



## Important Dates

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S.T.a.R. Transition  
program 9-11.30am  
Friday 4 November 2022

S.T.a.R. Transition  
program 9-11.30am  
Friday 11 November 2022

Remembrance Day  
Friday 11 November 2022

Year 5/6 Aquatics  
Monday 14 November 2022

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03.11.22

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an amazing start to the term as we opened the top yard of the school. We are all loving the new adventure play space and it

is so wonderful to see the students experiencing a new way of playing, especially with the different play equipment. They are enjoying the many different options and it is pleasing to see their many happy faces.

The plants in the new front garden are really having a wonderful time as they settle in and begin to establish and grow, thanks hugely to the large amount of rain that we have been experiencing recently. Unfortunately, this is not the case for the new basketball/netball court. The rain has again delayed this project, which is a little while away for completion.

Last week I was fortunate to attend the Year 6 Camp to Kangaroo Island. This 4-day adventure was an incredible experience and I would like to thank all the students and staff for making it such a successful trip. We were able to travel around the island and take in the many amazing sites, especially the Flinders Chase National Park. It was so special to see the new growth appearing after the fires of 2020 and to see how nature can rejuvenate after such a major catastrophic event.

This term we will again have an opportunity to celebrate the year with our Annual Community Christmas Gathering. This evening event will again take place on the grass in the bottom yard and students will perform a Christmas song and dance. The night will start at 6pm and families are asked to bring a chair or blanket. You are welcome to bring some nibbles and drinks, however please no alcohol. The night should conclude around 7:30pm.

To make sure we are all safe, can I remind families using who are using the drop off and pick up zone to remain with your car and let the children come to the vehicle, to avoid slowing the flow of the pick-up. We would encourage you to park and walk into the school grounds for collection if your child is struggling with the pick-up.

Please continue to use the Emu crossing to reach the opposite side of Birkinshaw Ave rather than crossing in the drop off and pick up zone. Finally, in the morning we are noticing families parking on the opposite side of Birkinshaw Ave and dropping off students. This is a no standing zone with a solid yellow line with timed restrictions - we have had a few complaints from our neighbours on this matter. Thank you for your support.

Finally can I ask all families to check their child's uniform to ensure that all students are wearing the correct uniform. We are now expecting all students to be in their summer uniform with the school hat. We have extended the wearing of the winter uniform this week due to the unseasonal weather. In addition, I would strongly encourage that all uniform items are labelled as this greatly assist with the return of items to the rightful owner. If you have any queries please contact the front office.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin

## Message from Tania Gal (School Counsellor)



*“Feeling heard and understood allows children to release the feelings, let go and move on.”*

*Janet Lansbury*

## APRIM News

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

It has been lovely seeing community members at prayer on Monday mornings. It is held every Monday morning in the hall from 8.45 am to approximately 9.00 am. Everyone is warmly welcome to come along whenever they can.

### VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022

It is hard to believe but we are approaching the season of Advent very soon. As a Catholic school community we think of those who are most in need this season and we participate in the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. This year we would like to give you the option to either donate to the **Christmas Gifts for Children** and/or **food for the Christmas Hampers**. We will start collecting donations from Week 6 (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022) and donations can be delivered to classrooms. More information will come to you via SeeSaw as the collection date gets closer. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

### SAVE THE DATE – THANKSGIVING MASS

You are warmly invited to our whole school Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 11 am in the Church. As part of the mass we will be having prayers in many languages. If you would like your child to read a prayer in your family language, and you can help them translate a prayer, please email me on [amccard@stjotran.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amccard@stjotran.catholic.edu.au)

## Kangaroo Island Camp

This year the senior Year 6 students went to Kangaroo Island for camp. We had a great time doing many exciting activities including sand boarding, snorkelling, and beach games. On the first day we boarded the ferry to Penneshaw, then hopped on the bus again Prospect Hill where we climbed to the top and there was an amazing view! After the climb we visited a eucalyptus farm where we learned about how eucalyptus is made, and then to the Honey Farm where we learned how honey is made by bees and how it is processed. Did you know that one teaspoon of honey is 1 bee's entire 6 week life's work!

We stayed at Western KI Caravan Park in a new bunkhouse that had been rebuilt after the recent bushfires. Our rooms were really comfy and the food, which we helped prepare each day, was good.

The next day we visited Raptor Domain for our first activity where we saw a show with all the amazing birds and we were able to hold barn owls, tawny frog mouths, kookaburras and barn owls. At the end the keepers brought out an amazing wedge tailed eagle! After lunch we visited Admiral's Arch where we saw lots of seals, the lighthouse and Remarkable Rocks. It was very interesting to see how the rocks had been carved by the wind and sand.

On the third day we had a great time sandboarding at Little Sahara and learnt how to snorkel at Stokes Bay. That was the best day! We were very tired by Day 4 as it was a long journey home on the ferry and buses.

You can see some photos of our adventures on the school Facebook and Instagram pages.

Thank you to Miss Hodson, Miss Crompton, Mrs Price and Mr Grbin for looking after us on camp, and to Shannon, Kurt and Tom from Wilderness Escape who helped us with all the activities. We all had a great time!



## Royal Australian Mint & CBCA Diary of a Wombat competition

Congratulations to the Reception classes at St Joseph's School Tranmere who won the SA prize in the *Diary of a Wombat* competition run by the Royal Australian Mint in partnership with the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA).

Their colourful and clever entry involved Jackie French's much-loved wombat joining the Reception students taking part in the CBCA Book Week Parade and then having a sleep!

Each student received a Royal Australian Mint special limited-edition coloured coin to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of *Diary of a Wombat* written by Jackie French and illustrated by Bruce Whatley.

A wonderful keepsake for the children.

## COVID Update for School

***To protect our school community, staff and students should note:***

- ***If you are unwell please stay home.***
- ***If you have cold or flu symptoms you should get tested for COVID-19.***
- ***If you have COVID-19, please stay at home until your acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever) have cleared. In consideration for the health of others, when you return to school, please wear a mask while indoors until 7 days have passed since your symptoms first started or since you tested positive, (whichever is earliest).***



## Family Playgroup Tuesday's



Come and join our Family Play Group facilitated by SPICE (Supported Playgroup in Catholic Education) for you and your child (birth to 5 years).

**When** - Tuesday mornings in term time from 9.00am to 11.00am

**Where** - Small Parish Hall (entrance from Birkinshaw Avenue)

Come along and spend some time with your child and meet other families while learning together through play.

## Registering your Child for OSHC

If you wish your child/children to attend Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) for either Before or After School Care, we require registration with **'Fully Booked'** prior to session attendance. This system is both user friendly and streamlined to ensure that registration is a simple process and that families are able to manage their own bookings/cancellations as needed.

Initial setup will require you to register an account and complete all necessary information required using the following link: <http://stjotran.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/>

Please contact Angela Girolamo [agirolamo@stjotran.catholic.edu.au](mailto:agirolamo@stjotran.catholic.edu.au) or Melanie Heaney [mheaney@stjotran.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mheaney@stjotran.catholic.edu.au) if you require further assistance.

It is important to note that when you create your bookings through Fully Booked, the session type will automatically default to the Full Casual rate. If this is not what is required, you will need to deselect the ticked box in the top left hand corner of the booking screen and select available options from the drop down menu. Unfortunately we are unable to change past bookings, so please make sure you go through this process to ensure the correct rate is charged.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

*Melanie Heaney*

*OSHC Director*

## How to Volunteer in our School

### Information for Volunteering - Due to changes in the Child Protection Act

At St Joseph's School Tranmere, we are always grateful for the support given by our volunteers. Volunteering applies to a wide range of activities in the school including attending excursions, coaching sports teams, reading in the classroom, helping in the many committees and many other school-related activities.

If you would like to act as a volunteer in the school, you are required to have a 6-point check. Please provide the school with copies of the following:

- **Completed CESA Volunteer Registration pack - available from the school office**
- **A Catholic Police Check Clearance or Working With Children Check (WWCC from the Department of Human Services (if you need to obtain this clearance please come to the school office)**
- **A RRHAN-EC (Responding to Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care) training Certificate**
- **Work Health and Safety on-line Induction for Volunteers Certificate**
- **Work Health and Safety signed form**
- **COVID Status Certification**

Please note: that all these processes are mandatory and must be completed in order to volunteer/continue to volunteer. This requirement is designed to ensure our children are protected and safe at school.

If you are missing any documentation above I can send you links to complete the paperwork once I receive your Completed CESA Registration Pack

**Angela Girolamo, WHS Administrator**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# Community Christmas Gathering

A night of fun and great Entertainment



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6 December 2022  
Starts at 6pm  
On the School Oval

BYO  
Chair, Blanket, Nibbles & Drinks  
No Alcohol Please





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