



Week 3, Term 2 2022

Important Dates

National Sorry Day
Thursday 26 May 2022

Pupil Free Day
(Staff PD)
Friday 10 June 2022

Public Holiday
(Queens Birthday)
Monday 13 June 2022

School Board AGM
Wednesday 22 June 2022

End of Term 2
Friday 8 July 2022

24.05.22

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

In 2022, as we navigate through COVID and two building projects, I have been discussing with staff and students about the importance of 'patience'. Patience can help us achieve our goals and maintain a more positive outlook on life. However exercising patience is not easy, it can take a lot of practice. I recently read a quote which I liked from an unknown source; it said, *"Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting."*

As a community we have certainly had to learn the art of patience, it seems to bring what appears to be near, that which is far! I would like to commend all in keeping a good attitude while we have had delays on the building projects.

Patience has paid off as from last Friday afternoon, we moved a little closer to the end goal for Stage 1. We took ownership back of the interior of the Parish Hall. This has been an exciting step, as we were able to set up for the polling booths which allowed all to see the end result. If you did get the chance to visit the hall on Saturday, I hope you found the new look and transformation of this heritage building a very pleasant and enjoyable experience. This week the students will get their chance to have a walk through and see what has been hiding behind the fence. We will have an official opening and blessing later in the year.

The exterior of the hall still has a way to go, as well as the adventure playground which we hope to see grow before our eyes over the term.

The front of the school is starting to take shape, with the addition of many new plants, new fencing and the construction of the main paths. The plan is to complete the new pedestrian entrance from Magill Road (The Promenade) to access the front of the school first. This will be our new main entrance and school address, please note – 513 Magill Road, Tranmere. The entrance will have a brick wall including signage and our new letter box. This promenade will allow easy access for visitors and families to walk safely to the office without walking through the staff carpark, which has been the case for many years. The second promenade from Birkinshaw Ave will be the last section completed when the adventure playground is finished during the term.

As far as the multi-sports space – we hope to open up the new grassed area very soon, possibly in the next week or so, depending on the weather. This will mean the students will have the whole grassed area to play on while the basketball/netball space and new sand pit will continue to be fenced off until completion later this term.

Pick up and Drop off

Our students have been working hard on learning the road rules around schools. On Friday our classes had a visit from the RAA Education Officer and spent time understanding the importance of being street smart. Also, our Year 6 students have been trained by SAPOL in how to be school crossing monitors for our new Emu Crossing.

The students look to us as adults in being responsible road users, so it is important that we all set a good example for them to follow.

Thank you to the majority of families who are successfully supporting the current drop off and pick up arrangements for our school community. However, we have had a few complaints from people who live in the local area, so I thought it would be helpful to remind families about some of our observations during these busy times so we can keep everyone safe.

Please **do not** cross Birkinshaw Ave from the pick-up and drop off zone – please use our fantastic Emu Crossing which our delightful Year 6 students are managing so well.

There is **no stopping** to drop off or pick up students from the opposite side to the school in Birkinshaw Ave, this is currently signposted as No Standing and drivers will incur a fine by the council.

Drivers are **not allowed** to bank up around the corner from Birkinshaw Ave into Magill Road as this has a solid yellow line and, as a result, does block other road users from entering Birkinshaw Ave; once again drivers can be fined by the council.

We **encourage** drivers not to do 3 point turns in Birkinshaw Ave; you can drive around the block.

We also **encourage** students and parents to kiss and go and pick up quickly and enter or exit the car from the passenger side rather than the drivers side.

If we can all follow these road rules it will certainly go a long way to making our collection and drop off zone safe for all to use.

Diary Dates

Please add these important dates to your calendar.

- **School Closure Day** Pupil Free Day – Friday 10 June 2022
- **Queen's Birthday Holiday** Monday 13 June 2022
- **School Board AGM** Wednesday 22 June 2022
- **End of Term 2** Friday 8 July 2022

Please note: Student Achievement Reports to go home in week 10

New Staff

We welcome 3 new staff members this term to our school community.

I would like to introduce Ms Selina Roper who is our new Music Specialist Teacher for 2022, working a half day on Tuesdays and all-day Fridays

I would like to introduce Ms Tahlia Camerlengo who is team teaching in the Year 1/2FL class, working on Mondays and Tuesdays for the rest of 2022.

I would finally like to introduce Ms Tara Walkley who is our new Physical Education Specialist Teacher for 2022, working on Wednesdays and Fridays.

I sure you will join me in congratulating these new teachers and we look forward to them working with our students.

Thank you to all our families for managing the current COVID protocols. We thank you for your support as we slowly start to open up the school again for all to come and gather as a community. Keep an eye open for playgroups starting again soon!

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin

Reception Enrolment for 2022 and 2023



... Our school offers a mid-year Reception enrolment intake for students who turn five on or before October 31 2022?

To assist families, Reception students who join a 2022 mid-year intake will get tuition in **Terms 3 and 4 2022**. Please contact the School Office for more information.

We are also accepting Enrolments for 2023 now.

Numeracy

The Mathematics Curriculum at St Joseph's Tranmere continues to be shaped by the work done in the CESA STAR Program, as well as the analysis of NAPLAN data, PAT data and classroom data.

This term has seen a big change happen in the year 1 & 2 unit as a direct result of this data analysis and professional learning. For 20 minutes, after recess, on a daily basis, the children take part in learning sessions related to 'Base Ten' or 'Processes of Calculating'. The

groups are flexible, consisting of a mixture of children from each room, targeting their specific needs.

Children in the Base Ten group are working with Ms Dottore in Room 7. Their learning is delving into the patterns in the Base Ten system, the rules for reading and writing numerals and how symbols and quantities relate and the rules for counting collections.

The children focusing on Processes of Calculating are working in rooms 6 and 8 and started the term exploring the differences between counting and calculating, a really tricky task to begin with! They were all very excited to begin focusing on calculating and grow in this space. They are now looking at calculating stories related to addition, multiplication, subtraction and division and have enjoyed incorporating drama into this for 'Calculation T.V'. One of the goals of this group is developing a bank of 'key words' related to each of the 4 operations. This is really powerful learning and will create an excellent foundation for all future learning in this area. The snapshot included is of our Room 6 learners listening to a calculating story and deciding whether it would be on the 'addition channel' or 'multiplication channel' on Calculating T.V. They are then asked to justify their choice.

We look forward to sharing the successes of this approach as the year progresses.

01.04.22

OSHC Fullybooked Registration Information

Fullybooked Registration

If you wish your child/children to attend Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) either After School or Before School Care, you are now able to manage your own bookings.

We require registration with '**Fully Booked**' prior to session attendance. This system is both user friendly and streamlined ensuring registration is a simple process.

Once registered, managing your bookings/cancellations can be accessed on any device, including mobile phones via the App.

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 or Melanie Heaney mheaney@stjotran.catholic.edu.au if you require further assistance.

At present, when are booking your OSHC bookings with Fullybooked, your booking will automatically default to the session type (casual rate).

We also have 4 options available to parents when choosing their family bookings, these are for both permanent or casual bookings.

- Full Session Permanent
- Half Session Permanent
- Full session Casual
- Half Session Casual

These are available for both Before School Care and After School Care.

Unfortunately we are unable to change any past bookings. We ask that you check all the bookings you have made for the remainder of this year and for bookings you intend to make. Please make any changes before we return to school in Term 2.

Once you have made bookings we are unable to make changes. 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

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