



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

To live, to learn, love in all things

Proudly learning on Ngadjuri land

IMPORTANT DATES

FEB

- Fri 2nd New Parents Welcome Dinner
- Mon 5th Yr 7 Canberra fundraising meeting 6.30pm
Parent Information night 7pm - all classes
Silly Scientist R-6
- Tues 13th School Picnic
Shrove Tues Prayer Service Yrs 5-9
- Wed 14th Ash Wednesday
- Sunday 18th Family Mass 9am
- Mon 19th Lower North Swimming Carnival Yrs 7-9
- Wed 21st P&F Meeting 7.30am
- Tues 27th Sapsasa Summer Hub - Clare
- Sat 24th Isaac Lomman ~ Hypnotic 7pm - Adel Fringe perf in School Hall
- Thurs 29th Bikes & Brekky

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- Frid 1st Welcome Mass
- Sun 3rd Great Detectives - 2pm
Adel Fringe perf in School Hall
- Frid 8th Assembly
- Sat 9th Unbridled - 8pm
Adel Fringe perf in School Hall
- Tues 12th Pupil Free
- Wed 13th - Thurs 28th NAPLAN
- Frid 29th Good Friday
- Mon 1st Easter Monday
- Sun 17th Family Mass

APRIL

- Mon 8th - Thurs 11th Year 8 Camp
- Frid 12th Last day of Term

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents & Friends of St Joseph's School, Clare,

Welcome back. It was genuinely exciting to greet all our students, staff and families back to school on Monday morning. Our hall was overflowing with people keen to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. We are delighted to welcome the following students and their families to our school -

New Families

- Marion Crompton - Lilia
- Roberlie & Edwin Munian - Izayah
- Madison & Alister Pike - Henry
- Emma & Anthony Ruffles - Maisy, Emma & Logan
- Holly & Nathan Geyer - Bonnie
- Bree & Mark Mensforth - Hudson
- Edwina & Angus Mitchell - Lachlan
- Jacqueline & Mark Harvey - Maddison
- Emily & John Hogben - Max
- Krystal & George Monogios - Adriana

We also welcome 27 new reception students and 5 new students across the school. Photos of these students later in the newsletter.

We trust that you find our school community welcoming and supportive. A simple example of this support was our fantastic P&F providing tea & coffee at line up - thankyou.



Kate Wehr, Denika Koch & Vicki Stewart providing coffee at line up

This year, we welcome the following staff -

Emma Ruffles to the Year 6 Class - Emma has taught at Caritas Catholic College in Port Augusta for many years.

Lauren McKenzie to the Year 2/3 Class - Lauren has taught in Melbourne for several years.

Sheree Schmaal to the Year 1 Class - Sheree also taught in Melbourne for a number of years and was a relief teacher at St Joseph's in 2023.

Daniel Harding back to St Joseph's in the Year 6 Class.

Emily Elsworth (ESO) returns from maternity leave.

FEBRUARY 2, 2024
WEEK 1, TERM 1

This year, Chris Slattery has taken on the role as full time relief teacher due to the fact that over the last few years we have found it extremely difficult to provide coverage for teachers when they are away. Having Chris' knowledge of the school, students & families is a great benefit to us.



Emma Ruffles



Lauren McKenzie



Sheree Schmaal



Daniel Harding



Emily Elsworth

FAREWELL

During the holiday period Marissa Lloyd contacted me to let me know she was resigning. As we had Sheree Schmaal covering Marissa's anticipated Long Service Leave for Term 1, it was a perfect opportunity to extend Sheree's appointment, thankyou Sheree.



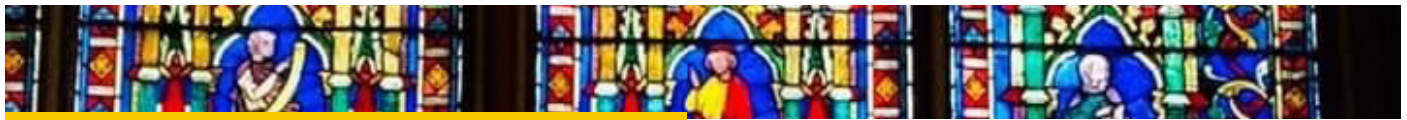
We look forward to working with Marissa to find an opportunity to thank her for contribution to our school, the students and our families. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please contact our Front Office staff either by telephone (08 8842 4400) or email (adminstaff@stjoclar.catholic.edu.au) - with details (eg: sick, family day, dentist) and our Admin staff will alert the class teacher.

If you are taking your child during school hours, or arrive after the morning bell, please also ensure that you sign them in or out at the front office.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL



RECEPTION PEACOCK
Back: *Maisy, Elle, Henry, Miss Peacock, Sidney, Izayah, Tom.*
Front: *Matilda, Lola, Lilia, Gracie, Zara, Chizara.*



RECEPTION TURLEY
Back: *Polly, Nadia, Bonnie, Miss Turley, Alice, Ruby, Aoife, Angus.*
Front: *Albert, Adriana, Cali-Rose, Priya, Angus, Hudson, Lachlan.*



Ellie - Year 6



Maddison - Year 6



Kieren - Year 7



Max - Year 7



Logan - Year 9

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

On Monday February 5, we will be hosting our Parent Information Night. This is a great opportunity to gather as a community, welcome our new staff, be informed about what is happening in 2024 and also meet your student's new class teacher and learn about the way their class is run.

Please refer to the invitation that was sent home on Thursday and is also on the School Website.



VOLUNTEERS PROCEDURE

To ensure the safety of our volunteers, students and staff, we are upgrading the process when inducting "new" volunteers. This process will involve completing/reading the "Volunteers Induction" booklet on our website (www.stjoclar.catholic.edu.au). If you are a current volunteer (holder of WWCC) we request that you make yourself familiar with this document.

As we induct new volunteers they will be requested to follow the new process. Having said that, current volunteers are most welcome to complete the same process. The current WWCC is valid for 5 years.

Please see the front office staff if you wish to undertake any volunteer roles and they will point you in the right direction.

2024

We are looking forward to 2024 for a number of reasons. On our return, the school grounds and classrooms were beautifully presented. We are approaching the last of the jobs in the Middle School.

Significant painting was undertaken in the Primary School with many of the Primary classes having significant upgrades, (one has even gone from a Tech room to a brand new classroom), the students in Years 4 & 7 have received their new laptops whilst all other students have been allocated their new devices (albeit with some minor IT glitches). The staff have spent many days preparing their classrooms and also on learning/wellbeing programs (sincere thanks for the work that you do and have done). The P&F have purchased new outdoor settings for the JP area, work has been undertaken to commence transforming the block at 21 Victoria Road into a facility that will further support our Agriculture program, and we continue to work on our plans to transfer St Michael's Hall into a Tech/Maker Space and Performing Arts Centre which will also include instrumental learning spaces, uniform shop & Parish facilities.

Towards the beginning of 2024, we will revisit our School Strategic Plan - 2024-2026 which provides us with the guidance/vision/plan to shape the future direction of the school. We will also undertake the process of advertising for a new principal (I come to the end of my second tenure in 2024 and whilst I have loved the past 21 years it will be someone else's role to lead the school in 2025).

We are also looking at the possibility of further expanding our leadership team in 2024 by advertising for a Deputy Principal. Already this year, we have expanded our leadership team to include "Leader of Learning in Numeracy" - (Charlotte Heinjus). Charlotte has hit the ground running and has already been extremely productive in this area.

As you can see, much has happened and there is much to look forward to in 2024.

STAFFING 2024

Reception - Maddi Peacock

Reception - Laura Turley

Year 1 - Deb Lemon/Danielle Neidorfer

Year 1 - Sheree Schmaal/Danielle Neidorfer

Year 2 - Sarah Lawson/ Kerrie Weckert

Year 2/3 - Lauren McKenzie

Year 3 - Leanne Nield/ Kylie Murphy

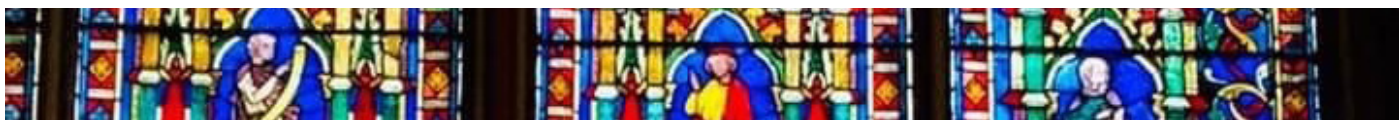
Year 4 - Leanne Lang/Tim Packer

Year 4 - Lucy Schumacher

Year 5 - Jemimah Woodhouse

Year 6 - Emma Ruffles

Year 6 - Daniel Harding



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Staffing Continued

Year 7 - Brendan Ackland
 Year 7 - Kirsten Mooney
 Year 8 - Leah Carling
 Year 9 - Meredith Crawford
 Indigenous Education/PE - Damian Coulthard
 JP PE - Kylie Murphy
 MP/UP PE - Peter Shearer
 Languages R-6 - Bec Wundke
 Languages 7-9 - Damien Coulthard
 APRIM/Library - Helen Hay
 ATSI - Tim Packer
 Arts - Mandy Bell
 Assistant Principal - Tom Gilligan
 Well being/Mentor/Early careers teacher/Student leadership - Delvene Mathie
 ICT Support - Jason Caspers
 Leader of Learning R-9 Literacy & Inclusive Ed - Michelle Edmondson
 Leader of Learning R-9 Numeracy - Charlotte Heinjus
 Reliever - Chris Slattery
 Admin - Sarah Werfel, Gabrielle Kitschke, Nicola McMurry
 ESO Classroom - Carly McInerney, Molly Ross, Ellie Redden, Frankie Sandow, Sheridan Laws, Nicola McMurray, Vicky Smith, Helen Smith, Emily Elsworth, Rachel Strong.

P&F

We are extremely fortunate to have such a vibrant and engaged P&F. You only have to have a look at our school website to see the vast array of activities they coordinate/facilitate- (<https://stjoclar.catholic.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends>), with this newsletter is a pamphlet explaining the role of the P&F. Sincere thanks to all parents that assist our school in any way, it would not be the place it is without your assistance.

As a result of the funds raised last year we have purchased outdoor settings for the whole of the JP.



Junior Primary Students enjoying the new bench seats -
 Top left - Demi, Kylah, Charlotte & Indi. Top right - Georgia & Olivia
 Bottom left - Adelaide, Ruby & Ellie. Bottom right - Eva, Zara, Lia & Polly.

You are all invited to our next P&F meeting on Wednesday February 21 at 7.30am in the Middle School, breakfast supplied for everyone, would be great to see you there.

CATASTROPHIC FIRE

Last year we had a day where Catastrophic Fire Conditions were declared. Whilst we hope that this does not happen, we need to inform you of the process.

Attached to this newsletter is a pamphlet and a copy has also been uploaded onto the website. Please keep this somewhere prominent and make yourself aware of the process.

TRINITY GYMKHANA

We have a number of students at St Joseph's whose choice of sport is horse-riding.

If your child is interested in representing our school at the forthcoming Trinity College Gymkhana (May 10), please let our Front Office staff know and they will provide you with an information package so you can register your entry.

COVID UPDATE

As you are probably aware, another strain of Covid is doing the rounds in our community at the moment.

In order to keep our school community safe, Catholic Education SA has updated their Covid Management Policy. It emphasises that all students, staff and site visitors who are exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms should please stay away from school until acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough & fever) have cleared. Please be alert to symptoms and keep children home, even if they display only mild symptoms.

We also ask that families notify the school if your child returns a positive Covid-19 test. When we have five or more Covid-positive students in a class across a seven-day period, we will communicate with families of that class, requesting you be alert to possible symptoms.

The updated policy does refer to masks for students in Year 7-12 and all staff and visitors, should transmission rates of Covid reach certain outbreak thresholds. We will communicate this requirement to families IF this needs to be enacted. The plan also recognises that there may be instances where remote learning may become necessary in response to an outbreak. Clearly, we hope this won't happen, but we will work closely with families around this should the need arise.

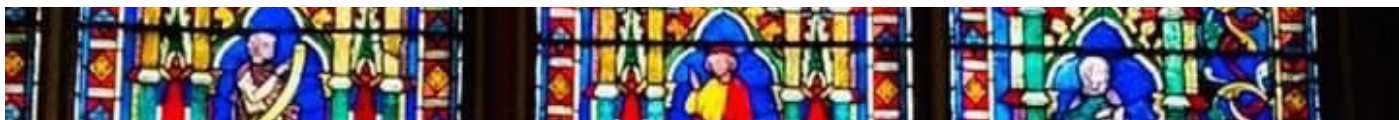
BUSES

It has been really positive to see most of our ineligible bus students (ineligibility of students is a result of bypassing a government school), being able to access provisional eligibility on the bus routes within the first week of term. Sincere thanks to CHS for being able to process this in a very short time, and thank you for the patience of those affected. A big thank you to Tom, Sarah W and Nicola who spent a majority of the long weekend at school processing paperwork, driving to Adelaide to get extra buses and communicating with parents. I would also like to thank Tom, Chris & Gabrielle for driving the St Joseph's buses. We hope to hear positive news about the remaining 2 bus routes in the coming days.

ADELAIDE FRINGE EVENTS

We are thrilled that our school hall will host three events during this year's Adelaide Fringe. Information about the acts is included with this newsletter and we hope you will book tickets!

The more people that support these shows, the more likely we will attract more performances to our region and school facilities in the future.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



CALENDAR

A copy of the Term calendar is attached to this newsletter. To ensure we communicate upcoming events in a timely manner we prepare a term calendar, the only difficulty with this is that events can change or are added. To avoid this being an issue we provide updates on the first page of the newsletter each fortnight and an updated calendar is also located on the school website.

As a result of feedback from parents and our commitment to "continuous improvement" we have also attached a School Events overview which explains the upcoming events of the term in greater detail. We trust this is helpful, however, if you ever any queries please contact your class representative, front office staff or send me an email.

OLD SCHOLARS

As always, we love celebrating our Old Scholars success. Please keep us updated with any success for old and current students. If your children are involved in any out of school activities and have achieved success, please email us with a wrap up of the achievement along with a photo. This can be emailed to gkitschke@stjoelarcatholic.edu.au or peters@stjoelarcatholic.edu.au, we would love to be able to add it to our newsletter.

We are looking forward to publicising what our 2018 graduates are up to - stay tuned.

OLD SCHOLAR SUCCESS

Congratulations to Maddy who was selected in the State U16 Girls cricket team and participated in National Cricket Championships in Tasmania from 16 to 26 January. The competition was held in Hobart with SA playing a total of 8 games and finishing with 3 wins and 5 losses with some very close games. Maddy gained some great experience over the 10 days and enjoyed playing against some very talented cricketers from each state, she was very proud to wear the Red for South Australia. To make it even more special her whole family travelled with her to Tasmania, what a great experience for Maddy and her family.



Maddy proudly wearing the SA colours

CLASS PARENT REPS

Thank you very much to those parents who have taken on the responsibility as Parent Class Representatives for 2024.

One of the key roles of these representatives is to build and maintain communication links between the school, P&F and parents.

To do this effectively, we are seeking permission for the nominated representative of your child/ren's class to use your email address.

There will be strict procedures in place on the use of these addresses, ensuring your privacy.

Please use the QR code to update your permission.



CANTEEN NEWS

At St Joseph's School we are fortunate to have a Canteen, run by volunteers, that provides a great service to the school and students. We are hoping to be ready to start in Week 3.

In order to offer this great service at our school we really do rely on your assistance. Our School Canteen can only be successful with the help of parent volunteers and it currently requires 4 volunteers each week to run.

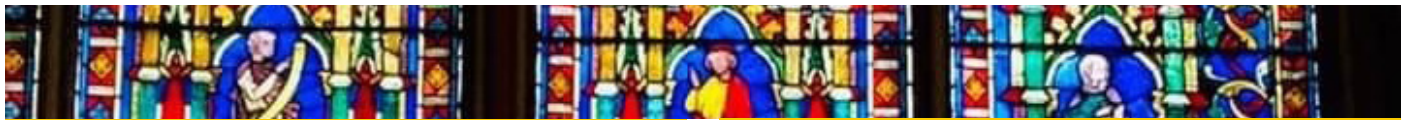
- All new volunteers will be paired up with someone who has previous experience
- The children (and parents) really do appreciate the school Canteen and it is often the day of the week that they look forward to the most.
- It is also a great way to meet other parents

Please read the letter on the canteen page of this newsletter and fill in the Microsoft form to indicate how you can support our Canteen in 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/r/tDJrQNgbMk>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Student leadership and voice area are a critical part of St Joseph's School. Each year we review what has worked well and what needs improving. We then take this to our students for them to provide feedback. We are in the midst of this process and will update you with what our leadership process will look like in 2024.



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ICE BLOCKS

In Terms 1 & 4 our students in Year 6 sell ice blocks at lunch time on Monday - Thursday. The Year 6 students need a week or so to sort out their roles and responsibilities and as a result will let us know when they are ready to commence. The cost for the ice blocks is .50c. We request that students only bring enough money to purchase one for themselves. We have found that if they have extra money it can place pressure on them. The Middle School is looking into this process currently.

Welcome back for 2024!

In line with Catholic Education SA's strategy of "Keeping Catholic Education Affordable", our fees for students in Reception - Year 9 have not increased - again - this year. Note: Fees for students in Middle School (Yrs 7 - 9) are approximately 10% higher than Primary students due to the increased costs of curriculum delivery associated with Middle School.

Fees are invoiced across the four terms of the year, providing families with the opportunity to budget accordingly. We request that payments are made by the end of Week 5 of each term.

We are happy to work with families on payment options for school fees. Many families elect to pay fortnightly instalments towards their fees. You can set this up with your own bank via BPAY, or we can set up a direct debit facility if you prefer. Information on School Card is also included with this newsletter for those who meet the eligibility criteria.

If you require any further information, please speak with Sarah Werfel in our front office.

God Bless
Peter Shearer

FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK

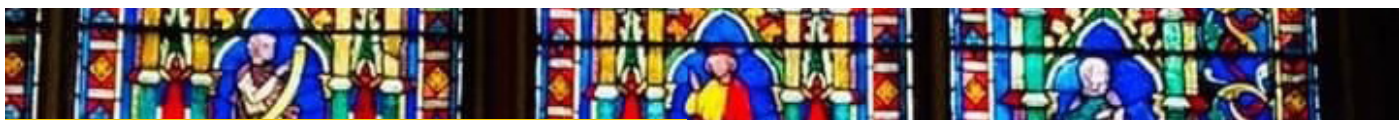
At the end of 2023, our students took part in our annual House Picnic Cup. The year 8s and 9s headed out to Sevenhill for the morning and played several games to accumulate points which were then added up with one house being awarded the picnic cup (ironically a shield). It was a great day and a good chance for our student parliament to have one last piece of leadership in their roles.



I have scanned back through photos from the end of January over the last 2 years. What I have seen is a dramatic change in our current Year 9s and their surroundings. We have gone from a patchy area of grass and bare front garden to a lush play space; an inviting entrance to our school. In 2022, we started the year with 4 classrooms, and we now have 6. We have welcomed new teachers and many new students. I can't wait to see what the next 2 years will bring.



God Bless
Tom Gilligan



FROM THE APRIM

Welcome to the 2024 School Year. We are currently in the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the colour green. Ordinary time is by no means ordinary, it is a time of growing and to reflect on the wonder of creation. The Liturgical Year concludes at the beginning of Advent each year and rotates through a 3-year cycle of readings. We are currently in Year B, with readings focussing on the Gospel of Mark. The first sentence of Mark's gospel is: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Each school year is a new beginning and as a faith community, we strive to live by the 'good news' of Jesus as we follow in his footsteps.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: SEVENHILL PARISH

The Sacramental Program in the Sevenhill Parish is run both through St Joseph's School and through the Parish.

BAPTISM

Parents wishing to enrol their Child/Children for the Sacrament of Baptism contact Fr Kieran Gill, the Parish Priest and make a time to meet with him to discuss preparation for this sacrament.

If students are attending St Joseph's school, Helen Hay, the Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)/class teachers are happy to help organise the celebration of this sacrament in consultation with the Parish Priest and the student's family.

If the child is not of school age or does not attend St Joseph's School, the Parish Priest will prepare the student for the sacrament and liaise with the family in organising the celebration of this sacrament.

RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION

Enrolments for these sacraments are sought at the beginning of the year that the celebration of the sacrament takes place. Enrolments are sought via the school and parish newsletters.

Students attending St Joseph's School are prepared by classroom teachers during school religion lessons, with the support of the APRIM and the Parish Priest.

All children enrolled in a particular sacrament i.e. Reconciliation, celebrate the sacrament together as a group.

Further information will be sent out to students in Year 3-6 as a separate note and a brief introduction and welcome will be held at the February Family Mass for those interested in finding out more about the Sacrament program.

God Bless

Helen Hay

Assistant Principal- Religious Identity and Mission

WELLBEING

Benefits of a strong parent-school relationship

As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else does. Your child's teachers will want to get to know your child too.

When you have a strong and respectful relationship with your child's school and teachers, you're in a good position to give them information to help your child get the most out of education. You and your child's teachers can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

When everybody is working together in the best interests of your child, your child is likely to reap academic and social benefits, like:

WELLBEING

- regular school attendance
- positive school results
- a positive attitude towards school
- good social and relationship skills
- a sense of wellbeing
- school completion

You can help your child get the most out of school by communicating and building relationships with teachers, other parents and students from the very first day. This is better than having contact with your child's school only when there's a problem, either at school or in your family.

How to build a strong parent-school relationship

You can build a parent-school relationship in several ways:

- Say hello to teachers and other staff at school pick-up and drop-off times.
- Ask teachers for information or feedback about your child, and share your child's special events or achievements outside school.
- Spend time with your child completing homework – a great opportunity to ask about their learning and their day. Information you can discuss with teachers.
- Go to parent-teacher interviews and parent meetings.
- Check the school website, noticeboard and emails regularly.
- Be involved and help out in the school community in whatever ways you can.
- Learn more about the school by looking at its annual report, website, newsletters and so on.
- Go to school performances, school barbecues, cultural or music events, school fairs and parent seminars.



Not all parents can be involved in school as much as they'd like, but you can still let your child know that school is important to your family. Talking about school with your child, being warm and friendly at school events, and being positive about the school and its staff sends the message that you value education and are interested in what's happening for your child at school.

Parent-teacher interviews

Parent-teacher interviews at primary school and parent-teacher interviews at secondary school are one of the main ways that many parents find out how their child's education is going. Interviews can be a great way of getting all the important people – you, the teacher and your child – talking together.



It's important for the teacher and school to know about anything that's affecting your child's wellbeing. For example, your child might have a health condition, you might be concerned about bullying, or there might have been a change in your family, like a death, separation or divorce. Sharing of information is vital to ensure the best outcomes for your child. With open communication parents, teachers and students work together to ensure a successful and enjoyable year at school. We all want the best outcomes for students and with a shared vision and respectful relationships this can be achieved for your child.

Delvene Mathie
Wellbeing

ST JO'S PATCH

Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a lovely break with your families.

There is currently lots of produce in the garden (tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers), I have put some in a basket out the front of the office, please help yourself (any gold coin donations would be appreciated).

We did not have students over at the garden this week as the classes are all getting their routines organised so there will be pictures and a report in the next newsletter.

As there is an abundance of cucumbers around at the moment so I have put my mums "Pickled Cucumber" recipe to use up the surplus. Tren (my husband) loves them, great on biscuits with cheese & with cold meat.

I am looking forward to working with the students again this year tending to the garden and showing the produce we can grow. If you have any suggestions, recipes or ideas please do not hesitate to email gkitschke@stjoclar.catholic.edu.au, we welcome any feedback.

Jenny Vine



Tren with the delicious cucumber pickles.



eggplant, tomatoes and cucumbers, help yourself at the front of the front office.



Not much success with the sweetcorn this year, not enough water I think.

Joke of the week

Q. What's a pickle's favourite show?

A. Dill or No Dill.



PICKLED CUCUMBERS

Ingredients:

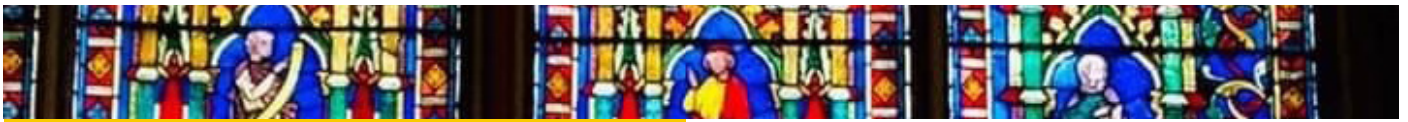
- 7 large green cucumbers
- 2 onions
- 5 cups white vinegar
- 5 cups white sugar
- 1 tbsp whole grain mustard
- 2 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp salt (optional)
- ½ cup salt for salting

Method:

1. Slice cucumbers & onions thinly. Sprinkle with the ½ cup salt & stand overnight.
2. Next day drain off cucumber & onion. Discard the liquid. Give a quick rinse.
3. Mix together vinegar, sugar, turmeric & mustard.
4. Place drained cucumber & onions in a saucepan. Pour vinegar/sugar mixture over them & bring to boiling point. Gentle boil for about 5-6 minutes.
5. Sterilise jars & metal lids in the oven. 6. Bottle & seal while hot.

NB Salting overnight helps these cucumber pickles keep their crunch





ATSI NEWS

ST JOSEPH'S PROUD ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER (ATSI) STUDENTS

Welcome to any new families who have joined our school community. At St Joseph's School, Clare, we proudly state we are a culturally respectful community. This means we have achieved many significant actions within our school.

Firstly, we acknowledge our incredible school community is built upon Ngadjuri country. Our students know the importance of demonstrating respect to Ngadjuri peoples. We know the spirits of Elders passed continue to live on in the hills and rivers on Ngadjuri country. We know Ngadjuri people continue to teach culture and language and we are fortunate to have them work together with our students. We also know that the younger Ngadjuri generations are incredibly important to continue the thousands of years of history associated with the Clare Valley.

Finally, our Indigenous students come from far and wide. From the Torres Strait all the way down to Geelong is 'Country' or home for our students. They come from Wagadagam, Adynamantha, Ngarrindjeri, Southern Arrente, Yankunytjajara, Wadawurrung and Queensland. We greatly appreciate the culture, language and wisdom they share with us.

Our whole staff continue to be actively involved in developing their Indigenous cultural knowledge. I am incredibly proud in the way our staff use this knowledge to influence their teaching and learning opportunities within the classroom. All students will be guided by their teachers to develop their own Acknowledgement of Country for use at assemblies, line ups, etc.

Over the course of the year, our ATSI students will have many opportunities to learn more about their history, stories and culture. This is vital as it allows them to have the ability to place themselves in a post Voice referendum world. These students also take great pride in planning our three Indigenous focus events for the year.

- National Reconciliation Week
- NAIDOC Week
- Indigenous Literacy Day-The Great Book Swap

Our Indigenous students will also plan excursions that allow them to interact with a wider group of Indigenous children. At these events they dance, sing, cook, tell stories, listen to Elders, and most importantly, eat great tucker.

Our ATSI students have been developing a personal profile ready for display in the front office.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is directly influenced by the needs and desires of all our school community. Our school continues to work proactively towards meaningful Reconciliation. Our school believes this to be a very meaningful and relevant way to direct how we engage significantly with our local Ngadjuri people and promote Reconciliation within our school community. If you would like to more involved in our RAP as a community member, please feel free to contact the school.

We continue to offer Indigenous Languages for our middle school students in years 7-9. The subject, Indigenous Languages, is taught by Damien Coulthard. This subject culminates in a Central Australia trip in Year 9. I encourage you to discuss the knowledge your children are learning in this subject.

- This year, I will continue as the St Joseph's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Focus Teacher. My role is rich and varied.
- I aim to support our Indigenous students reach their full academic potential.
- Support staff in the teaching of Indigenous history, culture and perspectives.
- Engage in ways to further our schools' understanding of Reconciliation.

If you have an Indigenous heritage and want to know how we can more fully support your child at St Joseph's, please contact me at school for an open and confidential discussion.

Tim Packer

ATSI Focus Teacher



CARCLEW



WEIKERT COTTAGE



RECONCILIATION WEEK



NAIDOC WEEK

CANTEEN NEWS



St Joseph's School, Clare

CANTEEN 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers

At St Joseph's School we are fortunate to have a Canteen, run by volunteers, that provides a great service to the school and students. We are aiming to be ready to start in **Week 3**.

HOW OUR PARENTS SUPPORT THE CANTEEN

There are two ways families are able to support the Canteen service:

- **Volunteer** on either Thursday, Friday (or both), (at least once per semester). Please scan the QR Code or click on the link below to sign up directly.

<https://forms.office.com/r/tDJrQNgBmK>

OR

- Pay a **\$25** levy each semester (added to School fees during the year). The levy helps to pay for infrastructure required to run the canteen whilst volunteers provide the labour.



Please note it is expected that all families will fill out the canteen volunteer form by scanning the QR code or clicking on the link and indicating their family's preference.

As a school, child safety is our top priority. As a result, ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- Working with Children Check (Free through the school)
- Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (2 hrs online - Free) <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/external-dashboard.jsf?menuId=1104&locale=en-GB&showbundlekeys=false#/?dashboardId=6>
- DoFoodSafely (online training – Free). A copy of your certificate needs to be forwarded to Nicola McMurray, upon completion. <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/>
- Complete the CESA Volunteer Declaration form and the CESA Volunteer Application Package form
- Please see Nicola McMurray in the school office if you have any questions regarding the Volunteer process

CANTEEN INFORMATION

Rosters and general canteen information can be found on the school website at <https://stjoclar.catholic.edu.au/about-us/canteen>

The Semester rosters are also published in the fortnightly newsletters.

'RIGHT BITE HEALTHY EATING AND DRINKING'

We continue to use the 'Right Bite Healthy Eating and Drinking' program as a guide for our Canteen menu. Running the Canteen once a week means we can include foods which are considered "sometimes" foods. We also offer a variety of healthy alternatives. The Canteen Committee acknowledges that parents are the primary educators of their children when it comes to making healthy food choices.

ORDERING

Canteen items can **ONLY** be ordered through the QKR App (*you will find prices on there*).

The app can be uploaded to your phone, iPad or home computer and provides the opportunity for you to place a canteen order for your child. In order to place a canteen order you will be required to follow the prompts to set up your child's profile. **Cut-off time for canteen orders is 8am each Thursday morning**. If you delete your order before this cut-off time you will not be charged. Orders cannot be deleted after the cut-off time, and as items will be delivered according to the orders placed, there will be no refunds.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR AWAY

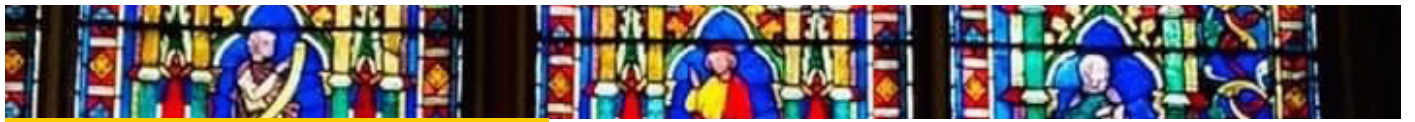
Please notify the front office if your child is sick or away. If they have a canteen order, a sibling or parent may collect their food from the canteen.

FACEBOOK GROUP FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our school canteen Facebook page has had great success with parent interaction and it has been used for weekly volunteer reminders. This group is a great place to communicate with our canteen committee and to swap shifts when needed. Please join our Facebook page to stay up to date with canteen news and reminders. **The easiest way to find it is to search for: St Joseph's School Clare Canteen**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/187070645993534/?ref=share&mibextid=S66gvF>





COMMUNITY NEWS

ADELAIDE FRINGE 2024 ON THE FRINGE!
 @ St Joseph's School, Clare
 29 Victoria Rd, Clare
 Tickets: adelaidefringe.com.au 1300 621 255

St Joseph's School is proud to be an official venue for the 2024 Adelaide Fringe!

SAT 24 FEBRUARY
 7:00pm
 (Bar open from 6:00pm)
 \$38 pp / \$135 family
 60 mins

HYPNOTIC

MAGIC
 Age suitability: PG
 (family friendly)



Isaac Lomman takes volunteers* from the audience on an hilarious journey conjured up in their incredible imaginations. This fun, mind-blowing, all-ages show is a must see and will give your sides a workout with massive laughs along the way.

* It is **Volunteers Only**; no one is forced to participate on stage

"..... Lomman cleverly combines comedy and hypnosis into one uncontrollable laughter/gasp fest"
 ★★★★★
 Eventalade

GREAT DETECTIVES: ALL NEW MYSTERIES!
 THEATRE & PHYSICAL THEATRE / COMEDY
 Age suitability: PG* (family friendly)

SUN 3 MARCH
 2:00pm
 (Bar open from 1:00pm)
 \$40 / \$35 conc / \$30 child / \$120 Family
 65 mins



Mystery, comedy & slapstick combine for an afternoon of intrigue as we recreate the experience of attending a 1950s radio recording. Will your powers of deduction solve the crime before our glamorous detectives?

* Warnings: Loud Noises, Very mild comical audio violence, very mild coarse language and sexual innuendo (ala 1950s radio plays). Previous shows in this series have been enjoyed by people of all ages.

"Superlative performances" - Glam Adelaide
 "A fabulous show" The Clothesline
 "A performance not to be missed" Theatre Now
 ★★★★★ - The Barefoot Review
 ★★★★★ - The Advertiser
 ★★★★★ - SamAboutTown

SAT 9 MARCH
 8:00pm
 (Bar open from 7:00pm)
 \$35 / \$28 conc 60 mins

UNBRIDLED

COMEDY
 Age suitability: MA15+

Nicky Barry & Lucy Best have thrown their jockeys, unhitched their wagons and are running way off course. Through music and comedy their stories will unfold, in the Unwedding of the year!



A joyful comedy about reclaiming your life after a long-term relationship break up.

Unbridled ... leaves you wanting more, much more.
 Sheer comic panache!
 ★★★★★
 ArtsHub

Take a punt, buy a ticket, sit back - and prepare to be filled with unbridled joy!

Tickets are on sale now!
adelaidefringe.com.au 1300 621 255
 Bar opens 1 hr prior to each performance

Trinity College
 a World of Opportunity

Trinity College Interschol Gymkhana
 Friday, 10 May 2024

5 rings

- Show Jumping
- Open Show Horse
- Encourage Show Horse
- Topsy
- Novelties

Memorial Trophies, High Points
 Champions and Supremes, Ribbons and Prizes

Trinity College Equestrian Centre
 Corner Bentley and Tiver Roads, Evanston South

Gate opens at 7.00am | Entry form to be emailed to Leanne Tripa (tripale@trinity.sa.edu.au) by 5pm on Friday, 12 April 2024.

Payment of entries on the day

For enquiries, please contact:
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 0408 834 143 | hibarnes1962@icloud.com

WE'RE A FRINGE VENUE!

ADELAIDE FRINGE
 16 FEBRUARY - 17 MARCH 2024
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