



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 4, Week 7 Thursday 16th November, 2023

Dear Families,

## **Mission Action today**

Today our Year 5/6's organised a great fundraiser to help raise money for the missions. We will give you a run down of how much they raised and for who next week.

The children had a great time participating in the activities the Yr 5/6's had organised. Thank you to all our 5/6's and congratulations on doing a great job. Please see the photos below.

## **Masterplan**

This week our architects received feedback from students, parents and parishioners about the future growth areas of St Joseph's. They acknowledged the areas they loved and areas for improvement. We look forward to seeing the results.

## **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**

PLEASE NOTE: the last day for canteen lunch orders will be Friday 24th November. The canteen will have a modified menu for the last 3 weeks of term. This menu will be included in next week's newsletter on Thursday 23rd November.

### **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)

Kindest Regards,

Gavan

## **Mission Action Day**



**SPOTLIGHT** **Book Club**  
ISSUE 8

**Why reading books in a series is so much fun!**

- **Endless Adventures** - Series books offer non-stop adventures. The fun doesn't end with just one book!
- **Connect with the Characters** - Go on a journey and get to understand your favourite characters. With each book, you can see them grow, learn, and face challenges.
- **Unleash your Imagination** - Each book in a series adds a new and exciting chapter to the story, where you can imagine yourself as part of another world.

Here are some fun examples of books in a series in Issue 8...

**ACES 6+** **TOY TIME! (HOT DOG #18)** (ITEM 010)

**Holding and his friends are entering a Toy-Making Contest!** The winners score a trip to Doc Sport's Toy Factory! Toy-filly Awesome! Can they turn their trash into treasure and snatch the prize?

**ACES 7+** **UNDERWATER HEIST (DIARY OF A MINECRAFT WOLF #3) (ITEM 015)**

**Winston is a Minecraft wolf on a mission:** to be the best secret agent the Overworld has ever seen! So when a distress signal from the Overworld requests urgent help, he jumps at the chance to prove his skills. Can Winston recover the stolen item before anything more happens?

**ACES 8+** **BABY-SITTERS SUMMER VACATION (THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB SUPER SPECIAL #2) (ITEM 015)**

**This summer, the Baby-sitters and a bunch of the kids they sit for are going to camp.** With the girls as Counselors-in-Training, it'll be just like baby-sitting—in the woods! Anything can happen at camp. Dawn gets lost in the wilderness. Stacey spends two weeks with poison ivy...and Claudia falls in love with a boy CFI. This is one summer vacation the Baby-sitters will never forget!

**ACES 10+** **NO BRAINER (DIARY OF A WHIMPY KID #18)** (ITEM 009)

**Up until now, middle school hasn't exactly been a joyride for Greg Heffley.** So when the town threatens to close the crumbling building, he's not too broken up about it. But when Greg realizes this means he's going to be sent to a different school than his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, he changes his tune. Can Greg and his classmates save their school before it's shuttered for good?

**SCHOLASTIC** REMIND STUDENTS WHEN TO HAVE THEIR ORDERS PLACED BY:

## Scholastic Book Club

This year's final Scholastic bookclub catalogue was sent home with your child yesterday. All orders must be made online using your credit card. The closing date for ordering is 1st December to ensure delivery is made before the end of the school year.

## KSC Melbourne Cup Sweep winners

Sincere thanks to you, the teachers, office staff and school parents who supported this year's Sweep which raised crucial funds for our annual school bursaries.

This year's lucky winners are:

1st \$350 M Vardy Ticket No: 1736

2nd \$100 Mary Norman Ticket No: 1500

3rd \$50 Tony Rijs Ticket No: 2389

Thank you,

Les Garrad

Secretary

KSC Longbeach Branch

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.

## Southern Peninsula Tournament

On the weekend we played the Southern Peninsula Tournament. Our team Frankston Blues 12.1 entered the highest division which is called 'Championship'.

We played 4 games and had to win all 4 to reach the grand final. There were 2 pools in our division, pool A and B. There were 5 teams in each pool so there were



10 teams altogether. We played 4 x 7 minute quarters, and the clock was stopped on each whistle. Each game went for over an hour.

Our first game on Saturday was against Mornington 12.1, the final score was 92 to 23, we won by 69 points.

Next, we played Blackburn 12.1, the score was 104 to 18, we won by 86 points!

On Sunday morning at 8am, we played Hawthorn 12.1, the score was 72 to 35, we won by 37 points.

Lastly, we played Sandringham 12.1, the score was 95 to 52, we won by 43 points. We made it to the Grand Final!!!

We played Kilsyth 12.1 in the GF. The final score was 77 to 49 - WE WON!!!

We had the best time and are currently being talked about being the number 1 ranked team for Under 12's in the state.

Anton Hanigan and Braxton Harris.

## Letting Kids Play

### **World Children's Day Monday 20th November- the importance of play and letting kids be kids**

Bob Ross had a career in the Air Force for 20 years and didn't start painting until he retired. At 41, he became everyone's favourite art teacher.

Colonel Sanders had a hard time holding down jobs, working as a fireman, insurance salesman, and even worked in law. It wasn't until his 40s that he started successfully selling fried chicken.

Martha Stewart worked as a stockbroker. It wasn't until she was 41 that she published her first cookbook.



Albert Einstein was expelled from his school, and his teachers thought that he was mentally handicapped. Yet he went on to win a Nobel Prize and is considered one of the most brilliant minds of all time.

Winston Churchill failed 6th grade. At 63, he became Prime Minister of England.

It's so easy to grow anxious, worried that our children are falling behind or missing out.

We worry that they won't develop their culinary skills if they don't start Mummy and Me cooking classes as toddlers.

We fear that they will never be talented artists if we don't enrol them in the pricey after school art class.

We are concerned that if we don't require them to practice piano daily, they will never develop into talented musicians.

We worry that their low score on their maths test means that they will never go into a STEM course at university.

We anxiously watch on as they struggle to decide which subjects to pursue in high school, worried what careers they are precluding themselves from following.

What we often fail to remember in those moments of anxiety and fear, is that learning doesn't stop when they finish high school or their tertiary education. As adults we can go back at any time and learn to paint, learn to do complex algebra, learn to be good leaders. We can change career paths again and again, and quickly catch up on the things we missed or have forgotten.

What we can't do is get our childhoods back.

Childhood isn't a time to prepare to be an adult.

Childhood is a time to be a child.

Childhood is a special time where imaginative play feels richer, where friendships are formed over a shared love of digging for worms, and where building a tree house

can feel like the most important thing in the world.

Yet we often cut into that time to get them to sit still, learn 'important things', and prepare for their futures. The problem is that the more time that they are engaged in adult-led, structured, future-oriented activities, the less time they have available to engage in the real work of childhood – play.

Play teaches our kids everything that they really need to learn. It fosters physical and motor development. Play requires socio-emotional skills. It strengthens the imagination and creativity. It builds STEM skills and deductive reasoning. Play can not be substituted with other activities and still achieve the same outcomes. Children need the opportunity to play.

To celebrate World Children's Day, let's elevate play to its true level of importance. Let's prioritise it above our own goals for our children. Let's allow our kids to have a day, at least just this one day, to choose their own activities, to play without direction, to engage in the work of childhood without limits.

And if you can, go even further. Start a 30 day play challenge, making sure your kids have at least 45 minutes every day to engage in activities of their own choice.

If it's been a while since they had the opportunity for free play, they might not know where to begin. To avoid those calls of "I'm bored", try setting the stage with these play prompts:

- ▶ Pull out the bicycles
- ▶ Visit a new playground
- ▶ Set up a play dough or clay station
- ▶ Get out the chalk
- ▶ Turn the hose into a sprinkler
- ▶ Go to the beach

- ▶ Take a few different balls to a park
- ▶ Dust off some board games
- ▶ Go to the swimming pool
- ▶ Get out the paints and paint brushes
- ▶ Go out to a nature reserve
- ▶ Visit some rock pools

Then get out of the way. True play is self-directed, intrinsically motivated, and creative.

This World Children's Day (and hopefully every day) let's safeguard childhood, value play, and let our kids be kids.

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Dear Families,

## Exciting News!

The Seesaw app is getting a fresh new icon.  
On **October 27**, you will see this change.  
Don't worry, everything inside the app will stay the same.

OLD ICON      NEW ICON

Seesaw | [www.seesaw.com](http://www.seesaw.com)



# 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

## 2024 School Fees

Last week you should have received through your child's classroom the 2024 Fee Schedule and invoice for 2024 Levy prepayments. 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:

- \$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 (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](#)



## 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



**KINGSTON'S BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

## Creativity, curiosity and learning through play!

**Before School Program (BSC)**  
6:45am - 8:45am

**After School Program (ASC)**  
school finish - 6:15pm

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✔ **Affordable**  
BSC starts at \$5.50  
ASC starts at \$6 for parents/caregivers receiving the highest level of Child Care Subsidy.


🎉 **Fun, engaging & safe**  
Kingston's dedicated, experienced educators plan and implement exciting, safe and nurturing programs based on your child's interests.


📅 **Flexible Bookings**  
Choose casual or permanent bookings that suit your family's needs.

🍽️ **Nutritious Meals**  
Delicious and nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea served every day.

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**Enrol your child and experience the difference!**

 9581 4867  
✉ beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au  
🌐 [kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolcare](https://kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolcare)

  
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Enrolments for 2024 open on Monday 27th November 2023

# Community News



## 2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

### Week 7

Thurs 16th Nov Mission Action Day (lunchtime)

Fri 17th Nov 2.30pm Assembly yr 3/4, yr 5/6 sport vs Chelsea Heights

### Week 8

Mon 20th Nov Foundation '24 Orientation

Thurs 23rd Nov Foundation '24 Orientation 2-3pm

Fri 24th Nov Yr 5/6 sport vs Patterson Lakes, Last day of hot food for canteen (a modified menu to be advised), 2.30 final general assembly

### Week 9

Wed 29th Nov Foundation '24 Orientation 2-3pm

Wed 29th Nov - Fri 8th Dec Swimming Foundation - Year 4

Fri 1st Dec Yr 5/6 sport vs Bonbeach

### **Week 10**

Sun 3rd Dec 5pm Carols and BBQ, 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Thur 7th Dec St Bede's Orientation Year 7 2024

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

Tues 12th Dec 1pm end of year School Mass - All welcome

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

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**