



SJOS VOLUNTEERS NEWS | FEBRUARY 2022

THANK YOU

The Board of Management of SJOS would sincerely like to thank all volunteers, those we help in the Food Store, those who pick-up and pack the bread, those who stock the Food Store shelves, those who take charge of the SJOS Housing Units rubbish bins, and the team of enthusiasts who look after the garden, for all the hard work, through challenging times, over the past 2 years. COVID has created some amazing experiences for us all.

COVID SAFE PLANS

SJOS has a COVID Safe Plan and we would like to ensure all volunteers that the health and safety of all, both volunteers and visitors, is a priority. The QR code function is available in the Food Store and in the entrance foyer to the Parish Centre, and everyone must check in. We encourage double vaccination and boosters, plus the mandatory use of masks, the importance of social distancing and hand sanitisation.

THE SJOS FOOD STORE

In the Food Store it is even more important to maintain the mandatory use of masks, hand sanitation and social distancing. The visitors understand the rules and they will abide by some friendly reminders. We have had some issues with the purchasing of food for the Food Store and even though we have spent over \$20,000.00 in the past 6 months, that doesn't mean we can supply all we want. Some food items are still difficult to procure.

THE SJOS BREAD BANK

The supply of bread for the Bread Bank is constantly changing even though we pick up from Woolworths on four mornings every week and Thursday nights at Baker's Delight Prahran. The 2 Way Freezer is having difficulties at the moment, and it will need servicing, while the weekend redistribution of the bread from the inside freezers to the 2 Way Freezer now needs to be done later in the day. (Currently the bread is moved at 10:30 am on Saturdays and Sundays). As such we would like to ask all weekend Food Store volunteers to help with the bread distribution as part of the set-up tasks. The Saturday team will move half of the bread and rolls into the 2 Way Freezer and the Sunday team will move the remaining bread and rolls. This new structure will commence on the weekend of 5/6 February 2022. Many thanks.

THE SJOS GARDEN

The volunteers supporting the garden work throughout the week to maintain the garden and they harvest on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The harvest details are written on the white board in the Food Store so that the Food Store volunteers will know what is available. Sometimes our visitors just need a little encouragement in the use of fresh vegetables and herbs.

Please let us know if you have any concerns or need any additional information about your volunteer role at SJOS. Many Thanks, Outreach Operations Officer | SJOS Board of Management