



St Joseph's
Primary School
Chiltern

Living - Loving - Learning

St Joseph's Chiltern is a Child Safe school. We value, respect and empower all our students to be safe.

Newsletter Term 1- Week 4- February 21st 2025



Dear Jesus, please inspire and equip those in our schools who love You to be faithful, loving, bold and wise ambassadors for the gospel, through their words and lives wherever they are.

Amen

Dear Parents & Carers,

The swimming program was a great success and a big thank you to all staff and students, especially Mr Ellis and Roger for taking the classes with their helpers. The children had a great time and learnt a lot.



What does Magnify mean for your children?

Magnify Sandhurst is our **evidence-informed science of learning** school improvement initiative. It focuses on how the **brain learns**, how **literacy** is effectively taught, uses a **low variance, knowledge-rich curriculum**, and the creation of **positive classrooms**. Our practice is **calm, predictable, and repeatable** to **maximise learning time** in all classrooms.

Magnify is **deliberately bold** and **wide-ranging**, generating **whole-of-system improvement**.

Our information night next Tuesday will talk more about this.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS 2025: 'Magnify' Staff Professional Learning Days

TERM 1: January 28th and 29th

TERM 2: April 22nd to 24th and June 18th

TERM 3: August 13th

TERM 4: November 3rd, December 5th, 18th and 19th



Attendance in Early Years Matters!

- attendance matters full stop!
- what is your child's attendance at? 95% is the target



Naplan

Grade 3 and 5 will be starting naplan testing on the Wednesday the 12th of March. All children in Victoria will be doing these standardised tests.

Assemblies on Fridays

Each Friday we will have a quick assembly to celebrate the success of the children. It will be held promptly at 9am in the Grade 5/6 classroom. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

Canteen

Canteen will be on Fridays in weeks 3, 6 & 9 of each term. The first one will be on Friday the 7th of March. It will be hotdogs. More information to come! Thanks Malorie!

Information Session

Our information session will be held at school on **Tuesday the 25th of February at 5:30pm**. The session will allow teachers to explain how their classrooms will run throughout the day and other important information that you will need to know. If you are unable to attend on that evening a parent information handbook will also be sent home with all the information you will need to know.

Sports Days

Sports days will be as follows.

F-2 Wednesday & Thursday

3-4 Monday & Thursday

5-6 Monday & Thursday

School Uniform

At St Joseph's we are expected to wear the correct school uniform as shown in the last newsletter. Please keep this in mind when purchasing. Thank you.

Communication is a very important part of our job. My door is always open if you would like to discuss anything with me. A phone call or email is also a good form of communication. All teaching staff can be contacted by the following emails if needed during work hours, or via SIMON Everywhere app. Please also keep an eye on our school facebook page for reminders and celebrations.

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Have a great week.

Regards

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INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE NEXT SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL IN 2025?

Are you keen to take an active role in your child's school? Time commitment is limited to once or twice a term. **We are having our first meeting of Advisory Council and P&F on Monday the 3rd of March at 6pm.** Please come along and see what it's all about. Many hands make light work!!

Frosty Fridays

Zooper Doopers will be available on Fridays for the rest of the term at Lunchtime for 50c each. Maximum of 2 per student and the money raised will go to caritas.

My Future Academy

Every second Thursday Matt our coach comes to do PE with the children and they love it. Thanks Matt!



Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass was held in the church at 12pm Tuesday the 18th of February. It was great to see the children and staff participate fully with Father Peter to start off the school year. We also blessed our new school leaders. Asher, Riley, Mollie, Summer, Jackson and Matilda





2025 FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING

THIS TUESDAY FEB 25TH 5:30PM- 6:30PM

- *Meet and greet new staff
- *Learn about the Magnify Project in all classrooms
- *Child-minding available



Gateway Health Offers so many wonderful programs for Parents and Care Givers. Please use the link below or see some of the flyers we have attached.

Bookings for Term 1 parenting programs now open



Sessions are free.
Bookings required.




Raising Resilient Children Online Session

Parenting can be tough, but raising children who can navigate life's ups and downs with resilience is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. Join us for this free two-hour online session where you'll gain practical strategies and insights to help your child develop the emotional tools they need to thrive.



Upcoming dates

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2025
Time: 7pm – 9pm (2-hour session)



Online

(link provided upon registration)



Register here



gatewayhealth.org.au

Dads Tuning In to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Dads Tuning in to Kids is a parenting group program for fathers or male carers of children aged 3 to 10 years old. The program fosters father-child connection. It aims to promote the development of emotional competence and prevent behaviour problems in young children by improving fathers' or father figures' emotional competence and skills.



Upcoming dates

6 week program every Wednesday from February 26 until April 2, 6:30pm until 8:30pm



Location

Gateway Health Wodonga, 155 High Street, Wodonga, 3690



STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly Award Winners

Term 1 Week 3

Foundation /Year 1/ 2 KH: Maggie Walker & Lockyer Clarke

Year 3/4/ LE: Elsie Andrews

Year 5/6 FA: Riley Ladhams (absent)

Principal's Award: Jackson Walker & Roy Weekley



Term 1 Week 4

Foundation /Year 1/ 2 KH: Ava Jones

Year 3/4/ LE: Cleo Weekley

Year 5/6 FA: Summer McMillan

Principal's Award: Summer McMillan & Mollie Magelakis



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mr Ellis
Jackson Walker
Father Peter

Parish Mass Times

6:00PM Saturday
12pm Wednesday



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesdays 12th/19th/26th of February	Foundations rest days
Tuesday 18th of February	Opening School Mass 12pm
Tuesday 25th February	Information Evening at 5:30pm
Tuesday 4th March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday 12pm Mass Foundations students full time.
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 12th	NAPLAN Testing begins for Grades 3 & 5
Thursday 20th March	Family Sports Night
Monday 24th March	Italian Excursion to Rutherglen
Friday 4th April	Last day of Term 1 students finish at 2:30pm
Friday 18th April	Good Friday
Sunday April 20th	Easter Sunday
Monday April 21st	Easter Monday
Tuesday April 22nd – Thursday April 24th	Staff Professional Learning Days NO STUDENTS
Friday April 25th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Monday April 28th	Students commence Term 2
Please check SIMON/ PAM for further details on early 2025 dates	

Health Care Card HCC 2025 update

For Primary School families

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) is pleased to inform Primary School families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) that you are eligible for a significant reduction in School fees for the upcoming year, including all fees and levies.

We understand that many families have varying circumstances and in response to the rising cost of living expenses, we are committed to supporting those who need additional assistance.

Please be assured that this support is provided to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive in our school community. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the school office.

3 simple steps

- 1 provide a copy of your HCC to the school office
- 2 complete a Camps, Sports & Excursions Form (CSEF)
- 3 set up a direct debit arrangement at the school

If you've already submitted your HCC, completed the CSEF form, and have a direct debit in place – no further action is needed – the discount will be applied automatically.

