



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 4, Week 2 Thursday 12th October, 2023

Preps - Yr 4 with Sgt Sensible this week



Dear Families,

Just a reminder we have our crazy hair and casual clothes gold coin fundraiser tomorrow. Bring a coin to help raise money for cancer research into cervical cancer.

Planning 2024

As we are in the swing of planning for 2024 I ask all parents to let me know if there will be any changes to their child/ren's enrolment for 2024.

We are also starting to form classes for 2024. If you have any educational needs that have not already been mentioned to your child's class teacher please do so as soon as possible. I do not take teacher requests. All placements are based on best possible learning environments for your child. Teachers are yet to be placed for 2024.

Canteen News

There is no frozen yoghurt available at the moment.

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.

We have decided on Saturday 27th July and Sunday 28th July 2024 we will be holding Open school days and events. Please save these dates.

If you have any ideas, memorabilia or you are happy to help please email info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

Canteen

Just a friendly reminder that we encourage students to bring no more than \$5.00 to spend at the canteen for over the counter purchases at the break. We also ask that parents and carers talk to your children about not giving money or food to other students. Thanks so much for your support.

School Hats

School hats are now compulsory and must be worn to and from school and during any outside activities. Hats are available to purchase at the school office.

Kindest Regards,

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FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER



CRAZY HAIR DAY

**Bring a gold coin donation for
the Cancer Council Victoria**

You can wear casual clothes

There will be 4 prizes to win:

- Most Creative Hair
- Tallest Hair
- Most Colourful Hair
- Craziest Hair



Lightning Premiership

On the 10th of October the year fives and sixes had the chance to participate in the John Paul College Lightning Premiership.

On the day we played the main sports, netball, soccer, football and newcombe ball. We each played around 3-4 games and after a game we were rewarded with a hot sausage and a primo juice! At the end the winners for the sports were announced. The girls soccer team came first in their group which was very exciting for them.

Overall we had a blast playing our sport and a massive thanks to the kids at John Paul College for coaching and supporting us along the way. And also a big thanks to the parents and teachers who coached us and for taking us. Last but not least we thank all of the kids from St Josephs for going along and trying their best because we couldn't have done it without every one of those people.

Written by Maya Sheahan and Jacinta Vo

This term....

YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

These are the activities for week 3&4.

Day	Activity	Where
Monday	Wk 3 Movie Aladdin Wk 3 <u>Obsatcle</u>	Library Hall
Tuesday	Wk 4,6 Table Tennis P-2 Wk 3,5,7 Dodgeball 3/4s Wk 3 Movie Aladdin Wk 4 Yes Day	Hall Hall Library
Wednesday	Wk 4,6,8 Soccer 1/2s Wk 3 SJs Got Talent 5/6s Finals Wk 3 Movie Aladdin Wk 3,4 Cooking	Grass Hall Library Discovery Centre
Thursday	Wk 4,6 Table Tennis 3/4 Wk 3 SJs Got Talent 3/4s Finals Wk 3 Come dressed up as your idol	Hall Hall
Friday	Wk 2 Crazy Hair Day & Casuals - Gold Coin for Cancer Council Wk 3 Movie Yes Day Wk 3 Sports Day Wear Green <u>Icypoles 50cents</u>	Library Hall

SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY 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 am Sunsmart”

As staff and students at St Joseph's, we aim to be responsible by being safe and protected when the UV rating gets higher. The sun protection times are a forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology for the time of day UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher.

At these levels, sun protection is recommended for all skin types. In Victoria, UV levels regularly reach 3 or higher from mid-August to the end of April.

The most common sun protection measures are:

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Seek shady places
- Slide on sunglasses (if practical)

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.



What is the Right Age for a Phone?

As our children grow, the question of when to give them their first phone becomes increasingly important. In today's digital age, it's a decision that requires thoughtful consideration. Let's explore some key insights to help you make an informed choice for your child. Journalist Heather Kelly recently wrote a probing article about this in the Washington Post which is summarised here.

The Ideal Age:

Determining the ideal age for a child's first phone can be challenging. Experts suggest a range between 10 and 14 years old. Starting discussions about phones or smartwatches around sixth grade (10-11 years old) is a good starting point.

Valid Reasons for Earlier Adoption:

Some valid reasons to consider giving a phone earlier include children who commute independently or split their time between homes. Safety and communication needs can influence this decision.

Reasons to Wait:

Conversely, some children might not be developmentally ready, or a phone could exacerbate existing issues. Every child is different, so consider their individual needs.

Smartphones vs. Smartwatches:

Starting with a smartwatch or feature phone can help ease your child into the responsibilities of owning a communication device.

Why Give Phones So Young?

Between ages 10 to 12, children are still closely connected to their parents, making it an ideal time to teach them about phone etiquette and safety. It's crucial to educate them about technology and the internet, as they will be exposed to them sooner or later.

Factors to Consider:

When deciding the right time for your child, consider factors like their independence, maturity, and commuting needs. It's about what they're ready for and what suits your family's situation.

When Might Kids Need Phones?

Consider whether your child is involved in activities like public transportation, babysitting, or independent outings with friends. Phones can be valuable for coordination and peace of mind in such situations.

Socialization and Online Activity:

As socialization increasingly occurs online, children may want phones to stay connected with friends. It doesn't mean unlimited access to all apps; parents can set boundaries and gradually introduce them to social media.

Assessing Readiness:

Look for signs of responsibility in your child's life, such as obeying screen-time limits, displaying good judgment, and taking on responsibilities. Trust and communication are key factors.

When a Child Isn't Ready:

Not every child is ready for a phone. Consider emotional stability, ability to handle conflicts, and impulsivity.

Ensure they can manage existing rules and responsibilities before introducing a smartphone.

Before Buying a Phone:

Preparing for your child's first phone involves groundwork. Establish ground rules, set up parental controls, discuss online content, teach etiquette and safety, and create a written agreement.

In today's connected world, the decision of when to give your child their first phone is a personal one. Keep in mind that each child is unique, and your family's needs should guide your choice. Open communication, education, and responsible device usage are key to a successful smartphone introduction.

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

[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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Community News



2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

Week 2

Fri 13th Oct Crazy Hair Day & casual clothes gold coin donation for Cervical Cancer of Victoria, Assembly 2.30pm 1/2 performing

Week 3 PE WEEK

Thu 19th Oct Science 5/6's in hall

Fri 20th Oct Yr 5/6 Interschool sport, Big Green Conference, Assembly 2.30pm PE

Week 4

Wed 25th Oct Yr 5 Reconciliation 9.30am

Thur 26th Oct Yr 5 Reconciliation 9.30am

Fri 27th Oct Yr 5/6 Interschool sport

Week 5

Tues 31st Oct All Souls Day, Yr 7 2024 Kilbreda Testing

Wed 1st Nov All Saints day Mass 1pm

Thur 2nd Nov Preps excursion-Werribee Zoo, Yr 3/4 Excursion-Scienceworks

Fri 3rd Nov School Closure-2024 Planning

Week 6

Mon 6th Nov School Closure

Tues 7th Nov School Closure-Melbourne Cup day

Thurs 9th Nov Marine Ambassadors excursion to Ricketts, Prep 2024 Parent info night 7pm

Fri 10th Nov Prep incursion-Responsible Pet Ownership, Term 4 working bee 4-6pm

Sat 11th Nov Remembrance Day