



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 2, Week 8 Friday 5th June 2020



Dear Families,

Next Tuesday 9th June we welcome the return of the Yr 3-6 children to face to face teaching. After 8 weeks of remote learning we are ready for their return. Congratulations to the parents and their children on persevering with their learning. Teachers have worked hard to engage the children providing ongoing feedback.

As the children return there may be some hesitation, but be assured we have protocols in place to help keep everyone safe. Things will be a little different with changes to pick up and drop off times and hand sanitizing. Please read the details outlined in this newsletter. I have included some tips from our school counselor Rochel. This could help prepare your child for their return. See the attached article.

RETURN OF BORROWED DEVICES

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The families that have borrowed devices during the remote learning time could you please return them on the first day with chargers to the classroom. These devices should be sent in your child's school bag and taken to the classroom. They will be collected from the class.

STAGGERED DROP OFF & PICK UP

The following arrangements will be in place for the remainder of term 2 unless advised differently. 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. As pick up times will be different for the remainder of term 2 adjustments have been made to lunch breaks.

1.10-1.20pm eating time

1.20-2.00pm lunchtime

2.00-2.45pm teaching time

2.55-3.15pm staggered pick up as outlined below

DROP OFF and PICK UP for St JOSEPH'S for weeks 9-11 term 2 2020

DROP OFF Argyle Ave

All Prep-2 families (+ siblings from 3-6) 8.30am-8.50am

DROP OFF Woodbine Grove

All Year 3-6s without P-2 siblings 8.30-8.45am

AT 2.45PM ALL CHILDREN WITH SIBLINGS MOVE TO THE YOUNGEST SIBLING'S CLASS

PICK UP Argyle Avenue

All P-2 families (+ siblings from P-6) 2.55pm-3.10pm

2.55pm 1/2M & 1/2OF

3.00pm 1/2B & 1/2L

3.05pm 1/2DR

3.10pm Prep CG & Prep L

PICK UP Woodbine Grove

All Year 3-6 Families (without P-2 siblings) 2.55pm-3.10pm

2.55pm 3/4LC & 3/4S

3.00pm 3/4CM & 3/4W

3.05pm 5/6KG & 5/6B

3.10pm 5/6BH & 5/6AB

LATE ARRIVALS EARLY DEPARTURES

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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.

ICON

St Joseph's is currently transitioning to a new platform called ICON (Integrated Catholic Online Network). This platform will gradually start to manage all our systems - human resources, finance etc. Please be patient while this process occurs. In the first stage receipting of transactions will be delayed until the beginning of next term.

REPORTS will be sent home on Monday 22nd June, the last week of term 2. This will be followed by an opportunity for a remote family conference on Tuesday 23rd June or Wednesday 24th June. Details to register will come home here with next week's newsletter. The report will be significantly different to previous reports due to the remote learning climate we have been in. Ongoing assessment and feedback you have received during term 2 and the report will give you an overview of your child's learning. The end of year report will give a more detailed overview of your child's progress.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART, our non perishable food drive is on as per the flyer to the right. Next week baskets will be in each classroom to collect non perishable food items for St Vincent de Paul to distribute. The items donated help support needy families in our area. We are aware these times have been challenging for many and we ask you provide items (can of soup, pasta) to fill our class baskets. We would greatly appreciate your support.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS

The second hand uniform shop will not reopen at this stage. If you require anything please email info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au and we will have a look at what is in stock. Items will be sent home with your child and the money can be sent back in an envelope with your child the following day. Each item is \$5 unless marked separately. Please be patient as we fill any orders.

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.

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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.

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 before the end of term2.

CSEF

CSEF (Camp, sports, education fund) is available for families who have a current healthcare/concession card. The funding of \$125 per child is paid directly to the school and receipted against your fee account. Application forms are available on our website under Current parents and then forms. Applications close at the end of term 2.

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 3.10pm 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.

PREP 2021

Thankyou to all our families with preps starting next year who have the enrolment forms in. We will be in touch prior to the end of the term.

SCHOOL ASTIC 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.

St Joseph's School School Beanie



These are available at the office for \$10.

Some tips from Rochel, our school counsellor

Dear Parents of St Joseph's Primary,

After an extended period of time at home, returning to school for children can elicit mixed emotions. This can range from feeling excited and eager to be back at school, to feeling anxious and fearful, or a combination of these feelings. Some things that may help ease children back into school may include:

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- Talking about going back to school. This could be a conversation that includes discussing together what parts of school your child looks forward to and enjoys, and what parts of school worries them. This is an opportunity to validate and normalise their experience of school. It can also be an opportunity to identify what these worries are and troubleshoot together on how they can tackle them.
- Talking about the changes to their school routine and environment. Given that this term will look different to normal, it will be helpful to prepare your child for these changes and encourage any questions your child might have about what school may be like.
- Answer questions they have about the current situation in an age-appropriate manner. Maintain open communication where your children feel comfortable coming to you with their questions. In general, it is best to answer your child's questions with simple facts along with positive messages, without giving more information than they have asked for. Be led by your child - younger children will need less information, older primary school children may ask more specific questions and you may need to help them separate fact from fiction and rumour.

You might discuss:

- That the government, on the advice of health experts, have determined that it is safe for us to return to school
- That there are many scientists, doctors and medical personnel all around the world working to keep us safe and healthy
- That studies have shown that fewer children get the virus and when they do the symptoms are mild
- Most people who get the virus experience flu-like symptoms and get better in a few weeks
- Empower your children by going through the steps they can take to keep themselves and those around them healthy.

- Managing your own concerns about going back to school. Some of you may be feeling worried about the return to school. While this is completely understandable, how you manage your anxiety will have a big impact on how your children feel about returning to school. You can play an active role in reducing your child's anxiety by changing your own behaviour and modelling effective coping skills. For those moments when you do catch yourself feeling anxious, try to avoid talking about your concerns within earshot of your children. If you're feeling overwhelmed, step away and take a break. Children can pick up on parents' own worries about returning to school, even when these aren't verbalised. Pick a time to talk to your child about school when you are feeling calm and relaxed.

- Setting up a back-to-school routine prior to returning to school. This could be creating healthy and consistent sleep habits where bedtime and wakeup times line up with what would happen on a school day. If your child's current sleep/wake schedule is very different to the school routine, it is a good idea to start making bedtime a little bit earlier each day, starting now. You might also want to create a "getting ready" chart that plans out the tasks needed to be done in the evenings and mornings to get ready for school.

- Be enthusiastic and excited about your child's return to school. Speak positively about the school and their teachers. A special first day back family breakfast or dinner, a note in their lunchbox, a special after school activity are a few ideas of how you can create a positive association with being back at school.

- Encourage a sense of belonging and fostering social connections. Maintaining contact with friends and classmates prior to returning to school will help make the transition back to school easier. You can also pair your child with a buddy, such as a student in their class, who can be their social contact during the school day.
- Importantly, you can draw on your knowledge and experiences on how to best support your child through a period of change and in their previous transitions back to school after time away. Remember, you and your child have already had practice getting back into school mode after the summer holidays. Reassure and reinforce to your child that they will cope with starting school again and remind them that they have already done so successfully in the past.

It is common for children to experience some level of stress and worry about returning to school after a period of time away. If you have tried the above suggestions and you are still concerned about the level of anxiety your child is experiencing, please contact me on rochel.baker@ccam.org.au and we can set up a time to discuss some targeted strategies that might be helpful for your child.

Wishing you all the best,

Rochel Baker

School Counsellor CatholicCare



Parish News....

UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES COVID-19

Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese

of Melbourne Wednesday 27 May 4.00pm

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In relation to the latest directives announced by Government (Sunday 24 May 2020), there are **THREE KEY POINTS** that directly affect churches, places of worship and liturgical celebrations and ceremonies held within.

From 11:59pm on 31 May 2020 restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies will be eased:

- Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 20 people in a single undivided indoor space, subject to the four square metre rule plus the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony.
- 20 people in addition to the celebrant and couple being married can attend a wedding. If a wedding is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people is allowed, including the celebrant and the couple.
- 50 people can attend a funeral in addition to the officiant and funeral staff, subject to the four square metre rule. If a funeral is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people can be present (including the officiant and funeral staff).

Parishioners who have no access to the Internet can book through St Joseph's Parish Office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-2pm. Please ring 9772 2211 during office hours. Bookings are essential. Please only use the landline number to contact the parish office.

To book a WEEKEND MASS please copy and paste <https://www.trybooking.com/BJTRM>

To book a WEEKDAY MASS please copy and paste <https://www.trybooking.com/BJTPB>

When you attend Mass please observe the following rules:

Enter at the choir door entrance (ramp side).

All family members, living together can sit together.

Please follow the 1.5 m social distance guide.

Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

If you have flu like symptoms please do not attend Mass and please ring 9772 2211 to notify your cancellation, so another parishioner can attend.

MATHS








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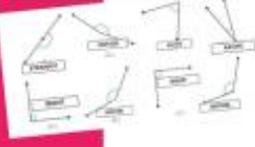


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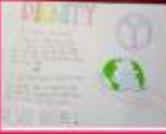


WALT understand what Dignity is












A little mindfulness for this week....

SWINGS



- * Start with standing pose.
- * Slowly swing your body from side to side.
- * Hold your arms out slightly from your body.
- * Continually get slower until it feels like slow motion.
- * Notice how your body moves and which muscles you are using to make this movement.
- * Come to a complete stop and notice the body. *
Close over your eyes and tune into body sensations.

Mindful Movements

Community News....

Virtual Open Morning

Friday 12 June • Commencing 9:00am

Applications for Year 7, 2022

close Friday 21 August 2020

We invite you online to explore the quality education and programs that your daughter will experience as a Kilbreda girl, all in the comfort of your own home!

Register today at kilbreda.vic.edu.au



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
Phone: 9582 5999
Email: enrol@stbedes.catholic.edu.au



Chelsea Community Support Services



- Do you need help with food, bills, or experiencing a unexpected financial crisis?
- Are you looking for local information?
- Have you suffered job loss due to COVID-19 and don't know where to go?

WE ARE OPEN DURING COVID-19

We are assisting the community with phone assessments until all restrictions are lifted.

Monday 9:30am–3:30pm call on 0490 330 395
Tuesday to Friday 9:30am–2pm call on 9772 8939
last client interview at 1:30pm
Email: info@chelsea.org.au
Web: www.chelsea.org.au

Emergency Relief
Community Information
Justice of the Peace (Tuesdays)
Tax Help (July-October)