



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea 1924-2024



Our Foundation classes have settled in well.

Dear Families,

F-2 Family Mass Sunday 3rd March 11am

Come along to the Family Mass for Year F-2's on this Sunday at 11am. This will be followed by a sausage and bread BBQ. So come along and join us **this Sunday at 11am** for Mass.

Friday 8th March

Next Friday 8th March is a school closure day. All staff will be engaged in professional development around writing.

This week's piece of St Joseph's history:

The establishment of a school at St Joseph's Chelsea.

Last week a few parents met to start to organise a few of the celebrations coming up for our 100 Year Anniversary:

When: Sunday 29th July 2024

Where: St Joseph's Primary School

Time: 11am Mass followed at 12 noon by activities and whole school open 12-4pm.

Scholastic Book Club

Coming home tomorrow through your child's class you will receive Issue 2 of the Scholastic Book Club. All orders must be made online using your credit card. Full instructions are shown on the last page of the catalogue. All Book Club sales earn award points which enables the school to purchase books for our library. The cut-off date for ordering will be March 12th to ensure delivery by the end of term.

Parent Gym Visiting Sessions

All parents are welcome to attend their child's Gym session over the next week. Here are the times of their sessions:

Tues 5th March

9.40am 5/6E

10.30am 5/6W

12.10pm 5/6RC

1.00pm 5/6M

2.20pm 5/6F

Thank you.

Kindest regards,

Gavan.

Please scan this QR code and let us know what else you would like to hear about.



School Interviews Online Booking

Don't forget to make your school interview booking for your child. Click on the link and make a time that suits you. We ask all interviews to be in person and with your child.

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2025 Enrolments

St Joseph's School

Enrolments at St Joseph's Parish School for children entering Foundation in 2025 are now open.



OPEN DAYS
Thursday 7th March &
Thursday 18th April

School open for viewing 9am-3pm
Open Day Principal Address at
9.30am and 12.30pm



Call 8773 1111 Anytime to book a tour

School Tours run for 45 minutes by our Year 6s

Tours are run at
9.30 and 12.30pm

362 Station Street, Chelsea

☎ 8773 1111

✉ info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

🌐 <http://sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au>



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS of
CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CHELSEA
1924-2024

Always Faithful

SAFETY

RESPONSIBILITY

RESPECT



Colour Run!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited for our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun on the 15th March from 2.00pm to 3.30pm.

To help provide a safe and smooth event, we need volunteers for numerous roles.

Help will be needed prior to the event to set up the obstacle course and then at the event itself to spray the kids with colour and obviously I would love some volunteers to pack up the event too. I am asking for volunteers that can assist from 12pm through till 4.30pm. Even if you can only assist for an hour or so it would be amazing.

If you can help in any capacity, please contact Elizabeth Ireson via bettyireson@gmail.com or 0424185707 letting me know if you can make it.

****Please also make sure you have a WHITE T-SHIRT ready for the day. ****

We have only approximately 50% of students registered for the Colour Run we would love to see you all get behind it and raise money for the playground but also participate in the fun prizes up for grabs.

You only need to raise \$10 to achieve your first incentive prize!

So jump online and create a profile page at www.australianfundraising.com.au and start fundraising today!

The Miranda Foundation is hosting its major event – the Biggest Playdate.

The Miranda Foundation is a long-standing supporter of the Children's Cancer Centre at Monash Children's Hospital.

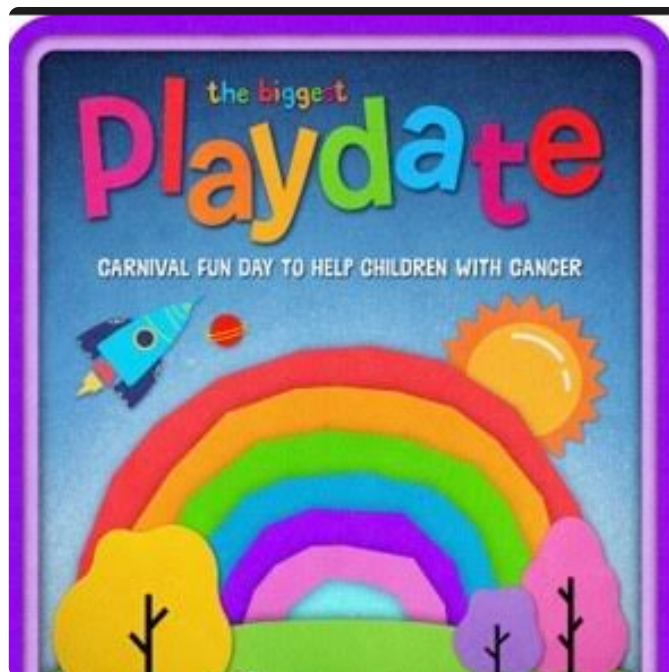
Held at Aspendale Gardens Community Centre the event is a fun day for young people and the young at heart. Project Manager Taylah Miranda explains:

“The Biggest Playdate is a day full of carnival rides, food vendors, a visit by some of your favourite movie characters, games and prizes, and a silent auction,” Taylah said.

“100% of the day's donations directly benefit children at Monash Children's Cancer Centre,” she said.

“Join us for a big day out where cancer is forgotten for a brief second, smiles, happiness and family are celebrated, and the community comes together united.”

Taylah is a former student of St Joseph's School.



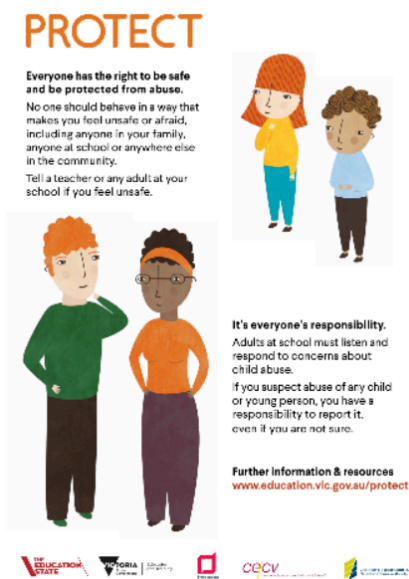
Expectation - Responsibility: I organise myself and my belongings

We continue to learn and bring together the whole-school to develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. Remember we have three core values:

Safety, Respect and Responsibility

Over the next fortnight, our focus is still on our core value **“Responsibility”**. We are learning how to organise ourselves and be responsible for our belongings" in the classroom and also outside in the playground by:

- packing and unpacking our own school bags
- placing our school bags in the lockers provided
- knowing where to put belongings in the classroom eg: drink bottles, diaries, notes
- equipment is tidy and organised, not left outside in the playground or in foyer areas
- checking ourselves in on our zones
- knowing the routines of our classroom
- listening to my teacher’s instructions by using whole body listening



Child Safety Update - PROTECT

St Joseph’s, Chelsea is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and young people and will take active steps to protect them against abuse.

St Joseph’s promotes the inherent dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with disabilities.

When allegations of abuse concerning children and young people are raised, St Joseph’s will take prompt action to have these appropriately referred and investigated. The fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety and identifying and responding to child harm are paramount for our school.

We will strive for continual improvement that is responsive to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the possibility of abuse occurring in the first place.

Creating a child-safe school environment is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by the school, our families and our community. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum, and practices.

Every person involved at St Joseph's has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people are at the forefront of all we do and every decision we make.

In accordance with requirements of the Victorian Government's Ministerial Order No 1359, St Joseph's, Chelsea maintains a culture of 'no tolerance' to child abuse.

You will find our policies and procedures related to the eleven standards on our website. We welcome and encourage continued discussion and collaboration from our families to support the young people in our care.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Do not forget our lunchtime clubs that run throughout the week.

Lunchtime Clubs At St Joseph's		
Day	Activity Prep -Year 6	Where
Monday	Drawing	Discovery Centre
	Choir	Performing Arts Room
Tuesday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub
	Garden/chickens	Sustainable Garden
Wednesday	Reading, Drawing Club, Script writing group	Library
	Garden/chickens	Sustainable Garden
Thursday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub

SCHOOL CLEAN UP!

Clean Up Australia Day!

“Clean Up Australia Day” is on the first Sunday of March. Tomorrow, we will be having a School Clean Up. All the students will participate in picking up rubbish around our school. Rubbish has a huge impact on our local environment, so it is important for us to work together and be responsible by cleaning up our school. Ways you can help to be responsible for reducing rubbish is by:

- Going NUDE food
- Any rubbish from the Canteen should go straight into the bin, not on the ground
- Compost your food scraps
- Take any rubbish home
- Use reusable drink bottles

This is just a few!

2024 School Fees

The 2024 fee statements were sent out via email on February 1st. On your statement was the total 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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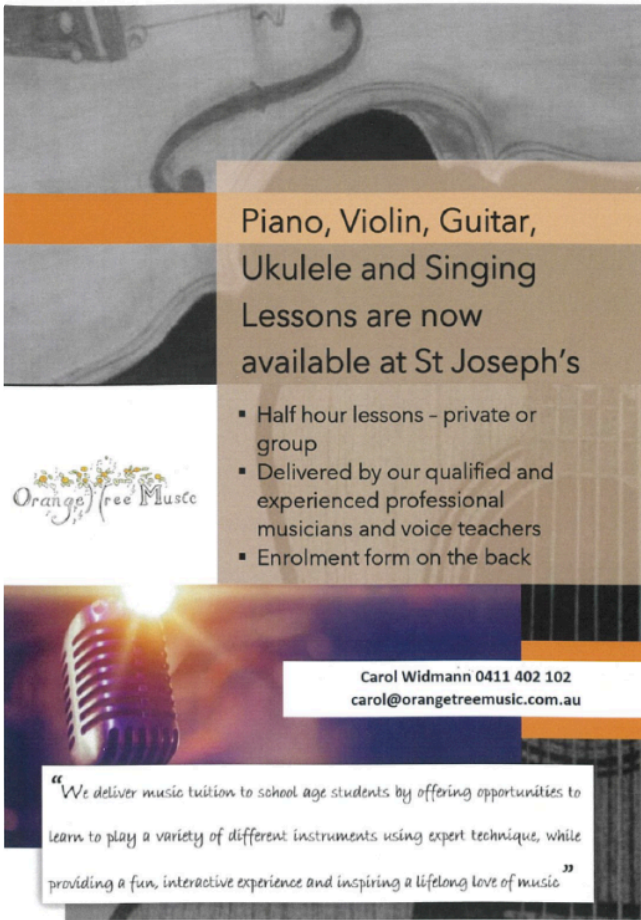


Direct debit form

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

Orange Tree Music

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

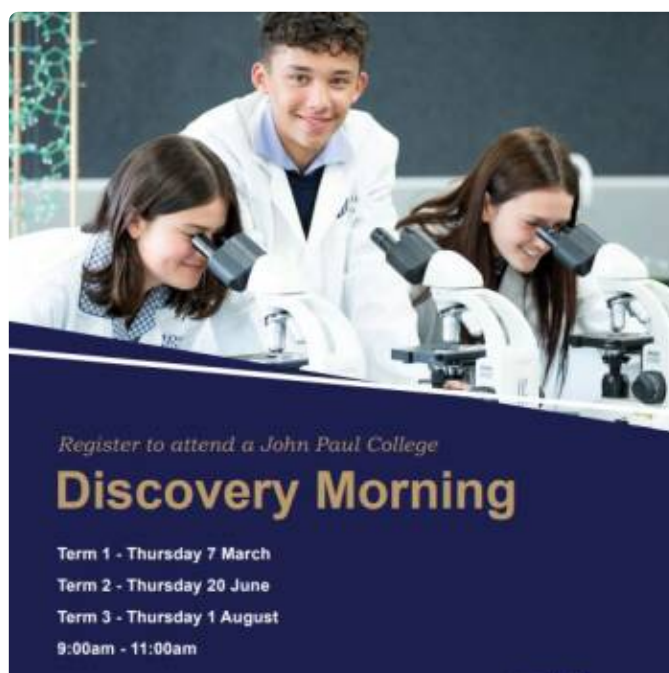
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[orange tree music](https://www.facebook.com/orangetreemusic)

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

Community News



2024 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

2024

Week 5

Thur 29th Feb Marine Ambassador Day, Learning Conferences F-Yr 6 3.30-6.00pm

Fri 1st Mar District Swimming, Assembly 2:30pm-Foundation & FIRE Carriers

Sat 2nd Mar 6pm Reconciliation Mass

Sun 3rd Mar 9am or 11am Reconciliation Mass & F-Yr 2 Family Mass followed by BBQ

Week 6

Mon 4th Mar Learning Conferences Yrs 3/4 2.00-6.00pm

Tues 5th Mar Gym 4 Hire - Yr 5/6 Parents welcome, Learning Conferences Yrs 5/6 2.00-6.00pm, Reconciliation 10am or 6pm

Thur 7th Mar Open Day, Learning Conferences F-Yr 6 3.30-6.00pm

Fri 8th Mar **School Closure Day - Staff Writing PD**

Week 7

Mon 11th Mar School Closure-Labour Day public holiday

Wed 13th Mar Yr 3 and 5 Naplan 9-11am

Thurs 14th Mar Yr 3 and 5 Naplan 9-11am, 100 year Planning meeting 6.30-7.30pm

Fri 15th Mar Yr 3 and 5 Naplan 9-11am, Yr 5 no Sport, Yr 6 sport vs Seaford North. F-6
Mass 1pm for Feast of St Joseph, 2.20pm colour run

Sun 17th Mar Biggest Play Date 10.00am-4.00pm

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1 - Tues 30th January - Thur 28th 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