



# Week 2, Term 4 2024

## Important Dates

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Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Information Session  
Tuesday 29 October 2024

School Art Show  
Wednesday 30 October 2024

Cybersafe Families Presentation  
Wednesday 6 November 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation Candidate Presentation:  
Sunday 10 November 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Workshop:  
Tuesday 19 November 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation Liturgy (For candidates and their families)  
Wednesday 27 November 2024

2025 Class Transitions Visits  
Monday 9 December 2024

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## From the Principal

I welcome all our families back for the final term of the 2024 school year. Term 4 is a great term of finalising and consolidating learning as well as celebrating progress and achievements made across the year. There are several school community events taking place this term also, with preparation for our biannual Arts Show well underway (taking place next Wednesday 30 October) and, not too far into the future, families will be invited to one of two Christmas carol mornings where our students will share some Christmas cheer.

Our whole school celebration of the school year will be done a little differently this year. Our End of Year Mass will take place during the day here at school on Thursday December 5 and our Year 6 Graduation will be celebrated with a Mass for the students and their families on the evening of Tuesday 10 December followed by a dinner at a nearby venue.

Other calendar events this term include – school photos (this week), Cyber Safety parent information session (see below), Athletics Carnival (select students Year 3-6), Aquatics Day (Year 4-6), Preschool and Reception transition visits and various class and year level excursions.

## STEM MAD Finals in Brisbane

Congratulations to our state winning team of Evangeline, Isabella and Amelia who will travel to Brisbane in a few weeks' time to take part in the national STEM MAD finals. We are very proud of our team, supported by our STEM teacher, Bianca Annese, who have not only created a working prototype computer app which helps teachers identify dysgraphia and dyscalculia in student writing, but are now working with University SA to further develop their app! Wishing our finalists all the very best as their real-life learning continues to make a 'Make A Difference' in our world.

2024 STEM Mad - Dysgraphia-Dyscalculia Screener

## Cyber safety – parents information session

If your children access the internet at home, then they need to know how to be safe in an online environment. The best way to do this is to ensure that the adults in their life understand the risks and can confidently help them to navigate this space. As communicated via Audiri, a cybersafety information session will be held at school on Wednesday November 6 at 7pm.

The session will run for approximately one hour and is for adults only. Please RSVP via this link to register your attendance. Looking forward to seeing you at this important event.

## Arts Show – Wednesday 30 October 6pm

Looking forward to celebrating the artistic abilities of our students with families next week as we transform the Mary MacKillop Centre of Learning into a musical art gallery. As well as viewing student's individual pieces, families can purchase a raffle ticket or two and have the chance to win their child's class canvas and/or a basket of art supplies! Our instrumental students will perform throughout the evening to showcase their musical skills and talents as well as provide ambience and atmosphere to our Arts Show. Many thanks once again to Andrea Boseley and our P and F volunteers who are organising light refreshments which can be preordered on the QKR app.

## School Fees 2025

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will not be an increase in school fees for the 2025 school year, continuing the 'fee freeze' that has occurred over the recent past years.

It is at the heart of Catholic education that our schools are affordable and accessible to all.

If any family has financial concerns, we ask them to contact our Finance Officer, Jo Puccetti, to confidentially discuss additional support through fee remissions or payment plans.

Thanks to those families who are up to date in their 2024 school fee payments. Account statements will be distributed with students

shortly and payments must be finalised by end of November. If you require assistance or anticipate any challenges in meeting this timeframe, please contact Jo Puccetti ASAP on 8424 6403 or [accounts@sjsh.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@sjsh.catholic.edu.au) . Please note that School card applications will close mid-November.

## Uniform Update

This time last year the community were asked to provide feedback in relation to our uniform. Since then, a few minor changes have occurred, such as the addition of predominately black sneakers to the sports uniform options and the option to wear the sports jacket with formal uniform. After further consultation, we also made the move to introduce the active wear uniform for our Early Years learners and this began with our mid-year Reception children this year. Next year all Reception children will wear the sports uniform each day and this will be optional for Year 1 and Year 2 students also next year. By 2027, all Reception to Year 2 students will wear their sports uniform each day.

Community feedback also indicated several concerns with fabric and design of some of our uniform pieces as well as some concerns around support when purchasing items. Our Uniform Committee (a sub-committee of the School Board) have been meeting with a new supplier, Alinta Uniforms, to address existing concerns with our uniform. We have now partnered with Alinta who will take over production and supply of our uniform in April next year. In the meantime, families can continue to confidently purchase uniform pieces from Vinnies on Port Road.

One exciting improvement to begin in April 2025 will be that families will have the option of either going to the Alinta Uniform Shop on Grange Road for purchasing, or to order their uniform pieces online. Further information will be shared as the changeover time gets closer.

Wishing you a wonderful week,

Marianne Farrugia

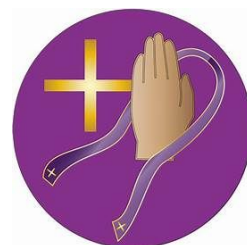
Principal

## From the APRIM

Welcome back for Term 4! I want to extend a warm welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. We have a lot to look forward to as we round up what has been a fabulous year of learning, building relationships and celebrating numerous events. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

## Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for 2024-2025 is off to a great start, and we are currently preparing our sacramental candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This important Sacrament, sometimes referred to as confession or penance, allows us to receive forgiveness for personal sins committed after Baptism. I look forward to working with families and supporting the children on their faith journey and wish them all the best as they prepare for this meaningful experience. You are invited to join us on Sunday, November 10th, at Sacred Heart Church, 252 Port Rd, Hindmarsh, at 9am, for the presentation of our sacramental candidates to the parish community. Please contact me ([seva.maitianos@sjsh.catholic.edu.au](mailto:seva.maitianos@sjsh.catholic.edu.au)) if you have any queries regarding our Sacramental program or require further information.



## Parents & Friends

As we wrap up the majority of our P&F events for the year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Andrea Boseley and all our wonderful volunteers. This year has been filled with memorable celebrations, including Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day, Kyttons Easter Treats, the Mother's Day Stall, Showdown Donuts, International Day Lunch, the Father's Day Stall, and Sports Day. We're also looking forward to our upcoming Art Show and Disco, with more details about the disco to be shared soon. These special events are possible only because of your support, and we are truly grateful for your contributions. Thank you for making this year a success! Looking ahead, we're excited

to build on this year's su

ccesses and continue creating special experiences for our children and families. Please contact Andrea theparidons@gmail.com if you would like to join the P&F WhatsApp group for 2025.

God Bless,  
Seva Maitianos

Leader of Religious Education



## Catholic Schools Music Festival

The Catholic Schools Music Festival (CSMF) Choir was a great success. Our choir cohort performed at the Adelaide Festival Theatre on Wednesday 25th September (Week 10, Term 3). Our 15 Year 5/6 students displayed dedication and met every Thursday for a 45 minute rehearsal session working very hard to learn, memorise and master all the songs and actions that were included in this year's festival.

Friends and family of the choir students and some St Joseph's staff thoroughly enjoyed attending the CSMF evening at the Festival Theatre. The choir truly showcased their amazing talents and really celebrated all their commitment and hard work through this fabulous performance. The cohort represented St Joseph's Hindmarsh superbly and as their choir trainer, I was extremely proud of every student. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for their support throughout the year.

Mrs Arthur

Performing Arts Teacher | CSMF Choir Trainer



## Aboriginal Art Project

St Joseph's Hindmarsh new 'buddy' bench has finally revealed, be sure to look out for it in our school environment! 😊

Last week at Assembly, we finally revealed our school's new buddy bench.

What excitement! A HUGE thanks goes to Nikki Carabetta and the school students involved, who designed and painted our 'buddy' bench.

For your understanding and appreciation, we have provided you with the process and story 'behind' the buddy bench. Enjoy the photos too that support the story.

This is how Nikki helped us to design and paint our school's amazing and creative 'buddy' bench.

Firstly, Nikki supported us as we formed small groups to work on a design. Each group managed to come up with a design or designs for the bench.

Nikki then collated all the designs and picked something from each group. Then she presented us with a couple of options. Next, we voted on which design we wanted to put on the bench.

The bench was then prepped, and the students drew the design onto it. It was a work in progress for a bit, as some things didn't work, or we just didn't like it once it was on the bench.

Following some brainstorming and discussions, a final design was eventually decided.

And here is where the story of the 'buddy bench' begins.....

In the middle of the seat, is the dual emoji, half sad and half happy. On the left side is sadness and loneliness.

There are two circles, one "western and one Aboriginal."

The western circle has a broken heart with a band aid on it, there is rain and lightning and a sad flower and the Aboriginal one, has a cut snake which represents an unhappy situation.

The diamond pattern on the snake indicates something is wrong and the small circle of black dots, represents a scary situation. The small, spoked circle at the top, is the symbol for food and little food, means a bad situation.

On the right side, are two circles depicting healing and happiness. The western circle has the helping hands and the 'coming together' symbols, as everyone needs a helping hand sometimes which we hope the bench will bring kids together.

The Aboriginal circle contains a group of initiated elders within a ceremonial ground surrounded by the rest of the community. It represents respect for one another and supporting and helping each other.

There are hearts all around the seat to represent our school's motto "In all things love" and on the first slat, are people joined together, the students' hand in hand.

The back of the bench has a sunrise as it represents hope and positivity; with every new sunrise, comes a new day, full of hope and opportunity; this bleeds into a rainbow which represents joy and better times ahead.

Above this, is the Rainbow Serpent which is one of Nikki's major creative ancestors in the story from her mob.

"The serpent leaves Earth and forms the Milky Way which is where Niki believes they go when they pass, and all of the stars are the campfires of her ancestors."

The serpent is flanked by two crosses, one on each side, the Catholic symbol for our creator, God.

Beneath the crosses are lizards as they are one creature that is found everywhere in Australia; they are survivors and very adaptable, something we all need to make our school a better place.

The arms of the bench have a western arm (on the left) and an Aboriginal arm (on the right) and both are about our connection to nature or the land because the bench will be put in garden.

The legs have flowers and are bright and colourful, they have ants and ladybugs for a bit of whimsy.

As we all worked collaboratively on the bench, we wanted it to be welcoming, warm and cheerful.

We hope that our school's beautiful Aboriginal and contemporary art piece will be used, when and if there is a need, and that it helps to bring students together.

We hope that those children who feel a little blue, will use the bench to seek help, be adaptable, seek change and thrive, and that other children in the school community, are always willing to offer their hand of friendship, and compassion.

We are grateful to have been part of creating our school's new 'buddy bench,' with Nikki.

Not only will this bright and colourful bench put a smile on our face and brighten our day whenever we see it, we also pray and hope that it will be used in a loving and respectful way for those children who need a 'friend.'

This is the inscription engraved on our buddy bench.



## Year 3/4 Excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park

On Monday, 21st October (Week 2), our Year 3/4 classes enjoyed an exciting day out at Gorge Wildlife Park. The students had the incredible opportunity to have close encounters with a Koala, a Woma Python, and a baby tortoise. They eagerly asked the park keepers many insightful questions about these fascinating animals, enhancing their understanding of Australian wildlife.

As we explored the park, the students were delighted by the friendly peacocks that strolled alongside us. We also had the chance to see a variety of other animals, including American alligators, camels, emus, penguins, and a lace monitor. A highlight for many was feeding and patting the kangaroos and wallabies, a truly memorable experience for all.

Following the excursion, the students are now preparing to write their English information reports, each selecting an animal from the park to research and learn more about. We look forward to seeing the wonderful reports they create!



## Year 5/6O Visible Wellbeing

### Relationships

In 5/6O, we participated in a buddy activity with students in Year 1/2M that focused on compliments and positive encouragement. We used a ball of string to create a compliments web by passing the ball across the circle and offering compliments to others. We noticed

that receiving compliments made us feel warm and happy, but giving and sharing compliments made us feel even better inside.



## World Teachers’ Day 2024

Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers’ Day on Friday

25 October 2024. Hats off to educators this World Teachers’ Day!

Let’s celebrate all of our wonderful educators here at St Joseph’s School for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our young people.

On Friday 25 October, you can show your appreciation by posting a “hats off” selfie on social media, either on your own or with family or friends. Grab your hat – beret, beanie, bucket, bowler – and remember to tag #WorldTeachersDay2024. You might also like to take a moment to thank a teacher or educator who is special to your child.

The teaching staff and all educators at St Joseph’s School will be enjoying a morning tea tomorrow to celebrate.



# In All Things Love

At St Joseph’s Hindmarsh, learning is co-constructed and dynamic. Learners are encouraged to IMAGINE, DISCOVER and CREATE and to make meaningful connections with their world.

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# Acknowledgement of Country

St Joseph's Catholic School, Hindmarsh, acknowledges that we gather on the Country of the Kurna People of the Adelaide Region.

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, was passionate about supporting and working alongside Indigenous Australians here in South Australia and across many parts of our country.

As a proud **Josephite school**, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this Land on which we celebrate today, the **Kurna People**. As we enter a time of sacred celebration, we pay our **respects** to Elders, **past, present and emerging**, for whom this Land is sacred. We **honour** the presence of the Ancestors who reside on this Land and whose spirituality flows through all creation.

Artwork by Tjungkiya Wukup  
(Linda Syddick) Napaltjarri



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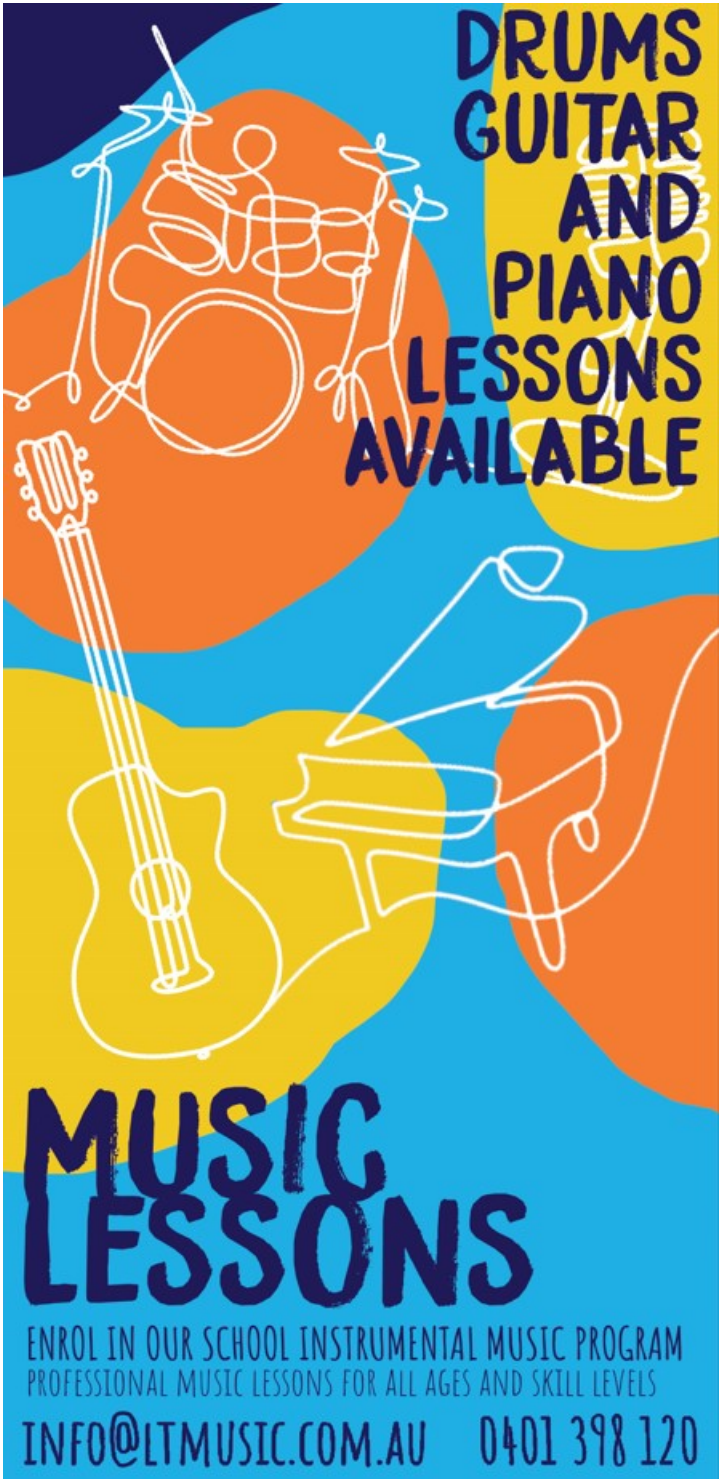


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