



# eNews Term 1, Week 7, 2023

## Important Dates

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### Term One Starts

Monday 30 January

### Good Friday

Friday 7 April

### Easter Sunday

Sunday 9 April

### Term 1 Concludes

Friday 14 April

### Term 2 Commences

Monday 1 May

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## Upcoming Events

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### School Photo Day

Date: Friday 17 March

Venue: St Joseph's School -  
Murray Bridge

### School Board AGM

Date: Monday 27 March

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: St Joseph's School -  
Murray Bridge

### 2023 Easter Plays

Date: Thursday 6 April

Time: 9:30am

Venue: St Josep's School  
Auditorium -

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## Religious Education Week 7



### **SAINT JOSEPH ~ MAN OF FAITH**

On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> our school will celebrate the feast day of our school's patron, St Joseph husband of Mary. We have moved the day of celebration for this special man to Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a day we plan carefully as we believe, like St Mary MacKillop who named her schools after this special saint that St Joseph is a man worthy of celebrating.

"I will not be a complainer today. Instead, I will be a patient listener to those who are truly troubled. Amen"

This anonymous quote may be the best way to sum up St Joseph's outlook on his life and responsibilities towards those in his care. Having very few references in the Gospels, not one of them records a single word he spoke.

Joseph totally lived by faith – not because of his words but because of his actions. He listened in silence...he accepted his obligations readily...he persevered in his supporting role with unrelenting commitment...he nurtured and loved unconditionally...he carried out his vocation with complete loyalty...he knew difficulty, danger, hard work and fatigue.

Given what the world has gone through over the past few years you can understand people asking the question, "Where is God when pandemics, natural disasters strike or wars and other tragedies?" We probably all ask this question when things go wrong in our lives. As we celebrate the feast of our patron, St Joseph I am sure there were times when he also wondered about the things that were happening in his life. Instead of bemoaning and wondering, "Why me?" he trusted in God and knew he would be able to get through the difficult times.

**Please join us on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 for our school Mass led by Years 7, 8 & 9 in the school Auditorium. March 21<sup>st</sup> is also Harmony Day, a day when we recognise and celebrate our diversity of cultures, disabilities, and the way we do things. Australia and our school are a very multi-cultural community, and we work very hard to include and show respect for these many cultures. As a way of acknowledging our diversity and the examples we have of St Joseph and St Patrick (whose feast day is on March 17<sup>th</sup>) the students can wear green, blue or orange to school instead of school uniform. Teachers have organised activities for the students to do during the day as well.**



## Upcoming Prayer and Service Times

Event	Date	Time
St Joseph's Day Mass	21 March	9.30am
Reception Prayer Service	23 March	9.15am
Year 4 Mass	29 March	9.30am
Year 2 Prayer Service	31 March	9.30am
Year 3 Prayer Service	5 April	TBC
Easter Plays	6 April	9.30am

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## From the Principal Week 7



### **Dear parents, carers, teachers and students,**

As we head towards the halfway mark of the first term, seeing so many children settled into school routines and enjoying their learning spaces has been pleasing. We look forward to the many exciting events and activities for the remainder of the term and year.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

This weekend we received the wonderful news that Mrs Sarsha Pearson, a permanent teacher at St Joseph's School, and her husband Craig, welcomed their second child, Leo James Pearson, into their family. Both mum and Leo are doing very well. We look forward to a visit from Mrs Pearson towards the end of the term.

### **MANNUM BUS SERVICE**

As of this week, St Joseph's School will run a bus to and from Mannum daily to pick up and drop off students. This service is possible due to Catholic Education South Australia lobbying to receive a state government grant to support children's access to bus services in rural and regional areas to take them to a Catholic School. This funding doesn't cover all expenses but does enable our families from Mannum to access the bus at a lower cost. For more information or to book your child/ren a seat on our bus, please contact the administration office on 85342000 and speak to Mrs Carol Rowland.

### **MID-TERM ENROLMENTS**

In 2023, St. Joseph's School will continue to offer mid-year enrolments. If your child turns **5 before 31 October 2023**, they can start school at St. Joseph's in **Term 3, 2023, and the school fees are free**. Children starting in Reception mid-year will have a minimum of 6 terms in Reception. Enrolments are also open for the beginning of 2024. Please contact the school administration to register your interest and book a Principal's tour. Children who turn **5 on or before 30 April can begin school in Term 1 of 2024**. Please let friends and family know that enrolments are open for Mid Year 2023 and the beginning of 2024.

### **SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



The School Board AGM is scheduled for Monday, 27 March, at 6.30 pm. All parents are warmly invited and encouraged to attend the AGM. This is an opportunity to learn more about what happens in our school and contribute to our community consultation, which will direct our future school improvement plans. Board members are elected for two years, with an option for re-election for two further tenures with a maximum of six years.

If you have any questions about being on the St Joseph's School Board, please feel free to speak to continuing Board members;

- Mrs Ros Oates (Executive Officer)
- Fr Philip Marshall (President)
- Mrs Deb Holland (Parish Representative)
- Mrs Kelly Gravestocks (Treasurer)
- Mrs Amy Sobels (Parent Representative)
- Ms Megan Olive (Parent Representative)
- Mrs Nicki Clifford (Staff)
- Mrs Lisa Angove (Board Secretary)

Fortunately, we have received several School Board nominations from new community members, which is exciting. There are still vacant positions, and if you wish to apply before the AGM, please get in touch with Mrs Leesa Angove on 85342000.

### **NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN in Weeks 7 and 8 of this term. We keep them and their families in our prayers as they complete this testing. The schedule of testing is as below:

Wednesday 15 March – Writing

Thursday 16 March – Reading

Friday 17 March – Conventions of Language

Wednesday 22 March – Numeracy

Make-up tests for absent students will be completed across the week until Friday, 24 March.

**Mrs Ros Oates**

**Principal**

## **From the Classroom - Year Two**



During the first half of Term One, the Year Two students have engaged in identifying and describing the feelings of others, when they feel 'included' as well as 'excluded' from a variety of situations. We acknowledged that it is important to welcome all people and explored ways in which we can be inclusive of everyone in our class and school community.

In Numeracy, we have been busy learning about being 'Mathematicians', developing and practising efficient counting strategies, place value and ordering and representing numbers to 1000. We are also now exploring calendars, months and dates within a year.

As part of our Inquiry learning, the Year Two children have investigated how technology has changed over time and effected how people live. They conducted interviews to gather information about the ways in which people they know used to work, travel and communicate in the past. We are now moving onto exploring our Earth and Space Science topic about 'The Solar System.'



Throughout the term, the students have also participated in weekly 'Footsteps' dance lessons with great enthusiasm and creativity. We are all looking forward to continuing this program for the remainder of Term One.

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## Year Two Photo Gallery





## Middle Years Week 7



The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are safeguarded, and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency.

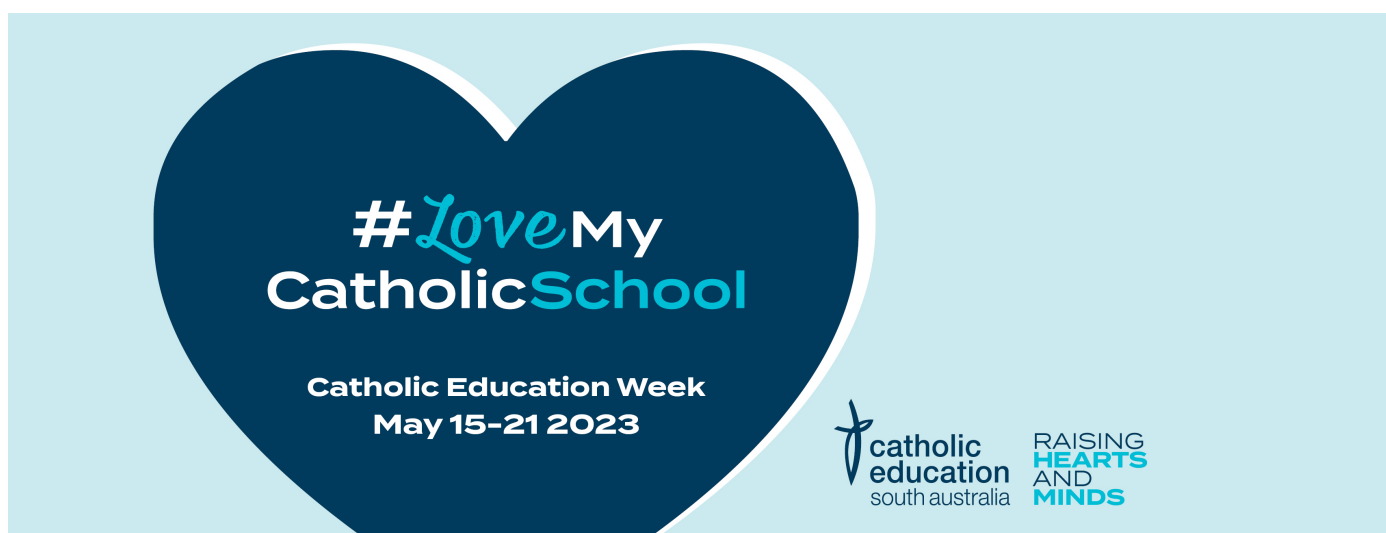
The Middle Years students have just started their unit looking at the Catholic Social Teachings and how we can incorporate this into our lives. We began the unit with a visit from Umes a Leader at Vinnies. He asked our students to think about how they could support the community of Murray Bridge. The students came up with some great ideas including donations of clothing, food, advocating for free mental health services and promotion of Vinnies services.

From next term, Middle Years students will be supporting Fred's Van in Murray Bridge by cooking food in our kitchen and freezing it. Deb Holland our APRIM will take the food over to the Parish as needed for the van. The students are really looking forward to helping their community.

Mrs Annette Lamont  
Leader of Middle Years (Curriculum)

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## Catholic Education Week 2023 - Coming Soon!



Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in Catholic schools throughout South Australia from 15 – 21 May 2023. This week is an opportunity to reflect on and share all the things that we love about St Joseph's School and what makes our community special.

Join us on social media this week in sharing Facebook post about the reasons you love our school and being a part of our community, using the hashtag #LoveMyCatholicSchool.

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## School Photo Day 2023



School Photo Day is: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** The **photo orders will be taken via email**, by MSP Photography who have provided the following information:

To order school photos please keep a look out for your email containing your child's unique shoot key & remember these helpful tips:

- Keep a look out for an email from MSP Photography – Check you junk folder
- Use the unique shoot key provided in the email to place your order online before the close date. If you have more than 1 student at the school you will also receive a FAMILY shoot key. Use this to order Family photos.
- Your child is not required to hand anything in on photo day.
- If you do not have an email address please collect a spare envelope from the school's front office.
- Please call our office if you require your order to be collected from the school's front office.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact MSP Photography.

email: [admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au](mailto:admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au) ph: 08 83913951

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# School Uniforms

It is pleasing to see over 90% of the students in their correct school uniform. Thank you. Parents are asked to communicate any difficulties with uniform ordering, purchasing or product quality via the school email address [info@stjomb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stjomb.catholic.edu.au)

It is appreciated if families do not express their grievances on any school matter, especially uniforms, through social media. I remind families that working with Vinnies is the most cost effective and easiest way to access uniforms, and prices remain reasonable, if not below cost for the quality, due to Vinnies supporting the school as a non-profit organisation. Please see further information below.

## PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING UNIFORMS

Other

We have been working with Vinnies to help improve the process for our families to either book a uniform fitting order or place an order for the new uniform. This can now be done via scanning QR codes using a mobile device such as your mobile phone.

### **Book a Fitting**

A reminder from Vinnies - 'Please book any future appointments online or they can call the store direct and we can book a fitting for the same day if needed, that way we won't get double booked and the parents won't be disappointed if asked to wait or come back at a later time.'

Please scan the QR code and make a booking for a suitable time. Opening hours at Vinnies in Murray Bridge are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 – 5:00 pm. Please call the store manager Rochelle on (08) 8532 6699 if you have any questions.

### **Place an Online Order**

Please scan the below QR code to be directed to the St Joseph's Murray Bridge - School Uniform online order form. Or visit <https://vinniesuniformshop.simplybook.me/v2#/book> Once you scan the code, you will be directed to the Vinnies Shop page and will need to scroll to the bottom of the page to locate the school's online uniform order form. There is also a link to the School's Uniform Price List as of 13 October. This is also attached in this week's newsletter.





# Vinnies Uniform Shop



Scan the QR  
code to book  
a uniform  
fitting.



<https://vinniesuniformshop.simplybook.me/v2/#book>

## Events, Activities and Announcements

### School Card Eligibility

School Card is available to support families with a reduction in school fees:

- families with children aged four years and over who attend a school full-time

For more information, refer to the website: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Please do not hesitate to contact Carol Rowland – Business Manager, if you have any queries regarding the above.

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Join our team and deliver before and after school experiences children and families love! Choose your shifts or take an opportunity for part-time or full-time work down the track.

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[www.campastralia.com.au/careers](http://www.campastralia.com.au/careers)



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## Drum and Guitar Lessons



One-on-One tuition for drum and guitar is available at St Joseph's School on a weekly basis.

For more information on lessons and costs please contact Nathan Hill on 0448 426 946

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