



31.10.24

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to term 4 for all our staff and students. We have managed school photos this week, a Year 3/4 Reflection day with Year 10 Rostrevor College students, a special photo shoot of the new R-1 Learning Street, Children's University Graduation at Bonython Hall and many other great teaching and learning moments. Don't forget to check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for a great snapshot of life at St Joseph's.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our wonderful parents and carers for the way you have adapted to the new entrance to the school for dropping off and collecting students. It is greatly appreciated how our families have done this in a safe and orderly manner, using this zone more efficiently. The staff have been pleased with the way the pick-up zone is flowing as everyone has become familiar with its operation. We encourage you to keep moving along the street in the zone when possible. The more cars that can fit safely in the collection zone, the greater number of students who can then be collected safely.

Just a small reminder to all parents and carers when collecting students in this zone, you must remain in your vehicle, as exiting and leaving your vehicle will hold up the process and create some safety issues for all involved. Staff will do their best to assist students during this collection time

which concludes at 3:20pm.

Thank you to the many families who are choosing to park their vehicle and then walk to collect their child/ren, especially if they are in the early years classes. We are lucky to have a reasonably safe and quiet street for our school to use, however it is important to be very aware of cars during these peak times, especially if you are crossing the road.

Important Dates Calendar:

I would like to remind families that you can access upcoming events on our school website (see link). <https://www.stjotran.catholic.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events-1>

This page provides you with up-to-date main events throughout the school year, including such things as: our Christmas Gathering, end of year mass, and dismissal dates & times for holidays. I encourage you to check this page to keep you up to date with the latest information on what's happening in our school.

Next week 40 of our students from Years 3-6 will be attending the South Australian Catholic Schools **Athletics Carnival** at the SA Athletics Stadium at Mile End. This carnival extends across the week with many Catholic schools and colleges attending. We wish all our athletes the very best and look forward to hearing all about their achievements when they return. We certainly value these opportunities for our students and I would like to thank Ms White for organising and preparing the team.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our **Festival Choir** students for their wonderful performance last term. The choir spent three terms practicing and preparing for the performance which was held at the festival theatre in the last week of Term 3. The night was a great success and the students should be very proud of their achievements. I would like to acknowledge and thank Julia Johnson, our Choir Trainer for all her hard work in preparing the choir. The festival choir is a very valuable part of our senior student music program and we thank all involved in making it such a successful and rewarding experience for our students.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day – 11th November

Please note that Community Prayer will be changed to 10.50 am on Monday 11th November 2024.

We will be gathering in the front yard facing our flagpoles to observe Remembrance Day as a school community.

All are welcome to attend.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Dear Families

As we approach the beginning of Advent it is time to prepare our hearts and minds to think of others who do not have as much as we do.

Our school has always had a strong commitment to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and donating items for food hampers for those in need.

From Monday 25th November 2024 you are invited to send in non-perishable items to the classroom.

These items will be collated at the end of the term and put into food hampers by St Vincent De Paul volunteers and delivered to families in our local area.

The following items are always greatly appreciated:

Christmas puddings/ fruit cakes/ mince pies

Long-life custard

Drinks – Tea/coffee,/chocolate/cordial/long life juice

Milk- long life

Biscuits and Crackers

Tinned fruit and vegetables

Cereals/ pancake mixes

Spreads – jam, vegemite

Gravy mixes

Soups

Dried pasta/rice

Pasta sauces

Our community will be thanked by a St Vincent De Paul representative at our Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 11th December at 11 am. All welcome.

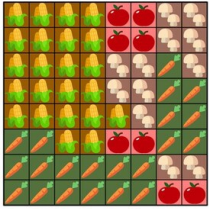
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please note for families wishing to make a money donation this can be done via the website - <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

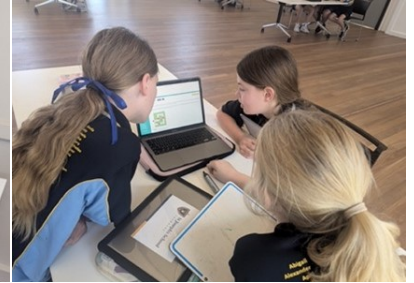
Bebras Challenge - Year 5 & Year 6

On Wednesday 23rd of October, students in years 5 and 6 participated in the Bebras challenge. Bebras is a fun and engaging computational thinking challenge for students in years 3 and up. It is an international challenge that involves over 2.9 million students from 60 countries. Students, who elected to participate this year, participated in pairs or small groups of three. It was wonderful to see them work together and share their reasoning to complete the challenge. Below is an example question from the challenge – can you solve it?

Amanda is planning to install new sprinklers to water the crops on her farm. The farm land is divided into squares, a map of which is shown below:



The store sells sprinklers that can water 4x4, 2x2, or 1x1 squares of land. There are four types of crops on Amanda's farm: apples, corn, grapes, and mushrooms. Each type of crop needs to be watered differently to promote ideal growth. Therefore, if a sprinkler waters a particular patch of land, then all the crops on that patch should be of the same type. Also, each patch is watered by only one sprinkler.



Save the Date!



Save the Date! - 3rd December 2024

Our Christmas Gathering
further details to follow.

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.

SCHOOL FEES 2025 – No fee increase

We are pleased to inform you that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2025 school year. Some costs, e.g. camp costs, are billed separately to recover service costs.

It is at the heart of Catholic education that our schools are affordable and accessible to all.

If any family has financial concerns, we ask them to contact Janet Price, Business Manager, at jprice@stjotran.catholic.edu.au to confidentially discuss additional support through fee remissions.

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>

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



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Jane D. Hull



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