



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 1, Week 8 Thursday 23rd March, 2023

## Yr 5/6 Leadership Assembly



Dear Families,

### **P-6 School Athletics Friday 31st March**

Next Friday we will be holding our P-6 Athletics ports at Edithvale Athletics track. An operoo from came home via email this week to complete your child's permission. We are also looking for helpers on the day. If you are able to help please complete the form on operoo by Monday. Thankyou!

## **School Photos**

School photos will be held on Thursday 30th March. All students must be in full school uniform. Information has come home today 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.

**Please note if families lose their shootkey number they must ring MSP Photography direct and not the school office. MSP phone number is 9115 1642.**

## **Easter Raffle**

Raffle tickets were sent home with the eldest child last week. Ticket butts and money must be returned by next Monday 27th March. Prizes will be collated and wrapped on Monday 3rd April from 8.45am. We will require some helpers to wrap and organise the prizes. If you can spare one hour please let the office know.

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.

## **Teeth on wheels**

Once again we are excited to have Teeth on Wheels visiting our school for a dental visit on the 26/4/2023 (the beginning of term 2)

Below is a link to their E-form which needs to be completed by the 25/4/2023 for your child to participate.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

Teeth on Wheels are focused on providing a positive dental experience and specialise with working with children. They can provide check-up and clean appointments, as well as treatment onsite and will be able to advise you if your child is eligible to receive dental care for FREE under the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

Please complete your form today and the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to confirm and schedule your child's appointment.

## **PEAT (Parent Engagement Action Team)**

Last Monday afternoon we had a small group of parents attend the relaunch of PEAT.

We plan to have monthly catch ups moving forward. A chance to meet and have a chat with new and old parent friends. You will also hear about what is happening at school or a presentation on a topic. Last Monday parents heard about PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) happening in the school.

Here is a copy of the Vision and Mission of PEAT.

Vision statement:

We aim to:

- Create a culture at St Joseph's that maintains and supports all participants' wellbeing and growth
- Inspire and energise all to be active, inclusive and valued members, providing varied opportunities to encourage and support all members of the community

Develop and sustain wellbeing and growth throughout each child's pathway of life

Mission statement:

- Our team is committed to develop collaborative working relationships with teachers, families and other members of the school community to promote students' wellbeing
- To develop a common understanding of the curriculum and connect families with staff, encouraging and empowering them to work together to improve learning outcomes.

We are committed to fostering a sense of belonging to our St Joseph's community.

Why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 1st May at 2pm in the library. Free drink and nibbles as well!

## **2nd hand uniform shop**

The second hand uniform shop is now open on Friday mornings from 8.50-9.05am.

Kindest Regards,

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# Harmony Day

## Celebrating Harmony Day



On Wednesday the 21st of March it was Harmony Day and the FIRE Carriers went around to the classrooms and presented a slideshow to explain what Harmony Day is about. Harmony Day is celebrated every year on 21 March. It celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. Harmony Day is about including, respecting and appreciating the stories, traditions and cultures of all people who call Australia home.



## 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 tomorrow, Friday 24th March to ensure delivery by the end of Term 1.

Please help support the Scholastic 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.

## My child is a bully

No parent wants to hear that their child is a bully. It's awful to think that your child maybe inflicting harm on someone. If you hear that your child is being a bully, resist the temptation to panic or be defensive. Stay composed and begin to gather the facts.

These tips will help:

## **Communicate**

Let your child know that you have heard that they are bullying and that you are concerned about this. Let them know that you are worried about them and want to help. This may take many attempts as your child may feel embarrassed, or unhappy that they've been caught. Remain calm and direct and ensure your child that you want to hear their side of the story. Talking through with your child about their situation can help you understand why the aggression is occurring and help you work out what to do about it. Some children due to their age or mental health may not be able to articulate their thoughts. Consider a visit to a health professional for further assistance.

## **Look ahead**

Once you've gained an understanding of the causes of the bullying look ahead and work through with your child how they may act in future situations. Help them understand how their behaviour may have impacted on the other child, and what it would be like if they received that behaviour.

## **Reflect**

Children often copy the behaviours they experience so take the time to reflect on the relationship skills that your child may be witnessing at home. If family members yell, hit or put each other down then look for ways to foster a positive family culture based on kindness, respect and empathy.

## **Use consequences**

Consequences for bullying can be useful if they are related to the behaviour and reasonable in nature. For instance, it's reasonable for a teenager involved in cyber-bullying behaviour to lose their Internet access and phone use privileges as they've failed to stick to the expectations laid down about responsible use. The length of time for loss of privileges depends on the severity of the issue and your child's attitude. As a rule of thumb lengthy loss of privileges can be ineffective as kids cease to care when they're too long.

## **Restore relationships**

'How will you fix this?' is something a child who bullies needs to hear. Discuss with your child how they will make some restitution to the child or young person they've hurt, whether it's through a written apology, playing a game with a child who they've excluded or apologising to a child whom they humiliated in front of their peers.

## **Monitor the situation**

Your child's bullying may be a one-off event, however stay mindful of your child's behaviour, their state of mind and the way they continue to relate to others. Let your child know that you want to help them be happy, to enjoy positive friendships and relate well to others. Bullying is an emotive term that leaves most of us shaken when we hear it. It helps to think of bullying as being a behaviour resulting from poor decision-making or poor communication skills rather than as a reflection on your child. The latter is hard to change, however the former is always up for change and improvement.



# 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>



*Always Faithful*

**SAFETY**

**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.

[Download](#)



# 2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

### Week 8

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

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

### Week 9

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 (Edithvale Athletics track)

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  
Teeth on wheels

Thurs 27th Apr Open Day

Fri 28th Apr Teeth on Wheels

Yr 3-6 Cross Country Bicentennial Park

### Week 2

Mon 1st May Teeth on Wheels

2pm PEAT meeting ALL WELCOME for a cuppa.

Wed 3rd May Yr 5/6 UPP

Fri 5th May District Cross Country-Cornish