



Important Dates

**AGM - Board
Members Only**
Wednesday 17 March 2021

Class 3JS Assembly
Thursday 18 March 2021

**SACPSSA Swimming
Carnival - Oaklands
Park**
Thursday 18 March 2021

**Feast Day of St
Joseph**
Friday 19 March 2021

Palm Sunday
Sunday 28 March 2021

Holy Thursday
Thursday 1 April 2021

Good Friday
Friday 2 April 2021

Easter Sunday
Sunday 4 April 2021

**Public Holiday
(Easter Monday)**
Monday 5 April 2021

End of Term One at

Upcoming Events

Mathematics and Numeracy Parent Workshop

Date: Thursday 18 March - Monday 30 November

Venue: St Francis of Assisi School Library -

Teaching your child the Tools for Healthy Friendships

Date: Wednesday 24 March - Monday 30 November

Venue: St Joseph's School Tranmere - Tranmere

Adopt a Family Tree Project – Art Exhibition

Date: Saturday 27 March

Time: 12:30am - 4:00pm

Venue: Venue One - Adelaide

Our Newsletter is different!

If you're reading this in your email, click on [Read More](#) anywhere to see our full newsletter - a new layout complete with photo galleries, videos and more.

We hope you like our new format!

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's amazing to think we have reached half way through term 1. I hope you enjoyed the long weekend break and were able to get out and about enjoying this wonderful autumn weather.

Building Update

As you would be aware, with the completion of the Master Plan last year, we have been working hard behind the scenes to start Stage One of the plan. You may recall this stage involves the building of a new adventure playground and refurbishing the heritage listed Parish Hall. I am hoping this project will start in the middle of this year with completion by the end of the school year. The School Board and the Steering Committee are all committed to this new and exciting venture as it will certainly improve our play space and gathering space for the school and the parish.

Running along-side this project will be the development of the bottom yard. This will include the demolition of the house at 9 Birkinshaw Avenue, which we purchased early this year, and the construction of a new hard play surface and additional grassed area for the students. We hope to have this project underway next term, with the aim of completion before the start of the top yard project. (fingers crossed).

I will certainly keep you up to date through communications on our website and Skoolbag.

This will be an exciting time for the development and improvement of our school facilities and I know the students are very excited and are looking forward to new play spaces for them to explore.

Star Program – formally the Eastern Star Project

We are now in the second year of the Star Program. This school cluster initiative involves the 5 parish schools in our eastern region. The schools have been working together on a range of projects, particularly focusing on improving literacy, numeracy and wellbeing in our schools across the east. The program has allowed us to support the introduction of Literacy and Numeracy Coaches, allowing teachers

time to work closely with these coaches to improve their pedagogy, purchase new resources and access high impact professional development.

We are in the process of launching a new landing page for the program as this will allow you to visit the site and then access the schools' own websites. We hope to see this as a solid marketing tool for our schools and provide new and interested families with an opportunity to find out more about what is happening in our schools.

One initiative from the program is the continuation of the Parenting Workshops with Madhavi from Positive Minds Australia. The second workshop is organised for Wednesday 24 March at 6:30pm, here at St Joseph's School Tranmere. The wellbeing focus for this workshop will be around exploring the tools for supporting children to build positive and healthy relationships. Madhavi is an excellent presenter and has many useful tips and advice for all parents. I strongly encourage you to come along and be part of this informative hour-long session. If you are unable to attend the evening session, it will be repeated on Friday 26 March at 9:30am at St Joseph's School, Hectorville. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to suzanne.budd@cesa.catholic.edu.au

School Uniform

School uniforms give students and families a sense of belonging and enhancing school pride. Wearing a uniform also shows identity and unity in a community. Thank you to all families and students who have been wearing the correct uniform and purchasing the items from our supplier, JS Sports. We are aware of some current delays in the stock of some uniform items and thank you for your patience with the uniform shop.

A few years ago, the school had a brand upgrade which improved the look of our school logo. This logo identifies our school at Tranmere and is now on a majority of our uniform items. We plan to increase the use of the logo on more of our school clothing items in order to reduce the number of generic items as this has resulted in students wearing a mixed range of items as part of our uniform. We hope this will provide a more constant approach and support the families who do select the correct uniform items.

Very soon the P & F committee will be having a second uniform sale in preparation for the winter uniform. If you would like to sell any items please note they must contain our current version of the school logo. This is a great opportunity to purchase good quality items at a reduced rate. Please see the article in this newsletter from the P & F for more information.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Cybersafe Session

Thank you to those parents and carers who supported our recent cyber safety parent session run by Chris Greene from Cybersafe Families. Chris was able to provide the most recent information for parents about how they can support their child to be a safe digital citizen. This initiative has been an ongoing response to the need to assist our families at Tranmere when students are online both at home and at school. The session was very well received and provided a lot of useful and practical information for setting up a successful cyber safe environment at home.

Our Year 3-6 students also had a cyber safe session the same day, allowing for positive family discussions to occur as the students were able to hear the same important messages of how to be safe online.

Reminders:

I encourage you to support the P & F Easter Raffle which was launched last week. Students took home raffle books and for \$1 you can enter to win wonderful easter prizes. If you would like more tickets, please pop into the front office.

Thank you to parents and carers who are using the QR codes located around the school when coming on site. It is important that you continue to do this each time you visit the school grounds. It is important to keep following the COVID safe requirements, including the use of hand sanitisers, physical distancing and staying away from school if you are feeling unwell.

Thank you for your support

Kind regards
Adrian Grbin



Building relationships

It has been lovely getting to know your children this term and also meeting parents and caregivers, particularly in the morning and afternoon when I have duty. I look forward to getting to meet more community members as the year progresses.

Project Compassion

Thank you for your generosity this Lent with Project Compassion. If you would like to look at some of the ways that your generosity makes a difference to others you can visit the Project Compassion website (lent.caritas.org.au) where you can see real life stories about how sharing what we have with others can support with education, access to water and improving ones quality of life.

200 years of Catholic Education

To celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia the Catholic Education Office has given prayer cards to every child enrolled in a catholic school. This prayer card will come home with your child today.

Catholic Identity Survey

Today you will receive an email for a survey regarding the Catholic identity of our school. All the information you need will be in the email and as a thank you for participating anyone completing the survey will have their family name entered into a draw to win a \$100 gift voucher. The survey will close 1st April 2021.

1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop Reminder

The parish is hosting the second workshop for parents and children on Tuesday 16th March at 5.45 pm in the Church. Please contact Anne Dudzinski anne.dudzinski@bigpond.com if you have any queries.

The year of St Joseph

Pope Francis recently announced that this year is the Year of St Joseph. We will be celebrating the annual Feast Day of St Joseph on Friday the 19th March with some fun activities and taking the time to reflect on how St Joseph can be an example of how to live a life of 'respect' and 'love'. The children are invited to wear their house colours for this special day and to bring a gold coin donation for Project Compassion.

Mathematics



All classes started the year by connecting with the learners as Mathematicians. They have read the 'Story of Mathematics' which talks about how Mathematics is the science of patterns, rules and relationships. It is organised into 5 Mathematical Drawers which are accessed using the Thinking Keys. It has been exciting to see learners develop a deeper understanding of what Mathematics is and use a shared language from Reception to Year 6. Classes have started creating their own visual representations of the 5 Drawers and the Thinking Keys to refer back to as they explore each drawer in more depth.

Lisa-Jayne from the Primary Mathematics Association has been working with teachers at St Joseph's Tranmere to develop their yearly overviews. Through this planning process, teachers have considered how each piece of Mathematics is best learnt whether this be integrated into other learning areas as a series of Mathematics learning sessions or as part of everyday routines. Two examples of pieces of Mathematics that are best learnt through everyday routines are time and data. Here are some snapshots of how these have been explored in different year levels.

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Children's University

Children choose which activities they would like to participate in and collect stamps in their Passport to Learning as they go.

Children's University Australasia provides quality assured activities outside of the school curriculum to address the needs of the whole child and most of all they are fun, opening the eyes of children to different activities and careers they had never even heard of.

The Children's University is about developing a hunger for and love of learning, building confidence and fostering aspirations in all

children.

The Children are rewarded for their participation with certificates presented at ceremonies. They graduate in caps and gowns just like the adults do and celebrate their achievements with friends, family and teachers.

If your child is interested in enrolling, please complete the attached form and return it to the School Office with your payment by the due date – Friday 26th March, 2021

Existing Children's University students will also need to complete the form if they would like to re-enrol into the Children's University 2021 program with your payment by the due date – Friday 26th March, 2021.

I have also attached a video link to this newsletter.

If you have any queries or would like further information please contact me or come and see me in the Office.

Easter Raffle - P&F Fundraiser



A reminder that the Easter Raffle flyer & tickets went home with students last week.

What to do:

Please bring along an Easter Egg or Easter themed item to donate to the raffle prizes.

When:

By Friday, 19th March.

Bring in your donation and place it into the baskets provided in your child's classroom.

Tickets:

Tickets are sold at \$1 each, with each child being given one book of 5 tickets to sell.

More ticket books are available at the front office and will be on sale until Friday, 26th March.

Return Tickets:

Return all tickets and payment by Friday, 26th March via class office boxes in an envelope marked Easter Raffle.

Prizes:

Various sized Easter Baskets.

Raffle Drawn:

Wednesday, 31st March 2021.

P & F Second Hand Uniform Stall 2021



Wednesday 24th March 8.20am-8.45am in the Middle Yard.

The Second Hand Uniform stall is a very simple system that benefits our school community by offering quality products at a reduced price. It has been very successful in previous years.

We have introduced a couple of guidelines this year to ensure only quality items are offered for purchase to ensure our students always look smart and well presented in their community.

The P&F will operate the stall once a term in 2021.

What items can I offer for sale at the Second Hand Uniform Stall?

All sale items must be in excellent condition for eg. no stains, rips, or missing buttons

Sale items must be from the School Uniform shop (No Target, Kmart shorts)

All items need to have the current logo (which is the school emblem on the polo tops)

No hair accessories, hats or school bags can be sold at the second hand uniform stall

What do I do with items I would like to sell?

Place each item into a large clear plastic zip lock bag with your full name, contact phone number and price you would like for the item (whole dollars only)

Drop your items into the office by Monday 22nd March 2021

Once your items have been sold a staff member will contact you to collect your money from the office.

How do I purchase Second Hand Uniforms?

Simply come and visit us at the stall!

All sales are CASH ONLY

No change will be available at the stall so please bring gold coins and small notes to make a purchase

If you choose to purchase an item you remove that item from the zip lock bag, place the nominated monies into the bag and give it to a P&F member at the stall.

If you have any further questions please contact the P&F on parentsandfriends@stjotran.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your support.

Student Absence

Did you know that you can register a student absence on our website? Complete and submit the form on our website to submit your child's absence.

Register for Community Basketball



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