



Week 9, Term 3 2024

Important Dates

Catholic Schools Music Festival Thursday 26 September 2024	Sports Day 9am - 1pm Friday 27 September 2024	Last Day of Term 3 - 1pm Friday 27 September 2024	First Day of Term 4 2024 - 8.45am Monday 14 October 2024
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Our beautiful new classrooms and gardens

We are delighted to announce that the builder's fences are down and now have access to our beautiful gardens which surround the new classrooms and learning street. The school yard now has a lovely flow to it as we can see right down to the oval from the hall. The children have responded well to the new spaces and they are enjoying the open feel of the play spaces and the new learning spaces.

New Sports Shed

Our new Sports Shed is proving to be a wonderful asset to our school. A big thankyou to our Parents and Friends Committee who organized wonderful fundraising to enable this to be purchased. It would not have been possible without the generosity of our families – so thank you for supporting your children and the school in our fundraising events.



Learning Showcases

For the last two weeks of this term, we are welcoming families into our classrooms for our Learning Showcases. It has been a wonderful experience for everyone for far. Below are some of the comments from our Receptions and Year One children. Our Years Two to Six will be hosting their showcases next week.

What was the best thing about the showcase?

Reading my Three Little Pigs book to Mummy – Charlotte

My Dad got to see all of my work – Zoe

I loved that my Mummy came and gave me a big kiss – Harry

When my dad came and looked at my learning – Cameron

How did you feel having your family at the Showcase?

Happy because I got to spend more time with Mum at school – Sofia

I was happy because I got to show Dad my work – Sebastian

Happy because I showed my work and she said it was 'cool' – Haley

I felt happy because I got to spend time with my mum and dad at school - Nuit



From the Music Room

Strumming into Ukulele

Our Year 2 students have just started learning the ukulele, and it has been such a rewarding experience for them. The ukulele is a perfect instrument for beginners, offering a great introduction to string instruments. The children are learning basic chords, how to hold the instrument, and the joy of strumming together. It's been wonderful to see the excitement on their faces as they make their first musical sounds on this charming instrument.

Exploring Pitch and Melodic Patterns

Students from Reception to Year 4 have been diving into the world of pitch using chime bars and xylophones. These colorful instruments are fantastic for helping students understand how pitch works—learning to recognize high and low notes as well as patterns in music. By tapping the bars, students can create melodies and experiment with the different sounds each note produces.

Through fun, interactive activities, students are gaining confidence in identifying and matching pitches, which is a key building block in music education. The students particularly enjoyed learning melody patterns from well-known pop songs, such as Queen's We Will Rock You.



Year 3/4 Camp

In week 5, the Year 3/4 cohort went to the Nunyara camp-site in Belair. We were very fortunate and got to participate in a variety of outdoor activities, some of which included initiative +, water obstacle, amazing race and billy carts. The students developed a lot of team building skills and really enjoyed their time away from school and being in a different environment. It was a great experience and when we got back to school, the students wrote persuasive texts to convince all the other classes at the school to go on camp.



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.

Finance News

This should be able to be seen

Audiri is being phased out



Due to Seesaw now being used as our communication tool, Audiri won't be an option for advising of absentees in the future. Please use Seesaw, email to info@stjotran.catholic.edu.au or our website on the "Contact Us" tab. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Glenda or Angela in the front office.

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



Children's Programs (Ages 5-12)

Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult guardian at all times.

Bookings are open from 2 weeks before the session runs at 9am.

Bookings to be done via Humanitix – events.humanitix.com/host/campbelltown-library-sa



Kite Making 🪁

Tuesday 8 October 1.30pm-3pm

Make a working kite!

Library Meeting Room and Courtyard

Ages 5-10 | FREE | Bookings Essential

Lego and Duplo Weekend

Sat 12 Oct 9.30-1.30pm,

Sun 13 Oct 1-4.30pm.

Library Meeting Room

All Ages | FREE | Drop in

Clay Butterflies 🦋

**Wednesday 9 October 9.30-11.00 OR
11.30-1pm**

Make a butterfly out of clay! Pick up your fired piece 2 weeks later to keep forever.

Library Makerspace | Wear closed-in shoes

Ages 6-9 | \$15 | Bookings Essential

Crazy Colourful Chemistry 🧪

Show! Thursday 10 Oct 2-3pm

Explore chemical reactions with NITRO NAT! A show of colours and wonder, fire demonstrations and mess!

Library Children's Area

Primary-Middle School Ages | \$5

DIY Tea Cup Planter 🪴

**Friday 11 October 11am-12.30pm
OR 1-2.30pm**

Decorate with ceramic markers. A porcelain tea-cup planter, plant a succulent-beautiful!

Library Meeting Room

Ages 9-13 | \$5 | Bookings Essential

Bookings Essential for all Adults & Children



Children's University Validated Session

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