



Important Dates

UniSA Mini Labs @
The Gums
Thursday 22 February 2024

Public Holiday -
Adelaide Cup
Monday 11 March 2024

Holy Thursday
Thursday 28 March 2024

Good Friday -
Public Holiday
Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday -
Public Holiday
Monday 1 April 2024

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

In week 2 this term our year 6-7 students went to Canberra. Throughout the week I kept in touch with the staff team and was able to send regular updates to the parents. A consistent message that came through was what a wonderful time they were having and how well the students were managing their opportunity for independence. Even more importantly the staff all reported how proud they were of the students and their engagement in the learning and fun of the Canberra experience. This is a great news story worth sharing.

On Monday this week we had the staff of St Catherine's Stirling visit our school to learn more about restorative practices and circle time. Our session was launched with circle time led by Ella, Emma and Grace, this was a lot of fun. Matt, Rob, Kathy and Cynthia shared their learning and experiences from a staff perspective. Matt and Rob were very well supported by students from their classes; Cinzia, Anthony, Nicholas and Allie from 5-6 and Jamie and Charlie from 3-4. We were very proud of the students who sat in a circle with 18 adults, shared some information they had prepared and then responded to open questions. The staff at St Catherine's were certainly impressed.

The strongest theme throughout the morning was the importance of building strong relationships and developing the skills to repair those relationships when things go wrong. Students talked about having the opportunity to share their side of the story and also hear the other person's perspective. In several classes in the school students are now leading circle time so as well as building strong relationships, they are developing their leadership skills.

On Monday 28th November we have our final Parents and Friends meeting for the year. Please look out for an invitation and consider coming along to learn more about the work of the committee. Even if you are unsure about committing to regular meetings it is worth coming to this one. We will be exploring the role of the P and F and beginning our planning for 2017. We would love to see new faces and hear ideas from the community.

Please remember to be vigilant in the car park and pick up and drop off zone. There continues to be concern about adults following the rules and sticking to the speed limit. With 270 children moving on to and off the site there is a high risk of accident if people do not follow procedure and drive slowly.

Enjoy the next two weeks,

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>

NAPLAN

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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged

with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

The link for the Public Demonstration site is as follows:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

Tanya Barrett

Assistant Principal

Curriculum and Inclusion

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



Kildare College Tours

Term 1 2024

Saturday 17 February 11.00am

Saturday 2 March 11.00am

Saturday 16 March 11.00am

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