



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 2, Week 2 Thursday 4th May, 2023

Year 6 Shrine of Remembrance Excursion



Dear Families,

Information regarding the Year 4's First Communion was sent out on Operoo. Parents will be able to indicate which service they will be attending over the weekend of Friday 2nd June and Saturday 3rd June. There will be two information nights for the parents and children, to be held next Thursday 11th May and Thursday 25th May at 7pm. We still have a few families who have not chosen a Mass or indicated which Sacrament night you will be attending. We urge all families to please check on Operoo urgently.

We will be having our Mother's Day stall on Thursday 11th May. **Four parent helpers are required. At this stage we have one parent helper. If you are available please contact the office.**

The annual AGM of the School Advisory Committee will be held at 6.15pm on Wednesday 17th May in the library, followed by a 7pm 100th Anniversary meeting.

On 29th July 2024 St Joseph's will be officially 100 years old. We are looking for ideas and volunteers to help co-ordinate a celebration. If you are an old student of St Joseph's and have any ideas please come along.

School hats

School hats are no longer required to be worn by your child whilst outside until 1st September. We do have a supply of warm beanies available at the office for \$10.00.

Covid Tests

Please come in and collect covid tests if you require some. We have them at the office. Please continue to test your child if they are not feeling well. As always we encourage families to keep their child home if not well.

Class Help

If there are any parents in P-2 who have not done the parent helpers course but would like to help out in class please let the office know. We may run a catch up session if there is interest.

Kindest Regards,

Gavan



School Advisory Council Annual General Meeting

Are you interested in finding out more about your child's school?

Are you interested in having input into the future direction of St Joseph's?

Click the link to find out more and come along to the AGM on Wednesday 17th May at 6.15pm in the library.

[Download](#)

St Joseph's School Chelsea will be 100 years old on 29th July 2024

A Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7pm in the school Library.**

Do you know any Past Students?
Do you have any ideas of how we can celebrate the anniversary?

Come along and help brainstorm any ideas.
Contact the school 8773 1111 or email info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

Spread the word.

Here is a photo from 1956 of the Woodbine Grove classrooms

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, 1956



Facing Woodbine Grove



Facing school yard

Celebrating First Nations

<https://mcclelland.org.au/events/celebrating-first-nations-at-mcclelland>

FIRE Carrier News



The community of St Joseph's Chelsea is committed to developing ways we can promote Reconciliation in our school and wider environment. We recognise that we stand on the sacred land of the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation. We recognise the sacred space and culture of Aboriginal people and their spiritual connections to the land and their beliefs. We aim to work together to help reconcile the wrongs that have been done in the past and build on our understanding of Indigenous culture for future generations. Our FIRE (Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education) Carrier student leaders would like to promote this upcoming event ([see link attached](#)) and also welcome you to the Mass advertised below that is being led by our students and those within our cluster of local Catholic schools who support this initiative.




Celebrating First Nations at McClelland

Live Performances
Guest Speakers
Market Stalls
Funky Farm
Free Sausage Sizzle

Free Entry

Sponsored by ServiceStream

Sunday 7 May 2023
12-5pm



Reconciliation Week Mass | Sunday 28th May @ 10a.m

The Bunurong Catholic School cluster warmly invite you to participate in our first combined schools mass.

This will be a hope-filled celebration as we pray together for healing and new beginnings in our nation.

Venue: St John's Catholic Church, Coral Street, East Frankston (parking in school grounds via Jayne Street)

Family School Partnerships
Bunurong Schools

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE
ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST AGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST FRANCIS BASSER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST JURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 5/6 Art with Mrs Egan



Mother's Day

St Joseph's Mother's Day 2023

This year we have some great presents for Mother's Day for your child to purchase for their mother/grandmother or special person if they would like to.

Each gift will cost \$6.00. Please send your child with correct money of \$6 on Thursday 11th May. There is no change available from the office.

There will be 6 items of each present available to every class of the following:

Snack on the Go



All gifts



Make up/Jewellery Bag



Notebook and Pen



Eco Travel Mug



Hand Cream and Lip Gloss



Children must have a couple of presents in mind as they may not get their first choice. They may be able to buy more than one if there are leftover presents.

We are looking for 6 parents to help co-ordinate the stall. If you are available from 8.50am-11am please email info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au or pop into the office and let us know. Thank you.

PEAT (Parent Engagement Action Team)

PEAT meets monthly, all parents are welcome. This gives our families 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. At the last meeting 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:

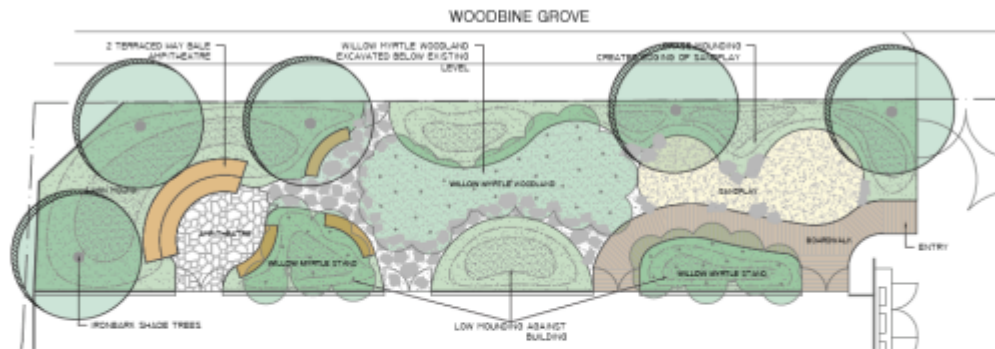
- Our team is committed to develop collaborative working relationships with teachers, families and other members of the school community to promote students' wellbeing
- To develop a common understanding of the curriculum and connect families with staff, encouraging and empowering them to work together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

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

Last Monday we only had a couple of parents come along but we had a very good discussion around ideas to redevelop the Woodbine playground area. We are looking for ideas and people with an interest in landscaping. If you have any ideas please email info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au or come along to the next PEAT meeting on Monday 5th June at 2pm.

Ten years ago when we redeveloped the sustainable garden area we did a plan for Woodbine. See below.

Woodbine Grove



The **Willow Garden** contains a sandpit, woodland and amphitheatre area. The amphitheatre, made from rendered hay bales, is situated outside the library, providing the opportunity for outdoor reading classes in the warmer months. A lawn mound and Ironbark shade trees cut the space off from the busy surrounding roads. The willow myrtle woodland is a canopy of densely planted Willow Myrtles which provide a forested grove in which to run through and sit under. An organic shaped sand pit creates another opportunity for sand play with a board walk running along one side of its length. The boardwalk delineates the major access path through the site, while also creating a seat for children using the sand pit.

ST JOSEPH'S POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING

"Always Faithful"



Positive Behaviours for Learning

During the recent PEAT meeting, we had a conversation with our families about Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) at St Joseph's and the impact it has had on our students' learning and wellbeing. We unpacked our three core expectations: Safety, Respect and Responsibility and the associated behaviours. Parents were keen to know more about the tokens that are distributed across P-6. All staff can distribute these to students in all areas of learning.

PBL Tokens:

- establish a system which helps staff to recognise students for their efforts and achievement
- develop a relationship through an exchange with the staff member and student
- shape or change behaviour
- allow students to know when they are 'getting it right'
- are given to students and specific feedback is provided on the behaviour/expectation that they have demonstrated

Students are now collecting their tokens which may work towards a reward. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like to know more.



Setting Boundaries with Teens



Establishing rules and boundaries with teens might often feel like a losing battle. Sometimes using words like 'rules' and 'discipline' can cause conflict between parents and teens.

Instead, try creating 'agreements' with your teenager which leaves some room for negotiation and for you all to agree on.

When your teenager helps make these agreements, they are more likely to follow them. In fact, they might even suggest stricter consequences than you would! By involving your teen, you are showing them that you trust them and respect their growing independence. This helps build trust and respect between the two of you. Creating agreements also teaches your teenager self-discipline and gives them the chance to prove they can be responsible.

KEY TIPS:

1. Negotiate agreements according to the age of each child. As they get older, demonstrate that you are listening to and appreciating their growing need for more independence.
2. Be firm, fair, and consistent in applying agreements and consequences once agreements have been established.
3. Generously praise responsible behaviour: Let them know you are proud of the way they are honouring the family agreements and showing maturity.

Acknowledgement: The Fathering Project. April 2023



Dad's footy match vs St Louis

Hi everyone,

On behalf of the local communities Dads Football Group, I would like to introduce myself to the St Joseph's community and inform everyone that we are undertaking regular Wednesday (fortnightly) training sessions at the Chelsea Football Club, Beardsworth Avenue, Chelsea 6:00

PM. The training is in preparation for our annual game of football (AFL) where the dads from St Joseph's (Chelsea) play the dads from St Louis (Aspendale) which is generally played around late August (official date is yet to be confirmed). This is the 6th year running since its inception and provides us an opportunity to unite our community by making new friends and strengthening old friendships.

This game has heavily modified rules to suit our experienced bodies such as no tackling, 4 x 12-minute quarters and random penalties for those that take themselves too seriously. We have various ranges of age groups that participate (from 30-57 years old) and differing fitness levels. There are players that have never played football before to dads that have played their whole lives (everyone is welcome). There are also many other non-playing roles which we need volunteers for, so please join our group if you want to get involved.

All dads are welcome to come and play, all they need to do is reach out to myself (Patrick Donnellan 0438 757 850) and we can get you into the 'WhatsApp' group so that you are up to date with various training sessions and events throughout the year.

This fantastic group of men live and breathe the ethos of Wellbeing and Mental Health and they demonstrate this belief by the welcoming and supportive group they have cultivated. So, if you are looking to improve your mental Health and Wellbeing and are keen to strengthen your local community please reach out and get involved, I promise you will have FUN!!!

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Look forward to seeing you soon.



Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Bookclub issue 3 is now available. The catalogue was sent home last week with the eldest child. Orders are placed ONLINE only through the Scholastic website (please do not send paperwork and money to the school).

All orders are due by Thursday 11th May. Once the orders have been processed by Scholastic the books will be sent to the school and distributed to your child.

Please support Scholastic Books as we receive a generous donation from them each time an order is placed. We are able to replenish some of our library books through this program.

School Fees

Fee statements are emailed each month to your nominated email address. If you have not received your statement please contact the office. 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.

Knowledge is Power hosted by JPC

<https://www.jpc.vic.edu.au/home/news-item-mosaic/1189-parent-information-session-knowledge-is-power>

Knowledge is Power - Parent Information Session, hosted by Alumni and past College Captain, Alicia Goldsworthy. Held on Tuesday 16th May, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, John Paul College.

This session will focus on the use of social media and associated dangers amongst young people. It will provide education for parents on the importance of maintaining a balance, implementing boundaries, respecting others online, and ensuring you maintain a positive social footprint. This event is for parents and carers only. Please share this event with your school community.

Registration is essential via the link above.

Prep 2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child starting school in 2024? Please read the attached flyer and let the office know as soon as possible. If you don't have an application form please contact the office and submit your child's enrolment form as soon as possible.

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](#)

TO ALL PARENTS
AND CARERS OF
ST JOSEPH'S
SCHOOL

FREE Beast Fit classes
for the month of
May
Monday to Friday
9.30 am session only

19/263-271 Wells Road
Chelsea Heights

Don't miss out
www.beaustustralia.com.au

BEAST GYM

2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

Term 2 Wednesday 26th April - Friday 23rd June, 2023

TERM 2

Week 2

Fri 5th May District Cross Country-Cornish, No Assembly

Week 3 National Families Week

Thur 11th May 9.30am Fire Carriers Ceremony, Mothers Day stall 9-11 Holy Communion 1st meeting 7pm -parent and child

Sun 11th May Happy Mother's Day

Fri 12th May Yr 5/6 Sport vs. Chelsea Heights, 2.30pm Assembly Marine Ambassadors to speak

Week 4

Wed 17th May Maths Whiz Session 3, 6.15pm AGM SACS, 7.00pm 100th Anniversary Meeting

Fri 19th May Big Green Conference, Yr 5/6 sport vs Patterson Lakes, No Assembly, Walk safely to school day - 8am walk from Bicentennial Park to school.

Week 5

Thur 25th May Junior Mayor, 1pm Mass, Eucharist 2nd meeting 7pm

Fri 26th May Yr 5/6 Sport vs Chelsea, Yr 1/2 Assembly 2.30pm

Sat 27th May Working Bee 8-11am

Week 6 National Reconciliation Week

Wed 31st May Yr 5 Transition Day JPC, Yr 4 Reconciliation 9.30am, 1pm Maths Whizz, 7pm Raising Kids in a Digital World parent session

Thur 1st June Yr 4 Reconciliation 9.30am

Fri 2nd June Yr 5/6 Sport vs Aspendale Gardens, Yr 3/4 Assembly 2.30pm, Holy Communion 6pm

Sat 3rd June Holy Communion 4pm & 6pm

