



## From Adam Slater, Principal

Dear Families,

It has been great to see some sunnier days and warmer weather over the past couple of weeks as we now enter the season of spring.

### **SOCCER AND FOOTBALL CUP WINNERS**

It is incredible to share that our Year 5/6 school Soccer team made history last week by winning the Jim Huffadine Cup. The semi-final was a nail-biting win for our team against Burnside Primary School with the result ending in a 2-1 victory. The grand final was against St Joseph's Hectorville, and our school team came back from being down 1-0 to equalise and win overall in the penalty shootout. This was the first time that our school has ever won this cup, which is a true credit to the high level of teamwork, support and skills the students demonstrated. The success of the team must also be credited to parent volunteer coach and chair of our school board, Brett, who was outstanding in helping provide each player with opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge of the game throughout the season. Our community is collectively grateful for your positive impact – thank you! This was the first time our school has ever won this cup.



This week our Year 5/6 footballers also made history by winning the Norwood Redlegs Cup. Our teams, led by Miss Brearley and Mr Dacombe-Bird, worked cohesively to beat Charles Campbell School in the grand final. This was also the first time our school has won this cup, which is another outstanding achievement for our school community this year, in conjunction with our netball and basketball teams also winning their grand finals earlier in the year.



### NAPLAN 2024

Last newsletter I shared this year’s NAPLAN results with you, which highlight our students’ progress in literacy and numeracy. Both our Year 3 and Year 5 students achieved strong proficiency across all domains, reflecting the hard work of our students, dedication of our teachers, and support of our school community. In celebrating these successes, we also remain focused on areas for growth to help every student reach their full potential. When compared to data from other Catholic schools in the West, Catholic Education overall, and the state and national averages, our students excelled, further underscoring their achievements. These results truly speak for themselves.

At St Joseph’s Memorial, we pride ourselves on using data-informed practices to guide our educational decisions. NAPLAN data provides us with invaluable insights, helping us to identify both strengths and areas for growth. This allows us to tailor our teaching and implement targeted interventions, ensuring that every student is on the path to success.

Our teachers have been diligently analysing and reflecting on these results, celebrating our successes while also pinpointing key areas for further development. Strong performance across all NAPLAN domains this year serves as both a confirmation of our current strategies and a catalyst for refining them further.

Throughout the year, we engage in continuous monitoring, using a variety of data sources to track student progress and make informed decisions. This proactive approach ensures that we remain at the forefront of your child’s education, consistently refining our methods and incorporating the latest evidence-based practices.

At the heart of everything we do is the success of our students. By combining data-driven practices with reflective teaching and consistent monitoring, we create an environment where every student can thrive. We are committed to working closely with parents and the community to support our students on their learning journeys and to ensure their continued success.

YEAR 3	READING	WRITING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	NUMERACY
<i>SJMS</i>	415	449	445	439	431
<i>CESA East</i>	420	440	420	423	418
<i>CESA</i>	401	424	406	404	401
<i>National</i>	404	416	402	409	404

YEAR 5	READING	WRITING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	NUMERACY
<i>SJMS</i>	509	507	512	507	511
<i>CESA East</i>	500	498	494	504	496
<i>CESA</i>	484	484	487	488	480
<i>National</i>	491	485	486	498	489

Green represents our student data is above, and yellow below.

### STUDENT WELLBEING

In our school, we value the academic growth of each student, yet also place a great deal of importance on student wellbeing. As a result of my PhD study, I understand the key impact that a student's own wellbeing can have on their learning. This year, across all classes we introduced the new 'Thriving Minds' curriculum to focus more deeply on enhancing learning on the topics of wellbeing, friendship, positive emotions, building connections and resilience. It is wonderful to report that our Term 3, student Pulse Check-In wellbeing results were positive. The data has identified overall improvements with 81.5% of students in the green for feeling good 'most of the time' and only 2% of students in the red. This is clear evidence of the Thriving Minds project continuing to have a positive impact on students and our wellbeing data:



### CO-CURRICULAR

Last week, 80 of our students from Year 3 to 6 participated in the Touch Football carnival. Well done to all the students who enjoyed the opportunity to develop their skills and teamwork. Thank you to Mr DB for organising and to the staff and parent volunteers for your support to ensure the day was a success for all involved.



Well done to the Year 2 and Year 3 school basketball teams. A special mention to the Year 2 team who played against an older team and worked together to get a big comeback win! Once again, our parent volunteers who coached, as they were incredible in their leadership of the teams.









## EXCURSIONS

This week the Year 2 classes visited the Botanic Gardens and enjoyed a very informative guided tour of the Indigenous plant trail as part of their learning in History and Geography. They explored, created stick structures and sketched many interesting plants and places throughout the gardens. Thank you to the large group of parent volunteers who helped ensure the excursion was a big success.





This week our Preschool and Ready for Reception students attended a community excursion to the Beulah Park Fire Station. They learned about safety and the equipment used to fight fires. Students even had the opportunity to use the fire hose.



### **SPELLING BEE SEMI-FINALISTS**

Congratulations to Year 5 students Teo, Lucius, Eloise and Zara, as well as, Year 6 students Sienna and Olive, for getting to the state semi-finals of the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. This new initiative for the school tests accuracy and pace in spelling.





### **PRESCHOOL ROYAL SHOW COMPETITION**

This year our Preschool entered the Royal Adelaide Show Scarecrow competition. Our school scarecrow was made predominantly from natural materials and the children loved working collaboratively to construct the scarecrow.



### **CONGRATULATIONS GRACIE!**

On behalf of our school community, we would like to congratulate Gracie, who represented her South Australian club at the Sports Aerobics Nationals in Gold Coast. An outstanding achievement!





### **PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL**

In recent weeks, we have noticed some students arriving late in the mornings. We kindly ask that parents and guardians support our school and teachers to help ensure students arrive on time to help their positive start to learning each day.

### **2025 INTENTIONS**

As Term 3 draws to a close, it is timely to remind families regarding informing me if your child is leaving, as the fee policy outlines:

*"Students who leave school part way into the term will be charged the full terms fees. One full term's notice of your intention to withdraw a student from the school, is required in writing to the Principal. Failure to do so will result in a full terms school fees being charged (non-refundable)."*

Thanks,

Adam Slater  
Principal

## **From Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, APRIM**

### **Season of Creation**

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian observance dedicated to praying and collectively responding to the call of Creation. This celebration brings together the global Christian community to reflect on and care for our shared home.

It starts on September 1, marked by the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, who is the Patron Saint of Ecology. This year's theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation," inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

Throughout this Season of Creation, we are encouraged to collaborate for a hopeful and proactive future, striving to improve our world. We invite you to embrace this call through prayer, sustainable living, and advocacy.

*Triune God, Creator of all,  
We praise you for your goodness,  
visible in all the diversity that you have created,  
making us a cosmic family living in a common home.*

*Through the Earth you created,  
we experience love and nourishment,  
home and protection.*

*We confess that we do not relate to the Earth  
as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator.  
Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse  
have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity,  
human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.  
We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth,  
the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope  
and justice that lives within us.*

*May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness,  
so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.  
May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully,  
so that we may hear and heal Creation,  
to hope and act together with her,  
so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.*

*Loving and Creator God,  
we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans  
and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus,  
the redeeming Lord.*

*Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth,  
and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.  
In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*seasonofcreation.com*

#### **Term 4 Masses & Liturgies of the Word**

Thursday 31/10: Year 1 LOW, 9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street  
Thursday 07/11: Year 3 & 4 Mass, 9:15am in the PAS  
Friday 08/11: Preschool LOW, 9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street  
Thursday 14/11: Year 2 Mass, 9:15am in the PAS  
Thursday 21/11: Year 5 & 6 Mass, 9:15am in the PAS  
Tuesday 03/12: MYR & Reception LOW, 9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street  
Tuesday 10/12: End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation, 9:30am in St Ignatius Church

# TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## St Joseph's Memorial School

Kensington and Norwood

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### 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	18/10	
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	



# SJMS DISCO NIGHT !



FRIDAY, 20th  
SEPTEMBER  
6.30PM - 7.30PM  
WILLIAM ST CAMPUS

Performing Arts Studio gates open for drop off of all children at  
6.15pm

Please sign your child in and then leave

Pick up from same area with parents required to sign their child out

Please be assured all children will be supervised

Preschool - Year 1 disco in Piazza

Year 2 - Year 6 disco in PAS

Tickets \$2 each, purchase via Okr! by Monday 16 September

Please send your child with a drink bottle For safety reasons, no food  
allowed.

Please join us for a

**SJMS**

**COLOUR RUN!!**

**FRIDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER**

All students will have their own colour run  
at their own respective campuses  
at the same time at 2pm

**Please bring a \$2 coin on the day to donate**

**Dress for a mess!**

Please wear a white t-shirt with casual clothes  
goggles or glasses are permitted but not required

If you would like to assist on the day and have all the required  
checks please email the P&F Committee [pandf@sjms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjms.catholic.edu.au)  
to advise which campus you would like to assist at

**Please visit**

**[www.qualitycolouredpowder.com.au](http://www.qualitycolouredpowder.com.au) for further  
information on the powder to be used on the day**

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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 3

20 September 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

[info@sjms.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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*

# 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](http://www.sjms.catholic.edu.au)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SJMSSA](https://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

### 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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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

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SJMS Uniform Shop News



## UNIFORM COLLECTION

Short Sleeve Shirt  
\$48.00



Long Sleeve Shirt  
\$49.00



Woollen 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



Softshell Jacket  
\$82.00



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.belgraviaapparelschools.com/collections/st-josephs-memorial-norwood](http://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/collections/st-josephs-memorial-norwood)

**Belgravia Website:**

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**SHOP INFO**

**SHOP LOCATION**  
10 Newton Road, Campbelltown

**OPENING TIMES**  
Monday: 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Tuesday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm  
Wednesday: 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Thursday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 9:00am - 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](#)

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## 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](mailto:accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au)

Nicki Cambourn

Bursar

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ltmusic.com.au).

[SJMS Staff contact details](#)

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## Follow us on Social Media



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

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## Pathways Beyond Year 6





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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](mailto:accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au)

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