



Week 4, Term 2 2023
I love playing with my friends

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was Catholic Education Week across South Australia where all schools celebrated the excellent teaching and learning that happens in our schools every day. You might like to visit our socials to see what the students had to say about our school. It is wonderful to reflect and recognise the teaching and learning that takes place. Thank you to everyone in our school community that makes our school a wonderful place to belong.

I would like to inform our school community of an important event this term and encourage you to save the date. On Wednesday 5 July we are inviting families to our Learning Showcase Afternoon. Parents and carers will be able to visit the classrooms and see the wonderful learning that has taken place over the term. The school will be opened from 3pm – 5pm so all can attend during this time period.

Last week was also National Pedestrian and Road Safety for Children week. This important week is to help children learn about road safety by modelling safe behaviour and teaching children safety skills. Until the age of 11-12 years, children need active adult supervision near roads. It is important for all to understand the need to correctly model the road rules and explain and describe what you are doing each time you are using the road, so that your child can understand why it is important.

During the holiday break the council has assisted us with making improvements to our drop off and pick up zone. The improvements include;

- extending the zone to make it safer and allow more cars to use the zone
- refreshing the line markings for easy identification
- changing the signage with improved parking times and reminding drivers to not queue from the Emu crossing up around to Magill Road.

The main road safety issue is when parents/carers queue in Birkinshaw Ave from the Emu Crossing back to and around the corner onto Magill Road during the afternoon pick up time from 3pm – 3:15pm.

All parents and carers – please be aware that you are not allowed to stop and wait on a solid yellow line as this will incur a fine from the

inspectors.

If the pick-up and drop off zone is full of cars you will need to continue travelling along Birkinshaw Ave and round the block until the zone is clear. Recently the council have been issuing fines and we have had complaints from other motorists using Birkinshaw Avenue. To make it safe for all, I strongly advise drivers to follow the rules so that everyone can use this road safely.

Please pass this important information to family members and friends who may be collecting your child at the end of the school day.

Alternatively, if you do come a little later to collect children, we find the zone is not as busy after 3:10pm. Staff are on duty until 3:15pm when the school gates are closed and students who have not been collected are taken to OSHC.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin



"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."

Angela Schwindt

3/4 RM

3/4RM students are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to express their artistic talents while engaging with Visual Arts activities.

Most recently, students completed a pillowcase using the Batik Art technique. Batik is a dye resistant wax-art technique applied to fabrics. Students will be bringing their pillowcase on camp to Woodhouse in Week 7, this term.

Last week, students created a beautiful gift for their mum on a canvassed frame. Students used flowing lines which created different zones and then drew a heart in the centre. They were then painted using different shades and tones.

As you can see from the photos, students demonstrated excellent artistic skills.



From the Music Room

Last term in music we focused on rhythm as one element of music. We are now beginning to explore pitch, tone and dynamics as elements of music we hear and Our junior primary students have been exploring the element of pitch by using their voices and tuned percussion instruments such as our resonator bells and boomwhackers. Students have enjoyed using the puppets and their own body movement to develop their understanding of high and low sounds. We also have begun working on short group pieces each week to give us opportunities to perform in front of the class.

Our 3-6 students have been exploring pitch by working with the ukuleles. Learning the ukulele is a fantastic way to reinforce the concept of rhythm through the use of strumming patterns, and also melody through the use of finger picking and use of chords. It is also fantastic for coordination!

Students in year 3 and 4 have particularly enjoyed strumming along with A minor and C chords to hit songs such as Lewis Capaldi's Somebody You Loved and Hey Ho by the Lumineers.

They have begun exploring the other elements of music such as tempo, timbre and dynamics by listening to a variety of musical pieces and applying the SQUILT method to begin analyzing the various elements they can hear. We have all enjoyed discussing how this connects to our own personal musical preferences, and how this connects to musical genre.



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.

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)**
- **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**

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

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



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