



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea 1924-2024

**Sunday 28th July 11-12pm Mass, 12-4pm  
School open for tours, memorabilia  
displayed, food, music etc**

**Term 2, Week 3 Thursday 2nd May, 2024**



Dear Families,

**Just a reminder** of tonight's Holy Eucharist meeting at 6.30pm. An adult family member and child must attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

**This Sunday** at 11am we invite the Year 3/4 families to Mass. We look forward to families coming together to celebrate Mass with each other.

**Next Thursday** we have the Mother's Day stall. Today each child will receive a flyer of gifts they can buy at the stall. Gifts are \$6 each and children are encouraged to have a couple of options in mind.

**See the newsletter** below for the Mothers Day breakfast flyer. The breakfast will be held on Friday 10th May from 7.30 to 8.30am. Please check you have submitted your food option as some families have paid but not selected their preference of food. Please complete by Friday 2nd May for catering purposes.

**Fee Statements** have been emailed out today. If paying by instalments the 2nd instalment is due on Thursday 23rd May.

**Next Friday** the District Cross Country is on with some of our students taking part. We wish them luck.

**We are in the search** for the oldest living ex student from St Joseph's Chelsea as part of our preparation for our 100 year Celebration on Sunday 28th July. We currently have Val Hambridge at 91 years old. **The next meeting is Wednesday 29th May at 6.00pm in the staffroom.**

**At the last 100th Anniversary meeting** we discussed lots. We are looking for stories to be shared by past and present students.

Please see the flyer further in the newsletter.

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.

### **School Advisory Council**

We are looking for some parent reps to be part of the important School Advisory Council that supports the school. If you are interested in applying to be on the board please feel free to contact me. A new date for the AGM will be scheduled sometime in June.

### **Scholastic Bookclub**

Last week the children should have received Issue 3 of the Scholastic Bookclub. All orders are processed online using your credit card. This issue will be closed for ordering next Monday 6th May.

Regards

Gavan.

**Mother's Day - Please RSVP through Operoo  
by 10am Friday 3rd May....**



## **Memories from the past and present students....**

We are wanting to create some video snippets from our past and present students. If you would like to create a video of 30 seconds and send it to [events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au) we will put together a slide show to run throughout the

day. If you have any queries please email the school.

Memories from the past – A short 30 second video – favourite teacher, favourite memory, favourite subject, a funny story and the year you attended are just some things to talk about. Please share this information with other past members of our school.

Save the date....



HELP  
CELEBRATE  
ST. JOSEPH'S

100 years

Date: Sunday 28th July

Mass: 11am-12pm

School Open: 12pm-4pm

Join us for a fun day with food, musicians, tours  
and formalities including the inauguration of  
Pauline's Patch!

If you have any school memorabilia we  
could borrow to display on the day  
please email  
[events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)

*Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea  
1924 - 2024*

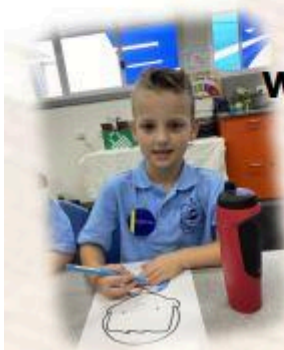
## **Current Families with children commencing Foundation 2025....**

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.*



**Book a tour online at**  
**[www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)**  
**Or call 8773 1111**

School Tours run for 45 minutes  
Led by our Year 6s  
**Tours are run at**  
**9.30 and 12.30pm**



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**of CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
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# Turning Battles into Stepping Stones

Let's face it, parenting can be a rollercoaster! There will be moments when even the most patient parent reaches their limit. But before you raise your voice, take a deep breath, and remember: the goal is to raise kind, capable individuals, not just win every battle.

Think of it this way: is your child learning valuable life skills when you react in anger? While immediate compliance might feel like a victory, in the long run, it might teach them that anger solves problems – a lesson we probably don't want them to carry forward.

Here's the good news: even when you feel your patience wearing thin, you can steer things back on track. By keeping the big picture in mind – raising a well-rounded person – you can naturally gravitate toward patience, resilience and love.

Here are some tips:

- Take a time-out: Feeling overwhelmed? Step away from the situation for a minute to collect yourself.
- Focus on solutions: Instead of dwelling on the negative behaviour, work together to find a solution that works for everyone.
- Positive reinforcement: Catch your child being good! Acknowledge and praise positive behaviour to encourage more of it.

Remember, we're all human. There will be times when frustration gets the best of us. But by focusing on the long-term goal, we can turn those frustrating moments into valuable learning experiences for both us and our children. Let's work together to raise kind, responsible individuals, one patient step at a time!

Acknowledgement: Steve Sivestro, MD





## FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony

The FIRE Carriers attended John Paul College last Wednesday in order to officially become FIRE Carriers alongside other schools such as St Judes, St John's, St Augustines and many more. We participated in a smoking ceremony to bless us and keep us safe. We applied the smoke on our mouths to represent language, our hearts to heal and our feet to represent the land we walk on. Amelie B

After the ceremony, we entered the building and, one by one, each school spoke about their commitment to becoming FIRE Carriers and about sharing their knowledge of Aboriginal culture with others. Overall, the ceremony taught us a lot of new and fascinating information that will enable us to go above and beyond the requirements of being a FIRE Carrier. Jack N

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## **ST JOSEPH'S KITCHEN GARDEN**

We would like to say a big thankyou to all our families who came along to school last Saturday morning and helped out at the working bee. At our working bee many families join alongside the staff in caring for our school. Jobs that were completed included:

- Weeding our sustainable garden
- Turning the soil
- Cleaning drains
- Trimming hedges around the school
- Cleaning up our Woodbine area
- Repairing items around the classrooms and school yard
- And more

We hold a Working Bee each term and we rely on the generous support of our parents and community members. The Working Bees are well attended and purely voluntary providing a great opportunity to foster friendships and a strong sense of our school community. Do not forget you get one of Mr O'Donnell's famous BBQ sausages at the end!

We look forward to seeing you at the next term's working bee!





We would like to say a huge thank you to Peter, Kaye, Georgia and staff from Scotsburn Nursery in Keysborough for donating trays of seedlings for our Sustainable garden! Even through remote learning we are still taking care of our garden. Peter has been a big supporter of our school and we really appreciate his generosity each year. Scotsburn Nurseries supplies Melbourne and Victoria's best independent retail nurseries. They are proud of their long-standing reputation as a producer of quality flowers, vegetables and herbs. Thank you so much Peter and we would love you to come and visit St Joseph's Kitchen garden. [Scotsburn Nursery](#)





## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Joseph's, Chelsea is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

***Please contact your child's class teacher if you have not yet received your child's login details.***

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

## Our PBL School Expectations

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## Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)

At St Joseph's, we continue to learn and bring together the whole school to develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

This week the focus has been on our expectation: "Respect: I speak and act kindly."

**WALT:** speak and act kindly

**Success Criteria: I can:**

- say something kind to someone by using positive words
- do or give something that would make another person happy
- think about the other person's feelings, wishes and needs, and act on it
- do something nice for somebody without expecting anything in return

**Why is it important?**

Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. An act of kindness can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism. They may also encourage others to repeat the good deeds they have experienced themselves – contributing to a more positive community.

Speaking and acting kindly is a key ingredient that enhances positivity and helps children feel good about themselves as it increases serotonin levels. This important chemical affects learning, memory, mood, sleep, health, and digestion.

**Resources you may find helpful**

Kindness is My Superpower Read Aloud

Be Kind | A Children's Story about things that matter

Tiny Acts of Kindness Read Aloud | Kids Books | Read Along

Stick and Stone Beth Ferry (Kids Book Read Aloud) | Friendship | Miss Jill

The Jelly Donut Difference Book Read Aloud

A short story on - kindness must see video

## 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

## 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.

## 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](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

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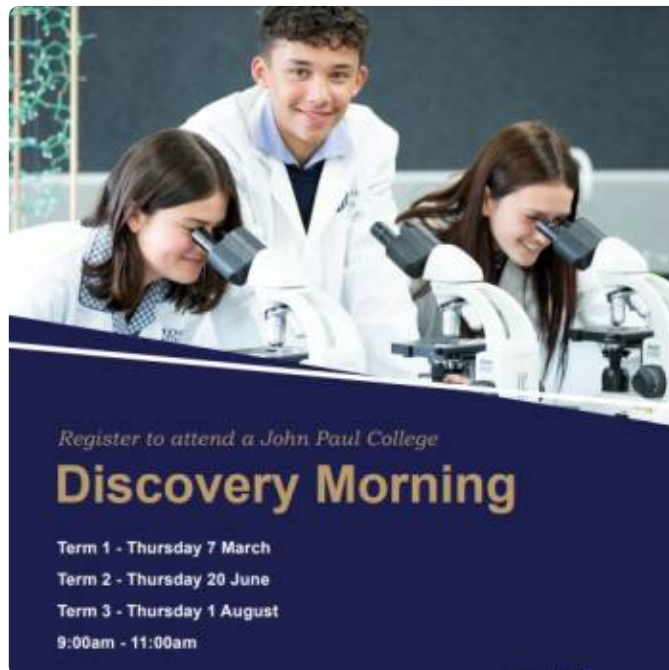


## Direct debit form

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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## Community News



## 2024 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

**2024**

**TERM 2:**

Week 3

Thur 2nd May Eucharist Session tonight in the Hall Parents and Child 6.30pm

Fri 3rd May Yr 5/6 Sport vs Chelsea, 2.30pm assembly Yr 3/4 presenting

Sat 4th May Eucharist Mass 6pm

Sun 5th May Eucharist Mass 9 & 11am (11am Yr 3/4 Family Mass)

Week 4

Thur 9th May Mothers Day stall

Fri 10th May Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30-8.30am, District Cross Country, No assembly

Sun 12th May Mothers Day

Week 5

Wed 15th May Year 5 Transition JPC

Thur 16th May Year 5/6 MCG Excursion, 6.30pm Eucharist Night in the Hall Parents and Child

Week 6

Wed 22nd May Yr5/6 Excursion JPC Charlie and Chocolate Factory

Thur 23rd May Junior Mayor

Fri 24th May 1pm Whole school Mass Our Lady Help of Christians

Week 7

Wed 29th May 100 year Planning Meeting 6pm May

## **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**