



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 2, Week 4 Thursday 18th May, 2023

## Ken Done inspired Yr 3/4 Art



Dear Families,

### **100 Year Anniversary of St Josephs School**

**Last week we did not have any attendees for the meeting to help decide on ideas for our 100 year celebration. Students will celebrate with activities at school. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of a group to float ideas please email [info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)**

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 contact the office.

## 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



# Raising kids in a Digital World

**At this stage we only have 5 people registered. It would be a shame to cancel. If you have thought about attending please register on the link below. This is a great and informative night.**

**Have you registered?** This is a free event. Bring a friend-adults only.

Come along to our Parent and Carer night on Wednesday 31st May at 7.00pm for a 90 minute presentation from Martin and Carly. See the flyer attached and click to register.

Inform & Empower Digital Safety & Wellbeing will focus on social media, online gaming, managing devices, cyberbullying, screen time and more. This is a great presentation to be a part of. Please register below and there is also a quick video to watch.

Register here

Video link

## PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility. Adults at school must listen and respond to all concerns about child abuse. If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



# Child Safety and Wellbeing

St Joseph's, Chelsea is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and young people and will take active steps to protect them against abuse. St Joseph's is resolutely committed to promoting the inherent dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with disabilities.

When allegations of abuse concerning children and young people are raised, St Joseph's will take prompt action to have these appropriately referred and investigated. The fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety and identifying and responding to child harm are paramount for our school. We will strive for continual improvement that is responsive to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the possibility of abuse occurring in the first place.

Creating a child safe school environment is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by the school, our families and our community. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum and practices.

Every person involved at St Joseph's has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people are at the forefront of all we do and every decision we make.

In accordance with requirements of the Victorian Government's Ministerial Order No 1359, St Joseph's, Chelsea maintains a culture of 'no tolerance' to child abuse.

You will find our policies and procedures related to the eleven standards on our website. We welcome and encourage continued discussion and collaboration from our families to support the young people in our care.



## Bunarong Cluster FIRE Carriers Commissioning Ceremony

On Thursday 11th of May. The FIRE Carriers went to St Augustine's to participate in learning activities about our First Nations people. Two of our FIRE Carriers, Amelie and Jacinta created an Aboriginal style painting which will be used to decorate the altar for the Reconciliation Week Mass at St John's on Sunday 28th May

Chloe M 5/6 E

The FIRE carriers got to participate in many activities throughout the day such as hopscotch. We created a game like the indigenous people used to play. We also got to make ceramics, colour in the words heart and voice, while we listened to a book and my favourite we got to make bouquets with some indigenous plants. Overall, it was a very fun day and we learnt a lot

Camille D 5/6 BC

Last week the FIRE Carriers had the opportunity to learn about the traditions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We had a traditional ceremony where you get blessed with the smoke of the native plants. This part of the ceremony was about forgetting all the bad thoughts

and cleansing. In this ceremony, we learned information about the Aboriginal brothers that came to the school. They told us what their background was like and some other interesting information about their culture. After the ceremony, we went to all different classes and participated in a variety of learning experiences. We coloured in and decorated the words, 'heart' and 'voice'. These represented the voice in the heart of the people we learned about from a picture storybook. We also made pottery and used the colours of the Aboriginal flag. We even got to draw hopscotch with symbols that our First Nation people use. After that, our last activity was to make a plant and flower bouquet. We made them with native plants originating from Australia. One of the plants was lemon myrtle. It smelt like lemonade. We learnt so much about First Nations culture. It was a great experience.

Ruby C 5/6 BC

I really liked the day. I think it was a great opportunity for us to learn about different things related to our First Nations culture. It inspires us to now do this at our school for the younger grades. My favourite activity was clay making.

Gabrijela R 5/6BC

On Thursday 11th of May our school FIRE carriers attended a wonderful ceremony. The day was filled with laughter, fun and games. Two selected students, Jacinta and Amile spent the day creating an altar cloth. The final result looked beautiful!

Olivia F 5/6 BC

## FIRE Carrier Update



Please find attached an invitation for ALL St Joseph's families. We would love to see you at this special Mass to acknowledge Reconciliation Week.

Thank you,

Year 5/6 FIRE Carriers and the staff at St Joseph's



## Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and St Joseph's Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers.

Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

## **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:

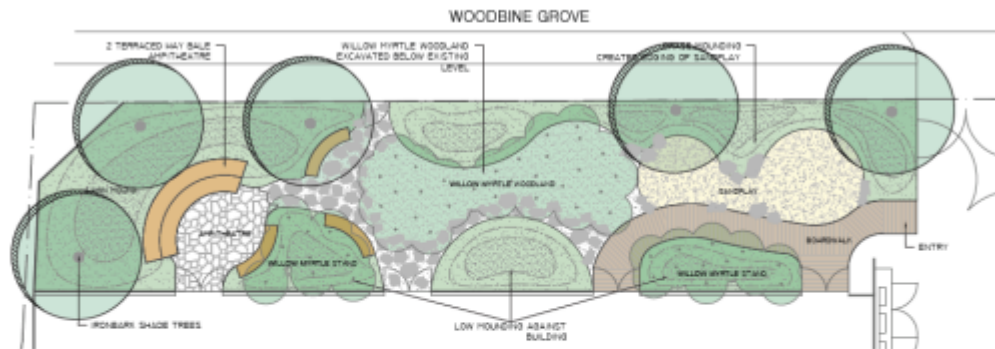
- Our team is committed to develop collaborative working relationships with teachers, families and other members of the school community to promote students' wellbeing
- To develop a common understanding of the curriculum and connect families with staff, encouraging and empowering them to work together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

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

**On May 1st 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](mailto: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.



## 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.

## School Fees

**Fee statements have been emailed today. If no arrangements are in place and you are paying the 2nd instalment this will be due on 25th May.**

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.

## Prep 2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child starting school in 2024? 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](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

[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](#)

## 2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

### **TERM 2**

#### **Week 5**

Thur 25th May Junior Mayor, whole school Mass Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians 1pm,  
Eucharist 2nd meeting 7pm

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

#### **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

### **Week 7**

Mon 5th June PEAT meeting in Library 2pm

Thurs 8th June Yr 1/2 Museum excursion, Yr 5/6 History Box incursion

Fri 9th June Yr 5/6 Sport vs Aspendale, Prep Assembly 2.30pm

### **Week 8**

Mon 12th June SCHOOL CLOSURE Kings Birthday public holiday

Tues 13th June Marine Ambassadors Day

Wed 14th Maths Whizz

Fri 16th Yr 5/6 Lightning Premiership, World of Learning visiting Preps, No Assembly

### **Week 9**

Mon 19th Learning Conferences 2pm

Tues 20th Learning Conferences 2pm

Wed 21st Learning Conferences 2pm, Yr 7 2024 St Bedes Parent Evening 7pm

Thur 22nd Votive Mass Sacred Heart 1pm, Learning Conferences 3.30pm

Fri 23rd End of term 2 - 1pm