



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 2, Week 6 Friday 22nd May 2020

Stay safe, be kind



Dear Families,

We are all looking forward to your return as school reopens. I want to acknowledge the great work everyone has done to help our children continue to learn. The teachers have adjusted and adapted how they teach and spent many hours planning for this, giving feedback and meeting with children and parents so thank you. Congratulations to parents who have spent many hours supporting their children with their learning and organising their days around their own work. Most importantly a big shout out to the children who have adapted to this new learning environment showing great resilience and perseverance.

Children may be a little hesitant about returning to school. Please be reassured that we will be doing our best to keep everyone safe. Your example and calmness will help your child prepare for school. Reset your routines about returning to school and if you have children in years 3-6 remote learning make sure they start with their younger siblings routines. Rochel, our counsellor has written some notes (attached) from Catholic Care services that may help you prepare your child for school. Also attached is a social story to show your children that will help with anxiety [Return to school Social Story](#)

Tomorrow Monday the 25th May is a school closure day for all students so staff can plan for the remainder of term. There will be no remote learning tasks set for this day. On Tuesday the 26th May, ALL Prep to 2 children

will return to school with some new arrangements in place. The year 3-6s will continue to learn remotely until their return on Tuesday 9th June.

RETURN BORROWED DEVICES

The families that have borrowed devices during this remote learning time please return them on the first day students return to class. These devices should be sent in your child's schoolbag and taken to the classroom. They will be collected and marked off from there. The children will need to bring packs they have been using back to school on the first day they return also along with library books.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Often parents bring treats to share with the classmates. We do not want to encourage this but if you do please make sure all are in wrappers.

HANDWASHING

Increased hand washing and cleaning will be incorporated into our daily activities. The constant use of hand sanitisers and soap is critical in protecting us all. These will be available on entry to classrooms, buildings etc. Reminders will be given and practised regularly during the day.

CLEANING

Increased cleaning will be carried out during the day with the support of the children.

LIMITED ACCESS TO SCHOOL

Parent access to school will be limited during the remainder of the school term. Parents will be required to drop off children and leave and pick up and leave as well. Parents will not be permitted to stay and chat in the yard. Social distancing practices will need to be followed by all adults. The chief medical officer has said that social distancing is not possible between children in classrooms.

Parents will need to practice social distancing when entering the office area open from 8.30-4pm only and will generally not be permitted into the school buildings or classrooms.

COMMUNICATION

All communication between teachers and parents will continue to be remote, via email, notes, google meets, phone calls to the office where you will be able to leave voicemail messages or talk to teachers on the phone.

CANTEEN

The canteen will be open for lunch orders only on Thursday and Friday. Over the counter sales will not operate for the moment but you can still order using a brown paper bag for snacks and lunch orders.

BREAKFAST CLUB

There will be no breakfast club for the remainder of the term.

STAGGERED DROP OFF & PICK UP

We have been talking with council and Chelsea Primary to trial how we can arrive and leave school safely. I am still awaiting some clarification from the council around a few things but in the meantime we will trial the following staggered Drop Off and Pick Up. The following arrangements will be in place from Tuesday 23rd May

following staggered Drop Off and Pick Up. The following arrangements will be trialed from Tuesday 26th May until Friday 29th May, when they will be reviewed. Have the children in your car with their bags on their lap ready to disembark quickly and safely. Cross the road at the crossing if required. Children walking or riding on their own will need to arrive during the designated times and will be dismissed at the allocated times. They will need to wear the uniform advised in their weekly news update.

DROP OFF - ARGYLE AVE (Gates Open 8.30 not before)

1/2 Families including Prep Siblings will arrive at school via Argyle Avenue only between 8.30 and 8.50am.

Staff will greet children at their cars or gate on Argyle Avenue and escort them to their rooms where they will sanitise their hands and prepare for the day.

Families with Prep children only arrive at school via Argyle Avenue between 9.05 and 9.20am.

Staff will greet children at their cars or gate on Argyle Avenue and escort them to their rooms where they will sanitise their hands and prepare for the day.

PICK UP - ARGYLE AVE (Gates Open 2.45pm not before)

Classes will be brought to the footpath for you to collect your children -

Brothers and sisters will be together with the eldest sibling.

2.45pm 1/2M & 1/2OF

2.50pm 1/2B & 1/2J

2.55pm 1/2DR

3.05pm PrepCG

3.10pm PrepL

These times have been organised to help traffic flow and coordinate with Chelsea Primary School.

LATE ARRIVALS EARLY DEPARTURES

Late arrivals will enter via the office and sign in. If you are collecting early please phone ahead so they can be ready for you. Please avoid early pick ups at lunchtime between 1.30 and 2.15pm.

DRINKING TAPS

Drinking taps in the yard will be turned off for the foreseeable future. ALL children must have water bottles. They can be refilled in classrooms.

SICK CHILDREN

If your child is sick please do not send them to school. If they fall sick during the day you will be contacted to come and collect them.

FEES

We are very mindful of the financial implications COVID-19 has had on many families and reassure members of the St Joseph's school community that we can provide assistance with the payment of school fees. This assistance includes allowing additional time to make payments and/or offering fee discounts where needed. If

you wish to discuss further please contact Gavan via phone or principal@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au.

CHILDREN OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES WORKERS IN YEARS 3-6

During the next two weeks the children of essential service workers can still attend school. Please make sure you have completed the form [Essential Service Workers Form](#). They will need to attend in sports uniform, enter via Argyle Avenue from 8.30am and be collected by 3.15pm from Argyle Avenue.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Before and After School will operate as normal and the children will be delivered to school after 8.30 and collected at 3.15pm at the entry of the office on Argyle Avenue.

BUS

Argyle Avenue bus will operate as usual. Children will assemble in the normal area outside the window of the Principal's office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

To have a look at the catalogue please click on the following link:

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5608/bc_420.pdf

Families can still order scholastic books through the Scholastic website on [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Orders will be sent to school to be collected once your child arrives back. Orders MUST be placed by Thursday 11th June in order to receive the books prior to the school holidays.



National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year - 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our Australian Aborigines

I ask you, God, to bless and look after our Indigenous peoples,

our Aborigines,

who were the first peoples to live in this land,

Australia.

Thousands of years ago, they heard your Spirit speaking to them

in their Dreaming,

and today they still hear your Spirit speaking to them

in their Dreaming.

Give those of us who are not Aborigines

the courage to say that we have not been just to them in the past,

and that we are sorry.

I pray that all Australians will respect

the sacred land, the culture,

and the dignity of Aborigines.

May we all live in peace with one another.

Amen.



Parish News....

Earlier this week, Archbishop Comensoli announced some lessening of the coronavirus restrictions.

We are now able to have public Mass, but with only **TEN PEOPLE** present as the congregation ... plus the reader(s), the altar server, a singer and musician, a couple of people to monitor the door ... oh, and the priest!

Due to the requirement of having to clean the Church after every service, there will be some alteration to Mass times.

Public Mass will be held at St Joseph's:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 9am AND 4pm

Saturday – 9am AND 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday – 8:30am AND 11am

Booking ahead is absolutely essential!

The Government requires St Joseph's to keep an accurate record of every person who attends services at St Joseph's. Please do not turn up at the door of the Church without booking first and having the Parish confirm the booking!

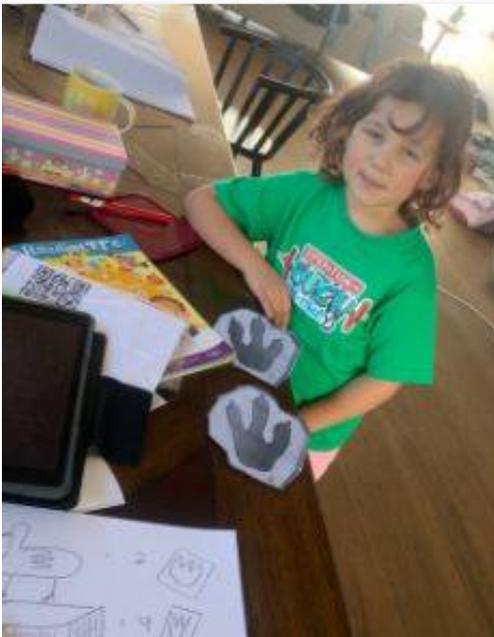
If you would like to attend Mass at St Joseph's under these restrictions, then please call the Parish Office on 9772 2211 and leave your name and telephone number, in addition to the date and time you would like to attend.

The parish will then call and confirm your booking. We are hoping to have all this up and running by Saturday 23rd May.

The parish will try and provide Mass for as many people as possible, rather than the same people every day, and due to the severe restrictions on numbers available, it will be a case of "first-come-best-dressed!"

Oh, and please remember, during this time Catholics are not obliged to attend Mass. So if you miss out GOD UNDERSTANDS!!! Keep safe; keep strong; keep the faith.

Our learning







Prep 2021

We would like all families who have children starting school in 2021 to email enrolments@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au and let us know your child is starting. If you have already let us know - thank you. We have emailed an enrolment form to you and require it to be scanned/posted back to us with a copy of the birth, baptism and immunisation certificates. We do not require a deposit for current families. We aim to put the information into our system asap.

A little mindfulness for this week....

PAUSE



- * Either sitting or standing.
- * Breathe in and raise up your left arm, pause and notice the tiny gap between breathing in and breathing out.
- * Breathe out and lower your left arm, pause.
- * Breathe in and raise your right arm, pause.
- * Breathe out and lower the right arm, pause.
- * Repeat twice for each arm.
- * Then raise both arms when breathing in and lower both arms when breathing out.
- * Make sure each breath matches the same pace as the arm movements.

Breath Meditations





TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME?

When schools were closed, most children’s screen time went through the roof. That can be a blessing for parents cooped up with their children 24/7, but isn’t this harming young people?

In the last few years we’ve been hearing that excessive screen time melts their brains, shrinks their attention spans and weakens their social skills.

Digital abstinence for young children was the strong message until quite recently.

Worries like these have a long history, with parents fretting about each new wave of entertainment technology – radio, movies, TV.

Is viewing time all that damaging?

For starters, the evidence linking screens to harm is, in reality, paper thin. Recent studies have downplayed negative effects. In fact, they say, a couple of hours of screen-based leisure is associated with improved peer relationships and increased sociality.

Gaming meets our fundamental needs for exploration, competence and social connection. And games often improve rather than undermine our reasoning abilities.

As for concerns about children getting isolated, the Internet is the world’s best tool for distanced socialising.

So parents and educators needn’t fret too much during the coronavirus lockdown but they should monitor what children are watching and playing, sometimes playing and watching with them, and steer them toward brainy games, age-appropriate educational videos, documentaries available on streaming services, co-operative and team-oriented video games and timeless films that don’t just entertain, or distract, but teach ineffable lessons about life, love, and family.

Acknowledgement: “Screen Time Isn’t All That Bad” by Andrew Przybylski and Pete Etchells in *The New York Times*, April 7, 2020

Community News....



PSW
WELCOME BACK!
Welcome Back!
ALL PSW STORES ARE REOPENING FROM WEDNESDAY MAY 20th
Wed, Thurs & Fridays / 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm
(Closed Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays)
OUR ONLINE STORE IS OPERATIONAL AT PSW.COM.AU
& SHIPPING ORDERS WITHIN 72 HRS!

School Uniform Details



Virtual Open Morning
Friday 12 June • Commencing 9:00am

Applications for Year 7, 2022
close Friday 21 August 2020

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ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN
For current Year 5 students who will be attending Year 7 in 2022

CLOSING DATE 21 AUGUST 2020

Applications available on our website:
www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au

St Bede's College
Contact: Deb Campion
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