



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 4, Week 4 Thursday 26th October, 2023



Did you know that the Wellbeing Hub at St Joseph's is open every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at lunchtime? Students can use the break time to come in and participate in a variety of activities such as; read a book, create with Lego, draw or play with cars. This is a quieter space for those students who may feel overwhelmed in the school yard and would like a little break. Here are a few photos from this week.



Dear Families,

Last week we sent home with the eldest child an envelope containing raffle tickets for a Melbourne Cup Sweep. This is organised by The Knights of the Southern Cross Longbeach Parish Group who sponsor our Yr 6 Leadership Awards (3 local Parish schools) at the end of the Year. In order to help them continue to support these annual awards we would be grateful to families who are able to help out by purchasing a book or offering family and friends a ticket.

Each ticket is \$2 and the book has 5 tickets.

ALL tickets, sold or unsold, must be returned to the school office by Monday 30th October.

We thank Keith, Les and the Knights of the Southern Cross for their ongoing support.

Saturday 11th November Remembrance Day

On Saturday 11th November the Longbeach RSL has invited all members of our community to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Chelsea Centopath from 10.30-11.00am. They have also invited two students to lay a single rose floral tribute on behalf of the school. If you plan to attend the Service on Saturday 11th November and would like to lay the tribute please email godonnell@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au by next Thursday 2nd Nov. Preference will be given to senior students.

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

Australian School of Performing Arts

Today each girl at St Joseph's received a flyer inviting them to an open day on Saturday 11th November and Sunday 19th November for the Australian Girls Choir. The open days give girls the opportunity to try a fun free class and for parents to attend an information session to find out more.

Kindest Regards,

Gavan

Working Bee - Friday 10th November 4-6pm

A note will come home on Operoo this week asking for volunteers to come to our final working bee for the year on Friday 10th November 4-6pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget you receive a \$100 discount off your fees if you attend a working bee during the year.

Leadership Activities...



Our School Expectations: 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.

This week the focus has been on our expectation:

"Safety: I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself."

WALT: keep my hands, feet and objects to ourselves

Success Criteria: I can:

- use safe hands
- use safe feet
- use objects for their intended purpose
- keep hands and feet to myself
- stay out of other people's personal space (do not be a space invader)
- stop and take a deep breath if I am having big feelings
- walk away
- ask a trusted adult for help
- do not hit or make contact with a person using my hands or another object

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- To keep everyone safe
- Students need to demonstrate understanding of personal space
- For students to be able to use their words to express their feelings
- For students to demonstrate respect for their teachers and classmates

- So that students learn to manage emotions, empathy and establish and maintain positive relationships



World Teacher's Day

How to have a great relationship with our kids' teachers

By the time your child graduates high school, they will have spent about 17, 640 hours at school. That's a lot of hours. In fact, on a typical school day, our kids spend 2-3 times as many hours with their school teacher than they spend with us, their parents and caregivers.

Our teachers work hard. On average, Australian teachers work 45 hours a week, with many even working on weekends to keep up with the workload. Yet 71% of teachers feel as though their work is unappreciated, and that their profession is not respected. I don't know about you, but anyone who spends twice as much time with my kids as I do on a regular basis deserves to feel all the appreciation in the world. And while buying a #1 Teacher mug or a box of chocolates as a gift on World Teachers Day certainly helps, there are things we can do all year round to have a great relationship with our kids' teachers, and help them to feel supported and appreciated:

Communication

Having open and frequent communication with the teachers goes a long way towards establishing a supportive relationship. This includes taking a proactive approach at the start of the year, where you should share with the teachers any relevant information that may affect your child's performance or behaviour at school. This includes medical conditions, learning difficulties, and even special interests. Then throughout the school year, keep the teacher updated about any changes in your family's or your child's circumstances.

Communication can occur through emails or phone calls on an as-needed basis, but also make sure to attend parent-teacher conferences, school events, and any other meetings organized by the school. Frequent contact fosters open communication. Finally, if your child is facing any academic or behavioural challenges, collaborate with the teacher to address any difficulties and identify strategies that you can employ together to support your child's learning. Involvement

Show interest in your child's education by asking them about their day and experiences in class. When you demonstrate an interest in their education, it sends a positive message. If you can, make time to get involved in the school community. Volunteer in your child's classroom as a parent helper, participate in school events, or join the parent council. Getting involved both supports your child's education and eases the burden on your child's teachers. Finally, support classroom rules and expectations. Don't undermine your child's teachers by disrespecting them at home. Encourage your child to take responsibility in the learning process, and follow the guidelines set by their teachers.

Respect

I wish this didn't need to be said, but sadly it does: Don't verbally threaten, intimidate, or get physically aggressive with your kids' teachers. It's never ok. Respect goes beyond that though. Treat teachers with kindness and appreciation for their work. Take time to acknowledge and appreciate their efforts and dedication. Be grateful for the time they invest into your children. Make sure you see your child's teacher as a whole person (hopefully as an adult you no longer believe that teachers sleep at the school!), with responsibilities and interests beyond teaching. Avoid contacting them outside of school hours and be patient in awaiting their responses.

Teachers do one of the most important jobs in our society. They are shaping the next generation of leaders, thinkers, caregivers. Let's do what we can to thank them for everything they do for our kids.

Dr Justin Coulson



Inform and Empower

Parent Fact Sheet Yr 1/2

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Parent Fact Sheet Yr 3/4

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Parent Fact Sheet Yr 5/6

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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

Metro Community News

Victoria's Big Build is making the Frankston Line level crossing free by removing all 27 of the dangerous and congested level crossings by 2029. We're building 17 new stations, improving safety, reducing congestion and allowing more trains to run more often.

Buses replace trains

Buses replace trains on the **Frankston** and **Stony Point** lines between:

- Moorabbin and Frankston **from 11.30pm Saturday 21 October to last service Sunday 22 October**
- Cheltenham and Frankston **from Monday 23 October to last service Wednesday 1 November**
- Moorabbin and Frankston **from Thursday 2 November to last service Friday 3 November**
- Frankston and Stony Point **from 11.30pm Saturday 21 October to last service Friday 3 November**

Parkdale Station closure Parkdale Station will close from **11.30pm Saturday 21 October to mid-2024.**

Find everything needed to plan your journey, including; disruption and station closure information, pedestrian access changes and more

at **ptv.vic.gov.au/frankstondisruptions** **How will this affect you?**

There will be additional travel time added to most people's journey.

A range of buses will operate to help make your journey as direct as possible. Please see the attached brochure for further information.

If you need to discuss alternative travel arrangements prior to travelling, or require assistance with journey planning, service information and up-to-date timetable information, please visit **ptv.vic.gov.au** or call **1800 800 007**.

For other languages, visit ptv.gov.au/languages or call **9321 5450**.

For information about the project, visit **levelcrossings.vic.gov.au**, call **1800 105 105** or email **contact@levelcrossings.com.au**.

We thank you for your patience as we work towards delivering an upgraded transport network for Melbourne's growing population.

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School Uniform Price Update

Please see a new pricelist, effective 01 November 2023.

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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



2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

Week 4

Thur 26th Oct Yr 5 Reconciliation 9.30am

Fri 27th Oct Yr 5/6 Interschool sport vs Edithvale, World Teachers Day No assembly

Week 5

Tues 31st Oct All Souls Day

Wed 1st Nov All Saints day whole school 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 Point, Casual clothes \$2 gold coin
Remembrance Day (all children receive a poppy), 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