



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 3, Week 1 Thursday 13th July, 2023

Come along to tonight's Concert at 6.30-7.30pm in the school hall....



The children had a great day preparing for tonight's concert

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope you all have been able to keep well during these cold days. Over the holidays some extra bike racks were installed with special thanks to the Church family who organised this for the school. We can now fit extra bikes into the area.

We have a busy term ahead with Andrew Chinn kicking off the term today and tonight, Book Week celebrations, Years 3-6 Science Week, Prep 100 days, Sex Ed night for Year 3-6 parents and children, Art Show and the Sacrament of Confirmation all happening later in the term.

Canteen

Due to the Athletic Trials tomorrow there will no lunch orders available for Years 3-6. Lunch orders will be available for Prep - 2 only.

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.

Kindest Regards,

Gavan



Congratulations Nathan M.

Nathan competed in the state championships cross country relays under 9 boys 3x1km and his team finished first making them the state champions. This was a great recognition and reward for Nathan for his dedication and passion for running.



Sex Ed 4 Schools

Attached is some important information around our upcoming information sessions around Sexuality Education, which will be held in the hall on Monday 7th August. Please select the best session/s for your child. Please reply on Operoo to help support us with numbers, as seating is limited. If required, we will try and book Cath for another evening. Please note the following times/suggestions:

Session #1 - 6:00 pm -7:00 pm (usually for Years 3-6)

Session #2 - 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm (usually for Years 5-6)

Parents/carers know their children best. You are best placed to make a decision where your child may be at, with their development around these concepts.

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Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club issue 5 has been sent home with your child today. All orders must be placed online using your credit card. Orders close Friday 28th July.

What Happens When You Use Your Phone Around Your Kids

When it comes to parenting in the digital age, it's crucial for parents to be aware of their smartphone usage around their kids. Studies have shown that the more often parents are engrossed in their smartphones in front of their children, the lower their children's emotional intelligence can be.



Emotional intelligence refers to the ability to recognize, understand, and manage one's own emotions. It is an important skill that can be developed and varies from person to person. Research conducted by Robin Nabi, a professor of communication at UC Santa Barbara, focused on how different forms of media use impact children's emotional intelligence.

The study involved 400 parents of children aged five to twelve. Parents were asked to assess their children's emotional awareness, control, and concern for others. They also reported their own media use, including television, computers, game consoles, tablets, and smartphones. Additionally, parents recorded the frequency of their children's engagement in activities such as reading, listening to music, and outdoor and indoor play.

The findings revealed that the only factor associated with lower child emotional intelligence was parental use of cell phones in the presence of their children. This means that when parents were absorbed in their smartphones while their children sought their attention, it had a negative impact on their children's emotional intelligence.

The key takeaway for parents is to be more mindful of their smartphone usage when around their children. The message conveyed to children by where parents' eyes are focused is significant and shapes what children perceive as important. Being present and engaged with your children is crucial for their emotional development.

On a positive note, the study reinforced the timeless advice for parents to stay involved with their children. In the digital age, this involves monitoring and guiding their social media content, ensuring a healthy and balanced digital experience.

Acknowledgement: Keith Hamm | Greater Good Magazine
June 2, 2023

- Full Article: What Happens When You Use Your Phone Around Your Kids



Canteen News

TOASTIE THURSDAYS

Cheese Toastie plus drink of choice \$5.00 only.

Winter special for Thursdays only

Gluten Free bread available for an extra 50c

Playday

On Thursday the 22nd of June, the Year 5/6 PLAY leaders participated in an all day professional development session with Scott and Sally from Resilient Youth.

Throughout the day, each one of us got to partake in fun-filled games and activities designed to help develop a range of skills including: coordination, communication and social tolerance.

Both Scott and Sally walked us through how these games should be run and all the equipment needed. We had so much fun!

We were required to work in teams to decide which games we would like to run and the duration we would like them to run. This was a big highlight of the day! After a day filled with learning, we felt ready to run the games with the younger students. When we asked the students what they thought, they all yelled "It was so FUN!!"

Yrs 5/6 Play Leaders





NCCD Information Sheet for Parents

Please download this article and have a read of the information for Parents, Carers and Guardians.

[Download](#)



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

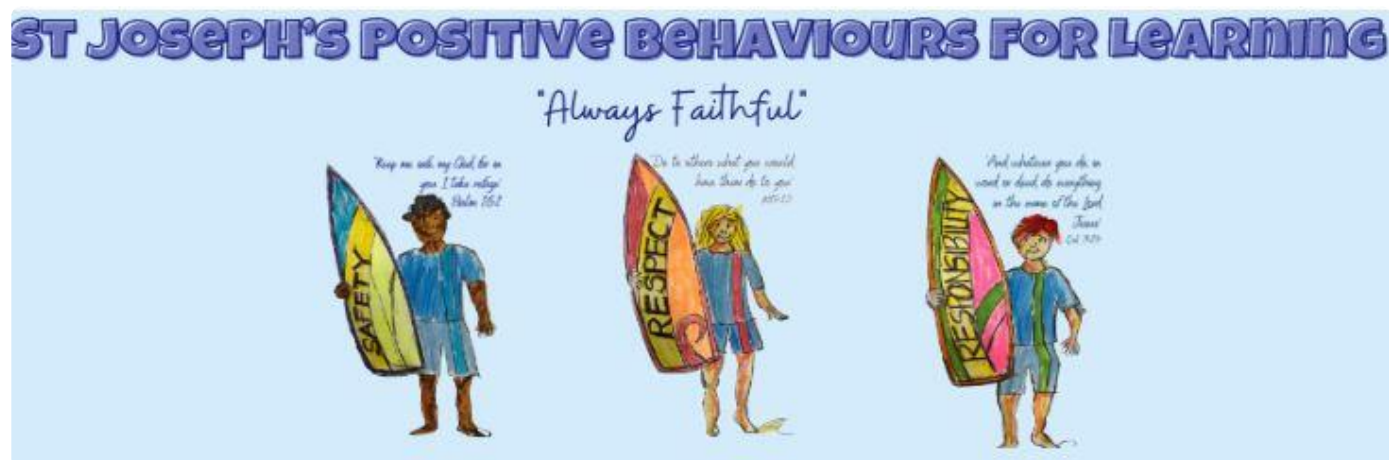
The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

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.

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

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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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Community News



Discover Kilbreda College

At Kilbreda College, 'Strength and Kindness', together with our values of Compassion, Courage, Hope, Hospitality, Justice and Wonder, underpin every aspect of college life. We celebrate and value the experiences of our students as they establish individual identities within our community and we provide them with a strong sense of self-belief and integrity.

With an innovative curriculum and extensive co-curricular offering, we are committed to ensuring that each student is truly known, challenged and supported socially, academically, emotionally and spiritually.

We encourage you to find out more about our College at an upcoming tour. **Applications for Year 7, 2025 close Friday 18 August** and can be submitted online via kilbreda.vic.edu.au

2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

Week 1

Thur 13th July Family Concert with Andrew Chinn 6.30-7.30pm St Joseph's Hall

Fri 14th Yrs 3-6 Athletics Trials at Edithvale Track

Week 2

Thur 20th July Yr 1/2 Science Day

Fri 21st July 2.30pm Assembly Yr 1/2

Week 3

Thur 27th July Prep 100 days

Fri 28th July 2.30pm Assembly Prep

Week 5

Mon 7th Aug Sex Ed 4 Schools night 6pm & 7.15pm

Thu 10th Aug 1pm Votive Mass Mary of the Cross

Sat 12th Aug 8am Working Bee

Week 7

Bookweek "Read, Grow, Inspire"

Thu 24th Aug P-Yr 6 Dress up for bookweek, 9am Bookweek Assembly

Week 8

Wed 30th Aug Yr 6 Reconciliation

Thur 31st Aug Yr 6 Reconciliation

Fri 1st Sep Art Show

Week 9

Thur 7th Sep Bishop Ireland visit Yr 6

Week 10

Sun 10th Sep Confirmation Sacrament 1pm and 3pm

Mon 11th Sep Learning Conferences

Tues 12th Sep Learning Conferences, Marine Ambassadors-Chelsea Yacht Club

Wed 13th Sep Learning Conferences

Thu 14th Sep Learning Conferences

Fri 15th Sep 12.20pm Footy day assembly, End of term - 1pm

