



THE SJ VIBE

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Principal News

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Staff and Friends,

This beautiful prayer from John O'Donahue stirred within me, the excitement that I am struggling to harness, knowing that we have one term to go before we open.

Our current enrolment number is sitting at 100. Each student, parent, carer, friend and staff member that is joining our community possesses a diversity of gifts, talents, expectations and dreams that abounds within each of you.

Sometimes the temptation can be to recognise the gifts within another but not within one's self. With the support, guidance, and encouragement of all, we can enable each to see the potential within as we walk this road together.

May you recognise in your life the presence, power and light your soul.

May you realise that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.

May you have respect for your own individuality and difference.

May you realise that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that beyond the facade of your life, there is something beautiful, good and eternal happening.

May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride and expectation with which God sees you in every moment.

I welcome all new families that have joined our St Joseph's Community. It has been such a privilege to meet each and every one of you. I trust that the children have had a calm start to the term and enjoy the chance of returning to school with their friends next week.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Commonwealth Government and St Andrew's Parish. In a collaborative effort, AW Nicholson, Baldasso Cortese Architects and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) are closing in on the completion of the build, ready for the school to open in January 2021.

I am delighted to welcome and introduce Susan Millard and Bridget Puopolo as the Foundation teachers for 2021. Susan joins us from Lumen Christi. Bridget has completed her studies at ACU and will be joining us as a graduate. Both Bridget and Susan are thrilled to be joining St Joseph's and cannot wait to meet with the Foundation students on the two Orientation Days which will be held in November.

Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing our staff on the website and newsletter.

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Information Sessions

Foundation Information Session

The virtual Foundation Information Session will be held from 5-6.00 pm on Tuesday 20th October. This will be virtual. Please respond by accepting the invitation Jennifer will share with you via email.

This will be an opportunity for families to have an introduction to St Joseph's and discuss the routines of school, see the uniform and meet with PSW consultant George Athas, as well as hear about Kelly Club's Before and After School Care Program, with Steve and Jeff. This will also be an opportunity for families to ask any questions.

The Individual Foundation Packs will be ready for collection on the first Orientation Day.

New Families Information Session

The New Families Information Session will be held from 5-6.00pm on Wednesday 28th October. This will be an opportunity for families to have an introduction to St Joseph's, see the uniform and meet with PSW consultant George Athas as well as hear about Kelly Club's Before and After School Care Program, with Steve and Jeff.

Foundation Orientation Dates

I have sought advice and I am pleased to advise that the Foundation 2021 Families and students will be able to attend two orientation sessions. We are proposing that these days will happen on Wednesday 18th November and Wednesday 25th November. There are strict guidelines around this, but the most important factor is that we cannot have more than 10 children per classroom at one time. Therefore, we will be holding two sessions 9-11am and 12.30 - 2.30pm. Parents will have this information shared in the Prep Information Package being emailed Monday next week.

Transition Day (Going Up Day)

We have tentatively booked Friday 4th December as a transition day for all students from Foundation to Year 6. This is all dependent upon the COVID restrictions and what guidance we receive from CEM - Western Region. At this point in time it will not be permitted due to the restrictions in place. We will communicate any change to this. As a result, the staff will engage with the students, but it may be through virtual meetings. We will find some creative ways to connect.

Community Engagement

Advisory Council and Parents and Friends

I am calling for expressions of interest for community members to consider if interested in joining the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Advisory Council/ Board or St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Community Leadership Team (CLT). If you can email me with your expression of interest, name and contact details that would be appreciated. I will advise the date as soon as possible.

Go gently everyone.

Kindest regards

Shelley

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INTRODUCING OUR FOUNDATION TEACHERS

Susan Millard



Hello! My name is Susan Millard, and I am so excited to be a part of the St Joseph's community and have the chance to get to know you all. 2021 promises to be a year of new friendships, connections, fun and learning. I am so looking forward to building our community together.

I am originally a country kid. I grew up in Hamilton, Victoria. My days were spent on a farm helping my dad with cattle, sheep and hay carting. I have moved to a few different places in Victoria in my time: Northcote, Clayton, Portland and finally Tarneit/Truganina area.

To tell you a little about me, I guess first and foremost I need to start with my family. They are the light of my day. My husband Dean and I are lucky to have a four-year-old girl, Elsie and an almost two-year-old boy, Charlie. Both are incredibly cheeky and energetic. I love spending time with them and they bring me joy and reenergize me every time we play.

Other things that bring me joy are learning, teaching, walking with my family, baking (sweet things mainly as I have a terrible sweet tooth), reading, teaching with technology, Math, Science, listening to music, Chinese dumplings and drinking tea (there's nothing better at the end of a long day). I have been a teacher since 2004 and love to have fun and be creative when I teach. I enjoy being a part of the learning with the students. I can't wait to start learning with you all! See you soon!



Bridget Puopolo

I am excited to be a part of this upcoming community and begin my teaching journey at St Josephs. I developed my admiration for teaching as I began to understand the value, I found in helping others to develop and learn. Student centered learning is of great interest to me and I cannot wait to foster a learning environment where I can explore this and encourage students to grow together and identify their role in the learning community. Aside from my love of teaching, I also enjoy spending my time outdoors, with family and friends and most recently I have enjoyed a new hobby of mine, paint by numbers! I am as excited for my first day as I'm sure all the new students and families are too. I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone and starting off 2021 with a positive attitude and smile!



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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Welcome Families and friends,

How quickly time flies. I cannot believe I have now been on the team for almost 3 months. We have achieved so much in such a short space of time.

The school is looking amazing and I am extremely excited to share photos with you on the following pages.

This term I look forward to liaising with more of our enrolled families, setting up accounts for the school and ordering school supplies.

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

Enrolments:

If you know of any families who are yet to enrol with us for next year, please ensure they get the process started ASAP. Please find the direct link to our online enrolment enquiry form here: <https://sjwerribee.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-form-request/>

If you are interested in enrolling for 2022, we can confirm enrolments will be open from March 1st next year.

Warm regards & stay safe



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MOMENTS OF JOY - FAMILIES IN OUR GROWING COMMUNITY



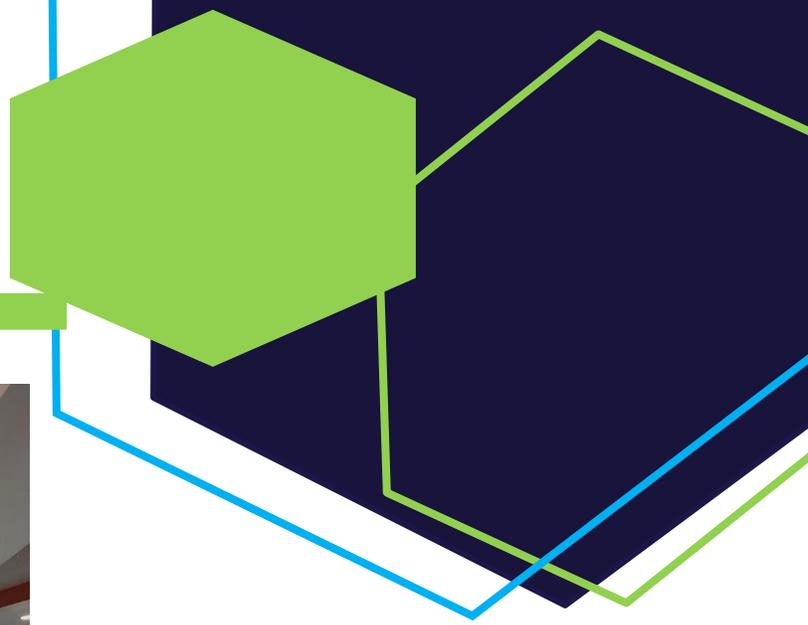
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