



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Term 4, Week 8 Thursday 23rd November, 2023

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

2023 Carols Celebration

*Please join us on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm,
followed by a sausage sizzle!
Come and enjoy a free sausage in bread*

Dear Families,

Class Structures and Staffing 2024

In 2024 St Joseph's will be making some changes to class structures in the Juniors with two straight Foundation classes (formerly Prep), two straight Year 1 classes and two straight Year 2 classes. We will have 4 Year 3/4 classes and 5 Year 5/6 classes. The year F-2 class teachers

will remain as a unit for planning, teach the same curriculum areas and still learn together for excursions etc. The reason for the change in structures is to assist us in the implementation of the Science of Reading approach to teaching reading Foundation to 6. This approach involves changes to how we are now teaching Phonemic Awareness and Phonics in a structured systematic and explicit sequence. You will see some minor changes to how this will happen in 2024 if you haven't already.

Below you will see the staff for 2024. Liz Bolch will be retiring, Anne Lazzaro who has been on leave this year is resigning, Helen McPhail is resigning along with Leanne Gibbs and Lynne Ferris. Molly Reed will be moving to Mansfield at the end of the year and teaching at Mansfield Primary and Maddy Earl will return but start maternity leave in week 3 term 1.

We thank them all for the significant contributions they have made to the St Joseph's community.

Staffing 2024 and roles

Deputy Learning, Teaching & Wellbeing Leader (L,T&W) - Lisa Kniese

REL L,T & W Leader - Kelly Riddle

Learning Diversity L,T&W Leader - Kate Cronin

L,T&W Leader Donna Connolly L,T&W Leader - Belle Spinoso

L,T&W Leader Kim Wilson L,T&W Leader - Rochelle Morey

L,T&W Leader Collette Grella

e-learning L,T&W Leader - Sinead Byrne

Specialists

Literacy/Maths/Wellbeing Intervention Rochelle Morey, Ros Hart, Donna Connolly, Belle Spinoso, Kim Wilson, Collette Grella, /Support Foundation-6 Lisa Kniese, Kate Cronin, Maddy Earl Week 1&2 Term 1 Support then Maternity leave.

Italian - Maria Morina and Tori Finck

Physical Education - Marina Coletti

Visual Art - Caroline Egan

Performing Arts - Millie Hutchings

Library F-2 - Renae Bohan

STEM - Kerry Corney

General Release - Tori Finck

Speech Pathologist - Sarah Gravina

Counselling - Rochel Baker

Classes 2024

FGB (Rm 17) Collette Grella Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

Rena Bohan Thurs, Fri

FE (Rm 18) Tilly Edwards (NEW) Mon-Fri

10J (Rm 28) Karen O'Sullivan Wed, Thurs, Fri

Bethany Jewson Mon, Tues

1SH (Rm 25) Belle Spinoso Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri

Ros Hart Thurs

2B (Rm 27) Paul Bayliss Mon- Fri

2CM (Rm 29) Donna Connolly Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Elissa McClusky Tues

3/4S (Rm 20) Clyde Siebel Mon-Fri

3/4B (Rm 21) Angela Barrow Mon-Fri

3/4BL (Rm 45) Sinead Byrne Mon-Thurs

Bern Lynch Fri

3/4LC (Rm 44) Jodie Lucas Mon-Thurs

Kerry Corney Fri

5/6E (Rm 41) Steven Edkins Mon-Fri

5/6F (Rm 48) Aaron Fernandez Mon-Fri

5/6M (Rm 46) Alana Matijevic (NEW) Mon-Fri

5/6RC (Rm 47) Kelly Riddle Mon-Thurs [Fri-REL]

Marina Coletti Fri

5/6W (Rm 42) Hayley Wise Mon-Wed

Kim Wilson Thurs, Fri

Admin - Angela Banik Thurs, Fri

Bursar - Robyn Shankie Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

Learning Support Officers - Sarah Didus, Sue Rose, Franca Kilmartin, Liss McCabe, Ciara Lynch, Eliza Rogers

Canteen - Carmel Ippolito, Francesca Gomez

Canteen News

PLEASE NOTE: the last day for canteen lunch orders will be tomorrow Friday 24th November. The canteen will have a modified menu for the last 3 weeks of term. Please see the menu attached below.

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

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.

Christmas Hampers

This week each class had 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.

Kindest Regards,

Gavan

P-4 Swimming starts next Wednesday 29th Nov

A reminder to all that P-4 swimming starts next Wednesday 29th November. Are you organised?

1. Please make sure you have signed Operoo premission form due today. Please answer all questions.
2. Have you organised a swimming cap? (\$3) from the office.
3. No Canteen hot lunches for Week 9-11 see the adjusted canteen list attached.
4. If you are coming to watch you will need to wear your WWCC into the swimming centre.

You may need to pack extra food in your child's lunchbox as in the past, the children have been hungry during this time.



Our Christmas Tree

Thank you to Lou from Evergreen Christmas Trees for donating a beautiful Christmas tree to St Josephs. This tree will be used at the Chelsea Community Christmas lunch. See Lou's business flyer below.

Unfortunately it is looking quite bare at the moment, so we are asking the St Joseph's families to donate a Christmas bauble to be placed on the tree.

Thank you for your support.



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 T: 61 3 8773 1111
 E: principal@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au
 W: www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

Wed 29 th Nov – Friday 8 th Dec 2023	Lesson Start Time	Class Group	Numbers	Class Group	Numbers	Total Chn
Session 1 10.40 PU from School 11.40 PU from Pool	11.00am	PrepCG	18	1/2GB	9	27
Session 2 11.10 PU from School 12.15 PU from Pool	11.30am	PrepR	19	1/2GB	14	33
Session 3 11.40 PU from School 12.40 PU from Pool	12.00pm	1/2LC	23	1/2B	13	36
Session 4 12.10 PU from School 1.15 PU from Pool	12.30pm	1/2OF	22	1/2B	10	32
Session 5 12.40 PU from School 1.40 PU from Pool	1.00pm	3/4S	23	3/4CS	12	35
Session 6 1.10 PU from School 2.15 PU from Pool	1.30pm	3/4B	22	3/4CS	10	32
Session 7 1.40 PU from School 2.45 PU from Pool	2.00pm	3/4E	23			23
Session 8 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

Canteen Menu - weeks 9-11

NO HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE. Snacks and drinks will be available during the swimming program.

Available to order are:

- Cheese & Bacon rolls
- Cheese & Vegemite rolls

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...

AGES 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?

AGES 7+ **UNDERWATER HEIST (DIARY OF A MINECRAFT WOLF #2) (ITEM 010)**
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?

AGES 8+ **BABY-SITTERS SUMMER VACATION (THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB SUPER SPECIAL #2) (ITEM 010)**
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's 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 C.F. This is one summer vacation the Baby-sitters will never forget!

AGES 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 last week. 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.

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.

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

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NEW ICON

Seesaw | 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 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

E: beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au

Ph: 9581 4867



School Uniform Price Update

Please see a new pricelist, effective 01 November 2023.

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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

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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

[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

RIVEREND RD

2023 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

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

Week 8

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 5-7pm Carols celebration and BBQ at St Josephs, 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, 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

Tues 12th Dec 1pm end of year Celebration School Mass, Parent thankyou afternoon tea 2-3pm - 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