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Thursday Feb 1 2024 - School Bulletin

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends
Welcome to 2024 and a new year of Living and Learning at St Joseph's. It is an exciting time for all.

A special welcome to our 28 Preps who attended school for the very first time today. Also a big welcome to the new families through the school who join our community as well as staff members Al Dietrich, Jody Tilley, Trevor Mills, Bre Levesque, Jai Morrison, Laura Woodland, Kloe O'Keefe and Shay Patrick.

Holiday Works & Maintenance Update

It was a busy time through January, here's what we did.

- *Furniture & carpets steam cleaned*
- *All windows washed inside and out*
- *Major outdoor painting project*
- *New ipad storage areas*
- *Solar panel installations*
- *Foyer entry storm damage repair*

P/T/S Conferences

Our Beginning of Year Conferences will be on Wednesday, February 14. The conference will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, see how the year has begun and importantly, tell the teacher about your child and the wishes you have for him or her for the year ahead. *Booking Information will be sent home next week.*

Beginning of Year Mass & Leaders' Induction

Our Beginning of Year Mass and Year 6 Leaders' Induction will be on Friday, February 16 at 9:30am in the MacKillop Centre. Families are invited to attend. The Mass will be Live Streamed for all at work and home.

Term One Planner attached



First day of school,
First day on the
bus!



SWIMMING

Our Year 3-6 Swim Program kicked off yesterday, and continues Tuesday and Wednesday next week. This program culminates with our Carnival on Friday, February 9.

SOCIAL SKILLS

Weeks 1&2

Using People's Names

As a School we promote and reinforce the use of simple but vital Social Skills and Good Old Fashioned Manners.

Prep First Day Photo Gallery
On Show In School Foyer

Live Life to the Fullest in Christ

Paul Arnel

SCHOOL FEES:

- Thank you for informing us of your preferred fee paying option. The families having **fees directly debited DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.**
- Could those families who are **NOT** using the Direct Debit option, **PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOUR FEES ARE DUE:**

- **One Yearly Payment** due by 28th February
- **Four Term Payments** due in the first 4 weeks of each term
- **Ten Monthly Payments** – these are due on the 18th of each month from February to November.
- **Twenty Fortnightly Payments** – these **commence on Friday the 9th February** and continue every second Friday until the 1st November 2024.

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

If you are wanting to amend your payment options please do so ASAP.

CSEF

School fees will be sent home within the next week. If you now have a health care card and are eligible for the **Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)** please complete the attached CSEF Application form and hand to the office. Eligibility requirements & explanations are listed on the back of the form. *If you received the fund last year & your circumstances haven't changed you do not need to complete the form again. If you have new children attending the school, you will need to complete a new form.*

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

If you have changed your address, phone number or email, contacts or occupations, please let us know ASAP so that we have correct contact details for you.

If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Donna at the office on 5862 1804.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE: 2024

To be eligible you must:

- ✓ Be the holder of a current Health Care Card or Pension Card (as with EMA)
- ✓ Be attending your closest Catholic Primary School
- ✓ Live 4.8 or more kilometres from **both** the school and your nearest bus stop by the shortest practical route
- ✓ Your child is using the free government run buses if available.

If you meet these criteria and would like to apply, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

The Claim deadline for Term 1 is 1st March. It would be best to apply well before that date in case the Dept has any queries regarding your claim.

Following your application, your eligibility is decided by Centrelink and the Transport Department.

2024 CLASSES

The following is a list of class names & teacher in charge for your information, use this to set up your online lunch orders, parent/teacher interview etc.

Prep N – Mrs Tanya Neyland (leader)

Prep J – Mr David Jenner

Jun O – Miss Makayla O'Callaghan (leader)

Jun P – Mr James Pruden

Jun W – Mrs Sara Whitford

Jun M – Mr Jai Morrison

Miss Jordyn Sutton (Middles leader)

Mid A – Mr Tim Arnel

Mid L – Miss Bre Levesque

Mid B – Mr Liam Booth

Mid G/K – Mrs Georgia Griffin/ Mrs Loreena Keane

Sen S – Mr Adam Stirton (leader)

Sen T – Mr Jeremy Tyndall

Sen D/T – Mrs Ali Dietrich/ Mrs Jody Tilley

Sen M – Mr Trevor Mills

BUS NOTES

Any students at school but not travelling home on the bus, need to fill out a bus note these can be obtained from the office. If your child needs to travel on a different bus you need to contact the high school to arrange a bus pass. If you are a bus traveler please download the below Team App to receive notifications from the Secondary College about any changes to bus routes in emergencies, delays etc.

SCHOOL BUS CO-ORDINATION

NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the School Bus Co-Ordination App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app stores.



2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.

3. Log into the App and search for "School Bus Co-Ordination".

4. Choose your applicable access group(s).

5. If you don't have a smartphone go to schoolbuscoordination.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



Need help?

Contact: Helen Barker
Email: barker.helen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 58621088

teamapp.com

FUN RUN

Pen In Sunday **MARCH 3!** This is the date for our 2022 Fun Run. Registrations will be open soon.



OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!



No more paper bags or loose coins. You can now order your kids lunch with ease, no cash required its all pre-paid online. It's so easy even your kids can do it!

THE PROCESS



STEP 1

Register your account from any device, add your email and a password, it's simple and easy.

STEP 2

Add your child into the My School Tuckshop system and select their classroom number.

STEP 3

Top up your account via Credit Card, Paypal or Direct Deposit.

STEP 4

Simply select your child's lunch order for the day or week from the provided lunch menu.

REGISTER TODAY

www.myschoolconnect.com.au/stjosephs

Dear Families,

As a school we continue to use SIMON which is a Learning Management Program that is being used by many Catholic schools in the region. An important part of the SIMON program is the Parent Access Module (PAM) which provides a portal to improve the communication between parents and the school. PAM makes life a little easier, as well as being far more environmentally friendly with less paper work going home in the bottom of school bags!

Benefits of PAM are that families can:

- get the most up to date information and resources regarding what's happening at school
- inform the school of your child/s absence or late arrival
- update child/s medical information
- be informed if your child/ren have needed First Aid during a school day
- provide consent for excursions & school activities.
- View student assessment (school reports)

To register and use PAM please make sure you have completed the following:

- Registered using the email link sent to personal email
- Verify the email as per set up instructions
- Update child/s medical information

Once again thank-you for your support and please contact the office if you have any concerns.

CANTEEN

Full Canteen will begin operating from Thursday 1st February 2024. The new menu is attached for Term 1 & a copy will be on the website. If you haven't already signed up for online ordering the instructions on doing so are below. We are looking for volunteers to assist Marcella in preparing the lunches. If you are available to help out one day a month can you please return the slip attached to the newsletter nominating your preferred day. We will be following the roster from last year for the first 2 weeks. Please check the sheet attached if you are rostered on. Any queries please contact Marcella Coonan at school on 58621804.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Shannon Martin will be supervising both our Before School Care and After School Care Program while Georgia Carkeek, Tash Sutton, Shay Patrick & Anna Newman continue to assist her. Sue McKellar is having the term off and will return in term two. Donna Murfett is the first contact for any changes for Outside School Hours Care.

Our Permanent numbers for Before School Care are now 15, and After School Care are 45. Due to the growing numbers in the After School Care Program, as of the 1st February you may still be charged the program fee of \$20.00 for any late cancellations after 10am on the day of your booking. As we do have people waiting for a casual booking, if you know you aren't intending to use your permanent spot on a particular day please cancel asap, so that it may be booked by others.

We have an online App to allow families to enrol, make permanent bookings casual bookings and cancellations.

You can find a link to this app on the St Joseph's PS website under enrolment\Outside School Hours Care\Outside school hours care enrolment. Click on register here if you are a new family to complete an enrolment form. Click sign here if

you are an existing family and have received an email with login details.

Visit myfamilylounge.com.au to see how this amazing parent portal will benefit you and step by step videos on how to use it.

Vacation Care

We saw many children enjoying a variety of fun activities from Crazy Hair day, cooking, art and craft, sport - what was even more exciting is we saw some new starters to the school who were given the opportunity to make new friends and they can continue to look up to during their first few days, knowing someone is watching out for them.

While some of the younger ones demonstrated their sporting skills, others had the opportunity to show off their creative side by making cubby houses from recycled cardboard and materials. Whilst some excelled in the sports, others showed off their talent in the kitchen making afternoon tea for everyone to enjoy after movie time.

Looking forward to seeing the old and some new faces in the before and after school care program in 2024.

Shannon, Georgia, Tash, Shay and Anna.

FIRST DAY OF PREP





**PREP FIRST DAY
PHOTOS NOW ON
SHOW IN THE FOYER**







Welcome to The Resilience Project

PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and The [University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on **emotional wellbeing** and **behavioral changes**.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill-health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity**.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



Canteen News 2024

Canteen is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Paper orders need to be clearly marked with the **student's name and class**. These are to be put in the order tubs in each class room first thing in the morning. If ordering Online this needs to be done before 9.15am on the day you are ordering. Drinks, sandwiches, rolls, wraps special hot foods, fruit cups and smoothies must be ordered however frozen items on the menu can be purchased through the canteen window after the second lunch bell. Canteen window is open **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Unless advised otherwise.

New canteen volunteers Welcome!

Could anyone who would like to help with canteen duty this year please fill out the form below and return to the school office. Or I'm here (Marcella) on the 3 mornings canteen is open. Feel free to come and have a chat if you are interested or call or msg on 0409 622589.

What canteen duty looks like:

Where: Kitchen in the Mackillop Centre

Time: 12.00pm – 2.00/ 2.15pm

How often: Once a month or as you can. We are very flexible

What we do: Help prepare and sort lunches.

The children love seeing Mum, Dad, Aunt, Uncle or Nana at school, especially in the window!

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE OR MARCELLA IN THE CANTEEN

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please tick on a preferred day and time of month.

1st of the month:	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
2 nd of the month	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
3 rd of the month	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
4 th of the month	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
5 th of the month (when it occurs)	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___

Yes/ No I am happy to be put down as an Emergency.

2024



S T J O S E P H S T E R M 1

	Week 1 29 Jan - 4 Feb	Week 2 5 Feb - 11 Feb	Week 3 12 Feb - 18 Feb	Week 4 19 Feb - 25 Feb	Week 5 26 Feb - 3 Mar	Week 6 4 Mar - 10 Mar	Week 7 11 Mar - 17 Mar	Week 8 18 Mar - 24 Mar	Week 9 25 Mar - 31 Mar
Mon	29 Jan	5 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb	26 Feb	4 Mar	11 Mar	18 Mar	25 Mar
		Assembly : SEN S & DT	Assembly : SEN T & M	Assembly : MID B & GK	Assembly : MID A & L	Assembly : Jun O & M	Labour Day Holiday	Assembly : JUN W & P	Assembly : Year 6's
Tues	30 Jan	6 Feb	13 Feb	20 Feb	27 Feb	5 Mar	12 Mar	19 Mar	26 Mar
	Day 1 Yr P - 6	Swim Prac Year 3-6	Pancake Tuesday						
Wed	31 Jan	7 Feb	14 Feb	21 Feb	28 Feb	6 Mar	13 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar
	Prep Rest Day Swim Prac Year 3-6	Prep Rest Day Swim Prac Year 3-6	Prep Rest Day Ash Wednesday Parent / Teacher/ Student Conf.	Prep Rest Day SCHOOL COUNCIL	Prep Rest Day	Last Prep Rest Day		SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM	
Thurs	1 Feb	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb	29 Feb	7 Mar	14 Mar	21 Mar	28 Mar
	Bulletin		Full Newsletter		Bulletin		Full Newsletter		Last Day Term 1
Fri	2 Feb	9 Feb	16 Feb	23 Feb	1 Mar	8 Mar	15 Mar	22 Mar	29 Mar
		Swim Carnival Year 3-6	Beginning of Year Liturgy & Leaders Induction				St Joseph's Feast Day Celebration		GOOD FRIDAY
Sat	3 Feb	10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb	2 Mar	9 Mar	16 Mar	23 Mar	30 March
Sun	4 Feb	11 Feb	18 Feb	25 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar	31 March
					FUN RUN				

Term 1 Holidays : Last Day of Term 1 – Thursday March 28
EASTER – Good Friday March 29
School Commences Monday , April 15

CANTEEN PRICE LIST TERM 1, 2024

CLEARLY WRITE NAME AND CLASS ON PAPER BAG ORDERS AND PLACE IN CLASSROOM TUBS

PLEASE ENSURE ALL GLUTEN FREE OR DAIRY/LACTOSE FREE ORDERS ARE CLEARLY MARKED

SANDWICHES-WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN BREAD ROLLS WHITE, WHOLEMEAL OR MULTIGRAIN)
WRAPS WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN GLUTEN FREE OPTION (rolls/sandwiches/Wraps 50c extra

Butter or DF spread	\$1.50	Salad (no meat)	\$4.00	Chicken (real BBQ)	\$4.00
Ham	\$3.00	Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50	Egg	\$3.50
Vegemite	\$2.50	Ham & Cheese	\$4.00	Egg and lettuce	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50		
Cheese					
Dairy/lactose free	\$3.00	Ham <u>or</u> Chicken & Salad	\$6.00		

Salad consists of lettuce, cheese, cucumber, carrot, tomato & beetroot

Please note on order if you want to leave a salad item out or want to add mayo, aioli, tomato or bbq sauce

Salad in a container *GF \$4.50

Salad & meat in a container *GF(chicken or ham, please choose) \$6.00

HOT FOOD OPTIONS

TOASTIES

Note on order if you choose to have your sandwich toasted
 And variations to other items wanted

WEDNESDAY

Savoury muffin - Ham, cheese and corn or \$3.00
 -Ham, tasty cheese, fetta, sundried tomatoes
 and creamed corn **\$3.50**

THURSDAY

Dim Sims – BBQ, Tomato or Soy sauce \$1.00

FRIDAY

Chicken Schnitzel Roll – Served with cheese and coleslaw \$6.00

WINDOW ITEMS – purchased through canteen window after 2nd bell

*GF=Gluten Free *NF= Nut Free

FRESH FRUIT CUPS (with or without greek yoghurt)	\$3.50
SMOOTHIE mixed berry & banana (choose between dairy or orange juice base)	\$3.50
SMOOTHIE CHOC BANNANA. Made with banana, yogurt, milk and coco powder	\$3.50
300ml Plain Milk	\$2.50
250ml Water	\$2.00

Frozen Orange	*GF *NF	50c	Plain chips	*GF *NF	\$1.00
Frozen Pineapple Ring	*GF *NF	50c	Rice Biscuits	*GF	\$1.00
Popcorn	*GF	50c	True Fruit Bars	*GF *NF	\$1.00
Home Baked Treat (flavour changes without notice)		50c (limit of 2, subject to availability)			
Homemade Icpole	*GF *NF	\$1.00	various flavours available (select at window)		

CANTEEN OPEN WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAYS ONLY

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR**

Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/csef-eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/csef-payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.