



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2025 school year and our first newsletter.

For our new families a special welcome to St Joseph's School Tranmere and we look forward to getting to know you and your family as you start your journey in our wonderful community.

Like every year, we are always filled with the wonderful possibilities that lie ahead when you begin a school year. There is a feeling of excitement and curiosity. The year ahead provides everyone with an opportunity for personal growth, new learning, and making positive connections within our school community. Our school is committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that supports your child's academic, social, and emotional development.

Each year the first week of school focuses on connections, building positive relationships with new class mates and making a strong positive connection with teachers. Students are invited to build and develop a positive class culture as well as establish and construct routines and expectations for a strong productive learning environment, one that everyone can thrive.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the recent Parent Information Evenings. Our staff greatly value the connections between school and home, recognising the importance of establishing positive relationships and a real sense of belonging for you and your child.

Early Years Play Space Update

Construction is progressing well with our new nature play space in the courtyard. The overall design is taking shape with the sand and water decks now being constructed. The landscapers are currently working on the new paved path that will connect to the main walkway and allow for a smooth transition through the middle of the school grounds. We are pleased to report that the play space is currently on track to be completed by mid-March and we look forward to students enjoying this new area very soon.

Class Names and Teachers 2025

RCZ	Claudia Zurcher
RPM	Pamela McCrea
1KD	Kelly Davies
1NC	Nada Cirocco
2FJ	Jessica Hicks (Mon-Tues), Fil Crescitelli (Wed – Fri)
2SF	Stephanie O’Leary (Mon-Wed), Fiona MacDonald (Thu-Fri)
3/4CC	Caraline Casey
3/4MM	Meaghan McCarthy
5DS	Danielle Hodson (Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri), Sharon Gulley Frith (Wed)
6HC	Hannah Cotter

Parents & Friends

Our P&F Committee recently held their first meeting in preparation for a great year of fundraising and social events. The school is always very grateful to the P&F for their support of the school. P&F funds in 2024 contributed to the new sports shed building which is being very well used.

Our thanks to those parents who have put their names forward as the Parent Representatives for their child’s class this year.

Diary Dates

The Term 1 calendar of important dates has been distributed to families through Seesaw today. Please note the Pupil Free Day on Friday 7th March when staff will be undertaking professional development focussing on numeracy and literacy.

Road Safety

Road Safety is very important in and around any school.

I strongly encourage all our families to make themselves aware of all restrictions around our school. The biggest complaints we receive each year from the council and also from our neighbours are around cars queueing in Birkinshaw Avenue and around the corner into Magill Road after school, cars parking over driveways and drivers exiting cars in the pick up zone to collect children. Currently council parking inspectors are monitoring and fining drivers who fail to follow these rules.

Again I remind everyone to move on if the pick-up zone is full, drive around the block to return a little later, or even park correctly and then walk in to school to collect your child. Finally, please I ask drivers to check their speed when driving along Birkinshaw Avenue as it has been quite apparent that some drivers are travelling over the 25kpm speed limit when children are present.

Thank you for your understanding on these very important matters and I look forward to many safe and smooth pick up and drop off times ahead.

I look forward to a productive and enjoyable year of learning and continuing to grow our beautiful school.

Kind Regards

Adrian Grbin

From the APRIM



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This year is a special year for our school community and the global catholic community. Pope Francis has named this year a Jubilee Year. This happens every twenty five years and it is a year for communities and individuals to reflect and a prayer together. This year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope. We started the year with this theme at our Beginning of Year Liturgy. This year our focus is to be people of hope and kindness. I think we would all agree that a world with more hope and kindness can only be a good thing!

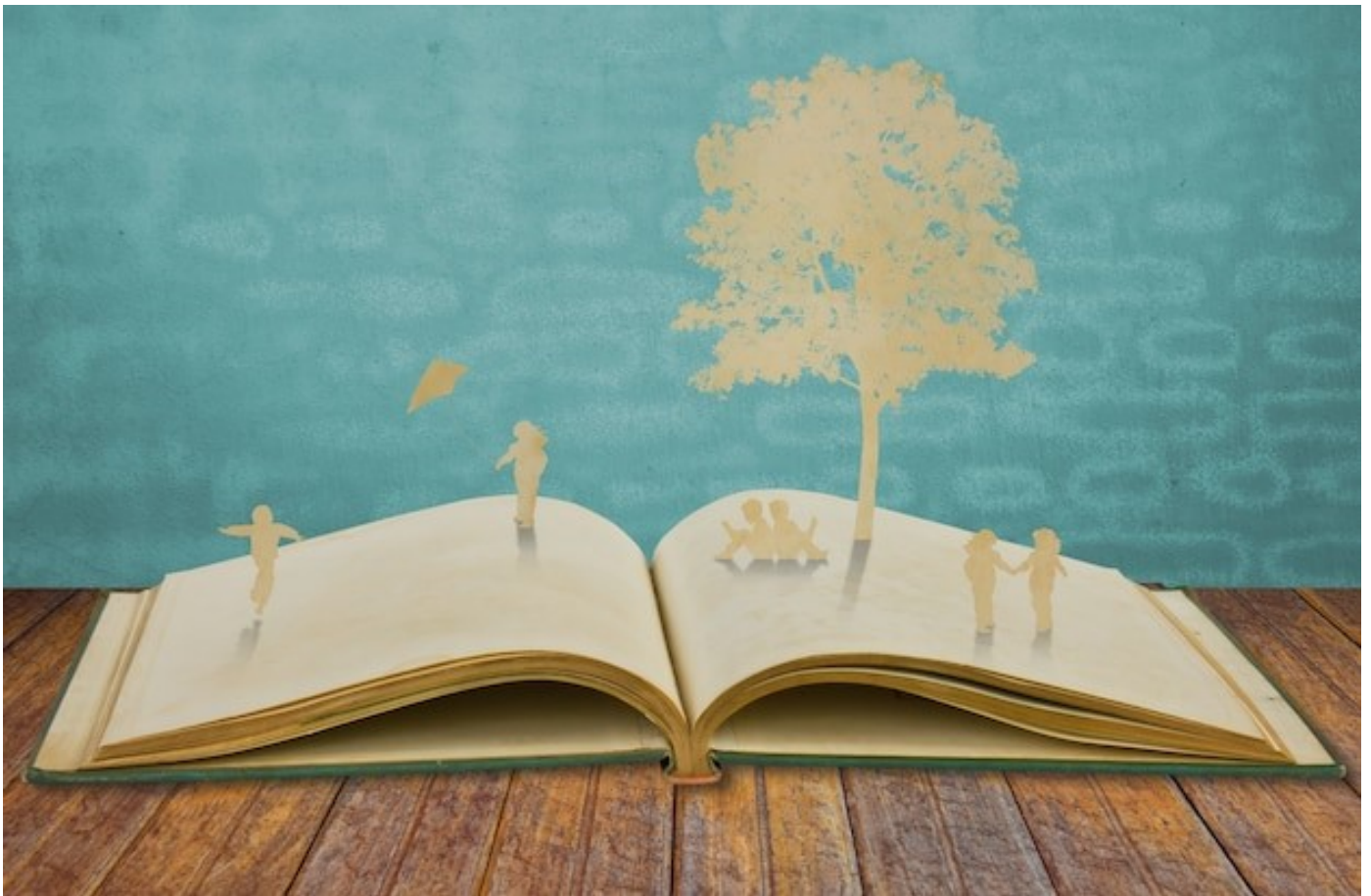
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This term some of our young people in our community will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a special time for the children and their families as they learn more about forgiveness and participate in a ceremony experiencing God's love and forgiveness. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

SHROVE TUESDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

In Week 6 we begin our 6 week Lenten journey to Easter. On Shrove Tuesday we will have pancakes and on Wednesday we will commemorate Ash Wednesday. The Years 3 to 6 classes will attend the 9.15 am Parish Mass and the Reception to Year 2 classes will have an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10.30 am in the Hall. All are welcome to come and receive ashes at any of the services.

Annette McCard



"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents". Jane D. Hull

New Telephone Number

We have upgraded the School Telephone System and because of this process we have been given a new Telephone Number.

Our New Number is: 8 2 1 7 8 3 0 0

Please make a note of this number in your phone or your records.

Enrolments for 2026 and 2027 Open



We are currently accepting 2026 and 2026 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>

Joey's Playgroup

Our family playgroup is back for another exciting year in 2025.

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](#). Tahlia 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 5-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 with 100 points of ID)**
- **A RRHAN-EC (Responding to Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care) training Certificate with new end date 31 December 2027**
- **Work Health and Safety on-line Induction for Volunteers Certificate**
- **Work Health and Safety signed form**

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 your Completed CESA Registration Pack has been returned to the School Office.

Please email Angela for further queries or information at agirolamo@stjotran.catholic.edu.au

Angela Girolamo, WHS Administrator



Mary MacKillop College
Kensington

Inviting all girls in Years 3 to 6 to join us for a

Discover MacKillop Day

Tuesday 25 February
Register today!



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