



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 2, Week 7 Thursday 8th June, 2023

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their Eucharist



Last weekend the Year 4 students celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Over three Masses the children, together with their families, took up the invitation to share in the life of Jesus through the blessed eucharist. This joyful celebration is another step in their faith journey as they grow in their relationship with Jesus at the heart. Congratulations to all our first communion candidates on your prayerful and reverent participation in this sacrament and thank you to the parents and 3/4 teachers for your support in the preparation of our children. Special thanks to Kelly Riddle in preparing the families.

Dear Families,

Inform & Empower Resources

Marty and Carly have kindly shared access to a number of great resources and have made a video of the content delivered last week to all families for the next 3 weeks. I highly recommend that you watch this video. Please do not share it to social media. The password to access the video is may2023 - check out all the other resources they have in the toolkit as well.

Open Letter to Parents of Primary School Children

A copy of the recording is included in the link below:

Parent Cybersafety Resources Password for the video is "may2023"

100 Year Anniversary of St Josephs School

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

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.

2nd hand uniform shop

We have really good quality summer dresses, now selling for \$2 each. Most sizes are small, but if you are looking for a bargain come in and have a look. The uniform shop is open Friday mornings from 8.50am.

Kindest Regards,

Gavan



St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Next Friday 16th of June, is the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. As a school we will celebrate a votive mass in recognition of this important feast day on

Thursday 22nd June in the last week of school at 1pm, families are welcome to join us.

The feast of the Sacred Heart is about celebrating the goodness, kindness and compassion that was at the heart of Jesus' ministry. This is what Jesus says to us on this feast day: *"I am holding you in my heart. I love you and care for you deeply. Go now and be my heart for others for this has the power to change lives"*. A way to celebrate this feast day is to give recognition to the many acts of kindness and goodness that we see around us each day. It is in the daily actions of life that people give witness to the compassionate face and heart of Jesus. Each year the St Joseph's School community come together and support the **St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal** and fill baskets with non-perishable food items for the needy families in our local community. With our donations, the volunteers at St Vincent de Paul are able to put together some much needed food packs and deliver them to local families in need. Each classroom will have a basket and over the next two weeks we are encouraging all children and families to bring in an item or two and fill our baskets high! Our generosity, care and love will be very much appreciated.



Canteen News

Starting 15/6/2023 - TOASTIE THURSDAYS

Cheese Toastie plus drink of choice \$5.00 only.

Winter special for Thursdays only

Gluten Free bread available for an extra 50c

School Interviews Online: Code 32yjk

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

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Please click on the link above to book your child's learning conference time.

BOOKINGS OPEN AT 7.30AM FRIDAY 9TH JUNE.



Book School Interviews Online



Dear Parents

Learning Conferences for St Joseph's Primary School Chelsea will be held over 4 days on **Mon 19th June, Tue 20th June, Wed 21st June and Thursday 22nd June**. You can book your conference at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST** from Friday 9th June. Once you have booked your time you will receive a booking confirmation. We ask all interviews to be with your child in person. However, there is an option to join in online click on the video link at the booked time and your teacher will let you in when they are ready.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Friday 9th June

BOOKINGS CLOSE Monday 19th June at 1pm



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Go

Go To:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, computer kiosks will be available at Reception from Friday 9th June onwards, so that parents can still make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 8773 1111. Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their Learning Conference bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their conference times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 8773 1111

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.



Weekly Senior Sports Report

On Friday 2nd June we played sport against Aspendale Gardens. They were really good opponents and we had to work hard and play well.

Netball

Our two netball teams had a great time and tried their best. We all played tough matches and the games were very close and quite intense.

The final scores were:

Gr6 Team - St Joseph's 15 Aspendale Gardens 15

Gr5 Mixed Team - St Joseph's 22 Aspendale Gardens 16

Thanks to Ms Coletti, Grace and Jane J. for coaching and umpiring and to Zully M for supporting us.

AFL

Our match was tough on the wet ground but we overcame this obstacle.

The final scores were:

St Joseph's 80 Aspendale Gardens 20

Thanks to Mr Edkins and Heath D for umpiring and coaching. And to Jo D and Kath O'D for coming along and supporting us.

Tball

Our two Tball teams did an amazing job and demonstrated such excellent sportsmanship. Aspendale Gardens showed great fielding and our batting was fantastic leading the scores to be:

Gr5 St Joseph's 21 to Aspendale Gardens 18

Gr 6 St Joseph's 24 to Aspendale Gardens 10

Thanks to Mrs Lynch and Natalie H for coaching and supporting us.

Soccer

Both teams played their matches with great determination and comradery. The girls' team played extremely well winning their match 7 to 1. The boys' team played an extremely difficult game drawing with a score of 0 - 0.

A big thanks to Sonya B for helping to supervise the girls and to Mr Fernandes for coaching.



Division Cross Country

On Tuesday 30 May four of our students represented St Joseph's at the Kingston Division Cross Country. They did a fantastic job on the wet course and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

Their final placings were:

Lulu W - 10th

Maddi H - 34th

Lenny I - 15th

Marli W - 20th

Congratulations to our four superstars on their awesome achievements. Good luck to Lulu W who made it through to the next round. Lulu will be competing in the SSVS Southern Metro Regional Cross Country next Wednesday 14 June and we wish her all the best on the tricky course.

Ms Coletti

Last week we competed in the Kingston Division Cross Country. We are very proud of how we went and want to thank all our parents who got us there, warmed us up

before the race and got us Maccas on the way home. Also thanks to all the people on the track who helped us go the right way.

Lulu W and Maddi H



Consent Conversations with Kids

Understanding consent as a concept is essential to everyday life and relationships for people of all ages - and it often has nothing to do with sexual intimacy. Consent exists in every interpersonal context, like in the playground as kids learn to negotiate mutually enjoyable games to play, respecting others' boundaries or managing disappointment when someone says no.

Consent education encourages children to think about what makes for respectful attitudes and behaviour. We can - and need to - create a positive consent culture where children and young people immediately think to ask: "Is everyone safe? Is this a safe space for others? Do I feel safe?"

The topic of teaching consent to children sometimes raises concerns. Parents want to know when it is appropriate. Age-appropriate consent education often has little to do with 'sex', especially for younger kids. It's actually teaching fundamental decision-making skills that will serve them well in their lifetime journey into adulthood.

Parents/carers play a key role in teaching children about consent. It is a critical responsibility to build this knowledge and these skills early.

Some examples of consent education by parents/carers at different ages:

1 - 5 years old: Body safety and naming body parts

Learning about body safety needs to happen at a very young age. Everyone has the right to body autonomy and should be able to develop the tools to verbalise their boundaries and feel safe. Body safety information results in kids having the power and knowledge to know who is allowed to touch their body and strategies to respond when boundaries are not listened to. I.e., “stop it I don’t like it”

But consent is also about understanding ‘yes’ and ‘no’. Hugs, tickles, kisses, and so on all fall under the consent umbrella.

5 - 8 years old: Communication skills

Consent means our children learn how to negotiate an activity that everyone will enjoy. You can also teach children the importance of how to pay attention to verbal and non-verbal cues e.g., being aware if someone seems uncomfortable when they ask to play with them or if the other person suddenly doesn’t look like they are having fun in a shared game. You can talk to your kids about how to deal with their disappointment when a friend says no.

8 - 13 years old: Mutuality and negotiation

Consent means “permission” which involves both/all people. We need to highlight that the person who suggests doing something should take equal responsibility for a yes, not just the person they are asking being required to take responsibility/be the gatekeeper for the no or yes. This teaches mutually pleasurable/enjoyable experiences by emphasising the importance of suggesting something that everyone is likely to enjoy.

For example in, Kit and Arlo Find A Way a group of friends are planning to watch a movie. Most of the group want to watch a horror movie but they all know one person in the group gets really scared watching those movies. The friends should think about whether that person will feel

pressured to watch that movie because everyone else wants to. The friends should think about whether they should even suggest it in the first place, since they know that person won't want to say yes. They should all consider what type of movie everyone would want to watch so that everyone enjoys the experience.

14 - 18 years old: Feeling safe to withdraw consent

The ability to withdraw consent and feel safe to do so, is essential. We all need the courage, skills and sense of self to be able to say that we have changed our mind. We also need to learn how to provide a safe space for others to do so to reduce or eliminate the social cost of a refusal. It's vitally important to recognise that females have been conditioned to be caregivers; polite and agreeable. They've historically been taught to be nice and not hurt other's feelings. Communicating what they want and don't want can be hard for some who might lack confidence, vocabulary, and/or power to speak up about how they feel.

Consent is not just a single 'yes' that can't be taken back. People can change their minds. Young people need to be taught how to check in with one another to see if everyone is still having a good time. If someone changes their mind, that should be respected. Checking in is a communication skill everyone needs and must value. The result is enjoyment, safety, and wellbeing for everyone.

Final thoughts

Parents/carers play an essential role in shaping their children's understanding of consent. Research shows that conversations about consent at early ages impacts the skills and behaviour children need as they grow up. Teaching topics like body boundaries and empathy is empowering, offering kids the words and confidence to

stand up for themselves and others. Let's start talking to our kids about consent today and set them up for healthy, safe, respectful relationships in the future.

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Vanessa Hamilton is a sexuality, respectful relationships, and consent educator. Founder of Talking The Talk Healthy Sexuality Education, she is also an author, speaker, and writer with over 25 year's experience as a Sexual Health Nurse and 18 years as an educator. Her most important role is mum to three teens.



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>



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.

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.

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

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

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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.

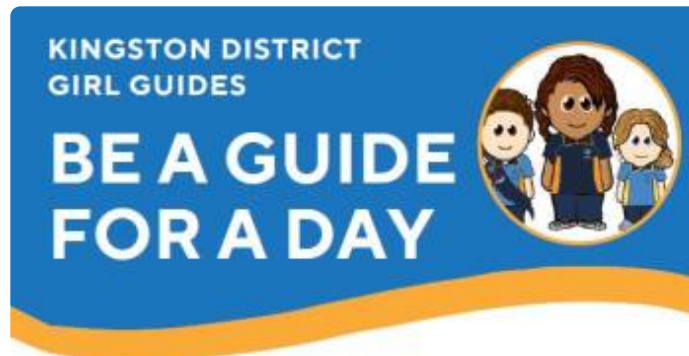
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PSW Uniform Shop Price List

Please find a uniform list attached.

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HEY GIRLS!

Come & try something new: "Be A Guide For A Day" in the next school holidays .

WHAT WE DO?

A fun filled day participating in activities centred around guiding, Games, craft, outdoor cooking, patrol activities & making new friends. A fun & exciting way to enjoy guiding.

WHO

Girls aged 6 years to 12+ years

WHEN

Wednesday 28th June 2023
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

WHERE

Carrum Community Guide Hall
cnr Walker & Dyson Roads
Carrum

COST

2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

TERM 2

Week 7

Thurs 8th June Yr 1/2 Museum excursion, Yr 5/6 History Box incursion, 2pm parent helper in the P-6 classroom in Library

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, Review Day 1

Wed 14th Maths Whiz

Thurs 15th Review Day 2

Fri 16th Yr 5/6 Lightning Premiership, Semester One Reports emailed, 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

Term 3 Monday 10th July - Friday 15th September, 2023