

Issue Date 10 March 2022



#### Important Dates

PUPIL FREE DAY (Staff PD) Friday 11 March 2022

Harmony Day Monday 21 March 2022 Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup) Monday 14 March 2022

Swim Carnival Training Monday 21 March 2022 Swim Carnival Training Tuesday 15 March 2022

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival - Oaklands Park Thursday 24 March 2022 St Joseph's Feast Day Saturday 19 March 2022 Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly have we reached the half way mark of the term, we trust everyone is travelling ok and looking after each other during these challenging times.

It is lovely to see the learning that is taking place in the classes and the care and support that everyone is displaying.

#### Student Leadership

Yesterday we held a 'Jacket Presentation' for our Year 6 leaders in the middle yard. It was lovely to be able to present our 36 students with their senior jackets, just in time for the beginning of the cooler months. This item of clothing is always a prized possession for our leaders and many do enjoy wearing them no matter the temperature. I encourage you to checkout our Facebook and Instagram pages for some photos. The Jacket and Polo Tops are a great symbol and acknowledgement of their final year at St Joseph's school. We look forward to our Year 6 students developing and building their leadership skills over their final year and assisting in the overall running and life of the school. We hope to share more information soon about our student leadership program and how we foster and develop student leadership throughout the school.

#### **Exciting Announcement**

On behalf of the School Board, I am pleased to announce that we were successful in obtaining a State Capital Grant to commence Stage 2 of our Master Plan. We have been provided with a financial assistance grant for \$1.6M to assist in the construction of three new general learning areas incorporating high-level outdoor maker space and refurbishment of two existing general learning areas. This project will commence later in 2022, in accordance with the grant program guidelines. The learning spaces will be built parallel to the existing classrooms that run across the site in the bottom yard. This project will be the start of our "learning street design' incorporating inside and outside contemporary learning spaces, providing a more flexible classroom design for students and staff.

Classrooms have come a long way in their design over the years, as we move away from the original rigid structured place of teachercentred learning to a more embracing technological and flexible approach towards learning. Students are encouraged now to have greater agency in their learning and the classrooms need to adapt to these changes in order to enhance student engagement and wellbeing.

This exciting financial opportunity will allow our school to begin the second stage of our master plan and provide our school with additional learning areas for the benefit for the whole school community.

It is wonderful to see the continuous improvements that we are making to our beautiful school and I would like to thank the School Board for their governance and support. We look forward to the completion of Stage 1 as we begin the initial process with our architects on the concept designs for Stage 2.

I will continue to keep you informed of future developments in this space and we hope to display the new learning street design for the school community on our website.

#### **Diary Dates**

- A reminder about our **Pupil Free Day** tomorrow as staff will be attending the Eastern Region Professional Development on student wellbeing. We also hope you have an enjoyable long weekend and school will resume on Tuesday 15 March 2022.
- We wish our swimming team the very best as they prepare for the **Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival** on Thursday 24 March 2022 at the Marion Indoor Pool. We thank all students who participated in our trials this week.
- Our school Resource Centre will be a **Polling Booth** for the State Election on Saturday 19 March 2022.
- Parent/Teacher interviews over week 9 and 10 of this term. More information soon about how to book for an interview with your child's teacher(s)
- End of Term 1 Thursday 14 April 2022 at 3pm
- Start of Term 2 Monday 2 May 2022 at 8.45am

Wishing you a lovely long weekend,

Kind regards

Adrian

From the APRIM

#### LENT

We have started our Lenten journey to Easter. Over this time we commit ourselves to be the most authentic versions of ourselves. Rather than thinking of what we need to do LESS of, we can focus on how we can BE **MORE.** Some of the ways we can be more is:

- More patient
- More grateful
- More kind
- More compassionate to others and ourselves
- More ecologically aware
- More hope filled

For families wishing to have some Lenten resources, the Family Faith Formation team together with the Office for Worship are offering several resources that will enrich the Lenten journey for families. Please let me know if you would like this information.

#### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH TRANMERE, SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you have enrolled your child for RECONCILIATION this year, you should have received your family pack and your invitation to a MS Teams meeting. If you haven't received this email from me please let me know and I can follow this up for you. Information about First Eucharist and Confirmation will be sent out soon.

#### **UKRAINE CARITAS**

This week you will have received a letter from some of our Student Leaders. This is a wonderful student led initiative and I encourage you to read it and consider how your family would like support.

Please find a prayer for peace which you may like to use with your families:

A Prayer For Peace

For those who are fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are staying: safety

For those who are fighting: peace

For those who hearts are breaking: comfort

For those who see no future: hope

Our Shrove Tuesday pancakes were donated by Foodland Norwood



#### 3/4 RM Clean up Australia Day

On Friday, 3/4RM students took part in Clean up Australia Day by going to The Gums and clearing rubbish left behind in this local area. They were able to show love for the earth by creating a healthier environment for all to live in. Students were inspired and empowered to take positive action in caring for our local community. They eagerly went about locating and removing rubbish, safely, by wearing gloves and using tongs to pick up garbage left behind by others.

I was really impressed with how the students required little motivation to help clean-up our local community.

Well done 3/4RM

Mr Maio



#### Sports News

#### Basketball

A Year 5/6 Basketball team will be playing in the afterschool Competition at the Arc in Campbelltown. Our team, in the 5/6 C Grade Division, will be playing against various schools during Term 1 and 2.

Our thanks to Amanda Rossetto who will coach the team.

#### Cricket

A Year. 4-6 B Grade Cricket team will be playing in the Kensington Division on Saturday mornings at various school locations.

Our thanks to Lenae Palumbo who will coach the team with parental assistance.

#### **Swimming Carnival**

Thank you to each of the 40 keen students who took part in the swimming trial this week.

Mrs McNamara & Mrs Edgecomb have selected a team of 17 swimmers who will represent our School in the Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the Marian Aquatic Centre.

Congratulations to the following students:

Isla, Oliver, Maia, Addison, Jack, Luke, Isabella, Oliver, Stella, Mikaela, Max, Ryan, James, Mathilde, Malia, Conner & Leila.

Training for the team will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at the ARC – Campbelltown.

Good luck Team!

#### Netball

Expressions of Interest to play Winter Netball on Saturdays is available for all students aged 8-12 years of age.

Expression of interest forms will be sent out via email and Skoolbag with hard copies available in the School office from next week.

Please be mindful when signing up for Netball that the commitment is for two terms (Terms 2 & 3). Each child is expected to both train and play if selected for the team.

#### Angela Girolamo

#### Sport Administrator

#### OSHC News

#### Dear Families

A quick update on what's been happening in OSHC. We have quite a few new educators, so please introduce yourself if you get the opportunity. We are abiding by very stringent cleaning and management procedures to minimise the spread of COVID. Children have been so helpful in doing their bit and are all very well versed in the correct way to wash hands. We have spent as much time as possible outside which has been possible thanks to the great weather and the large verandah.

Could I remind you when managing your bookings, to make sure you deselect the default button which will then provide you with a drop down menu to choose the session that best suits your requirements. If you do not deselect the default button, then you will automatically be charged a full session at a casual rate.

Melanie Heaney

**OSHC** Director

#### 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

## Discover MacKillop in 2022

**Principal's Tour** Wednesday 6 April, 5.00pm



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