Term 4- Week 9B

30th November 2023

Dear Families

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Last Friday the Prep students hosted our whole school assembly and it was a fantastic way for us to end the year. The children performed beautifully and it was an emotional time for both parents and staff. I would like to say a special thanks to the Prep teachers who have worked hard to support these students over the last year.

By now most of you would have seen the raffle baskets that were on display in the foyer outside of my office. These baskets looked amazing and were an indication of the wonderful generosity of our school community in working together to raise funds for our school. There was an excited buzz around these baskets each morning and afternoon as the students came in to have a look and discuss their favourites with their friends. Congratulations to the winners of our raffle baskets this year.

On Thursday the 14th December, the students will be meeting their new teacher and classmates for 2024. Class lists have now been finalised and teachers are preparing resources and activities to make class transition as smooth and engaging as possible. The Prep classes of 2024 will also be meeting their new teachers on this day during their third and final transition session.

This year we will be having our annual school Christmas Concert on Thursday the 7th December at 5:30pm arrival 6:00pm start. We will again be having our concert on our school oval and we have organised a stage and sound equipment to

maximise the success of the night. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us this year as it was last year. The children have been singing in Performing Arts over the last few weeks and I am looking forward to celebrating this wonderful time of the year together as a school community.

Regards

Principal







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Dates to Remember

Dates are subject to change



Term 4

1st December	Friday	House Spirit Day - Children to ware House colour t-shirt				
6th December	Wednesday	Prep & Year 1 Excursion				
7th December	Thursday	Christmas Concert - 5:30pm arrival 6:00pm start				
14th December	Thursday	Graduation (Year 6) 2024 Preps - 3rd Orientation Session Step Up Morning Grade 6 Graduation Mass at 7.00pm				
15th December	Friday	Grade 6 Fun day - Adventure Park Last day of Term for students - 3.15pm Finish				

Term 1 - 2024

31st January	Wednesday	Term 1 Commences 8:45am - Grade 1 to 6				
1st February	Thursday	Preps - First day 8:45am - 12:00pm				
1st to 9th February	Weekdays	Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Program				

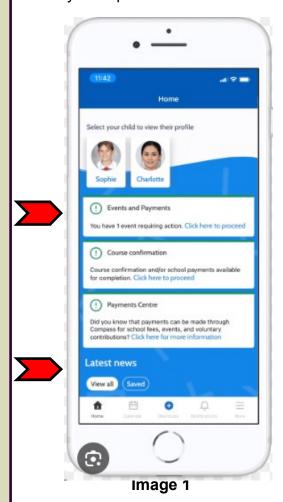
Prep 2024 Timetable

1st February	Thursday	8:45am to 12:00pm
2nd February	Friday	8:45am to 12:00pm
5th February	Monday	8:45am to 1:30pm
6th February	Tuesday	8:45am to 1:30pm
7th February	Wednesday	Testing / Rest day
8th February	Thursday	8:45am to 1:30pm
9th February	Friday	8:45am to 1:30pm
12th February	Monday	8:45am to 3:15pm
14th February	Wednesday	Testing / Rest Day



HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP - COMPASS

- You can download the Compass App on iOS and Android devices, simply search for Compass School Manager in the store.
- Contact the school office for your unique user name and password. Each parent will have their own log in.
- Once you are signed in, you will have access to view all upcoming events for your child.
 Permission slips will need to be consented or declined from this page.
- Events If there is an Event for your child, on the home screen the Events and Payments box will show "you have an event requiring action" (as shown in image 1). Click on the box, the Events screen will open as per image 2. Click on the Event and fill in all required details to accept or decline the event. All fields must be filled in for the submit button to be activated.
- <u>Latest News</u> Notes that don't require consent will be shared via the News feed. Scroll
 through to view the latest posts from our school. E.g. wear house colour t-shirt day.
- If you require assistance contact the school office.



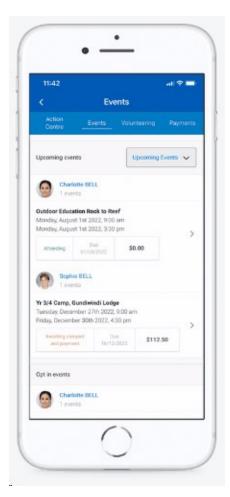


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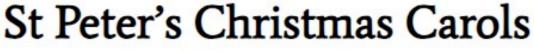


FOOD DRIVE FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE BRING NON - PERISHABLE, CHRISTMAS THEMED FOODS FOR YOUR CLASS BASKET BEFORE DECEMBER 11TH

HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS GREAT FOR EVERYONE







PE WEEK PHOTOS































SCHOOL FEES - 2024

2024	Fees		Levies					
School Fee	Recurrent	Capital	Curriculum	Swimming	Camp	Excursion	Sacrament	ICT
Family Fee	\$1,900.00							
Prep			\$320.00			\$80.00		
Year 1			\$320.00			\$80.00		
Year 2			\$320.00			\$80.00		
Year 3			\$350.00			\$80.00		\$212.00
Year 4			\$350.00			\$80.00		\$212.00
Year 5			\$350.00		\$250.00	\$80.00		
Year 6			\$350.00		\$300.00	\$80.00		

The ICT levy will continue in 2024 for our students in Grade 3 and Grade 4, as higher grades will still be part of the previous BYOD Program.

In 2025 the levy will be extended to Grades 3, Grades 4 and Grades 5.

If your family is eligible for the Reduced Fees Policy and you have been approved through the formal approval process, then the ICT levy will be included in the discount fees offered.

The benefits of this new program are as follows:

- Every Grade 3 child will have a device to use at school
- The device will be owned by the student
- The device does not need to be fully paid for at the start of Grade 3

2024 FEE FORMS

2024 Fee Payment Consent Form click Here

2024 Credit Card Direct Debit Payment Form click here

<u>Please note:</u> A new Credit Card debit payment form needs to be filled **every year** for monthly/ fortnightly payments.

SCHOOL FEES - 2024 ENROLMENT DEPOSIT

Our School Fee Policy states -

"All parents of children currently at school will be required to make a payment of \$150- per family in November. This enrolment deposit will be deducted from your following year's school fees".

The enrolment deposit for each family is due by Friday 3rd November 2023.

CSEF

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

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.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students.

HOW TO APPLY:

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download a copy by <u>clicking here.</u>

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

- ⇒ You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred: new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- ⇒ changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

2024 Prep Enrolments

If you have a child who will be starting Prep next year - 2024 and you not yet enrolled please click the following link to start the application.

Apply Now - Click Here

BORROWED CLOTHING/SICK BAY DONATIONS

If your child has had to borrow any items of clothing at school, please ensure that these are washed and returned to the school as soon as possible. We are always grateful for any clothing donations for the school sick bay and office to use as spares for students. It is best to keep a spare set of clothing, including underwear and socks, in your child's bag as we have limited supplies in sickbay.

SPECIALIST DAYS 2023 - Sports Uniform Required

PREP - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 1 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 2 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 3 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 4 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 5 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 6 - Mondays and Wednesdays



SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 4 - No Hat No Play

As a 'Sun smart' school all children are required to wear a hat during recess times. We have a 'No hat - No play' policy, so children without a hat will be required to remain in the shade during recess and lunchtime. We thank you for your support.



Community



Located in the meeting room between school office and church.

Open Times - 8:15am to 9:30am

November - Friday 10th & 24th

December - Friday 8th

Catholic Secondary School Enrolments

Enrolments to Catholic Secondary Schools 2025

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School and have not already enrolled them, Enrolments have now closed. We strongly encourage you to contact the secondary school as soon as possible.

Year 5 Students in 2024 - Starting Year 7 in 2026

If you intend to send your child to a Catholic Secondary School applications for students Year 7 in 2026 will open on **Monday 29th January 2024** and applications will close on **Friday 16th August 2024**.



Mount St. Joseph Girls' College Altona was established by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart and the first 65 students walked through the gates on 4 February 1964.

In 2024, Mount St. Joseph Girls' College celebrates their 60th anniversary, Alumnae and families with connections to MSJ are invited to join in the celebrations.

Tickets are now available for "MSJ Celebrates 60 years" on Sunday 18 February. To RSVP, scan the QR code or visit Trybooking HERE.



PARENT RESOURCES

Click on any image below for more information.

STUDENT ABSENCE



TERM DATES



<u>CANTEEN /</u> LUNCH ORDERS



MOBILE PHONES





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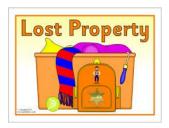
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STUDENT HEALTH



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OUTSIDE SCHOOL
HOURS CARE (OSHC)

