



St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea 1924-2024

Term 1, Week 8 Thursday 21st March

A little fun was had....



Dear Families,

Bishop Tony Ireland visited today as part of the Bishop's visit to St Joseph's Parish. He met with Leadership, staff and children as he toured our school. He was very engaging with all those he met. Every 5 years the Bishop does a visit to Parishes in his region. This weekend he will be celebrating our Masses as part of Palm Sunday celebrations. Bring the family along to a weekend Mass and introduce yourself to the Bishop.

We have a meeting tonight in the staffroom at 6.30pm to help organise a few celebrations coming up for our 100 Year Anniversary. Please join in if you can.

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

Father Sheldon becomes the second Parish Priest at St Joseph's 1952:

Fr Sheldon quickly saw the need for a Convent for the Sisters who were still travelling from Frankston each day and he was able to purchase a four roomed weatherboard collage at the rear of the Presbytery in Argyle Avenue and with a wonderful band of volunteers was able to add six bedrooms with bathroom and laundry. The original section was fitted out as a Chapel, community dining room, kitchen and interview room.

While these renovations were being done Father had plans drawn up for a new two storey block of eight classrooms facing Woodbine Grove with a Teacher's room, cloakrooms and toilet block facing Station Street.

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 to everyone for your efforts with our colour run last Friday.

The way everyone participated was fantastic. Children, parents and teachers allowed it to be a great event.

Special thanks for the enthusiasm and drive from Liz Ireson for her organisation. Well Done.

Thanks to Sheldon Molloy (Father of Jordan and Sienna) for organising the local fire brigade to come and allow the children, staff and parents to all get wet.

We have also raised the fantastic amount of \$35,158 of which the school will receive \$21,094 to put towards our Woodbine playground refurbishment.

I have also attached a thankyou letter from Liz Ireson.

Tomorrow I am meeting with our local member Tim Richardson around school issues (eg Capital Works, funding for Catholic schools etc). If anyone has any questions they'd like me to raise regarding education please send me an email.

From Liz Ireson

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all your support. It is with great pleasure to share that our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun was a huge success.

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. Seeing the smiles on the student's faces and everyone coming together as they ran was truly amazing!

We raised \$35,000 which will go toward upgrading our Woodbine playground. Obviously, a portion of this goes back to the organising company but still a substantial amount for the school.

The incentive prizes have been ordered and are on their way. Once we receive the prize order at the school we will sort and distribute them in a timely manner.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Elizabeth Ireson (Ben's Mum)

Regards

Gavan.

FINAL REMINDER.....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.

LAST CHANCE

To complete your form



Complete your E-form today and a Teeth on Wheels team member will contact you if your child is eligible for **FREE DENTAL CARE!**



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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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Current Families with children in Foundation 2025....

For current families with children starting in Foundation in 2025 please log on to our website and under Enrolments please fill in the online enrolment form. We require this as soon as possible please.



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 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

The poster features a background image of a school building with a large cross. It includes four inset photos: a boy at a desk, a girl in a hat, two girls with blocks, and children at a table. The school logo is visible in the center.

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



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

Fee statements are emailed each month to your nominated email address. Payments may be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or over 3 terms. We accept cash, credit card (office or over phone), Bpay and direct deposit. 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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HOLY WEEK

ST JOSEPH'S CHELSEA

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

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

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 1.30-2.00pm in classrooms & Easter Paralitury 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