

Religious Education and Faith AGM Report 2024



Faith

Prayer Life

Christ the King weaves faith through all aspects of our daily interactions and learning. Classes begin most days with prayer and as a community we gather on a regular basis to pray and build our faith. This year we were able to purchase Substantial Catholic Children's Bibles, that were blessed by Father Michael at the start of year mass and placed into each classroom. We



continue to be supported through regular masses with Fr. Michael and Fr. Prathap including our monthly masses and on important days. Our students were involved in major events through the year- commemorating the Stations of the Cross and other Holy Week events, Feast Day, All Saints, Ash Wednesday, Ascension and Assumption. They led prayers services throughout the Season of Creation in September/October. We completed the year with a beautiful recreation of the Nativity story led by our Reception class during our End of Year Mass.

Our community also uses prayer and reflection to honour major events in the secular calendar- Mother's and Father's Day, NAIDOC Week, Remembrance Day, Book Week, Clean Up Australia Day etc.

Sacramental Program



2024 saw many of our students engage with the Sacramental Programme. We welcomed some children into the church through Baptism. This celebration took place at St Joseph's Church on a Saturday morning following preparation in the preceding weeks here at school. We had a number of Yr5 students who prepared for, and celebrated, their Confirmation and First Communion during Winter. They prepared during the preceding weeks celebrating their Confirmation with the Vicar General and followed at a later date with First Communion during weekend masses.

A group of Yr. 4 students commenced their completion of the Initiation Sacraments by preparing for and celebrating their First Reconciliation during Spring. These students now eagerly await the completion of their Initiation Sacraments during Winter 2025.

ReLAT (Religious Literacy Assessment)

All Yr. 4 students who attend a Catholic School in SA are required to participate in an online ReLAT test. The test assesses student knowledge of curriculum not faith. Our Yr4 class achieved higher than the state average in all of the 5 areas assessed.

Connection

Feast Day

In 2024 we celebrated our Feast Day by travelling by train to celebrate mass in our parish church of St Joseph. This was an important event and one that built a connection between the parish and school. The students were very excited to attend the church as well as enjoying the train ride and the sausage sizzle provided by the parish and cooked by the Men's Shed.

Diocesan Regional Assembly

In May we our school was represented at the regional assembly that showcased our school with schools, churches, outreach and diocesan organisations. Our presentation including successes, innovations and images and was warmly received by the attending dignitaries and audience.



Journey to Emmaus

In 2024 the Yr6 students from Christ the King and 4 surrounds Catholic Schools completed the Journey to Emmaus Leadership/Retreat Programme.

The retreat programme allows the students to mix with like minded students and explore the concept of 'How Am I the face of Jesus?' Students are engaged in reflection, faith building exercises, prayer and physical activity. Students listen to inspiring speakers and are encouraged to build their own understanding of how they can build a better world.

An added bonus of the 3 days is that students begin to meet students who will travel with them into High School. On the final day students are gathered into their respective High Schools for get to know you tasks to meet and connect formally with each other.



Yr6 Graduation

In an effort to be inclusive with our Yr6 families and community we held our Yr6 Thanksgiving Mass and Graduation in our parish church- St Joseph's Brighton. This connection with our parish also has the benefit of allowing us to live stream the Graduation to families and friends both in our community but also to family and friends interstate and overseas.

Parish

Our school is a member of the St Joseph's Parish. The RE leadership team from the three parish schools, Fr Michael and Nirmanthi Rupasinghe (Parish Associate) meet on a regular basis to support and maintain programmes within the Parish and schools.

We connect to our parish through regular masses and liturgical events. We complete outreach actions such as – writing Christmas cards for those in Nursing Homes, Holy Water preparation, supporting Christmas Vigil and advertising their Men's Shed, Knitting group and Library. Fr. Michael continues to provide spiritual guidance to our staff and wider community.

To begin the year the staff are formally commissioned by the parish during the a weekend mass, they are blessed and prayed for in support of their ongoing mission with our students and family.

Matthew Perry maintained our connection by being an active member of the Parish Pastoral Council giving regular updates about the school and offering assistance and guidance in all educational matters.

Justice/Outreach

Caritas

Reaching out to others is a major part of our schools' faith life. We are involved in the annual Caritas- Project Compassion Campaign. Students are encouraged to raise money and donate time, prayer and funds to support the less fortunate around Australia and the world.

St Vincent de Paul



This year our students and staff were involved in raising donations for those in our local area that need support. Our Winter Campaign led to the grateful acceptance of bags of warm clothing. Our annual Giving Tree supplied several boot loads of gifts for our local chapter to distribute in the lead up to Christmas. In addition to our Annual Giving Tree several of our Yr6. students initiated a Christmas Food Drive to help supplement our local chapter's Christmas hampers.

Professional Development

Professional Learning

The staff continued their ongoing Professional Development in the area of Religious Education. Their work in embedding Year Level Performances Standards supported their exploration of Performance Standards across other curriculum areas.



The staff took place in a Staff Reflection Day based around the theme of 'Be Still and Know I Am God'. The day attended by all staff involved a day of reflection, prayer, collegiality and renewal.