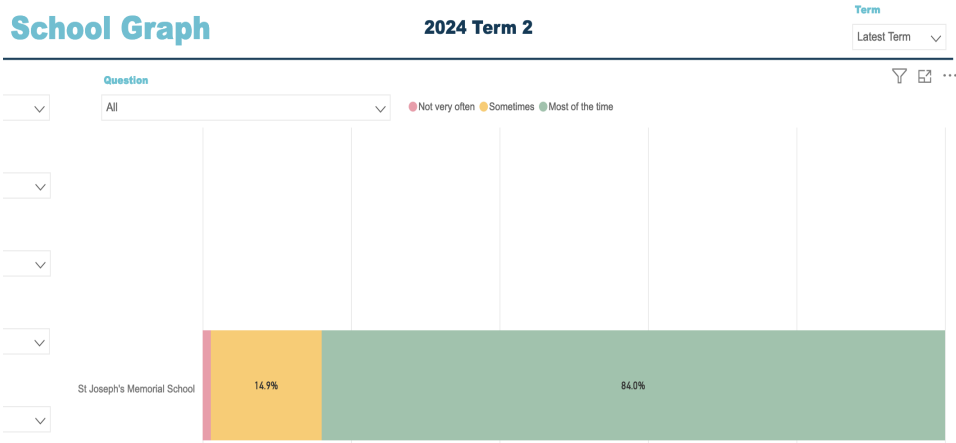
This week, several students received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Norwood Catholic Parish. I would like to thank the Parish Sacramental leaders and team, as well as our APRIM, Mrs Vassallo-Wakefield for their leadership and guidance in helping every student receive these sacraments.



POSITIVE PULSE CHECK IN WELLBEING DATA

It is wonderful to report that our Term 2 student Pulse Check-In wellbeing results were extremely positive. The data has identified overall improvements with 84% of students in the green for feeling good 'most of the time' and only 1.1% of students in the red. We feel that the new Thriving Minds project undertaken in all classes is having a positive impact on students and therefore is also having an effective impact on our wellbeing data:

Term 2, 2024 whole school data:



It is also important to identify the care of our teaching and support staff for all of our students to ensure they are happy at school.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

This week we had Becky from Children's University come to run a lunchtime club for our student members. The children had the opportunity to participate in a Japanese Calligraphy Handwriting session and really enjoyed the learning experience.



Recently, we congratulated and awarded a star badge to Sonny, for his outstanding commitment and dedication to undertaking and documenting his learning exploration hours this term. Well done!



SCHOOL REPORTS

This year we have moved to a learning management system called SEQTA ENGAGE and we are taking the next step in our school report process this term. School reports will be emailed via the SEQTA ENGAGE system on Monday, July 1. All families will need to have activated their SEQTA account to access their child/ren's reports. If you need any support with this, please contact our Leader of Learning, Mrs Aimee Caruso, via email at aimee@sjms.catholic.edu.au

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just a reminder that the last day of term 2 is Thursday July 4, and that Friday July 5, will be Pupil Free Day for the whole school,

including the Preschool. The first day of term 3 for Reception to Year 6 students is Tuesday July 23, as Monday will be a Pupil Free Day for students in Reception to Year 6. Preschool will return on Monday 22 July.

STAFF NEWS

This week, we informed the Year 4 families that Mr Merrigan will be taking Long Service Leave for the remainder of the school year. We have organised for Ms Lauren De Guglielmo to take the class in Mr Merrigan's absence for the remainder of the school year. Lauren has experience working at Nazareth College, St Peter's Girls School and a range of Catholic schools in South Australia. She has shared that, as an educator, she has a strong passion to support students along their schooling journey by aiming for all her students to become versatile, well-rounded learners. We look forward to welcoming Lauren into our SJMS community next term.

OSHC UPDATE

I wish to inform you that Shayla Cooper has resigned from the position of OSHC Director. We are very thankful that Isabella Vassallo-Wakefield has and will continue to be the Acting Director in the interim period. The position of OSHC Director has been advertised, and we hope to appoint a new Director in the new term.

PLAYGROUP

Marta has been enjoying the range of new and existing families that have been attending Playgroup each Friday morning. The families have been enjoying using the newly refurbished hall space to expand their activities.

YEAR 1 SCIENCE LEARNING

In Science the children have been learning about how changing the force can change how far an object moves. They watched a demonstration of how a car launcher can be made with materials from home and then tested these in small groups. The children are learning to answer questions scientifically and use technical language when responding.



SAPSASA FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

Well done to our School Captain, Jack McCabe who was selected and represented East Adelaide in the SAPSASA Boys State Carnival. Jack's team came second in the Division 1 section, which is an outstanding achievement.



PRESCHOOL LIBRARY FUN



Library Fun!

On Mondays we are making time to visit our school library.

The children have time to look at different books which fosters a love of reading and develops early literacy and language skills. It is also a great way for the children to become familiar with a part of our school assisting in their transition to Reception. The children ended their visit by listening to a story read by an educator.



From Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, APRIM

Refugee Week

Over 200 years ago, a young couple and their newborn baby fled for their lives fearing the ethnic cleansing that was happening around them. The flight of Mary, Joseph and Jesus into Egypt is re-enacted by millions of people worldwide every day. Modern day refugees risk desert heat, brave stormy seas and endure the squalor of refugee camps hoping for a better future.

In the Bible, stranger was the biblical word for refugees. We need to ask ourselves, do we love the stranger in Australia? To live out our Christian Faith means to have concern for justice for all people, including 'the stranger, widows and orphans' which are the titles used in the Old Testament for the oppressed and nobodies of the time.

Jesus challenged people to go and learn the meaning of the word compassion. Compassion is the modern word for mercy. It means to walk in the shoes of someone, or to understand how a situation feels to them.

This week, in Australia we celebrate Refugee Week. The Refugee Council of Australia (RFOC) have chosen the theme of "Finding Freedom". The aim is to shed light on the transformative power of familial bonds as well as chosen bonds in the face of adversity and the crucial role families play in providing solace, support, and a sense of belonging to those forced to flee their homelands.

Refugee week:

- Aims to highlight the situation of refugees whose hopes have not been fulfilled – those who remain in seriously protracted situations, facing ongoing discrimination, violence and uncertainty, with little hope for a resolution in the near future. We are called on to consider how we can provide solutions for these refugees and restore their hopes for a brighter future.
- Promotes harmony and togetherness. The theme unites individuals, communities and organisations from many different backgrounds behind a common cause. The common theme is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.

The challenge for us then is how can we make a difference to the life of a 'stranger' and help to restore their hope for a brighter future?

A Prayer for Refugees

*Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee
and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today
are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

First Eucharist Celebrations

Initiation into the life of the Church is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. The whole community is responsible for passing on its faith, its story, values and traditions to the next generation.

In the process of initiation there are three sacramental 'moments': Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Congratulations to the students who will celebrate 1st Eucharist this Sunday completing the cycle for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Prayer for First Communion Candidates

Lord Jesus,
Bless our children who will be receiving you in
Holy Communion for the first time.
May each one of them know
your love and mercy in a personal way.
May all your people open their hearts to receive You
So that they might be transformed by your love.
Amen.

Fundraising / Donations

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you for your generosity on our Pyjama / Track suit day earlier this year. We raised just over \$300 for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Backpack 4 Kids

I would like to extend my gratitude to all families for their generous donations so far for our Backpack 4 Kids project. The generosity of the SJMS community has been astounding.

On the last day of term, the staff will sort and pack these goods so that they can be used to provide resources that contribute to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people during periods of dislocation from home and routine care.

This is our opportunity for us to help to give back to others in need within our community.

Prayer for the Poor and Needy

Lord God,
You came to give honour to the least,
those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged.
You came to give first place to the last,
those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued.
You came to give a warm welcome to the lost,
those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute.
Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries.
Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance.

Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need.
Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.
You came for the least, the lost and last of this world.
Lord, hear our prayer.
Amen.

ICAS

ICAS will return to St. Joseph's Memorial School this year. The ICAS competition challenges your child, motivates them to succeed and provides you with an objective ranking of their academic performance. The tests are fully online and sitting dates will commence in Term 3.

You can now order and pay for your child's ICAS tests online! To enter your child, visit <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> and enter our school's unique access code **WHD176** to make a direct payment. Online payment closing dates are available at icasassessments.com

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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 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**

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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

28 June 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.

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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

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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: @SJMSA



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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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

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



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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

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Bursar

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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 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



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Southern Cross News



The Southern Cross

Living Catholic

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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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