



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 3, Week 5 Thursday 10th August, 2023

*Thank
you*

Thank you to those families who were able to assist us with our working bee on Saturday 5th August. We were able to complete some jobs around the school. The garden is looking fantastic and it was terrific to see our school community come together to help out.



Dear Families,

A number of PSG's are being held over the next few weeks. Thank you to the parents and staff for taking time to meet.

Today the students celebrated a lovely Mass for the Feast day of Mary Mackillop, our own Australian Saint. Did you know she was born in Fitzroy, her parents were Scottish immigrants, she wanted to educate poor children and was 25 when she started the Josephites?

Working Bee

Thanks to all the parents who came along last weekend to our term 3 working bee. While we only had a few families, they did a great job. They also enjoyed a sausage and a catch up afterwards. Don't forget our final term 4 working bee is on Friday 10th November 4-6pm. There are photos below.

100 Year Anniversary of St Josephs School

Meeting Wednesday 16th August 6pm in the staffroom.

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 or come along on 16th August at 6pm.

PEAT - Monday 21st August at 2pm (changed from Mon 14th)

Come along for a cuppa and chat to our next PEAT meeting on Monday 14th August at 2pm in the library. Hear about what's happening in our school over a cuppa.

Kindest Regards,

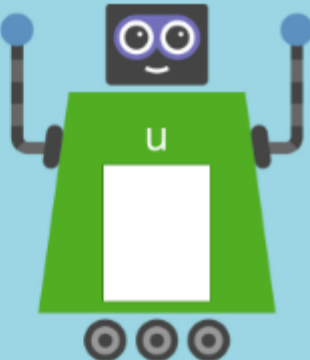
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Maths Challenge

Each week in the newsletter we will be giving you and your family a chance to practice your math skills and have some fun too.

Please see below for this week's quiz.

Week 5 Maths challenge:



CLUES

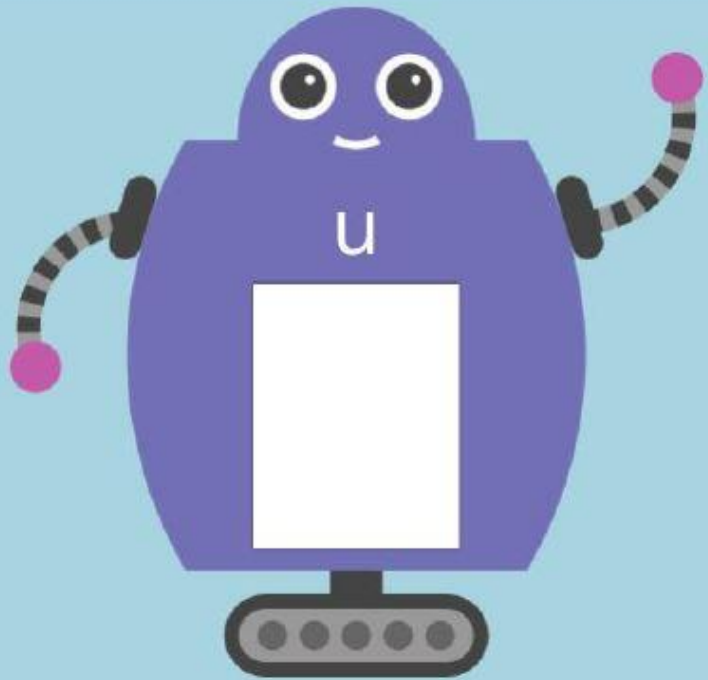
My value is even.

The square of my value is less than twenty.

My value is greater than two.

P-2 challenge

Last week: Prep - 2 Maths Puzzle



CLUES

My value is even.

My value is not less than five.

My value is less than eight.

ANSWER: 6

Last Week: Yrs 3-6 Maths Puzzle

The Puzzle:

You are at an unmarked intersection ... one way is the City of Lies and another way is the City of Truth.

Citizens of the City of Lies always lie.

Citizens of the City of Truth always tell the truth.

A citizen of one of those cities (you don't know which) is at the intersection. What question could you ask to them to find the way to the City of Truth?



ANSWER: You ask "In which of those two directions do you live?" A Citizen of the City of Lies will point to the City of Truth A Citizen of the City of Truth will point to the City of Truth

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 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



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.

SAFETY **RESPONSIBILITY** **RESPECT**



Safety, Responsibility and Respect.

At St Joseph's, we continue to learn and bring together the whole-school to develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

Remember we have three core expectations: Safety, Respect and Responsibility

This week our focus has been on our core expectation: "Responsibility: I represent the school with pride and uphold the school expectations."

As staff and students at St Joseph's, we represent our school. This can be at church or visiting places such as; excursions, on buses and trains or at inter-school sports.

Our Success Criteria - I am:

- responsible for my own actions when I am out in the community
- responsible for listening by using whole body listening when in the community eg: on buses, interschool sport, mass
- kind and considerate



Circle of Control - Big Life Journal

I remember worrying a lot when I was a child.

A lot of my concerns, however, were beyond my control: whether someone liked me or not, mistakes I've made, or what might happen in the future.

Knowing how horrible and disempowering it feels to be constantly worrying, I have made it a point to teach my sons about a circle of control.

I explain that if something is outside their circle of control, it doesn't help to worry. Worrying over things we can't control only makes us feel powerless.

But **we can control how we manage our worries**. We can treat ourselves with kindness, share what's on our minds, and choose our responses and actions.

This week, we're sharing the **My Circle of Control: Worry** poster, a gentle reminder for children on how to separate manageable worries from those that are better off released.

This poster makes a great conversation starter, and it's a visual reminder that can be displayed in your child's bedroom or your classroom. Take a look



Sex Ed 4 Schools

On Monday we had a great turn out for the Sex Ed 4 Schools sessions. It was well attended and hopefully helped parents open up healthy conversations with their children about their bodies and changes as they grow older. We welcome feedback to the sessions via the attached form feedback form

Please also click on the download button for further resources.

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NCCD Information Sheet for Parents

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

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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>

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 5

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

Fri 11th Aug Yr 5/6 Sport vs Patterson Lakes, 2.30pm 3/4 Assembly

Week 6

Mon 14th Aug PEAT meeting 2pm Library **MOVED TO MON 21ST AUG**

Wed 16th Aug 6pm 100th Anniversary meeting, 6.30pm SACs both in the staffroom

Fri 18th Aug Yr 5/6 Sport vs Chelsea P.S, National Day of Action against Bullying, 2.30pm Yr 5/6 Assembly

Week 7

Mon 21st Aug PEAT meeting 2pm Library

Bookweek "Read, Grow, Inspire"

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

Fri 25th Aug Yr 5/6 Sport vs Seaford P.S, No Assembly

Week 8

Wed 30th Aug Yr 6 Reconciliation

Thur 31st Aug Yr 6 Reconciliation, 7pm Confirmation night 2

Fri 1st Sep Art Show, No Assembly

Sat 3rd Sept Fathers Day

Week 9

Thur 7th Sep Bishop Ireland visit Yr 6, Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat

Fri 8th Sept District Athletics Sports, No Assembly

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

Term 4 Tuesday 3rd October - Friday 15th December 2023

Please note Monday 2nd October will be a staff preferred learning day - this will be a student free day.

