

Important Dates

**Year 6 - KO
VOLLEYBALL**

Monday 18 November 2024

Rec W Excursion

Monday 18 November 2024

Rec N Excursion

Monday 25 November 2024

Rec R Excursion

Tuesday 26 November 2024

**Chinese Spring
Festival Celebration
– The Year of the
Dragon - 9am-11am**

Wednesday 27 November
2024

JOEYS Graduation

Thursday 28 November 2024

**School Swimming
Start**

Monday 2 December 2024

**School Board
Meeting - 6:30pm**

Monday 2 December 2024

Community Prayer

Tuesday 3 December 2024

**Year 6 & Reception
Nativity Play**

Thursday 5 December 2024

**5pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Friday 6 December 2024

**School Swimming
Finish**

Friday 6 December 2024

**End of Year Mass
led by Year 6**

Tuesday 10 December 2024

**School Finish - Last
Day of the Year -
3:05pm**

Wednesday 11 December
2024

Pupil Free Day

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Upcoming Events

100 Years of St Joseph's School - GALA DINNER

Date: Saturday 8 February

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Bridges Event

Centre - Murray Bridge

From the Principal



Dear parents, carers, teachers, and students,

Welcome to our week 5 newsletter.

As we near the end of the school year, I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter seeing the exciting range of activities our students have participated in over recent weeks. It's amazing to realise that only two more newsletters remain for this year!

I want to extend my appreciation to all the parents and guardians who contributed to the 2024 class preparation survey. The survey is now closed, and we are carefully reviewing your responses to guide our decisions in the coming weeks. Our commitment remains focused on ensuring small class sizes, adding classroom support staff, and offering specialised small-group support in areas like literacy and numeracy and occupational therapy—all aimed at creating an environment where every student and teacher can thrive. Additionally, teacher class allocation will be matching their unique expertise and skills with the needs of their students. Recently, our students also submitted their friendship preferences for next year, and I anticipate sending out draft class lists with the confirmed staffing details in the next week. Parents and guardians will be invited to review this draft and reach out to me directly via email if there are considerations to discuss. This collaborative process is aimed at both your insights and the professional judgment of our dedicated staff.

Looking Ahead to 2025!

This year, our curriculum focus on numeracy has produced impressive growth in student achievement, and we plan to maintain this focus in 2025. Teachers will have increased access to experts in both numeracy and literacy as we work on advancing students' foundational skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and punctuation. The MultiLit resources and reading interventions for Reception through Year 9 will also expand, providing further support for early literacy.

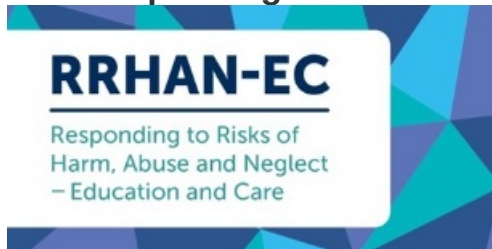
As your principal, I am committed to listening to the needs of our community, addressing areas of improvement, and continually

enhancing our learning environment. I recognise that every year has a period of change that can bring uncertainty, but please know that our team at St. Joseph's is dedicated to providing a supportive and enriching experience for you and your children. It is a privilege and a responsibility that we all hold in the highest regard.

To wrap up the year, we have planned several class presentations, providing wonderful opportunities for the school community to come together and celebrate our students' achievements. We invite you to bring friends along and join in these events, which promise something for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It won't be long before we are celebrating our 100th Birthday in Primary Education in February next year. Together, let's continue to aim building a nurturing and enriching environment for all our students and families here at St. Joseph's.

New Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect Training for Volunteers



Please be reminded to complete the updated RRHAN-EC course in order to keep volunteering. **The completion of the online update will need to be completed before 31 December 2024** when our current certificate expires. You need to complete the new RRHAN-EC online update unless you already have a current certificate with an expiry date of 31 December 2027.

To access the online update please use this link:

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/ilp/pages/external-dashboard.jsf?menuId=1104&locale=en-GB#/?dashboardId=6>

To login as 'Non Department for Education staff login' OR if you don't already have a plink login, register via this

link <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/ilp/pages/user-profile-signup.jsf>

If your RRHAN-EC has already expired or you are new to education, please refer to the following guide below which will help you to determine which course you need to do.

Which course is right for you?

My certificate expires on 31 December 2024 – do the online update only (takes about 2 hours).

My certificate is expired – start with the fundamentals. If you also work directly with children and young people, do the masterclass after you've finished the fundamentals course.

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal



As part of our Catholic Social Teachings our mission is to reach out and serve the most vulnerable. This year we will be supporting the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We will be asking for generous donations of children's toys (keeping in mind children from 12-16 years of age). Please remember not to wrap any items.

We will begin collecting your generous donations from Monday 4th November - Friday 6th December. Donations to be brought into the administration office. We thank you sincerely for your support and generosity

2025 Term Dates

- Term 1 - 28 January to 11 April
- Term 2 - 28 April to 4 July

- Term 3 - 21 July to 26 September
- Term 4 - 13 October to 12 December

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Religious Education



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In this Newsletter I would like to share an article written by Deacon Arturo Jimenea from our parish about the Sign of the Cross.

It is very common and a very notable practice of Christians all over the world to make the Sign of the Cross on themselves. By this very action are Christians recognised and become known as such.

Roman Catholics usually make the Sign of the Cross with the right hand sequentially touching the forehead, then the centre of the chest (heart), then on to the left shoulder and ending with the right shoulder, while uttering with the words, “In the name of the Father” (hand on forehead), “and of the Son” (hand on the chest), “and of the Holy Spirit” (hand touching consecutively the left and right shoulders).

To us, the act of signing ourselves with the Cross is not just a pious gesture but a prayer: an acknowledgment and proclamation of what we believe in – one God in the Holy Trinity; and at the same time, recognising that it is through his suffering and death on the cross that Christ’s mission for our salvation was accomplished.

Many a time when we settle down to pray, we ordinarily begin and end with the Sign of the Cross and then on to our set prayers. For instance, in the Mass, the priest begins and concludes the celebration with the Sign of the Cross.

Now, it is also our custom that whenever we enter a church, we dip our fingers into the stoup (bowl) and wet our fingers with holy water and then sign ourselves with the Cross. In the action of doing this, we ask the Lord to bless us, even as we get to be reminded of our baptism “in the name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”.

The Sign of the Cross is a powerful statement of our faith, so powerful a prayer in fact, that we are able to confidently employ it to ask for God’s help and protection especially when we are beset by times of trial and temptation.

We should not be afraid or embarrassed to publicly sign ourselves with the Cross anywhere and whenever the occasion arises. This is our faith, and we should be proud to witness it and proclaim it.

Remembrance Day



Monday, November 11 is Remembrance Day. Each year on the 11th hour of this day we stop and join with other nations to pay respect and remember all those who were injured or lost their lives in wars around the world since World War 1.

To commemorate this day the Middle Years students led us in a Prayer of remembrance. We came together as a whole school in the Auditorium at 10:45 which allowed for the Last Post and a minute's silence at 11am. Our Middle Years students led us in prayer for these very brave people who gave their lives for us to be free and we also prayed that the leaders in the world now will work together to support peace in our world. A number of students made and wore poppies or rosemary as a sign of remembrance.

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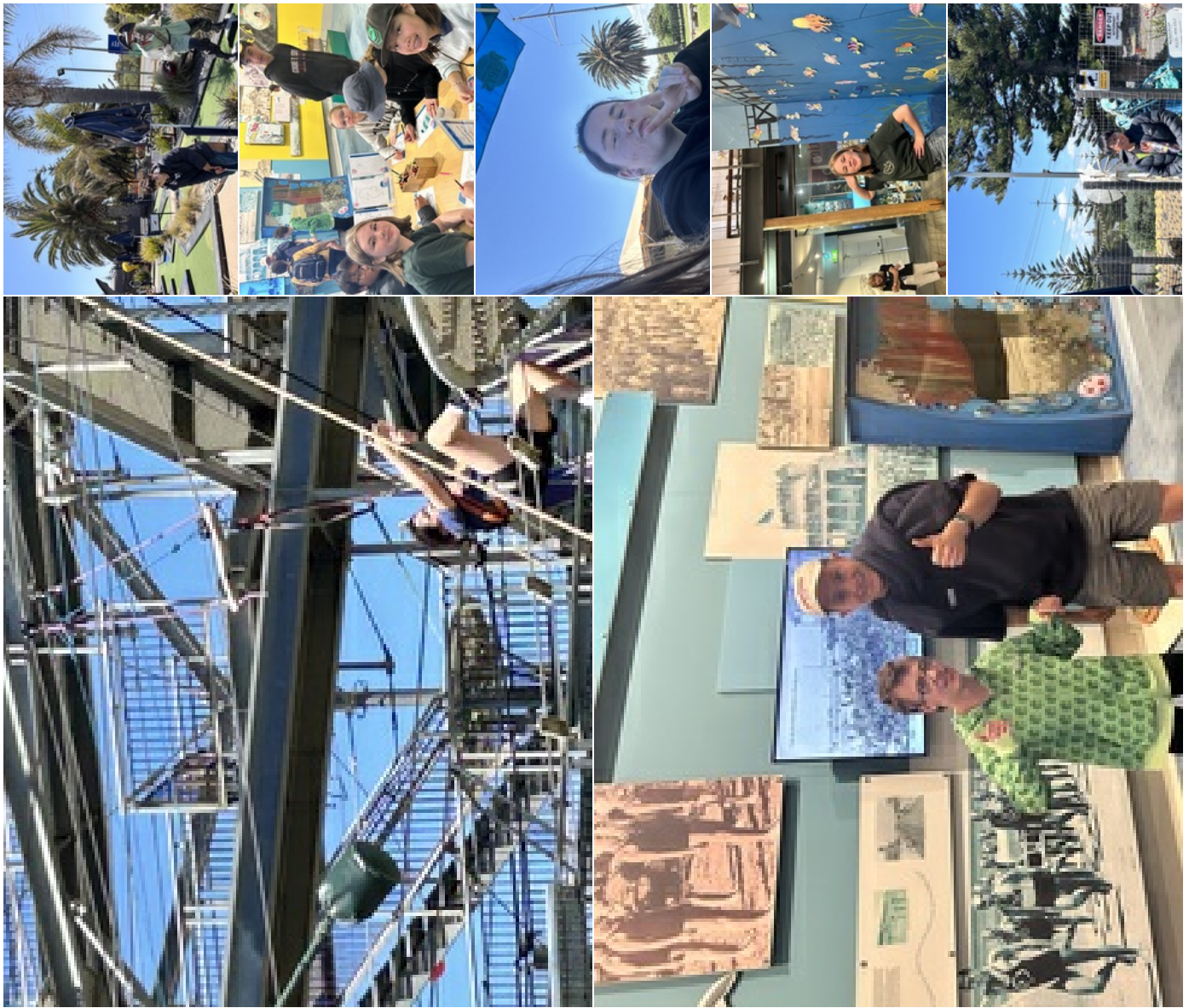
Boosting our Community Spirit in the Middle Years

Last week our Yr 8 & 9 students went on a city/beach experience camp to Glenelg. On the first day they explored Glenelg Beach including a fish and chip lunch by the sea. They then had a choice of the High Ropes Adventure course or Putt Putt at West Beach. The afternoon was spent relaxing in the West Beach Caravan Park swimming pool, followed by a wonderful Butter Chicken curry cooked by Ms Hundal. Day two started with learning about the settlement of Adelaide at the Glenelg Museum, a tram ride into the city centre for lunch and some shopping concluded the camp. A big thankyou to all the staff who attended the camp and ensured its success.

Whilst the older students were on the camp, the Year 7s enjoyed morning sessions at Ramblers Oval, making hot chocolate and a cooking session in the kitchen making fried rice, chicken wings and cookies for lunch. We then watched a movie together, enjoying the chance to spread out in the TW building.

Mrs Lamont (Middle Years Leader)

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JUST 2 DEADLY AWARDS 2024

Every year a committee of Aboriginal SSO's work hard to celebrate and congratulate all the Aboriginal students in our district who graduate from Year 6 and Year 12. These awards are called the Just 2 Deadly awards. Schools are invited to attend so that their Aboriginal students can be congratulated with a certificate, a shirt and a bag of goodies that will help them in their further studies. Past students are invited back to share their journey and success post school. This year's event was held last night at the High School and we were so pleased to present awards to Esmee, Tatum, Harper, Cruz, and Braylen. We wish them every success as they move into Middle Years.



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Matthew Ahrens - Piano Concert

The piano concerts are both from 1:40-2:10 on:

- Friday 15 November (week 5)
- Friday 29 November (week 7)

Parents/ family of the performing children are welcome to attend.

St Joseph's 2024

Piano Concert Series

Featuring St Joseph's piano students

- Friday, 15th November (week 5)
- Friday 29th November (week 7)

1.40pm PAC music room

Parents, caregivers, teachers, friends
welcome!



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Insight Series for families - Camp Australia



Insight Series
for families

Tips for transitioning to Big School

Free webinar

Monday 9th December
7:00pm ACDT



with

Dr Kaylene Henderson

Child Psychiatrist, Parenting Expert and Mum



We know that starting school is a big milestone for families, often filled with excitement but also some challenges and uncertainty. With this in mind, we've created the Tips for Transitioning to Big School event to offer practical guidance from one of Australia's leading parenting experts (and mum of three 'Big Schoolers'), Dr Kaylene Henderson. Please join us for this live event.






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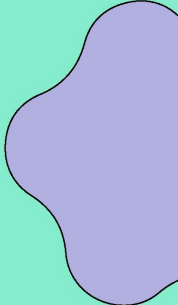







Enhancing Your Child's Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Free webinar




Monday 18th November
7:00pm ACDT




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Boys SAPSASA Cricket



Congratulations to three of our students; Cephei Van Eyk, Mason Williams, Archer Rowe and their Coach Cooper Skinner on the three days they played of SAPSASA Cricket.

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YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



St Joseph's School

Address: 1 Florence Street MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

Phone: 0450 776 742 Program Times: 08:00 am - 04:00 pm

Mon 16 Dec Mission Takeoff: Time Travel Adventures <p>Get ready for the ultimate adventure to launch your holidays! Build a time machine, train as a time traveler, and create a clock to mark your journey. This is the thrilling start to an unforgettable season!</p> <p>Full Fee \$101.93 After Max. CCS* \$10.19</p>	 Project Incursion	Tue 17 Dec Operation: Bubble Bounce Bonanza <p>Get ready for a day of bubbles, bounces, and games! Dive into giant bubbles, hop around with fun bouncy activities, and play all your favourite games. It's going to be a blast—are you ready to bounce?</p> <p>Full Fee \$81.43 After Max. CCS* \$8.14</p>	 Base Camp Day
Wed 18 Dec Project: Slime & Smile <p>It's a squishy day of fun! Make your own emoji pillow and create colourful, gooey slime to take home. Get ready to stretch, squish, and smile your way through this sensory adventure!</p> <p>Full Fee \$106.93 After Max. CCS* \$10.69</p>	 Project Incursion	Thu 19 Dec Operation: Festive Fun <p>It's time to get festive! Join us as we dive into a world of STEAM activities, where creativity meets exploration. From hands-on experiments to holiday-themed challenges, we're bringing the spirit of the holidays to life with all sorts of engaging and fun activities. Get ready to unleash...</p> <p>Full Fee \$81.43 After Max. CCS* \$8.14</p>	 Base Camp Day
Fri 20 Dec Adventure: High Rides and Animal Guides at The Big Rocking Horse <p>Climb the world's biggest rocking horse, meet adorable animals at the animal park, and challenge yourself to a game of mini golf! Enjoy a day of exploring, climbing, and making new furry friends.</p> <p>Full Fee \$120.93 After Max. CCS* \$12.09</p>	 Excursion	Mon 13 Jan BIG Art's BIG LEGO Challenge! <p>Are you ready for the ultimate LEGO challenge? Let's kickoff the holidays with a BANG! Join us for Big Art's ultimate LEGO Showdown with a range of fun challenges to complete!</p> <p>Full Fee \$92.43 After Max. CCS* \$9.24</p>	 Base Camp Day
Tue 14 Jan Adventure: High Jinks at Cheeky Monkey Play Café <p>Jump, climb and bounce around at this amazing indoor playcentre. There's plenty of space to make your way around all the various spaces you'll get to explore!</p> <p>Full Fee \$124.93 After Max. CCS* \$12.49</p>	 Excursion	Wed 15 Jan Experience Takeover: Water Warriors <p>Get wet! 'n wild like never before as you'll be treated to an action-packed session of water games, including sponge toss, relays, water balloon toss, rob the nest, and more! Run by specialists, remember to bring change of clothes and a towel.</p> <p>Full Fee \$107.93 After Max. CCS* \$10.79</p>	 Experience Takeover Incursion
Thu 16 Jan Big Art Day: Beach Bash <p>Grab your sunnies and get ready for some beachy fun! Join a volleyball tournament, tie-dye your own personalised beach towel, and dive into summer games and crafts. Sun, fun, and creativity—what a combo!</p> <p>Full Fee \$106.93 After Max. CCS* \$10.69</p>	 Project Incursion	Fri 17 Jan Operation: Embrace Your Culture <p>Let's celebrate the beauty of where we come from! Today, we'll explore each other's cultures, traditions, and stories. It's all about connecting, sharing, and learning in a day of discovery.</p> <p>Full Fee \$81.43 After Max. CCS* \$8.14</p>	 Base Camp Day

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YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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Address: 1 Florence Street MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253
Phone: 0450 776 742 **Program Times:** 08:00 am - 04:00 pm

Mon
20 Jan

Project: Knights of the Realm

Step into the medieval world and become a knight! Try bouncy jousting, build your own catapult, and create your own shield to take home. It's a day packed with epic medieval adventures!

Full Fee \$105.93 | After Max. CCS* \$10.59

Project Incursion

Tue
21 Jan

Adventure: Paddington in Peru at Wallis Cinemas

Join us for an adventure with Paddington in Peru! Paddington and the Browns head to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, but unexpected events lead them into thrilling misadventures through the Amazon rainforest and the stunning mountains of Peru.

Full Fee \$127.93 | After Max. CCS* \$12.79

Excursion

Wed
22 Jan

Experience Takeover: Beat Breakers

Get hyped for Beat Breakers! Academe Time is coming to help us master hip-hop moves, from helicopters to headstands, and put on an epic group performance. It's all about rhythm, style, and unstoppable fun!

Full Fee \$110.08 | After Max. CCS* \$11.01

Experience Takeover Incursion

Thu
23 Jan

Operation: Animal Planet

Let's celebrate all things furry, feathered, and scaly! Dive into the world of animals with fun science experiments and creative art projects. It's a special day to express our love for our animal companions!

Full Fee \$81.43 | After Max. CCS* \$8.14

Base Camp Day

Fri
24 Jan

Project: High Tea in the Sky

Soar into a world of fun! Whip up a delightful high tea with scrumptious cakes, snacks, and sandwiches, then unleash your creativity by decorating gliders to take home. It's a sky-high day filled with flying fun and delectable treats!

Full Fee \$104.93 | After Max. CCS* \$10.49

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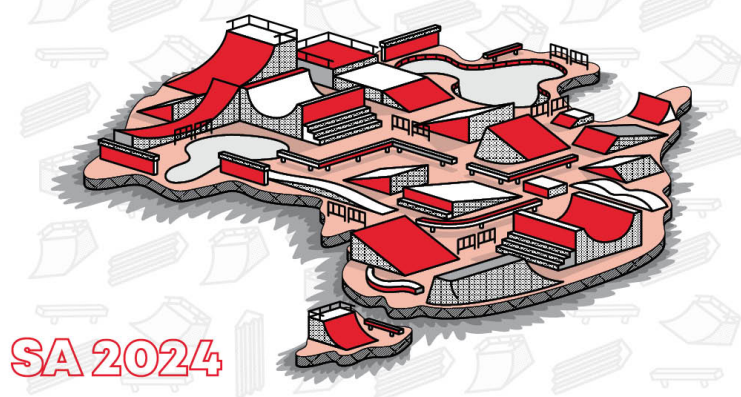
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