



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 1, Week 7 Thursday 16th March, 2023

## St Joseph's Feast Day....



### Prayer to St. Joseph

- O Joseph patron and advocate, you protected Mary and Jesus.  
Protect us from all dangers.
- O Joseph model of workers, you provided for your family's needs.  
Give us a sense of pride in the work we do.
- O Joseph pillar of families, you gave your family a peaceful home.  
Help us to have peace within our hearts.  
O Joseph most holy, pray for us.

Dear Families,

### 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 March with a shootkey for each child and also a shootkey for each family.

Ordering must be done online via [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) Orders must be placed 1 week post photo day, otherwise a \$20 late fee applies.

### Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets were sent home with the eldest child last week. Ticket butts and money must 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 is on today 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.

### **PSW Price list**

Please see the attached price list below.

Kindest Regards,

Gavan



## **Creative Arts Exhibition Prep winning entry**

Congratulations to all the Preps and Mrs Egan on being awarded the Archbishop's award for Religion for the depiction - "The Seven Days of the Creation Story"

Creative Award Winners

The Creative Arts Exhibition, held at the Catholic Leadership Centre is on 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>



## Marine Ambassadors 2023

On Thursday 9th March we attended our first Marine Ambassador workshop which was held here at St Joseph's. We were taught the importance of looking after our marine life and the impact our rubbish has on this environment. We had the privilege of listening to Mandy, Jacque and Chris from the Dolphin Research Institute as they presented us with excellent ways to teach the community about caring for the environment.

Along with 16 students from other schools we worked together to share roles and responsibilities in our group presentation. We were very nervous at the start but we encouraged one another and our final presentation was informative and interactive. The Prep children were our audience and they were very excited to learn all about decorator crabs, sting rays, sea stars and lots more marine life.

This has been a great way to start off our journey as Marine Ambassadors and we can't wait to teach you all about 'snip, snip, lick, lick, stick, stick!'

Alexis, Bella, Camille, Finnegan, Lulu, Maya, Monique and Zanna

Marine Ambassadors 2023

## School Fees

Fee Statements for 2023 have been emailed. If you have no other payment arrangements in place and have not made a payment this year your account is now overdue. We ask that a minimum of 3 payments are made throughout the year with all fee accounts to be finalised by the end of Term 3. If you wish to set up a payment arrangement please download the direct debit (cheque or savings account) or credit authority form (see the links below) and submit to the office.

### 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.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Last week the Scholastic Book Club catalogue was distributed through your child's classroom. 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.

Please help support the Schoalstic Bookclub. For all orders made the school receives an allocated amount to spend on books for our library.



## 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/>

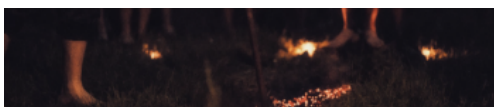
Ash Wednesday marked the commencement of Lent, a time to reflect on the events leading up to Easter and the death and resurrection of Christ. It is also the start of Project Compassion, an annual fundraising period coordinated by Caritas. As in previous years, the focus of the fundraising is for projects 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.



# Why create Rites of Passage?

At some stage all of our children will become young adults. Having worked for nearly 20 years as an Emergency Medicine Doctor I know that the event that marks this critical transition can be anywhere from a joyous and positive family celebration to a disastrous and damaging episode from which they may never fully recover.

Indigenous and traditional communities have for thousands of years created ceremonies to support major life transitions, the most important of which is the entry into young adulthood. Unfortunately, we have abandoned this custom and instead allow our kids to create their own Rites of Passage through excessive alcohol, schoolies, losing their virginity and many other inappropriate high risk episodes that can include car accidents, drug overdoses or self-harm.

With a rise in Youth Mental Health issues and a desire by more and more parents to protect and support the mental health of children there has been a huge increase in the number of families and schools looking at ways to bring back healthy Rites of Passage.

What kids need.

The benefits of healthy and properly run Rites of Passage should include:

- Having a strong sense of Belonging
- Feeling Safe and Supported
- Gaining critical 21st Century Life Skills including Resilience and Emotional Intelligence
- A clear sense of Self and Purpose
- Healthy Family Relationships

How to create healthy Rites of Passage

The structure of a Rite of Passage is consistent in all communities around the world. However, the way it is presented will differ according to the community in which it takes place. It is possible to use our knowledge of this structure in an appropriate way for our kids in our communities.

A healthy Rite of Passage will first involve creating a set time and a specific place. It may happen on a school camp, a family holiday or at a camp. Importantly there must be a clear intention to set up a process that marks and acknowledges your kid moving to a new stage in their life. Ideally elders from the family and community are present.

The following four elements are key to the success of this process

- 1 Using stories from elders as a way of passing on wisdom and knowledge as well as to build community
- 2 Supporting the kid going through the Rite of Passage to create a vision about what sort of adult they want to become and how they want to live in the future. This includes them naming things they need to let go of in their lives for this to happen.
- 3 Creating a challenge that pushes them beyond their normal boundaries but is safe and appropriate
- 4 Recognising and naming the gifts and talents that we see in this kid.

Finally, it is vital that the family and community recognise that the kid is now a young adult and will be expected to act differently but should also be treated differently and not like they were as a young child.

Here's the critical thing:

Regardless of the age of your child, start NOW to think about what Rites of Passage your child could participate in as they mature to adulthood. Some families take their 16-year-old on a special trip. Others make it a father-son or daddy-daughter camp. Some have church or religious ceremonies. Others rely on cultural traditions. A quick google can offer you some inspiration. But what matters most is how you plan for it, and how you communicate its relevance and importance to your child.

Summary

Healthy Rites of Passage are life changing events and one of the most important and significant gifts you can give your child. They can be seen as a way of building healthy communities to keep kids safe and bring out the best and unique potential that exists within each of them.

AUTHOR

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Dr Arne Rubinstein is an ex Emergency Medicine Doctor who founded The Rites of Passage Institute. He has created life changing programs to support the Wellbeing of Children and their Families around Australia and in 25 countries globally that have been attended by over 350,000 people.

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## 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](mailto:info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)

🌐 <http://sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au>



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**RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESPECT**

# 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](http://kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram)

E: [beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto: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

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## 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.

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# 2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

## Term 1 Monday 30th January-Thursday 6th April 2023

### Week 7

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 Yr 5/6 Leadership Assembly

### 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 Paraliturgy, Holy Thursday - **END OF TERM 3.15pm finish**

Fri 7th April Good Friday

Sun 9th April Easter Sunday

## Term 2

### Week 1

Mon 24th Apr School Closure Day

Tue 25th Apr Anzac Day

Wed 26th Apr First day of Term 2

Thurs 27th Apr Open Day

Week 2

Wed 3rd May Yr 5/6 UPP

Fri 5th May District Cross Country-Cornish