



Week 3, Term 1 2023

## From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all who attended the Parent Information Evening. It was pleasing to see a great turnout and lovely to see parents coming back on site. We hope you found these sessions informative and helpful in understanding your child's learning for 2023 and also a chance to meet the teachers. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher so they can send through to you any information they provided parents.

We have had a wonderful start to the year. The whole school has spent the first two weeks focusing on wellbeing. The Wellbeing weeks are an initiative that has been adopted by all the five catholic schools in the eastern region. It provides many opportunities for students to get to know their classmates, their teachers and develop strong positive relationships. Students look at ways they can be ready for learning and how the class and their learning will be organised. The whole school has been introduced to all components of our wellbeing program including meeting Bonnie our wellbeing dog.

This week we also had an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of the school year with a whole school mass. The theme of the mass was 'belonging'. A sense of belonging is crucial to everyone as it helps with our wellbeing and overall happiness. It gives us a sense of purpose and meaning. It was special to be able to return to Mass and we thank Fr Roy for his continued support.

Last week our Little Stars Program began its very first play session for students who are 4 years old and will be attending our school. This play-based program provides the children a fun way to transition into school life and meet other students, building positive friendships as well as getting to know the teachers and the school grounds. Ms Shannon Thrift, one of our Reception teachers is running the session each Friday morning from 9am – 11am through the year. If you would like more information, please contact the front office.

### **Pick Up after School**

It is important that I remind all families about the importance of following the safety rules around pick up on Birkinshaw Ave. if you are using this area for the collection of children please follow some every important and simple rules that we have in place. Lately we have noticed a few unsafe behaviours by drivers and pedestrians.

- Please do not attempt to do any 3-point turns in the school drop off or pick up zone, we encourage you to drive around the block and enter Birkinshaw Ave from Magill Rd.
- Please do not attempt to pick up children from the other side of Birkinshaw Ave – this has resulted in students crossing the road between moving cars and is very unsafe.
- You cannot queue around the corner of Magill Rd and Birkinshaw Ave –this is a solid yellow line and you can be fined by the council - if there are cars waiting for pick up you will need to drive on around the block and return later.
- Please do not cross over Birkinshaw Ave through the traffic in the Drop Off and pick up area – the Emu Crossing is available for a safe crossing.

To make the pick-up run smoothly and flow, we would strongly encourage all drivers to continually keep moving along the queue so that more cars can then collect students safely. If you have to get out of the car and assist your child into the car then we would recommend that you do not use the pick-up zone as you can park in the church car park or in the street and walk to collect your child.

If you have other family members collecting your child can you please let them know the rules that are used by our school to keep everyone safe. Thanks for your support.

Finally, I would like to remind you that next, **Friday 24 February**, the school will be **closed for a Pupil Free Day**, as staff will be attending a Professional Development session for the day.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin



*"To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today."*

*Barbara Johnson*



## RMM and RST

This year we welcome our new group of Receptions to our school. We would like to welcome Mia, Charlotte, Sophie, Oscar, Marcus, Gia, Maceo, Alek, Sebastian, Abigail, Luis, Olivia, Zoe, Aleksandar, Deanna, Julian, Bronte, Lilly, Scarlett, Leo, Nada, Charlotte, Chelsea, Sofia, Hudson, Ava, Jensen, Oliver, Aaron, Luelle, Wilbur, Leila, Turun and Lawrence. It has been lovely getting to know all of our new children and their families as we welcome them each morning.

The Reception children have enjoyed meeting their new class members through playful learning and classroom activities. To support the children in their transition to school we have been reading lots of stories and talking how we are always connected to our loved ones even when we are far away. We have also been focusing on developing our new sense of place within our school community.

In weeks 1 & 2 the Reception classes enjoyed listening to our 'Mystery Readers'. Our Mystery Readers program is a wonderful way to meet the different faces that make up our St Joseph's School staff community and help to familiarise the students with all of the members who they may see in the yard.

It has been wonderful to watch the children engage in their learning tasks with enthusiasm and excitement as we begin our learning journey.

**Teachers Mae MGee & Shannon Thrift**

## NAPLAN Online School Practice Test / NAPLAN Online 2023

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assess literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, presenting students with questions that may be difficult – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

On *Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February*, our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the national School Practice Test in preparation for undertaking NAPLAN tests online in March. The School Practice Test will not involve any marking, scoring or reporting of students' performance. Participating in the trial is important as it will help us to confirm our technical readiness for NAPLAN Online. During the trial, we also have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom procedures, as well as the test administration process.

New in 2023, NAPLAN Testing will be conducted in Term One. The NAPLAN test window is from *Wednesday 15 - Monday 27 March*, not the May date in previous years. This means results will be available to education authorities earlier in the year to inform school and system teaching and learning programs.

Apart from the school readiness test, all schools, students and teachers can familiarise themselves with NAPLAN Online and the types of questions to be included, by using the public demonstration site available at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessments/public->

[demonstration-site](https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan) For further information about NAPLAN Online (including frequently asked questions and answers), please visit <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan>

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process. It is a snapshot of learning at a particular time and is not the only form of assessment we gather to understand where our learners are in their learning cycle.

**Tanya Barrett**

*Director of Teaching and Learning*

## 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).

**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.

## 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.

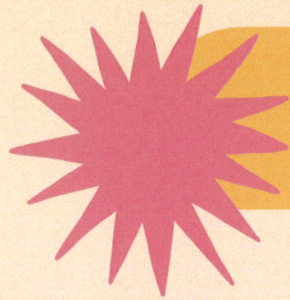
If you would like to act as a volunteer in the school, you are required to have a 6-point check. Please provide the school with copies of the following:

- **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

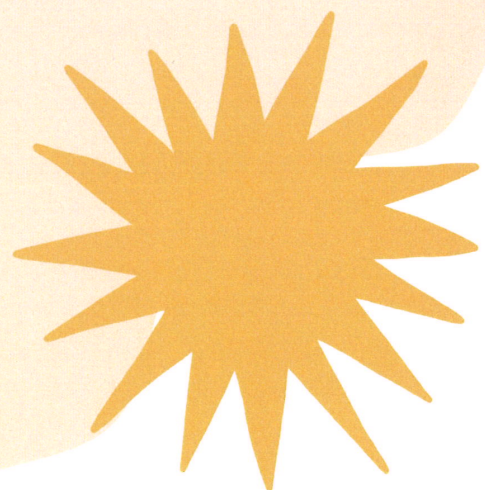
**Angela Girolamo, WHS Administrator**



**PUPIL  
FREE DAY**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**





# Kidical Mass Meet Up

SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2023, 12PM TO 3PM  
MINOR WORKS BUILDING COMMUNITY CENTRE  
22 STAMFORD CT, ADELAIDE

Arrive and leave at any time - we understand the demands of family life. This will be a fun, informal event to help build our community of families who ride bikes.

Healthy snacks  
Kids activities  
Cargo bike display.



Kidical Mass is a worldwide movement.

Cyclists from 0 to 99 years old take over the streets to reclaim the road space in colourful bicycle demonstrations. The format focuses on children and sustainable mobility.

BOOKINGS VIA HUMANITIX



Mary Mackillop College  
Kensington

# Discover MacKillop

Come 'n' Try Day  
Wednesday 1 March

[marymackillop.sa.edu.au/come-n-try](http://marymackillop.sa.edu.au/come-n-try)