

Week 10, Term1 2023

06.04.23

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are all looking forward to the Easter break with Family and Friends. It is a special time to be reminded that Jesus is alive and in our midst, and he welcomes us into a new life with him. This year we have been blessed with Easter falling before our term break. This has allowed our school community time to reflect and gather to listen to the Easter story and then provide us with the chance to return next week to celebrate the resurrection and new life. A truly special time in our church calendar.

School Board

The school board held the AGM for 2022 on Wednesday 22 March. The meeting reflected on our achievements in 2022 and highlighted the challenges of last year, especially with COVID. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school board for their support and commitment in 2022. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank our Chair, Mr Anthony Giordano who has been in this important role for a few years. Anthony has been a very active member, assisting with all our building projects, providing his expertise and advice.

I would like to congratulate and introduce our newest member, Rachel Castellano.

Our Board members are:

Fr Roy Elavumkal SMM, (President) Anthony Giordano (Chair), Adrian Grbin (Principal), Phil Testa, Ashley Grant, Steven Crescitelli (Finance), Tatum Tadiar (Secretary), Sarah Hill, Brett Clappis, Rachel Castellano and Tanya Barrett (Staff).

I would like to thank all our members for their commitment in taking on this important role of governance and look forward to working with them throughout 2023.

Child Safety

As part of our professional responsibilities and boundaries, schools are asked each year to communicate to their community about the reporting procedure for child abuse and neglect. It is vital we continue to be observant and report any concerns.

Please click on the link provided for more information.

https://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/reporting-child-abuse

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our swimmers for last week's Catholic Schools carnival at the SA Aquatic Centre at Marion. You certainly made us all very proud at the way you represented our school. I would also like to thank Tara Walkley and Jacqui Edgecombe for their preparation and organisation of the team as well as our parent volunteers on the day.

Sports Academy R-2 students

Next term we look forward to **Simply Sports Academy** returning to our school in 2023. This week a letter and flyer has been distributed to all our R-2 students inviting them to sign up for the academy.

The coaching sessions are open to all students in R—2 who would like to learn and develop their football skills. Please contact the office if you did not receive the flyer or letter, so you can register in preparation for it starting on 10 May at 3:15pm -4:15pm on the school oval.

We look forward to the students taking up this extra-curricular activity to develop their skills and very importantly, to be active.

Please note, each term there will be a different sport academy offered for students to experience. We will provide more information next term.

Stage 2 Development Project

Each week, we continue to move closer to providing our final design and plans for start of Stage 2 of our Master Plan. This Stage, called **The Learning Street Project,** includes the refurbishment of two existing classrooms, the construction of three new classrooms, the construction of the initial section of our learning street complex and two new multipurpose spaces for instrumental music sessions and multi-media projects.

We hope to make the visual designs available soon on our website as well as a display in the front office. It is certainly an exciting time ahead for our school, as we look forward to new and improved learning spaces for staff and students.

Parent/Teacher Conversations

I hope you have enjoyed the opportunity of visiting your child's classroom and meeting their teacher this week. It is wonderful to be able to see the return of face-to-face meetings. These valuable conversations provide parents with an insight to your children's learning and social development at school.

If you have not made a time, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time for next week, the last week of Term 1.

Important Dates

- End of Term 1 3pm on Friday 14 April
- Start of Term 2 8:45am on Monday 1 May
- Pupil Free Day Monday 15 May Week 3 in Term 2

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable Easter Break.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin

APRIM News

This week it has been wonderful to see the children leading our daily gatherings for Holy Week. Our *Reception Team* has helped us to imagine what it might have been like welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The 1/2 Team helped us remember how Jesus

encouraged people to have loving hearts and to use their hands and words for kindness. We remembered the Last Supper and Jesus journey into Gethsemane with the 3/4 Team. Today our Holy Week gatherings culminated in the Year 5/6 Team concluding the week with the Stations of the Cross.

As we journey towards Easter Sunday with our families and friends, we wish everyone a hope and joy filled Easter.

1/2FJ

St Joseph's Day and Harmony Week Celebrations

On Sunday 19th March 2023 it was St Joseph's Day. Our school celebrated our Patron Saint on Monday, 20th March when the children returned to school. The school community was very excited about celebrating St Joseph's Day by going to The Gums with our buddy classes and having a sausage sizzle once we returned to school. Due to a severe windstorm throughout the night, our plans to visit The Gums were postponed. Instead, classes spent time with their Buddy Class. Students had fun with their buddies learning about St Joseph and participating in some Harmony Week activities.

The bad weather was not going to deter us from having our sausage sizzle!



Changes to CCS for OSHC

Dear Families

Please find below information that may relate to your future Child Care Subsidy.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is changing.

From July 2023 most families using child care will get more CCS. Here's what you need to know:

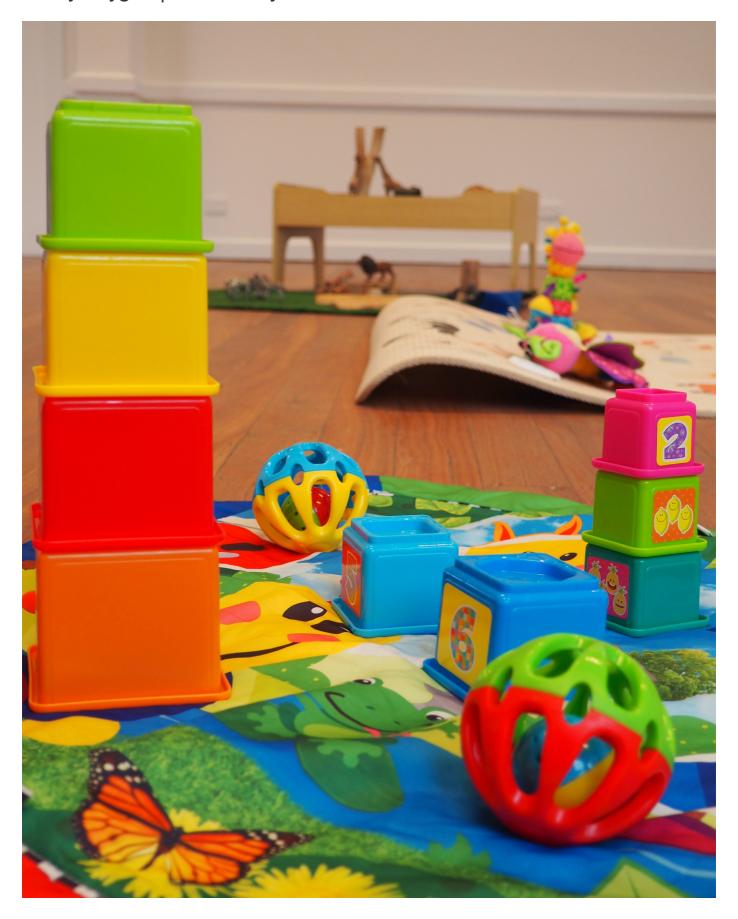
- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90%.
- Families earning \$80,000 or less will get 90% subsidy.
- Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 will get a subsidy that tapers down from 90%, depending on their income. The subsidy will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 earned.
- Families with more than one child aged 5 or under can still get a higher rate for their second and younger children.

Kind regards

Melanie Heaney

OSHC Director

Family Playgroup Wednesday'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).

 $\boldsymbol{When}\,$ - $\,$ Wednesday 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.

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





Join us for RECEPTION this July!

Ask about our FREE Mid-Year Reception Intake

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

5-14

most activities \$10

WEEK 1

Tue 18 April Mighty Adventure Day 9-4

Wed 19 April Learn to Skate:* 9:00-10:30

Skate Pyjama Party:* 10:30am-12:30am

Thur 20 April Mighty Games Day 9-4

Fri 21 April Nerf Wars*

Session 1: 9:00am-10:30am Session 2: 10:30am-12:00pm

WEEK 2

Wed 26 April Mighty Adventure Day 9-4

Thur 27 April Mighty Excursion Day 9-4

Fri 28 April Aqua Inflatable:*

Session 1: 9:00-10:30

Session 2: 10:30am 12:00pm

*Want double the fun? Book back to back sessions on the same day for \$18



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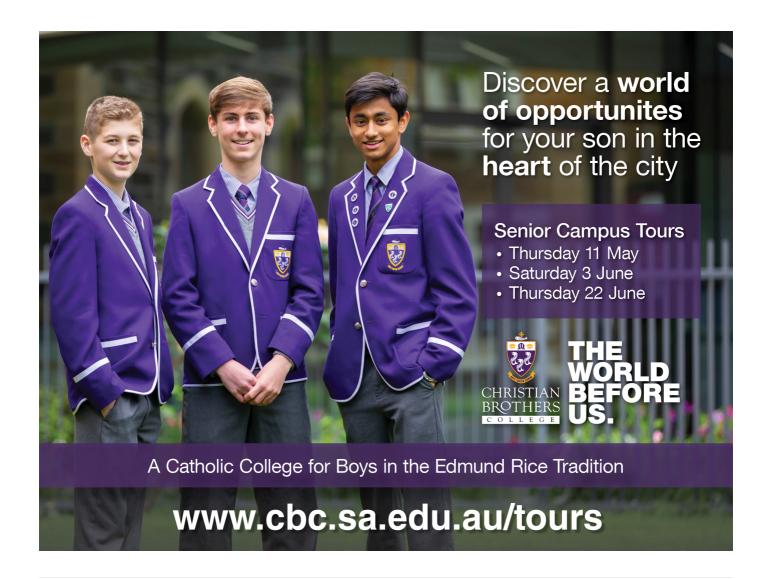
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