



Important Dates

UniSA Mini Labs @
The Gums
Thursday 22 February 2024

Public Holiday -
Adelaide Cup
Monday 11 March 2024

Holy Thursday
Thursday 28 March 2024

Good Friday -
Public Holiday
Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday -
Public Holiday
Monday 1 April 2024

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our families who attended the Parent Information Evening earlier this week. It was wonderful to see many familiar faces and new faces. The teachers value the opportunity to meet parents and carers as well as provide important information about the year of learning ahead. If you were unable to attend the session, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher and make a time to meet with them or request the information that was provided.

Learning Street Project

The building project is really starting to take shape as we are now above ground and into the construction phase. The steel structures are completed and the roof is now the focus for the building team this week.

If you haven't already please visit our Building Projects page on the school, please click on the link below

<https://www.stjotran.catholic.edu.au/our-school/building-projects>

We are very appreciative to the State Government for a 1.6M grant to assist with this timely development and I would like to thank and acknowledge the State Government for this wonderful contribution.

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 below for more information.

<https://www.stjotran.catholic.edu.au/community/parent-information-policies>

This week we started the Lenten season with our Year 3-6 students attending the parish mass on Ash Wednesday, while the R-2 classes gathered for a liturgy in the Parish Hall.

Lent is an important period of reflection, growth and new beginnings in the church calendar. It's a time for us to have prayerful reflection and get closer to God as we prepare for Easter.

We warmly invite families to our community prayer time each Monday morning at 8:50am in the Parish Hall. Each week a class will run the prayer session for the community to gather and reflect on how we can be the best version of ourselves.

Kind regards

Enrolments for 2025 Open



We are currently looking at 2025 enrolments. If you have a child that you are yet to enrol please visit us in the office to get an application form or download and print an application from our website to secure your child's enrolment.

<https://www.stjotran.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-prospectus>

NAPLAN

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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

The link for the Public Demonstration site is as follows:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

Tanya Barrett

Assistant Principal

Curriculum and Inclusion

Joey's Playgroup

Our family playgroup is back for another exciting year in 2024.

It's a new year and we're bouncing back with excitement as we reintroduce our playgroup name ~ **Joey's Playgroup**. Our family playgroup is facilitated by SPICE (Supported Playgroup in Catholic Education) and is suitable for you and your child (birth to 5 years). Our playgroup focuses on actively involving parents, grandparents, and carers by providing you with opportunities to play, talk, sing and explore with your child and other families in a relaxed, fun and supported environment.

Joey's Playgroup is FREE and runs during the school term on a Wednesday morning from 9am-11am in the small Parish Hall (entrance via Birkinshaw Ave).

If you are new and would like to join us, please register your interest via our website [Playgroup Registration Form](#). Jacqui our Playgroup Coordinator will then be in touch.

Come and discover the magic of play! We hope to see you there!



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



Kildare College Tours

Term 1 2024

Saturday 17 February 11.00am

Saturday 2 March 11.00am

Saturday 16 March 11.00am

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