



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 4, Week 10 Thursday 9th December 2021



Dear Families,

Dear Parents

What a year and what a finish. We had done so well and nearly made it to the end of the year and then on Monday our first cases of COVID were confirmed. Six classes have been impacted significantly and the cases are now at 11 across the school.

Many families have spoken and emailed me about their concerns and wanting to get to the end of the year unscathed so they can enjoy Christmas and holidays with family.

Some of the positive cases have not been at school since Friday, some Monday and some Tuesday. All of the cases are from the classes that have been asked to be tested.

The advice from DHS is that when a positive case is detected then those who have spent more than two hours in a group need to be tested. Hence we are managing our mixing indoors but outside is not an issue. Those children then need to have their negative test uploaded via Operoo before they return to school. This is followed by a rapid antigen test each day for 5 days before they come to school.

Families are limiting and managing when they send their child to school. They have my complete support. Children can come in to meet the teacher on Monday, outdoor excursions, graduation assembly and can be collected after the event. We just need to manage our time and exposure.

I understand this news will be concerning for many of you. I want to assure you we are doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of our whole school community. MACS has advised us that, as per Department of Health protocols, as the necessary cleaning is taking place, it is very safe for your child to be onsite. St Joseph's will continue to take every possible precaution.

As a reminder, if you or anyone in your family develops even the mildest of symptoms, please get tested. If you need to get tested, please check [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) for up-to-date information about waiting times at testing sites across the state.

Please be aware that we cannot provide information about the person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and I ask that you respect their privacy.

We will continue to keep you informed as further updates become available.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au).

As a result of the recent positive cases we are adjusting the end of year events.

As I mentioned earlier many families are taking the precaution of limiting the children's attendance so they can all be safe for Christmas. We totally understand. We are still here supporting the children as best we can at this time. If parents want to pick up early and bring students in for certain events that is also okay.

1. No School Mass this afternoon.
2. Orientation for 2022 classes on Monday 9-10am will go ahead as planned as these sessions will be under an hour with all of our COVID protocols in place.
3. 1/2 Excursion to the park 11.30-1.30am on Monday will go ahead. Details on operoo.
4. Monday 13th December the Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 2.30 will go ahead outside with Double vaxxed parents welcome. We may be able to stream but we may not.
5. 9.30 Tuesday 14th December Prep excursion to park will go ahead. Details on Operoo.
6. Year 6 Excursion on Tuesday 14th December will go ahead. Details on Operoo.
7. Graduation Paraliturgy, dinner and presentations to go ahead outdoors from 6pm Tuesday 14th December.
8. Class lists went out this morning and reports will go home today via email.

### **Chricken Helpers**

If any family would like to look after the chickens over the holiday period please email [info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)

### **Year 6 Graduation Disco**

This Sunday 12th December the Year 6 children will have their end of year Graduation disco from 6-9pm in the school hall. Please complete the form if you have not already. Contact can be made with Margaret Tanner or Aleece Siliga if required,

### **Medications**

If you have supplied the school with any medication for your child throughout the year could you please arrange to pick up the medication from the school office next week. If required in 2022 please provide the medication clearly marked with your child's name to the office in week 1 2022.

### **2022 School Year**

Students return Monday 31st January. Preps will attend until lunch on Monday 31st January and Tuesday 1st February from 8.45am-1.00pm.

No school for preps or Year 1/2s on Wednesday 2nd February.

Take Care and Keep Safe

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# Thank you from Franklin Foot

Hello St Joseph's Community,

Like everyone else this has been a very challenging year for our family.

I have found myself in quite a vulnerable position this year, and have had to rely solely on the St Joseph's community to see our family through. I have been totally overwhelmed by the love and generosity and overwhelming support shown to us by teachers, staff and other families.

I hope this makes the news letter because for me, I will never be able to thank these people for all that they have done, but I just want to say how lucky we are at St Josephs, to have such a beautiful community, and with a covid outbreak and the like to end the year on.. it is very easy to forget to give thanks and be grateful for all the beautiful people around us.

Thank you beautiful people.

## St Joseph's OSHC 2022

We are pleased to announce that from the beginning of 2022 St Joseph's will have OSHC onsite in the school hall.

- Name of Program: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School OSHC
- Enrolments for 2022 will begin on Wednesday 8th of December 2022 – an email will be sent to existing families regarding enrolments. For new families please visit <https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Services/Family-and-Children/Before-and-After-School-Program> to enrol.
- The Before School Program will remain onsite at Chelsea Primary School unless demand increases. Please complete this form in regard to finding interest for Before School Care onsite at St Joseph's. Before School Care Use in 2022 at St Joseph
- After School Care will begin, onsite at St Joseph's on Monday 31st January 2022.

St Joseph's School, Chelsea Christmas Hamper List 2021

Family Number	Adults	Children	Girls	Boys	CLASS
1	1	2	14	5	PrepLR
2	2	2	16	5	1/2OF
3	1	4		9,5,2,1	5/6BC
4	2	2		9,2	1/2DR
5	1	2	14,12		3/4CM
6	2	5	15	17,9,7,8mths	STAFF
7	1	3	14	17,16	3/4s
8	1	1	14		5/6KG
9	2	2	1	3	Prep CG
10	1	2	8	14	1/2B
11	1	3	5	8,3	1/2S
12	1	2	7	13	1/2MA
13	1	2	11,8		3/4LC
14	1	3	14,3	16	5/6B
15	1	2	10,8		34W
16	1	2	15	9	56AB

## Christmas Hampers

Each year we make up hampers for needy families in our area. This helps St Vincent de Paul distribute nearly 100 hampers at this time. Your child will come home with the ages and grades of the children in the family their class is collecting for.

We would like all donations in by today so we can distribute them before the end of the following week.



## Lost property

We have quite a lot of lost property including the prescription glasses on the attached photo. Could you please encourage your child to search the lost property basket for any lost items before the end of term. All unclaimed uniform will be donated to the uniform shop and glasses disposed of.



## *St Joseph's Christmas Mass*

*Friday 24 December*

6pm (5.30pm Carols) DOUBLE VACCINATED STATUS – no limits in attendees number

9pm (8.30pm Carols) DOUBLE VACCINATED STATUS - no limits in attendees number

*Saturday 25 December*

9am at vaccination status unknown – max 50 people (unless restrictions change )

11am DOUBLE VACCINATED STATUS - no limits in attendees number.

The Families Choir will be attending this Mass.

If any children would like to join the choir please contact the parish office on 972 2211  
[chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au).

All of the above is subject to any government restrictions that may be introduced.

Office contact 9772 2211



## **PSW new price list**

Please find PSW's new price list attached.

**Download**

FRIENDSHIPS  
*and* FUN!



20 - 23 DECEMBER 2021  
4 - 25 JANUARY 2022



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



CHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SOUTHMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



CREATING  
*connections*

*enrolments now open!*

[kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram](http://kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram)

**FREE**  
**Kids Adults &  
Womens Golf  
Clinics**



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**ALSO AVAILABLE**

- PRIVATE LESSONS
- SHARED LESSONS
- FEMALE CLINICS
- JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS



# Chelsea Community Support Services



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### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Chelsea Community Support are offering a Christmas voucher to all singles and families in our catchment who need assistance with Christmas food and toys.

If you need help for Christmas, come in and register for a hamper. You need to attend the service to be placed on the Christmas list, the list will open 1st November 2021.

Collection of hampers scheduled for 22nd and 23rd December 2021

Monday—Friday 9:30am—3:00pm

\*closed public holidays

\* **Do you need help with School Costs?**

\* **We are running a School Relief Program for the 2021 School year.**

Address: 1a Chelsea rd., Chelsea 3196

Email: [info@chelsea.org.au](mailto:info@chelsea.org.au)

Web: [www.chelsea.org.au](http://www.chelsea.org.au)

\* **Call or Drop in to make an appointment with our Support Worker**

**SUBURBS WE COVER** Carrum, Bonbeach, Patterson Lakes, Chelsea, Chelsea Heights, Edithvale, Aspendale, Aspendale Gardens and Waterways.

## 2021 Term Dates

### Term 4

#### Week 10

Fri 10th Dec - NO 2.15 End of Year Whole School Mass

(double vaccinated parents welcome)

Sun 12th Dec - Yr 6 Graduation disco in hall 6-9pm

#### Week 11

Mon 13th Dec - 9-10am Meet 2022 teacher

- 11.30 - 1.30 Year 1/2 Excursion to Bicentennial park

- 2.15 Graduation Assembly outside  
(double vaccinated parents may attend)

- Tue 14th Dec
- Graduation Excursion Year 6's
  - 9.30 - 12 Preps end of year excursion to Victory Park  
8-12 Camp St
  - 6.00pm Graduation Mass
  - 7.20pm Graduation Presentation

- Wed 15th Dec
- 1.00pm finish. End of the Year.