



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 4, Week 10 Thursday 7th December, 2023

## Class of 2023



Dear Families,

On Wednesday 20th December we will farewell our year 6 students as a school community for 2023. We will also farewell those teachers leaving us - Liz Bolch (33.5 years), Anne Lazarro (17 years), Helen McPhail (3 years), Leanne Gibbs (1 year) and Molly Reed (6 months).

### **Christmas Carols/BBQ**

Thank you to all the families that came along to our Christmas Carols and BBQ on Sunday. It was great to see so many children and families dress up for the Carols. It was also great to see you all stay for a sausage in bread.

We even had some past families come along and catch up with current families. One of them even dressed up as Santa for us! Former students Archie Lamb was here and has been appointed School Captain at St Bedes and Bridget Veneris has been appointed Vice Captain at Kilbreda for 2024. Congratulations and it was great to see you.

### **Year 5/6 Fundraising efforts**

Congratulations to our year 5/6 level for their fundraising efforts this year. The total collected throughout 2023 is \$4560.00, which is an incredible effort by our young leaders. Congratulations also to their families and the 5/6 teachers for supporting them in their initiatives. The funds will be sent to the following:

Syria \$510.00

Caritas \$625.00

National Breast Cancer Foundation \$710.00

St Vincent De Paul \$590.00

Cancer Council Victoria \$220.00

### **End of Year Celebration Mass & Parent Thankyou afternoon Tea**

On Tuesday 12th December at 1pm we will have our end of year celebration Mass followed by a Parent thankyou afternoon tea. All parents are welcome to join us for Mass and afternoon tea on Tuesday 12th December in the hall.

### **Chicken Helpers**

Thankyou to our families who have offered to look after the chickens. We now have enough help. We will collate dates and be in touch for you to pick up a key.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)

### **Christmas Hampers**

Last week each class received a family in need to collect Christmas Gifts for a hamper. The family make up has been given to us by St Vincent de Paul. They do a great job supporting over 300 families in the Chelsea area each week. The children will know the age and number of children in each family and will brainstorm with their class the types of gifts they might like. Please see each class allocation below. Staff are also contributing to a hamper for 1A 2C family. All gifts are due by tomorrow so they can be wrapped and distributed next week.

### **Kingston full day program**

There will be no full day care running Mon 18th Dec - Wed 20th Dec due to a lack of bookings. If you require to book holiday programs over the break please see below.

### **Medications at school**

We are asking families to collect their child's medication that is stored at the office by the end of the term.

### **Lost Property**

Once again the lost property basket is overflowing. If your child has any articles of clothing missing please encourage them to come to the office and search. All un-labelled clothing will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

### **COVID Test Kits**

We have a big supply of test kits available. If you would like to pick some up please come to the office and collect.

Kindest Regards,

Gavan

## **St Vincent de Paul Class Hampers:**

## CLASS

3/4E - 1A 2C Girl 2 Boy 16

1/2B - 1A 2C Girl 7 Boy 6

3/4W - 1A 4C Girls 7,13,15 Boy 17

3/4S - 1A 4C Boys 2,4,7,11

PCM - 2A 2C Girl 6 Boy 2

1/2OF - 1A 3C Girls 3,6,10

5/6RW - 2A 2C Girl 11 Boy 4

1/2LC - 1A 2C 1/2LC Boy 8,12

5/6F - 1A 2C Girl 14 Boy 10

PREP R - 2A 4C Girl 7 Boy 10,6,2 months

3/4CS - 1A 2C Girl 13 Boy 10

5/6BC - 1A 3C Girl 13 Boy 9,11

STAFF - 1A 2C Girl 10 Boy 16

3/4B - 2A 2C Girl 11 Boy 12

1/2GB - 1A 5C Girls 1,3,8 Boys 10,12

5/6E - 2A 2C Girls 10,12



## Congrats to Tay & Ella....

On Friday the 24 of November we competed in the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation Nationals Competition in the Junior level one division.

Out of our league our club Bullets Allstars placed 5th in our division, which included New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland and New Zealand.

Our routine contains multiple different tumbles including Valdez's, Back walkovers, front walkovers, and more. Our routine also contains multiple different stunts like preps and extensions.

During the time between our performance and the awards, lots of people enjoyed doing a game we have called pegging. That's when you place a decorated clothes peg onto somebody's bag, bow, or hair and try your best not to be noticed by the cheerleader or dancer.

Overall our first experience at Nationals was very different to what we expected, but it was better than we had imagined.



## Library News

Hello families,

**The end of the year is fast approaching. Could you please start to return any St Joseph's Library books that have come home with your children this year, along with any borrowed Library Bags (these are usually labelled "SJL").**

**The books can be returned to your child's classroom or dropped into the school office where there will be a labelled Library Returns tub.**

**Thanks so much for your help, as this makes the end of year a smoother process for everyone. Sarah and Renae**



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Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Lesson Start Time	Class Group	Numbers	Class Group	Numbers	Total Chn
<b>Session 1</b> 10.40 PU from School 11.40 PU from Pool	11.00am	PrepCG	18	1/2GB	9	27
<b>Session 2</b> 11.10 PU from School 12.15 PU from Pool	11.30am	PrepR	19	1/2GB	14	33
<b>Session 3</b> 11.40 PU from School 12.40 PU from Pool	12.00pm	1/2LC	23	1/2B	13	36
<b>Session 4</b> 12.10 PU from School 1.15 PU from Pool	12.30pm	1/2OF	22	1/2B	10	32
<b>Session 5</b> 12.40 PU from School 1.40 PU from Pool	1.00pm	3/4S	23	3/4CS	12	35
<b>Session 6</b> 1.10 PU from School 2.15 PU from Pool	1.30pm	3/4B	22	3/4CS	10	32
<b>Session 7</b> 1.40 PU from School 2.45 PU from Pool	2.00pm	3/4E	23			23
<b>Session 8</b> 2.10 PU from School 3.10 PU from Pool	2.30pm	3/4W	23			23
Students in Session 8 will be back at school by approx. 3.20pm			Total Number of Children:			241

2023



## Year 6 Graduation Disco

Year 6 Disco Tickets

Please click on the above link to book your year 6 child a ticket for the Disco, to be held on Sunday 10th December from 6.00pm-9.00pm.

Only current year 6 students are permitted (sorry no siblings).

The event is being organised by parents. Tickets are \$20 (.50c booking fee) and includes a DJ, photo booth, prizes, pizza, drink, lollies, custom 2023 cookie and decorations. Security will be provided and please note inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and parents will be called and asked to collect your child.

Students will need to be signed in and out of the event. Please provide contact details during the ticket purchase process.

Between 5-6pm at Woodbine grass area we welcome parents, year 6 student and siblings to gather for BYO drinks and nibbles. Year 6 students will then assemble in the hall for their disco at 6pm.



## 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 fortnight the explicit focus has been on our expectation:**

**"Safety: I use equipment for its intended purpose."**

**WALT: use equipment for its intended purpose.**

**Success Criteria: I can:**

- use the schools sports equipment in the correct way and for the correct purpose eg: we use a basketball to play basketball and a soccer ball for soccer, cricket stumps
- identify how to use digital technology equipment safely eg: websites, carry equipment, charging, placement
- use the garden equipment in the correct way and put it away after use
- take care of 'after school' resources and equipment



## **WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**

When students feel safe and secure, they are more comfortable in their schools, are better able to learn and succeed, and have better opportunities to grow academically, emotionally, and socially. Therefore students need to be taught explicitly how to use school equipment safely. This includes how to use it, where it belongs after they have used it and why it is important to be safe.

## **2024 School Fees**

The 2024 Fee Schedule and invoice for 2024 Levy prepayments have been distributed through your child's class. If you did not receive the paperwork, please contact the office. Prepayments are due by 30th November, 2023. A copy of the 2024 Fee Schedule is available to download below.

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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 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 (The card must be issued in the name of the fee payer and list the students for whom the concession is to be applied).
- 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](http://kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram)

E: [beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au)

Ph: 9581 4867



## School Uniform Price Update

Please see a new pricelist, effective 01 November 2023.

[Download](#)



## 2024 Fee Schedule

Please click on the link for the 2024 Fee Schedule

[Download](#)



## St Joseph's Concessional Fee Policy

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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

[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

[Download](#)

# Kingston Before and After School Care program

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**SOUTHMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
21 Dec 2023 to 25 Jan 2024

**CHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
2 Jan 2024 to 25 Jan 2024

City of KINGSTON

ENROLMENTS now open!

## Community News

*Evergreen Christmas Trees*

25th November Opening weekend

*Freshly Cut*

**SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL BY PRESENTING THIS**

**CODE:** BBQ Egg and Bacon rolls  
Chelsea rotary club

**COME DOWN AND PICK YOUR TREE**

**SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY**  
**10% OF TREE SALES GO TO THE SCHOOL**

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# 2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

Week 10

Mon 4th Dec - Wed 6th Dec and Fri 8th Dec Lifesaving Year 5/6

Thur 7th - Fri 8th Dec Swimming Foundation - Year 4

Thur 7th Dec St Bede's Orientation Year 7 2024, Marine Ambassadors Excursion

Sun 10th Dec Year 6 Disco 6-9pm in the school hall, 5-9pm InterChurch District Council Christmas Carols

Week 11

Mon 11th Dec Reports and class lists to be distributed electronically, year 3/4 excursion to the beach

Tues 12th Dec 1pm end of year Celebration School Mass, Parent thankyou afternoon tea 2-3pm - All welcome to attend Mass and afternoon tea.

Wed 13th Dec 9am Meet your Teacher for 2024, 2.30pm Graduation Assembly and Farewell teachers leaving

Thur 14th Dec Foundation, Yr 1/2 excursion, Year 6 Big Day Out, 2.30pm Assembly-Orange Tree Music, 6pm Graduation Mass, 6.50pm Dinner and 7.30pm Presentations

Fri 15th Dec 1pm end of term 4.

## **2024 TERM DATES**

**Term 1 - Tues 30th January - Thur 29th March**

**Term 2 - Mon 15th April - Fri 28th June**

**Term 3 - Mon 15th July - Fri 20th September**

**Term 4 - Mon 7th October - Wed 18th December**