

THE SJ VIBE

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Welcome Friends and Families of the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. I am so excited to be sharing my first newsletter with you all.

I am honoured to be serving our families and the students of St Joseph's, as part of the St Andrew's Parish. As we move through the year, I look to Mary Mackillop for guidance and inspiration. This quote reminds me that we are embarking on this educational journey together and that we are laying the foundational footprints in the St Joseph's journey.

"We are but travellers here."

We thank the families who have chosen to enrol for 2021. I am pleased to state our enrolments are currently at 67 students, ranging from Foundation through to Year 6. I acknowledge the Respect, Courage and Kindness that every family has displayed during the enrolment process and I am so grateful for having met each and every one of you.

Starting back in April, I have taken time to reflect upon all the wonderful achievements that occurred to date. I feel it is the right time to share the good news.



I have learnt a great deal about the operations of a school and what is required for a school to function from the ground up. The team of architects from Baldasso Cortese, the builders from AW Nicholson, and the support team, from Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) headed up by Andrew Guglielmino have collaborated to ensure that our build will be completed before the end of this year (November) and that we shall be ready for our first day of school, for teachers, on Wednesday 27th January, 2021.

Last term was such a privilege for me to connect with families. I cannot express how much my cup was filled in meeting students and families and you sharing your story and your aspirations for the education of your children. So very blessed!

Spirit of unity: Respect Courage Kindness

Jennifer Matthewman joined the St Joseph's Team as the Administration/ Finance Officer, in July. She has been such an asset. I have appreciated her diligent approach to working with our families to ensure the enrolment process is thorough. Thank you for supporting Jennifer to complete this.

I have begun the advertising campaign for staff, of whom, will be building relationships with your children. According to Hattie & Zierer's, Mindframes (2018), it is the relationships that can allow students to flourish, through the power of trust, mutual benefit and strong positive relationships. I believe this wholeheartedly; I expect this of myself as well as the staff.

The Uniform Team have been working together with George from PSW Uniforms, to create a vibrant and distinctive uniform that will stand us apart from other schools in the area. Thank you to the families involved. Your time and feedback is valued. We will be unveiling the uniform when it is fully completed – very soon!

We would like to announce that Kelly Club will be the Before and After School Care providers for us in 2021. We engaged in substantial due diligence to make this decision and are pleased to be working in partnership with them. See the attached letter. Inquiries can be made directly to Kelly Club sjwerribee@kellycluboshc.com.au

I leave you with this prayer to share with your family, until we touch base again.

*From our setting out till our arrival,
From deepest midnight to brightest daylight,
From infancy to old age,
From stumbling to confidence,
And from first breath to our last breathing out.*

Go gently everyone.
Kindest regards,
Shelley

Our building and grounds are looking amazing! Internal and external buildings and grounds are taking shape. We are working to order resources that we believe will assist staff and students in delivering the highest levels of learning and teaching. We will continue to share photos on our Facebook, and we have added some for you to take a look at. If you are not following our page, please feel free to do so by clicking the link here: <https://www.facebook.com/sjwerribee/>

Please be invited to share a photo of your family experiencing joy. For those who share this photo we will endeavour to add our families to our next newsletter.

We are waiting on COVID information to determine when and how we are going to deliver the Foundation (PREP) Information Night as well as an Information Night for Beginning Families beginning at St Joseph's in 2021. We will notify you of this in our next newsletter.

*Companion us, O God.
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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Welcome Friends & Families.

I am so excited to have spent the last four weeks as a part of the Foundation team, who will be working at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Werribee. It has been a pleasure taking phone calls from both prospective families as well as families who are joining us next year.

My role in the school will be in the office as the school's administration and finance bursar.

The last four weeks have come and gone so quickly. I have been lucky enough to have started my time with a site visit to see how the build is progressing. I have assisted Shelley in selecting the before and after school care provider, taking enquiries, looking at furniture options for the school as well as putting into place some efficient procedures.

I have started to make phone calls, to speak to many of our enrolled families ensuring paperwork is complete. I look forward to speaking to the many more families who are enrolled in the up and coming weeks.

I cannot wait to meet you all and assist your smooth transition to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Werribee in 2021.



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BUILDING UPDATE AUG 2020



WELCOME KELLY CLUB



August 2020

Dear Parents of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,

KELLY CLUB OSHC AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kelly Club is very excited to announce we will be starting at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in 2021.

Kelly Club provides OSHC before and after-school care programmes throughout Victoria. Our aim is to provide not just 'a childcare facility', but to create a safe environment where children can have fun and benefit from the program in a number of ways.

Kelly Club is closely aligned with Kelly Sports. Kelly Sports has been providing a range of curricular and extra-curricular sporting programmes for children in Australia since 1994.

Our Before & After School programmes will be run at the school, our programs are focused on sports, cooking, art and craft activities as well as structured 'free-time' around a busy day at school. These activities are incorporated into themed subjects each week that give children the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the school classroom. We believe it is important that children get the opportunity to enjoy play and engage with friends, while being under the supervision of quality staff, during out of school care programmes.

Typical Day at Kelly Club After-School Care Programme

3.15pm Children arrive and find a small activity to do before afternoon tea

3.20pm Daily plan explained to the children

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.45pm - 4.45pm Structured themed activity; craft, cooking, or sports based

5.00pm Snack time

5.15 - 6.30pm Structured free time (e.g. homework, read a book, board games, play outside)

We are thrilled about this new opportunity, and we look forward to working with the parents, children, and community of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. We will be sending home information about registering for the Kelly Club Program so keep an eye out for any updates on the program and we look forward to working with the parents, children, and community of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. The initial times offered are:

Times Offered: BS Care: 6.30 – 8.30am AS Care: 3.15-6.30pm

(Please note these times may change if families don't utilise this service)

If you would like to find out more about Kelly Club you can go to www.kellyclub.com.au

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