



Welcome
to
Foundation
2023



Welcome

Welcome to your child's first year at St Joseph's Primary school! We are delighted to have your child join our school community and learn all about them.

This year your child will be in a straight Foundation class with their Teacher Rebecca Beveridge and Katie Vranken (in Tuesday mornings) and Learning Support Officer (LSO) Sue McConachy.

Their classroom will be located in the upstairs classrooms of the main building.

Our first day of school will be on the 30th of January from 8:45am-12pm. From Tuesday 31st January, students will commence school from 8:45am-3:00pm.

The Foundation students will have rest days on Wednesdays until the week of the 13th March. The Foundation students may be required onsite on certain Wednesdays for testing with their teacher. There will be more information on this to follow.



Contact Information

Please feel free to always contact your child's teacher for any questions or concerns you may have.

Rebecca Beveridge: rheenan@sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au

Katie Vranken: kvranken@sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au

If you need to contact the school:

Phone: (03) 5967 1183

Email: principal@sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au



School Hours and Absences

It is recommended that students attend school whenever possible, however in the interests of the health of our school community, we ask that they don't attend school if they are sick.

Absences on the day can be reported by calling the school office on (03) 5967 1183. If you know your child will be absent in advance, please let your child's teacher know via email, phone or in person.

School begins at 8.45am and concludes at 3pm (Please see slide 2 for varied school days and hours for Foundation students)



Lunch and Snacks

We recommend a mix of healthy snacks with treats in moderation. Students will be provided ten minutes to eat their lunch at 11:10am and their snacks at 1:30pm.

Please include crunchy fruit for fruit snack time, which is usually around 10am.

At St Joseph's we are a nut aware school. Students are free to have nuts and nut spreads, however we will ask them to wash their hands and tables before going out to play.

Juices, cordials and milk are not permitted school drinks and we request water only for your child during their day. Please provide a clearly named drink bottle to ensure your child stays hydrated.



Homework

In Foundation your child will be sent home with levelled books to read each night. They may also be sent home with sounds and high frequency words to practise. Homework will not commence for the first few weeks.

We ask that you assist your child to practise these for at least 10 minutes every night.

In Mrs Beveridge's class the students will also get the chance to take home 'Nutsy the Koala! They will get to write and draw about their time with Nutsy, as well as share this with the class. There will be some other fun activities they will get to take home too.

There may also be show and tell that will happen weekly. (More information to follow)

Specialists

At St. Joseph's Primary School we have a range of specialist classes the students will be able to engage with.

The specialist classes we offer are:

- Japanese (Tuesday)
- STEAM (Science and Art) (Thursday & Friday)
- Sport (Tuesday)
- Performing Arts (Monday)
- Library (TBC)

Please note if you have other siblings at St Joseph's- their sport days may be on a different day.

Specialists lessons will commence from week 2.

We ask that you provide your child with a clearly labelled art smock and library bag. We will notify you when we our library day will be after the first week of school.



Curriculum

At St. Joseph's Primary we follow the Victorian Curriculum in accordance with government guidelines. Learning Schedules are set weekly with clear links to the learning indicators being addressed in each session.

The outline of each term is planned prior to its commencement with weekly sessions determined according to the learning needs of the classes and its students.

Your teachers will regularly review and adjust the learning for each student according to their personal needs. Each child's needs and successes are tracked through pre and post assessment and observation.

Visual timetables are displayed in each room to help students prepare for each session and a predictable and consistent routine is always followed where possible.

This year, Foundation students are lucky enough to have Mrs McConachy as their Learning Support Officer. Mrs McConachy will work with individual students, small groups and the class as a whole depending on the needs of students in each session.



F/1/2 BBQ Night

At St. Joseph's we love to welcome our families into our school community with a BBQ night for the whole family! It is a great night to meet other families and parents!

Please save the date for Friday 17th February! We'd love to see you all there!



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews are held twice per year in Term 1 (Introductory Interviews) and Term 3 to report on academic progression. As well as these two Interview times, students will receive reports in Term 2 and Term 4.

Introductory Parent Teacher interviews are an opportunity for the parents to speak with the classroom teachers to inform them of their child's needs. This can be in terms of academic, social or personal needs. Booking times will be sent home via email. The date for the Introductory interviews are Wednesday 15th February.