



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 1, Week 6 Thursday 9th March, 2023

Thank you to all our helpers with the sand pit



Dear Families,

Special thanks to all those who came along to move the sand and soil over the last two Fridays. The sandpit has been a big hit this week.

School Photos

School photos will be held on Thursday 30th March. All students must be in full school uniform. Information will come home on Thursday 23rd Feb with a shootkey for each child and also a shootkey for each family. Ordering must be done online via www.msp.com.au Orders must be placed 1 week post photo day, otherwise a \$20 late fee applies.

Easter Raffle

It is nearly that time again! Coming home with the eldest child today will be our Annual Easter raffle books. Ticket butts and money to be returned by Monday 27th March. Prizes will be collated and wrapped on Monday 3rd April from 8.45am. We will require some helpers to organise the prizes.

If families could donate something for the baskets - chocolates, Easter lollies, a basket, filling, soft toy etc that would be most appreciative.

Prizes will be drawn on Thursday 6th April.

Parent Helpers in the Visible Learning Classroom course

The course will be on Thursday 16th March from 2-3pm in the library. All parents are welcome to come along and see how you can help out in your child's classroom next term.

Parent Action Engagement Team (PEAT)

Come along to the relaunch of PEAT. Meet some parents for a cuppa and hear what PEAT is all about. We will also be talking about what PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is all about. Meet in the library from 2-3pm. All welcome.

2nd hand uniform shop

The second hand uniform shop will be open on Friday mornings from 8.50-9.05am. This will start from Friday 17th March. We thank Wendy and Donna who have volunteered to help.

Easter Raffle

This week you we have sent home a book of raffle tickets to each family.

We ask all families, if possible, to donate something for the raffle - chocolates, Easter lollies, a basket, filling, soft toy etc. Prizes will be drawn on Thursday 6th April.

PSW Price list

Please see the attached price list below.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

If you meet the above criteria please contact the school office for the application form. Applications close June 2023.

St Joseph's Concessional Fee Policy

Please read the new Concessional fact sheet information for those families who qualify and meet the criteria. It offers significant savings to families.

Concessional School Fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- holding an HCC (Dept of Health Concession Card) and eligible for CSEF
- experiencing severe financial hardship
- holding a DVA Gold Card (Dept of Veterans Affairs Health Card)
- identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard is strongly encouraged to apply for concessional school fees.

To see St Joseph's School Fees Concession policy please click on the link below.

Students of eligible families are entitled to concessional school fees.

The school fees for eligible students are:

- 1 child: \$15 per child per week, direct debit (\$780 per annum or \$195 per term)
- 2 children: \$23 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1196 per annum, or \$299 per term)
- 3+ children: \$30 for the family per week. direct debit (\$1560 per annum, or \$390 per term)

If your family meets the criteria please click on the application form below and return the completed form to the school office.

Kindest Regards,

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Creative Arts Exhibition

Mrs Egan, our Visual Arts Teacher, has submitted artwork from the children for the Creative Arts Exhibition, held at the Catholic Leadership Centre from Tuesday 14th-18th March.

Families can book to attend via this trybooking link as it is open to the public and free on other days. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1016938>



Scholastic Book Club

Coming home today with your child is the Scholastic Book Club catalogue. Orders are to be made online only. All orders must be finalised by Friday 24th March to ensure delivery by the end of Term 1.

Naplan week is almost here

NAPLAN week is almost here, and many parents (and kids... and even teachers) are feeling a little extra stress and anxiety. NAPLAN has a lot of critics, plenty of supporters, and a whole lot of parents and students who simply go along with it because 'it's just what we do'.

This article is designed to offer some general – and gentle – advice on what's coming.

What NAPLAN is

NAPLAN stands for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy; a nationwide standardised test that almost every student in Grades 3, 5, 7, and 9 are about to sit. Its purpose is to provide information about how education programs are working, areas for improvement, and which schools need support in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy. Some critics argue that it doesn't do this particularly well... but that's beyond the scope of this discussion.

What NAPLAN does well

When it works well, NAPLAN does three things:

1 NAPLAN results enable the identification of problems in the school system. And they point to places where education needs to improve. For example, NAPLAN results have shown us education gaps for indigenous students, and for students, in disadvantaged schools. We knew those gaps existed. But now we know the scope and range.

2 Literacy and numeracy results are made transparent at a national, state and territory, and school level.

We now know that states and territories have different levels of achievement when they are compared on a like-for-like basis which NAPLAN allows.

3 NAPLAN shows us education trends over time.

What NAPLAN doesn't do well

NAPLAN doesn't give you a useful guide on how your child is doing academically. The test is done in March and we receive the results in the late part of the year. If you want to know how your child is doing, talk to their teacher. Great teachers can give you detailed information today about your child's progress.

NAPLAN doesn't give you any information about the quality of your child's character. It doesn't tell you anything about your child's ability to work in a team, to problem-solve, to show compassion, to be creative, engaged or resilient. It's not about your child's talents. NAPLAN also gives us no information about the school your child attends in terms of approaches to discipline, school culture, school contribution to community, or the way it encourages students in areas not covered by NAPLAN. In some cases it has been reported that NAPLAN, while providing data, doesn't ultimately lead to governments providing schools (or parents) with the resources needed when issues arise.

What you should do

Based on everything I've outlined above, you'll note that much of NAPLAN's focus is oriented towards education at a school, regional, state, and national level. While there is some individual focus, it's not really an individual assessment tool. It's more about how the school, the state, and the country are doing. Therefore, I suggest parents keep the following in mind:

- Don't make NAPLAN a big deal. You barely even need to talk about it with your child

- Don't offer rewards to your child for doing well on NAPLAN. Research evidence shows this adds pressure, builds anxiety, and reduces children's creativity, motivation, and interest in real learning. (One mum I spoke to wondered if bribing her child with a puppy would be helpful. It's not.)
- Don't buy practice tests for NAPLAN. Your child doesn't need to rehearse for NAPLAN
- Don't worry about NAPLAN results. Leave that to the school. Instead, you might want to try the following:
- Do show an interest in your child's education, regardless of whether NAPLAN is on or not
- Do encourage your child to read every single day. Read to them. Read with them. Have them read alone. And do this regardless of whether NAPLAN is on or not
- Do have your child participate in sports, music, art, drama, and other enrichment activities to the degree that you have the time and money for them – regardless of whether NAPLAN is on or not
- Do give your child plenty of unstructured (screen-free) time to simply be kids – especially when

NAPLAN is on

What your child should do

More than anything, your child will benefit from not being particularly interested in or bothered by NAPLAN. Life should be as close to normal as possible for your child. It's true that some schools want to see NAPLAN results before they'll consider enrolling your child. It's true that some elements of NAPLAN feel like they matter a lot to us as parents because we want to see our children succeed.

But please – PLEASE – remember:

Your child's NAPLAN score is not an indicator of your child's value, your child's potential, or your child's worthiness. It's just a number. And it's more meaningful to the school system than it is to you or your child.

When NAPLAN rolls around, treat it like a small, gentle wave at the beach. It rolls up the sand. It leaves a small, temporary mark. And then it disappears back into the ocean.

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Project Compassion for Easter

Click on the link below to view Project Compassion stories from around the world.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

Ash Wednesday marked the commencement of Lent, a time to reflect on the events leading up to Easter and the death and resurrection of Christ. It is also the start of Project Compassion, an annual fundraising period coordinated by Caritas. As in previous years, the focus of the fundraising is for projects that help individuals and communities in marginalised areas of Australia and in developing countries all around the world.

Spanning across the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and community groups together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world.

At St Joseph's, each classroom has a Project Compassion donation box that students can contribute to throughout the weeks of Lent. We will also be organising a fundraising event towards the end of the term to further support the work of Caritas Australia and our Project Compassion efforts. "A Coins for Caritas Day" will be held on Tuesday April 4th. Your generous support can help change lives today and "For All Future Generations".

The theme of Project Compassion is 'For All Future Generations'. This phrase is a powerful affirmation that the good that we do today will extend and impact the

lives of generations to come. It is also a call for all of us to play our part in making the world a better place.



*A positive sense of wellbeing supports a base for rich learning that enables young people to flourish.
 (Catholic Education Melbourne 2017, Horizons of Hope: Wellbeing in a Catholic School)*

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING (PBL)



SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

RESPECT

We continue to learn and bring together the whole-school to develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. Remember we have three core expectations:

Safety, Respect and Responsibility.

This week our focus is still on our core value *"Responsibility"*. We are learning how to organise ourselves and be responsible for our belongings in the classroom and also outside in the playground by:

- packing and unpacking our own school bags
- placing our school bags in the lockers provided
- knowing where to put belongings in the classroom eg: drink bottles, diaries, notes
- equipment is tidy and organised, not left outside in the playground or in foyer areas
- checking ourselves in on our zones board each day
- knowing the routines of our classroom
- listening to my teacher's instructions by using whole body listening

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Do not forget our lunchtime clubs that run throughout the week.

Lunchtime Clubs At St Joseph's		
Day	Activity Prep -Year 6	Where
Monday	Choir	Performing Arts Room
	Gardening	Sustainable Garden
Tuesday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub
	Gardening	Sustainable Garden
Wednesday	Reading, borrow a book	Library
	Gardening	Sustainable Garden
Thursday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub

Prep 2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child starting school in 2024? It is now time to complete an enrolment form and confirm their enrolment. Please read the attached flyer and let the office know as soon as possible.

2024 Enrolments

St Joseph's School

Enrolments at St Joseph's Parish School for children entering
Prep in 2024 are open.

OPEN DAYS Thursday 2nd March & 27th April

School open for viewing 9-3pm

Open Day Principal Address at 9.30am and 12.30pm



Call 8773 1111 Anytime to book a tour

School Tours run for 45 min by our Year 6s

**Tours are run at
9.30 and 12.30pm**

Principal is available to talk to
after the tour

Please contact the school office to
book your preferred time or further
information

362 Station Street, Chelsea

☎ 8773 1111

✉ info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

🌐 <http://sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au>



Always Faithful

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Before and After School Program

<https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/services/families-and-children/before-and-after-school-care>

St Joseph's OSHC 2023

Name of Program: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School OSHC

If you wish your child to attend please book a place on 9581 4867. The sessions start from 6.45am and conclude at 6.00pm. Entry will be from Woodbine Grove gate each morning and afternoon.

The only children allowed onsite before 8.30am will be those booked into Before School Care.

To enrol please click on the link above.

Contact Our School hours Care for further information:

W: kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram

E: beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au

Ph: 9581 4867



Credit card authority form

Credit card authority form is for the payment of school fees. Please fill in and return to the school office if you wish for us to make the payment arrangement on your behalf

[Download](#)



Direct debit form

Direct debit form is for the electronic transfer of funds from your cheque or savings account for the payment of school fees

[Download](#)



Canteen Price List 2023

Please find our updated Canteen Price List for 2023. Lunch orders are available on Thursdays and Fridays.

As we have new lunch and eating times it is imperative your child's lunch order is put in the blue satchel as soon as your child arrives for the day.

[Download](#)



PSW Uniform Shop Price List

Please find a uniform list attached.

[Download](#)

Discovery Mornings

Term 1 - Thursday 23 March
Term 2 - Thursday 15 June
Term 3 - Wednesday 2 August
9:00am - 11:00am

What's On at Longbeach Place



Class vacancies – book now!

- English as an additional language
- Communication Basics for people with additional needs
- Introduction to Computers (Levels 1 and 2)
- Pracsoft Medical Reception
- Xero Accounting
- Walking Group

Please join a class by calling 9776 1386 or
email reception@longbeachplace.org.au

Calling on Kingston's residents and businesses to 'represent'

Community members are invited to sign up for Kingston, Represent to help shape key local decisions, projects and services over the next two years.

Sign up to join the Representative Community Panel before 27 March.

https://www.sortitionfoundation.org/kingston_2023_represent

Want to be your own boss?

Holmesglen is running a free information session at Longbeach Place to learn about:

- Exploring Self-Employment Workshop
- Small Business Training and Coaching
- Business Plan Development & Assessment
- Business Health Checks for current micro-businesses

When: Wednesday 29 March **Time:** 10am – 11.30am

Where: Longbeach Place, 15 Chelsea Road, Chelsea

For bookings or more information: please call 1300 634 748

email: selfemploymentassistance@holmesglen.edu.au

2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

Term 1 Monday 30th January-Thursday 6th April

2023

Week 6

Thurs 9th Mar Learning Conferences 3.30-6pm

Fri 10th Mar Yr 5/6 sport vs Chelsea, 2.30pm Assembly Preps performing

Week 7

Mon 13th Mar Labour Day Public Holiday

Thur 16th Mar 1pm Votive Mass St Joseph's Feast Day

2-3pm Classroom Helpers Course P-6 Visible Learning Classroom ALL PARENTS

WELCOME

Fri 17th Mar Yr 5/6 Sport vs Asp Gardens, 2.30pm Assembly 1/2 performing

Week 8

Mon 20th Mar 2-3pm PEAT (Parent Engagement Action Team) Meeting

Relaunch. Come for a cuppa, meet some other parents and listen to what PEAT is about with a presentation about PBL in the school library ALL PARENTS WELCOME

Fri 24th Mar Yr 5/6 Lightning Premiership, No Assembly

Week 9

Thur 23rd Mar Yr 3/4 Superstar Day 12-7pm

Wed 29th Mar First Reconciliation Sacrament 10am or 6pm

Thu 30th Mar SCHOOL PHOTOS, JPC Van 5-7pm

Fri 31st Mar Prep - Yr 6 Athletics Sports Carnival

Sun 2nd April Palm Sunday

Week 10

Tues 4th April 'Coins for Caritas day' - bring coins to help make a coin line

Thurs 6th April 1.15pm Easter raffle, 2.20pm Easter Paraliturg, Holy Thursday - **END OF TERM 3.15pm finish**

Fri 7th April Good Friday

Sun 9th April Easter Sunday

Term 2

Mon 24th Apr School Closure Day

Tue 25th Apr Anzac Day

