



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea 1924-2024

**Sunday 28th July 11-12pm Mass, 12-4pm  
School open for tours, memorabilia  
displayed, food, music etc**

**Term 2, Week 11 Thursday 27th June, 2024**

## Girls AFL Team



Dear Families,

Thank you to all our students, families and staff for a great term. We finish term 2 tomorrow at 1pm and resume on Monday 15th July for term 3. Have a safe and happy break.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary at the end of week 2 next term. We will be having a special celebration day on Thursday 25th July (details to follow) with the children. We will be looking for volunteers to help out on Sunday the 28th July after our celebration Mass at 11am. We will need support from 12-4pm to help out with tours, food delivery, setting up the hall on Friday and Saturday and packing up. Details will follow but we would really value your support.

Thank you to all our families who have offered to look after the chickens. We are looking for a family to take care of our tiny Timmy, the turtle, for the next 2 weeks. If you are interested please email [info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)

**Semester 1 Reports** were emailed to all families last week. If you have not received your child's report please contact the office. Please feel free to complete the feedback survey Report Survey Feedback.

### **Working Bee Term 3 Week 1 Saturday 20th July 8-10am.**

Please come along for our term 3 working Bee and prepare the grounds for our 100th Birthday celebrations on Sunday 28th July. Please see the note coming out on operoo.

### **Canteen News**

Please note there will be no chicken fingers available for lunch orders.

**We are in the search** for the oldest living ex student from St Joseph's Chelsea as part of our preparation for our 100 year Celebration on Sunday 28th July. As well as Val Hambridge at 91 years old, we also have Margaret Diggerson at 94 years of age.

**Would anyone have any display cabinets (any size) we could borrow for this event. Please email [events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)**

Please see the flyer further in the newsletter.

When: Sunday 28th July 2024

Where: St Joseph's Primary School

Time: 11am Mass followed at 12 noon by activities and whole school open 12-4pm.

Regards

Gavan.

## **Year 5/6 Parliament Team**

On Tuesday the 25th of June, 5 members of the Parliament Team went on an excursion to the Parliament House in the city. The people who got to go were Violet, Tennyson, Will, Willow and Seb S.

First we were welcomed by the security team, got our own name tags and put our stuff down in the Queen's Hall. Next we got to have a one and only experience of going into the Legislative Assembly Chamber room and Will got to present our debate script about " With the issues related to concussions, should contact sports be banned?" Not only did we go into the Chamber, but we got to sit and access



the facilities inside that only politicians get to use.

Afterwards, we ate morning tea in the Queen's Hall which were Ham and Cheese Croissants, or you could eat a Tomato and Cheese Croissant. After morning tea, we gathered in the Chamber and got to meet Dr Jade Murray who talked to us about the benefits of banning contact sports. She also told us more about concussions, the different types of concussions and told us how they occur. Following Dr Murray's presentation, members from the Australian Council For Health, Physical Education And Recreation Sean De Morton and Andy Hair talked about the negative or the opposing points about why contact sports should not be banned. They told us about SCAT Tests and how sporting equipment has evolved during time. Violet was even lucky enough to be a part of a demonstration for a concussion test. In the end, everyone loved both Dr Murray and ACHPER. In one of the last sessions we went into the Legislative Assembly Chamber again, to share many ideas and statements that we had about the topic, luckily we all got to share ideas with the house at least once, this was called the Soap box. All we had to do was raise our hand and stand up to speak. If you agree with someone's statement or idea then we have to say " Here, Here." We also got to split up into small groups and meet new people from all of the 13 schools. We had to have a reader to speak on behalf of our group and a secretary to write our ideas and scripts. Tennyson, Willow and Seb were selected to be the spokesperson for their groups.. At the very end, the Shadow Minister Jess Wilson came so we could ask her questions about politics and the house, of course there were LOTS of questions, so not everyone could ask her questions, but we could at the end when it had ended.

Overall, we had an AMAZING day and we would like to thank Mrs Matijevic and Violet's mum, Vanessa for taking us, we couldn't have done it without them, so thanks!

# Memories from the past and present students....

We are wanting to create some video snippets from our past and present students. If you would like to create a video of 30 seconds and send it to [events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au) we will put together a slide show to run throughout the day. If you have any queries please email the school.

Memories from the past – A short 30 second video – favourite teacher, favourite memory, favourite subject, a funny story and the year you attended are just some things to talk about. Please share this information with other past members of our school.

## Save the date....



**GET READY TO  
CELEBRATE  
ST. JOSEPH'S  
100 years**

**Date: Sunday 28th July**  
**Celebration Mass: 11am**  
**School Open/Tours: 12:30pm-4pm**  
**Formal Opening and Choir: 12:15pm**

Other special events to help us celebrate:  
12:30 - 1:45pm Visit by KABOOM! Kids Sports  
for children 4-14 years  
Music by Jackson Combo  
Photos and memorabilia of each decade

Food Available to purchase: Potato "Twisters", BBQ sponsored  
by Ray White, Scones and Sandwiches, Canteen, Coffee Van

**Memoriabilia to purchase**  
Commemorative pens, key rings, tea  
towels, bookmarks

If you have any school memorabilia we could borrow  
to display on the day please email  
[events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)

*Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea*  
1924 - 2024

## Current Families with children commencing Foundation 2025....

For current families with children starting in Foundation in 2025 please log on to our website and under Enrolments please fill in the online enrolment form. We require this as soon as possible please.

# 2025 Enrolments

## St Joseph's School

*Enrolments at St Joseph's Parish School for children entering Foundation in 2025 are now open.*



**Book a tour online at**  
**[www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)**  
**Or call 8773 1111**

School Tours run for 45 minutes  
Led by our Year 6s  
**Tours are run at**  
**9.30 and 12.30pm**



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# Making Family Life Fun

For many of us, fun stopped becoming spontaneous and automatic around the time that we decided we had to be responsible adults. But if we want our families to be happier, we need to find ways to make family life FUN!

Here are 5 ways to make fun a habit:

## 1. Smile more

Imagine a child whose every interaction with their parent is met with a look of serious concentration or contemplation—they are not angry or annoyed, simply preoccupied. Now, imagine that when that same child looks at their parent, they receive warm smiles and gentle, approving eye contact. Which would have the most positive influence on the child's wellbeing? Smiles improve relationships, and they seem to make life more fun. Let your face know you feel great. Smile!

## 2. Learn new things together

Most children are naturally inquisitive and deeply curious. They love to learn new things. Learning is both fun and potentially profound when we do it together. We can have fun helping our children explore a topic they are interested in; we can plant a garden, learn new sports, and do crafts.

Exploration, learning, and curiosity are fun and make families happy. It simply requires that we are willing to be creative, explore ideas, and respond to our children's questions with enthusiasm and interest.

## 3. Just add treats

I don't know of any family activity that can't be enhanced with treats. If you are having a family meeting or a working bee in the garden, include popcorn, ice cream, brownies, or, if you don't do processed sugars, a big bowl of strawberries or freshly chopped watermelon.

This approach is best used randomly and for fun, rather than as a bribe. Treats are fun! But they should be offered unconditionally and to everyone, rather than only on conditions being met and only to those who meet the conditions. Otherwise, it stops being fun for everyone.

4. Celebrate—whatever! Our lives are full of reasons to celebrate, from a child's small success to a big achievement. Celebrate in varied ways: a hug, high-five, ice cream, movie outing, special date, or a family dinner. For best results, make celebrations spontaneous and unexpected, not used as bribes.

We don't need to make our children's minor experiences into front-page news, but we can have fun when they do well. Do something more than nod 'well done' while chopping carrots for dinner. Pause. Get into the moment. Respond actively and constructively. Celebrate!

5. Five minutes of fun

If your children are demanding your attention, give it to them. We can all afford 5 minutes to become engrossed in some fun with our children. This can be unstructured play, like rolling around on the floor or dancing to a favourite tune, or it can be structured play, like a game of UNO or charades.

These micro-moments of positive engagement show that we are involved and available to our children. They teach our children that they are worthy, and they promote a sense of family cohesion and togetherness. They give us moments to be grateful for, to reflect upon, and to savour.

So today, find something to smile about. Drop your agenda and have some fun. Find something new to learn about or explore with your children. Cook treats, buy treats, or just eat treats. And find something—anything—to celebrate.

AUTHOR Dr Justin Coulson Dr Justin Coulson



## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Joseph's, Chelsea is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

***Please contact your child's class teacher if you have not yet received your child's login details.***

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

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## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



This week our PBL focus has been on our core value **“Responsibility”**.

We have been learning how to **“take care of equipment, school property and our environment”** by

- using the sports equipment for its intended purpose
- putting the sports equipment away after using it
- placing the garden equipment in the cupboard after use
- picking up rubbish and place it in the bins provided
- remembering to use the toilet protocol (flush, wash, dry, goodbye)
- being considerate and put the sand pit equipment placed in buns after use
- keeping learning spaces tidy
- turning off taps to save water
- tidying up the sand pit area after you have finished using the equipment
- bringing NUDE food

- respecting our chickens
- turning off taps

This is important because taking care of our school equipment, property and environment:

- creates a positive learning environments and engaging instruction, this will help all students achieve success
- enhances learning and makes a school a pleasant place to be
- provides a safe and healthy environmentally friendly school
- equipment lasts longer
- safer school yard where students feel able to be themselves and not exposed to danger
- encourages a tidy learning space where students can organise and care for their belongings
- increases students' attention and focus, promotes meaningful learning experiences, encourages higher levels of student performance, and motivates students

# Family Life presents...



## Baby Music Class



Family Life invites you and your children to come and share a creative musical experience in our new Baby Music Classes!

Music classes in infancy and early childhood have been shown to improve cognitive and social development, and support positive relationships between children and parents. The Early Childhood Education Baby Music Class was created for all children aged 0 - 5 years and is a fun, relaxed class designed to celebrate making music with your kids. At Baby Music Class you will have fun dancing and

**Where:** The 'Sun Room', Family Life 187 Huff Road, Sundringham  
**When:** Tuesdays, 2nd July - 12th September 2024  
**Time:** 10:30am to 11:30am  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Suitable for:** Parents with children aged 0 - 5 years  
**Eligibility:** Families residing within the Region

# LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Do not forget our lunchtime clubs that run throughout the week.

Lunchtime Clubs At St Joseph's		
Day	Activity Prep -Year 6	Where
Monday	Drawing	Discovery Centre
	Choir	Performing Arts Room
Tuesday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub
	Garden/chickens	Sustainable Garden
Wednesday	Reading, Drawing Club, Script writing group	Library
	Garden/chickens	Sustainable Garden
Thursday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub

# Secondary School enrolments for Year 7, 2026

Enrolments close Friday 16 August 2024. Click on the link to follow to the enrolments page for each secondary school listed.

Kilbreda College enrol now

St Bede's College enrol now

John Paul College enrol now

**PROTECT**

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.** Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse. If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)




## Child Safety Update - PROTECT

St Joseph's, Chelsea is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and young people and will take active steps to protect them against abuse.

St Joseph's promotes the inherent dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with disabilities.

When allegations of abuse concerning children and young people are raised, St Joseph's will take prompt action to have these appropriately referred and investigated. The fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety and identifying and responding to child harm are paramount for our school. We will strive for continual improvement that is responsive to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the possibility of abuse occurring in the first place.

Creating a child-safe school environment is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by the school, our families and our community. It is marked

by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum, and practices.

Every person involved at St Joseph's has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people are at the forefront of all we do and every decision we make.

In accordance with requirements of the Victorian Government's Ministerial Order No 1359, St Joseph's, Chelsea maintains a culture of 'no tolerance' to child abuse.

You will find our policies and procedures related to the eleven standards on our website. We welcome and encourage continued discussion and collaboration from our families to support the young people in our care.

## 2024 School Fees

Fee statements are emailed each month to your nominated email address. Payments may be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or over 3 terms. We accept cash, credit card (office or over phone), Bpay and direct deposit. If you have not received your statement please contact the office. If you have no other payment arrangements in place and have not made a payment this year your account is now overdue. We ask that a minimum of 3 payments are made throughout the year with all fee accounts to be finalised by the end of Term 3. If you wish to set up a payment arrangement please download the direct debit (cheque or savings account) or credit authority form (see the links below) and submit to the office.

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding - APPLICATIONS CLOSED 26TH JUNE 2024**

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students



If you meet the above criteria please contact the school office for the application form.

Applications close June 2024.

### **St Joseph's Concessional Fee Policy**

Please read the new Concessional fact sheet information for those families who qualify and meet the criteria. It offers significant savings to families.

Concessional School Fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- holding an HCC (Dept of Health Concession Card) and eligible for CSEF (The card must be issued in the name of the fee payer and list the students for whom the concession is to be applied).
- experiencing severe financial hardship
- holding a DVA Gold Card (Dept of Veterans Affairs Health Card)
- identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard is strongly encouraged to apply for concessional school fees.

To see St Joseph's School Fees Concession policy please click on the link below.

Students of eligible families are entitled to concessional school fees.

The school fees for eligible students are:

- 1 child: \$15 per child per week, direct debit (\$780 per annum or \$195 per term)
- 2 children: \$23 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1196 per annum, or \$299 per term)
- 3+ children: \$30 for the family per week. direct debit (\$1560 per annum, or \$390 per term)

If your family meets the criteria please click on the application form below and return the completed form to the school office.

# Before and After School Program

<https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/services/families-and-children/before-and-after-school-care>

St Joseph's OSHC 2023

Name of Program: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School OSHC

If you wish your child to attend please book a place on 9581 4867. The sessions start from 6.45am and conclude at 6.00pm. Entry will be from Woodbine Grove gate each morning and afternoon.

The only children allowed onsite before 8.30am will be those booked into Before School Care.

*To enrol please click on the link above.*

Contact Our School hours Care for further information:

W: [kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram](https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram)

E: [beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au)

Ph: 9581 4867



## Canteen 2024

Please click on the download button for the Canteen lunch order price list for this year. The canteen will commence next Thursday 8th February.

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## School Uniform Price Update

Please see a new pricelist, effective 01 November 2023.

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## 2024 Fee Schedule

Please click on the link for the 2024 Fee Schedule

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## St Joseph's Concessional Fee Policy

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## Credit card authority form

Credit card authority form is for the payment of school fees. Please fill in and return to the school office if you wish for us to make the payment arrangement on your behalf

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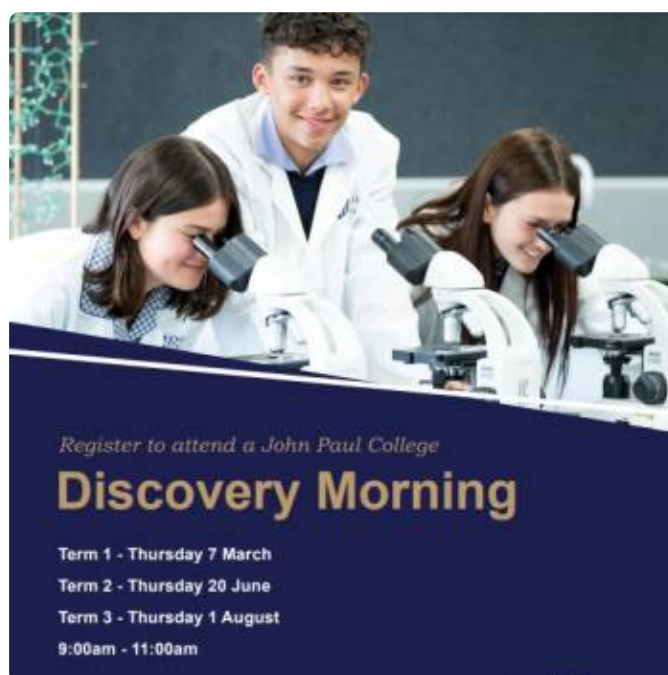


## Direct debit form

Direct debit form is for the electronic transfer of funds from your cheque or savings account for the payment of school fees

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## Community News



## 2024 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

**2024**

**TERM 2:**

**Week 11**

Mon 24th - Thur 27th June Family Conferences

Fri 28th June End of term 2 - **School finishes at 1pm**

**TERM 3:**

**Week 1**

Wed 17th July Fire Carriers Cultural Immersion Day

Thur 18th July JPC Food Van-5pm

Fri 19th July Yr 3-6 Athletics Trials

Sat 20th July 8-10am Working Bee

**Week 2**

Thur 25th July 100 Year Whole School multi age day

Sun 28th July 100 Year Celebration 1pm Mass, 12-4pm School open-Food, memorabilia, music etc

**Week 3**

Mon 29th July St Joseph's School is 100 years old

Fri 2nd Aug Green and Gold Olympics day

**Week 4**

Thurs 6th Aug SACS

Thur 8th Aug Confirmation preparation meeting-Parent and Child (TBC)

Fri 9th Aug Bookweek "Reading is Magic" dress up day

**2024 TERM DATES**

**Term 2 - Mon 15th April - Fri 28th June**

**Term 3 - Mon 15th July - Fri 20th September**

**Term 4 - Mon 7th October - Tues 17th December**