



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea 1924-2024

## Term 1, Week 7 Thursday 14th March



## Tomorrow is the big day...

The Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun is finally here, and it's going to be a blast!

Don't forget to pack your kids with a change of clothes, including a white shirt to make the colour POP!

Sunglasses, headbands, and all other materials will be supplied tomorrow.

Also, don't forget to get those last-minute donations in. Ready to run and get splattered in colour? See you tomorrow!

Dear Families,

Tonight's 100 Years meeting has been postponed until next Thursday 21st March at 6.30pm.

Bishop Tony Ireland will be visiting the Parish of St Joseph's next week. As part of his visit he will be meeting with members of staff and hopefully some children next Thursday 21st March. He will be spending next weekend in the Parish celebrating Mass and meeting with various groups. We welcome the Bishop to our school and parish.

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

*Father Toomey's Transfer and Father Fitzpatrick's Appointment:*

On Fr. Toomey's transfer to East Brunswick, Fr G Fitzpatrick was appointed Parish Priest of Frankston in 1935 and he engaged the Josphite Sisters to take charge of the school and Sr Bernard was the first Principal with Srs Ursula, Julian, Leo and Matthew helping with the continually increasing environment.

As we didn't have a Convent the Sisters travelled up and down each day from Frankston.

In 1939 Fr Fitzpatrick saw the need for a larger more permanent Church and with Mr Kelly had plans drawn up for a very fine building on land purchased in Station Street next to the original Church.

The beautiful building was Blessed and opened by Archbishop Mannix on 5th January 1941, fifty years ago.

There was such a large crowd at the Opening that the ceremony was held in the school grounds.

*Our red team is named after Fr G Fitzpatrick*

In 1951 St Joseph's was separated from Frankston and became a parish with Fr G Fitzpatrick our first Parish Priest and as we didnt have a presbytery, Father stayed with various parishioners while he started organising the building of the presbytery - unfortunately because of lack of supplies and government restrictions the building Father had planned had to be modified but the building went ahead steadily and had just been completed when Father took ill and was hospitalised and on the 31st July 1952 God called him to his eternal reward and Fr P Shelton was appointed our second Parish Priest in September 1952.

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

When: Sunday 28th July 2024

Where: St Joseph's Primary School

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

Thank you.

Kindest regards,

Gavan.



## School Advisory Council Annual General Meeting

Please have a read of the attachment file.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING INPUT INTO THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHELSEA?

COME ALONG TO THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON

Tuesday 26th March at 6.15pm 2024 Sharp IN THE LIBRARY.

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## Sticks and Stones



On Thursday 21st March, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing performance 'Sticks & Stones' for all students F-6. 'Sticks & Stones' is a live educational theatre performance that promotes resilience, cyber safety and positive connections.

When things go wrong at home, at school or online, Toby's body goes into fight/flight. He feels angry, frightened and confused and responds in the only way he knows how - with aggression and antisocial behaviour. When Toby meets Joe, he learns to be assertive and respect boundaries. He deals with negative online experiences by reporting and telling an adult, and learns more positive ways to deal with anger: he stops, breathes, puts his hands in his pockets, walks away and talks about his feelings. Toby cooperates with other kids to create a circus routine with acrobatics and juggling.

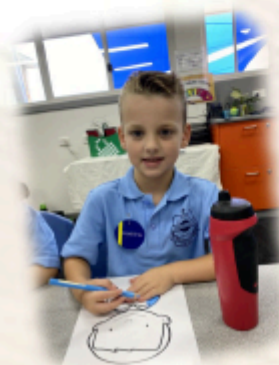
'Sticks & Stones' is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and has been developed by teachers and psychologists. This exciting live theatre experience provides students with practical social and emotional skills, and encourages students to build positive connections at school, at home and online.

Brainstorm Productions are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider and listed as an evidence-based bullying prevention program on the Victorian Schools Mental Health Menu. Learn more about Brainstorm Productions by visiting their website ([brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://brainstormproductions.edu.au)), or following them on Instagram (@brainstormproductions\_), Facebook (@Brainstorm.Productions) or LinkedIn ([linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions](https://linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions)).

# 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

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🌐 <http://sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au>



**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS of  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CHELSEA  
1924-2024**

Always Faithful

**SAFETY**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESPECT**



# Nurturing Self Advocacy in Your Child

Empowering your child with the skills of self-advocacy from a young age lays the groundwork for their future success and resilience. Here's a guide to help you foster these essential abilities in your child:

1. **Cultivate Identity and Values:** Encourage open discussions with your child about their interests, strengths, and needs. Simple questions like, "What do you enjoy doing?" or "Do you need help with that?" foster self-awareness and confidence.
2. **Build Confidence:** Role-playing scenarios, such as approaching a teacher about a concern, can boost your child's confidence. Start with small steps and offer positive feedback to reinforce their progress.
3. **Enhance Problem-Solving Skills:** Encourage your child to tackle real-life situations and conflicts. Role-play different solutions and discuss the outcomes to develop their problem-solving abilities.
4. **Foster Decision-Making:** Allow your child to make simple decisions and gradually increase complexity as they grow. Discussing the pros and cons of choices helps them learn to advocate for their preferences.
5. **Encourage Goal setting:** Help your child identify their goals and brainstorm strategies to achieve them. Whether it's fundraising for a cause or mastering a new skill, setting, and pursuing goals builds determination and self-advocacy.
6. **Establish Personal Boundaries:** Teach your child to assert their boundaries in a respectful manner. Activities like the "circle of friends" can help them understand and communicate their comfort levels.

7. Manage Emotions: Support your child in understanding and regulating their emotions. By learning to stay calm and composed, they can effectively express themselves when advocating for their needs.

8. Understand Rights and Responsibilities: Introduce your child to their rights and responsibilities using child-friendly resources. Emphasize the importance of respecting others while asserting their own rights.

Empower your child to become a confident self-advocate, equipped to navigate life's challenges with resilience and integrity. By nurturing these skills, you're preparing them for a future where they can confidently advocate for themselves and others.

## **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:

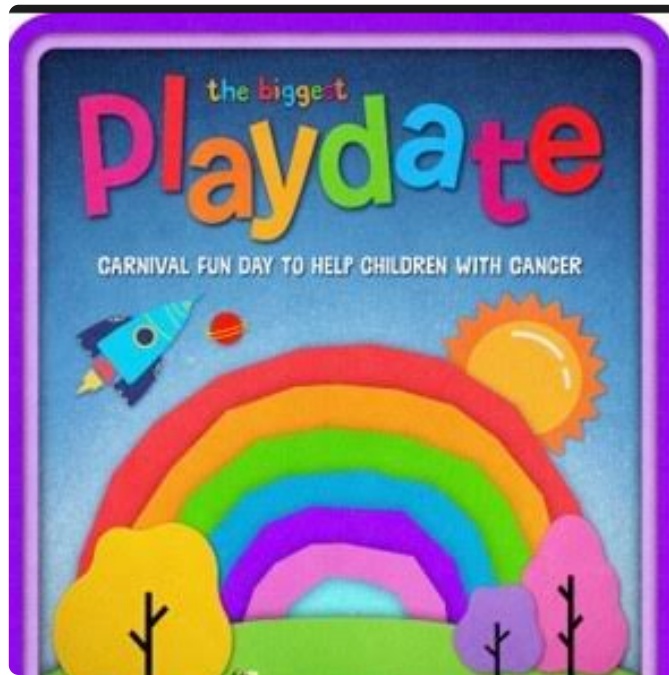
"The Biggest Playdate is a day full of carnival rides, food vendors, a visit by some of your favourite movie characters, games and prizes, and a silent auction," Taylah said.

"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

## PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.**  
No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.  
Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.**  
Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.  
If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

**Further information & resources**  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



## 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

## 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](http://kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram)

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

[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

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**HOLY WEEK**

**ST JOSEPH'S CHELSEA**

<b>PALM SUNDAY 23–24 MARCH</b> 6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 9:00am Mass with Procession 11:00pm Mass	<b>RECONCILIATIONS</b> Tuesday 26 March 8:30am and 7:00pm Wednesday 27 March 8:30am and 7:00pm Thursday 28 March 8:30am Friday 29 March 8:30am Saturday 30 March 10:00am
<b>HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH</b> 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 10:00pm Night Prayer	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH</b> 10:00am Way of the Cross 3:00pm The Lord's Passion	
<b>HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH</b> 8:00pm The Vigil of Easter	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00 am Mass	

## Teeth on Wheels is visiting

Your child's dental health is important to us, that's why Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our school starting on the **19/04/2024**.

**Scan the QR code below.**

Teeth on Wheels are focused on providing ***a positive dental experience*** and specialise with working with children. They can provide check-up and clean appointments, as well as treatment onsite and will be able to advise you if your child is eligible to receive dental care for **FREE** under the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.



Please complete your form today and the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to confirm and schedule your child's appointment. - Forms must be completed by **12/04/2024** for your child to participate. If you are unable to access the E-form, please visit the school reception for a paper form.

# Teeth on Wheels

**EXCITING NEWS**  
Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions




**CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM**

 [TeethOnWheelsAustralia](#)  [teethonwheels](#)

Phone: (08) 9338 1191  
Email: [info@teethonwheels.com.au](mailto:info@teethonwheels.com.au)



# Community News



*Register to attend a John Paul College*

## Discovery Morning

Term 1 - Thursday 7 March  
Term 2 - Thursday 20 June  
Term 3 - Thursday 1 August  
9:00am - 11:00am

# 2024 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

## 2024

### Week 7

Thurs 14th Mar Yr 3 and 5 Naplan 9-11am, 100 year Planning meeting 6.30-7.30pm  
POSTPONED to next Thursday 21st March

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

### Week 8

Mon 18th-20th Mar Year 5/6 Mt Evelyn Camp, Easter egg tickets due back

Thurs 21st Mar Yr 5/6 Sticks and Stones performance, 6.30pm meeting 100 Year  
Celebration

Fri 22nd Mar Summer Lightning Prem

Mon 25th Mar Wrapping of Easter eggs (all welcome!)

Tuesday 26th Mar Photo day (all students to wear school uniform. Details to follow), 6.30pm  
Annual General Meeting for the School Advisory Board. See details above.

Wed 27th Mar Easter Egg Raffle & aster Paraliturgy at 2.30pm

Thur 28th Mar Holy Thursday, F-6 Athletics Sports Carnival, **End of term 2pm finish**

## 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**