



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea 1924-2024

Term 1, Week 1 Thursday 1st February 2024

Come along to St Joseph's annual


Welcome BBQ

Friday 2nd February

Classrooms open @ 5pm – 5.45pm

Come along at 5pm to see your child's class room for 2024 followed by a free sausage in bread. This will be followed by a fun Dance from STOMP dance company from 5.45pm to 6.45pm.

The children will be practising their dance routines tomorrow during the day in the lead up to the night.



The illustration at the bottom of the flyer is divided into two parts. On the left, there is a black rectangular box containing five colorful silhouettes of dancers in various poses, colored in shades of pink, cyan, yellow, green, and blue. On the right, there is a black stick figure wearing a white chef's hat, holding a red fork in its right hand and tending to a round charcoal grill with its left hand. The grill has two red sausages cooking on it, with three wavy lines representing steam rising from it.

Dear Families,

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the last days of summer. As the new school year starts, we want to express our excitement and gratitude for your continued partnership in your child's education. The upcoming academic journey may pose challenges,

especially for our young or first-time students, but with your support, we are confident they will thrive.

Encouraging Positivity and Strength: As parents, your role in fostering a positive mindset is invaluable. Remind your child of their unique strengths and capabilities. Encourage them to embrace new experiences, make new friends, and face challenges with resilience. Your words and actions play a crucial role in shaping their perspective on the school year ahead.

Active Parental Involvement: Research consistently shows that parents who actively engage in their children's education significantly contribute to their success. To help your child excel this school year, consider the following proactive steps:

1. **Establish a Consistent Sleep Routine:** Transitioning from the relaxed summer schedule to a school routine can be challenging. Ensure your child gets sufficient rest by gradually adjusting bedtime and wake-up times.
2. **Open Lines of Communication:** Connect with your child's teachers early in the school year. Introduce yourself, express your commitment to being involved, and establish a partnership for your child's learning journey. Regularly check in on their subjects, homework, activities and overall progress.
3. **Prioritize Nutrition:** A well-balanced diet is essential for concentration and academic success. Provide healthy meals to ensure your child is fuelled and ready to tackle the day's Challenges.
4. **Create a Dedicated Study Space:** Designate a quiet and organized area at home for schoolwork and homework. Minimize distractions to emphasize the importance of education in your family. Show interest in their work and offer praise for their efforts.
5. **Cultivate a Love for Reading:** Spend at least 20 minutes a day reading with your child. This simple practice not only reinforces the importance of literacy but also provides an opportunity for shared exploration and adventure.

As we embark on this new school year together, let's continue to work collaboratively to ensure the success and well-being of every student. Your involvement and support make a significant impact on their educational journey. We look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and shared achievements.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic start to the school year!

Yesterday on the Audiri app we attached some forms for you to read. Please take some time to have a read through the app:

1. AUDIRI (Have you updated your groups for 2024 so you do not miss any notifications?)
2. St Joseph's Parent Charter 2024

3. Standard Collection Notice
4. Student Mobile Phone Usage Policy
5. Anaphylaxis Parent Letter
6. Student Code of Conduct Years 3-6
7. Student Code of Conduct Years F-2

Kindest Regards,

Gavan

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



Raising Kids in a Digital World 2024

Thursday 22nd February 2024 7.30pm-9.00pm
Parent Webinar

This webinar follows up the important presentation held at school last year by Martin and Carley McGauran from Inform & Empower.

This is a free online presentation for parents at St Joseph's School Chelsea. It is a great presentation with up to date information.

Register your attendance here: [Registration Form](#)

Once registered you will receive an email to link to the webinar. The day after the presentation a link will be sent to access the replay. If you have not registered you will not receive the replay link, therefore we recommend that even if you are unable to attend the live webinar, please register to ensure you can access the replay which will be available for 30 days.



Colour Fun Run is coming....

Something exciting is coming to our school!

We are hosting a Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun with @Australian Fundraising!

Our fundraising will open within the next two weeks. Make sure you keep an eye out for your child's sponsorship booklet to get started.

Here's to a colourful 2024 🌈! There are many wonderful prizes students can earn through their individual fundraising.

We can't wait to fundraise with you 🙌. Stay tuned!

Christmas Day lunch



A MASSIVE thankyou to all our awesome volunteers who helped make Christmas Day a great success! We served 145 guests (including 10 children) and helped to make their Christmas Day a little bit happier! Whether it was guests who were alone, families who are struggling financially, refugees from overseas, or the people who just couldn't be with their usual company at this time, we had a FULL house!!

Special thanks to Fr. Williams and Gavan O'Donnell for allowing us to use the St. Joseph's Hall. A big thanks to all the volunteers who spent time setting up/packing up, volunteering on the day & making desserts. Thanks to Ms. Egan who guided the children to make some gorgeous placemats and other decorations, and to Ms. Coletti for all her support and being an awesome MC! To our main sponsors Ray White (Kristyn Buckley), Donnellan Constructions, O'Brien Real Estate, Miranda Accounting Services, Woolworths Seaford, The Sugar Cookie Box & Carvosso Cakes, we thank you so much!

Best wishes for 2024!

Vanessa, Vance & the CCCL team xxx



Our School Expectations: Safety, Responsibility and Respect

At St Joseph's we continue to be committed to the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework for our school community. We are a community of learners and this year we continue to learn and bring together the whole-school to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

What is PBL? Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across a school and helps schools develop safe and supportive learning environments. The PBL framework makes sure all students are explicitly taught the expected behaviours and establish clear and consistent boundaries. Our teachers take a proactive, preventative approach to ensure all students receive the appropriate level of support to help them to be successful at school. Student outcomes are monitored so identified students can receive additional support when needed, and a minority of students can access intensive support to enable them to engage successfully at school. PBL is an international evidence-based whole school process and as a school we are being supported to implement this framework by an external PBL Coach from the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

What does PBL involve?

To begin, St Joseph's have created clear expectations and rules that use positive language, for example "walk" instead of "don't run". This is done for all areas across the school and all people involved in the school community. Once everyone has agreed to the expectations, a system is designed to acknowledge students for following the expectations.

This clearly defined set of expected behaviours is backed up by teaching procedures and procedures for acknowledging expected behaviours as well as responding to other behaviours. School communities also work together to decide on what happens when things don't go according to plan. PBL uses an educational approach so there is the opportunity for students to get back on track. We support students to learn when they find areas of the curriculum challenging and we also aim to provide similar opportunities for behaviours.

What are the benefits of PBL?

When PBL is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- reduced inappropriate behaviour
- better support for teachers to teach, model and respond effectively to student needs
- a predictable learning environment where staff and students know what is expected
- a continuum of support that helps students with diverse academic and social needs

What is the evidence base for PBL?

PBL has a longitudinal research base in achieving positive outcomes for students and school (and system) improvement. Specific outcomes are:

- enhanced school climate
- increased student engagement in learning with improved learning outcomes

- lower rates of minor and major inappropriate behaviours
- increased attendance rates
- greater connection with key stakeholders (students, staff and community)

Our teaching focus for this week is introducing our core values: safety, responsibility and respect. We really look forward to sharing our journey with PBL each week in the newsletter.

2024 School Fees

Your 2024 fee statements will be emailed to all families today. On your statement will be the totalling owing for the whole year. Payments may be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or over 3 terms. We accept cash, credit card (office or over phone), Bpay and direct deposit.

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 2024.

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



Canteen 2024

Please click on the download button for the Canteen lunch order price list for this year. The canteen will commence next Thursday 8th February.

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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

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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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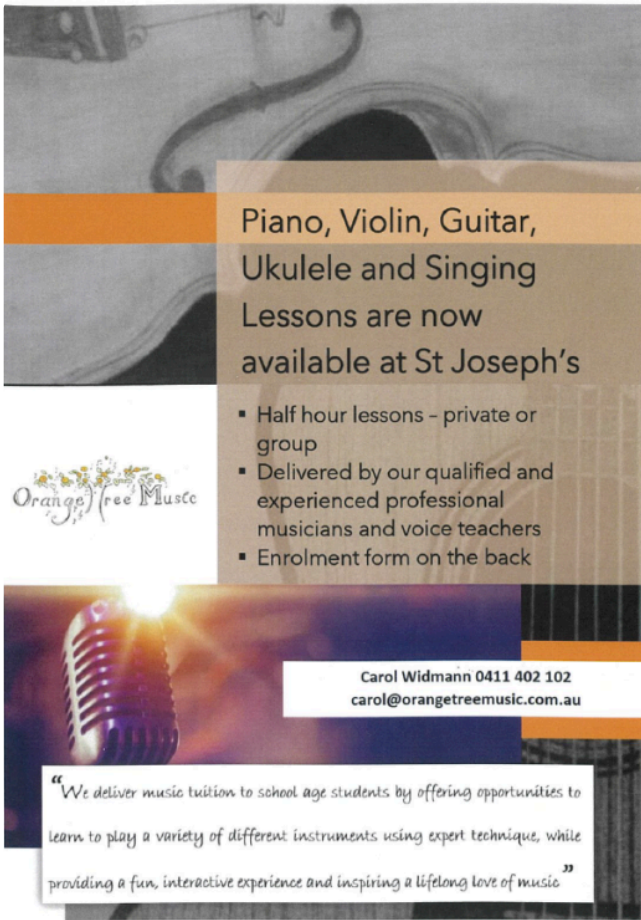


Direct debit form

Direct debit form is for the electronic transfer of funds from your cheque or savings account for the payment of school fees

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Orange Tree Music



Piano, Violin, Guitar,
Ukulele and Singing
Lessons are now
available at St Joseph's

- Half hour lessons – private or group
- Delivered by our qualified and experienced professional musicians and voice teachers
- Enrolment form on the back

Carol Widmann 0411 402 102
carol@orangetreemusic.com.au

“We deliver music tuition to school age students by offering opportunities to learn to play a variety of different instruments using expert technique, while providing a fun, interactive experience and inspiring a lifelong love of music.”



Student Enrolment

- Piano Private Lessons \$38 per lesson or Group Lessons \$15 per lesson
 Violin Private Lessons \$38 per lesson
 Guitar Private Lessons \$38 per lesson or Group Lessons \$15 per lesson
 Ukulele Private Lessons \$38 per lesson or Group Lessons \$15 per lesson
 Voice Private Lessons \$38 per lesson or Group Lessons \$15 per lesson
- I would like to hire an instrument that is the right size for my child.

Name of school St Joseph's Primary School

Student Surname _____ First Name _____

Student's grade _____

Parent/guardian Surname _____ First name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Conditions: Tuition fees for each term are invoiced at the start of term and payment is due upon receipt of invoice. Fees cannot be refunded if Orange Tree Music School has not been notified of absence from school by 8am on tuition day. If sufficient notice of school absence is given, a make-up class will be arranged. From the time your child is enrolled they are considered to be continuing in the music program until written cancellation from parent/guardian is received.

This is confirmation that I wish to enrol my child into Orange Tree Music School for music lessons. I accept the above conditions and understand that lessons will be conducted during school hours.

Signed _____ Date _____

☎ Carol 0411 402 102

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[orange tree music](https://www.facebook.com/orangetreemusic)

Fill in a form from the office if your child is interested.

Community News



Explore Kilbreda College

We are a contemporary and progressive Catholic school, which builds on 120 years of experience in educating girls to become confident, independent women who seek to make a positive contribution to their community and our world.

We recognise that each student is unique, and we celebrate and value the diverse perspectives, interests, and talents that they bring. We welcome families to visit our College and discover what's on offer.

Applications for Year 7, 2026 close 16 August 2024.

2024 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

2024

Week 1

Thurs 1st Feb Foundation & Yr 1/2 no school-Assessments for children to be held

Fri 2nd Feb Foundation & Yr 1/2 at school full day, 5pm classrooms open, BBQ, dance from STOMP

Week 2

Mon 5th Feb Gym Hire 2 - Yr 3/4

Tues 6th Feb Gym Hire 1 - Yr 5/6

Wed 7th Feb Gym Hire 2 - Foundation - Yr 2

Fri 9th Feb 2.30pm Assembly Leadership/Fire Carriers - all welcome

Week 3

Mon 12th Feb Gym Hire 2 - Yr 3/4

Tues 13th Feb Gym Hire 1 - Yr 5/6, School OPEN DAY, Pancake Tuesday (Details to follow)

Wed 14th Feb Ash Wednesday 9.05am Mass F-Yr 6

Thurs 15th Feb Gym Hire 2 - Foundation - Yr 2, 10am Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival, 2.30pm assembly, 4pm working bee

Sports uniform to be worn as follows:

Week 1- Foundation & Yr 1/2 Wednesday, Yr 3/4s Tuesday, Yr 5/6s Tuesday and Thursday

Week 2 onward - Foundation & Yr 1/2 on Wednesdays, Yr 3/4's on Mondays, Yr 5/6's on Tuesdays

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 - Tues 17th December