



St Joseph's Primary School

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Thursday 17th October 2019

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

- Friday 18th Grade 6
Immunisation talk
Junior Swimming
- Monday 21st 2020 Foundation
interviews
- Tuesday 22nd 2020 Foundation
interviews
2020 Foundation
Orientation 11:30am
Junior Swimming
- Wednesday 23rd 5/6 BikeEd
Fete Meeting 5pm
3/4 Excursion
Wilson's Promontory
- Thursday 24th 2020 Foundation
Interviews
Grade 5 Mary
MacKillop Discovery
Day
Grade 6 ASPIRE Day
- Friday 25th Junior Swimming
- Wednesday 30th Whole School
Mass 9:15am
5/6 Bike Ed
Grade 5/6 Kanga
Cricket
- Thursday 31st 5/6 Bike Ed

NOVEMBER

- Friday 1st **Walk to School Day**
- Monday 4th **School Closure
Report Writing**
- Tuesday 5th **Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday**
- Wednesday 6th 5/6 Bike Ed
- Thursday 7th 5/6 Bike Ed
Junior Outdoor Ed
night
Grade 2 sleepover
- Monday 11th Remembrance Day
- Wednesday 13th 5/6 Bike Ed
- Thursday 14th 5/6 Bike Ed
Junior Excursion Coal
Creek
- Friday 15th 2020 Foundation
Orientation 9:30am

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We trust that you all had a wonderful break with your family and friends. The school was a busy place over the holidays with building works and grounds work taking place. It was discovered that we needed to upgrade our underground plumbing with the construction of the new classrooms therefore a great deal of the area was dug up in and around the toilets and office area (including the fake grass). We anticipate this will be rectified and fully functioning with in the month.

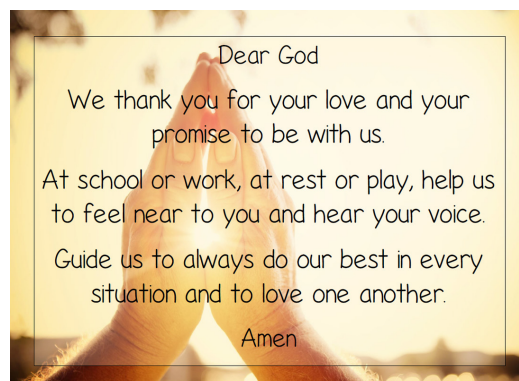
The children were extremely excited to see the sandpit in the Junior school playground full and ready to be used. Over the past 2 weeks there has been lots of inventive play happening there. Thank you to Terry our maintenance person for completing this project over the holidays.

Term 4 as always promises to be a busy term. Grade 5/6 will begin Bike Ed on Wednesday 23rd October with a safety talk from Leading Senior Constable Rohan Michael who is based at Leongatha Police Station. The following week children will then begin their on road bike lessons every Wednesday & Thursday from 2pm. We ask that you please discuss with your children what Rohan spoke with them about and reinforce the importance of demonstrating safe behaviours on the road. Continued unsafe behaviour will put students and the program at risk which we do not want to happen.

We have a number of excursions also coming up so please be aware to check your CareMonkey on a regular basis. Grade 3/4 are off to Wilsons Prom on 23rd October and F/1/2 will be going to Coal Creek in November. We also have some sporting activities, Grade 5 Discovery Day, Grade 6 A.S.P.I.R.E Leadership day, Bike Hikes and Junior school outdoor experience coming up as well this term.

Our fete is fast approaching and will be here before we know it. As in previous years a roster will be prepared with all families having a time slot to help run a stall. This is the school's major fundraiser and we would love everyone to support us and make the day a huge success. Funds from the fete have helped the school purchase furniture, build a roof over the basketball court, replanting of the bank overlooking the oval. With this year's funds we are hoping to purchase a new playground.

Just a friendly reminder if your family situation is changing, we would appreciate you letting the Office know. An accurate indication of student numbers assists us enormously in our planning for 2020.



Sunday 17th School Fete
 Wednesday 20th Whole School
 Mass 9:15am
 5/6 Bike Ed
 Thursday 21st 5/6 Bike Ed
 Wednesday 27th 5/6 Bike Ed
 Thursday 28th 5/6 Bike Ed

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd Grade 6 Mary
 MacKillop Orientation
 Day
 2020 Foundation
 Orientation
 Whole school
 orientation
 Wednesday 4th 5/6 Bike Ed
 Thursday 5th 5/6 Bike Ed
 Junior Athletics
 Tuesday 10th KSC Orientation
 Day
 Wednesday 11th 5/6 Bike Ed
 Awards Night
 Thursday 12th 5/6 Bike Ed
 Friday 13th Grade 6 Bike
 Testing
 Grade 5 Meeniyah
 Bike Hike
 Grade 6 Graduation
 Monday 16th Grade 6 Inverloch
 Bike Hike
 Tuesday 17th Grade 6 Inverloch
 Bike Hike
**Wednesday 18th End of Year Whole
 School Mass
 11:30am
 Last day of school
 for students**

**Social Skills - Why Some Kids Have Trouble
 Making Friends (from www.understood.org)**

Food for thought...

- If kids don't have friends now, it doesn't mean they *never* will.
- Making friends is a skill that lots of kids need to be taught.
- You can help your child build this skill.



Making friends is a skill.

Friendship is a big part of life. But that doesn't mean making friends comes naturally to everyone. The [ability to make and keep friends](#) is a skill that has to be learned. It's trickier than it seems. It involves things like:

- Starting a conversation and keeping it going
- Responding to social cues
- Interacting in a positive way
- Listening and understanding what others are saying

For many kids, making friends comes easily because they have these social skills. Or they [build them quickly as they get older](#). But some kids find it hard to do. That's especially true for kids who learn and think differently.

Some kids get too nervous or anxious to talk to other kids. If a conversation never starts, then a friendship is hard to come by. Help them to manage their anxiety.

Help your child learn how to join a conversation. Support them with things to talk about or to start a conversation. Help your child to find things to talk about that other kids might be interested in, and to notice when others are tuning out and what to do next.

Help your child to understand "social rules." Such as natural pauses in conversations that help us take turns talking and allow everyone to have a say.

Help your child to take part in the conversation in a positive way. Blunt, negative or aggressive talk or talk about violence can turn children away.

Help your child to tune in to other children's conversation, follow what is said and respond to the spoken word and the body language cues and tones of voice too..

You can help your child get better at making friends.

Most kids really want to have friends, but they may need your help to learn the skills to do so.

Talk with your child. You may find you need to branch out and find other children with similar interests as your child, or you may need to help them join groups or activities outside of school to develop other interests of their own.

If your child's trouble with friends is causing a lot of sadness, if they spend a lot of time alone, then look out for [signs of depression](#), speak to your child's teacher and seek a professional for advice and support.

2020 Foundation Transition Day

Next Tuesday we will hold our first transition day. We look forward to seeing all of next years students at school from 11:30am-1pm. During this session we will hold a morning tea in the staffroom for the families to meet each other, some staff and some exciting families.

Sign in

Please remember that whenever you visit the school you need to report to the office to sign in. This needs to be done for classroom visits as well as for off site excursions. Please also check to ensure that the office have a copy of your current WWCC on file prior to volunteering.

Welcome to St Joseph's

Below are our transition dates for students enrolling in Foundation in 2020:

- Tuesday 22nd October 11:30-1:00pm
 Morning tea will be provided during this session for all Parents/ Guardians to meet staff and other families.
- Friday 15th November 9:30-11:00am
- Tuesday 3rd December 11:30am-1:30pm
 Whole school orientation

Please return your enrolment forms, or contact the office to have forms sent out, so that the school can contact you to organise a one on one student interview time during transition.

If you have any queries please contact the school 56552040 or principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

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 Holy God Be Glorified

Awards

Congratulations to all of the students who have received an award.

Our assembly is held every Friday at 9am and everyone is welcome to attend.

Our school choir will be singing during tomorrows assembly.



Walk to School Month

October is walk to school month!

This is a Vichealth initiative that is supported by South Gippsland Shire Council and our school. It is all about developing healthy habits in our lives and being conscious of the amount of physical activity we do. Because it is hard for many people to take part in this program on a regular basis the school will be running some activities during school time that can count towards our total, we will also hold our annual walk to school day on Friday 1st November to finish off the month. We encourage everyone to think about how they might be able to participate, can you or your child walk ride or scoot the whole way to school? Can you park a few streets away and walk the last little bit? Can you walk to the bus stop before catching the bus? There are many options to explore and every little bit counts!



Fete Donations

Our Fete is approaching and all donations are very much appreciated.

Remember that classes have been allocated items:

- 5/6 students blocks of chocolate
- 3/4 students bags of lollies
- Foundation, 1/2 students mystery jars

Raffle tickets can also be returned sold or unsold to the office.



Our gorgeous grades 3/4 are collecting bags of lollies to create fun lolly bags for our fete!! Please hand into the office!!



Foundation, Grade 1 & 2 Fete time is almost upon us To ensure an amazing fete we need your help! we are currently asking for donations of mystery jars, add something small and fun to the jars, wrap them up and hand them into the office



5/6 Students Please help! We need as many blocks of chocolate as possible for our fabulous chocolate toss game at our fete!! This game is a lot of fun! Please hand in to the office

Swimming

Students in Prep, Grade One and Grade Two are half way through their Swim and Survive Program. Your child's swim teacher could be Melissa Donohue, Haylea Lovell, Janice Legg, Katrina Cester or Brogan Campbell. Each lesson students experience many of the following components as part of their aquatic experience - entries and exits; floating and sculling; movement and swimming strokes; survival; underwater skills; rescue skills and water safety knowledge.

To build independence in your children's organisational skills it is a great idea for your child to make a timetable that they can display in their bedroom or on the kitchen fridge where they can see what special things are happening on each day of the week. For example, on their timetable on the day before swimming they could draw a picture to remind them to pack their swimming gear.

Uniform

From Monday 21st October summer uniform becomes compulsory.

Remember that all uniforms can be ordered online through koolandthecrew. Look for our school and enter the code **STJKS** to view our stock.

2020 Enrolments now open!

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Join our Visitor Information Centre Team

Become a Volunteer Tourism Ambassador

The From Country Visitor Information Centres play a key role in the promotion of tourism in South Gippsland and our volunteer Tourism Ambassadors are the first point of contact for many visitors. Would you like to be part of our friendly tourism team?

Do you have the following:

- A passion for our local region and its people
- Excellent communication and customer service skills
- An ability to work as part of a friendly and go-getting team

If you do, this role could be perfect for you!

What: Foster Volunteer Ambassador

Volunteers are asked to be available for a minimum, one four hour shift per week. The Visitor Information Centre operates from 9am to 5pm seven days per week (closed Christmas Day).

Want to find out more?
 Contact Melinda McLennan Acting Coordinator Tourism Development on 03 5662 9371 or melinda.mclennan@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

From Country Visitor Information Centres
 Locations: South Gippsland
 Foster, Colner Main & McDonald Straits

"1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching"

A fantastic **FREE** Parenting Program for parents of children aged **2-12 years, over 8x THURSDAYS** (Bookings essential!)

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

1-2-3 Magic/Emotion Coaching will teach you strategies to:

- Help your child self-motivate (e.g. getting dressed, start doing homework, doing chores)
- Stop problem behaviours (e.g. stop tantrums, stop whining, stop hitting)
- Use less talk and less emotion (stop yelling and nagging!)
- Encourage your child to self-regulate and manage their own emotional reactions.
- Encourage your child's growing independence, and strengthen your relationship with your child.
- Decide what action to take in difficult-to-manage parenting situations, including discipline
- Know how to encourage and re-enforce desirable behaviours
- Improve your child's emotional intelligence and resilience

Where: KORUMBURRA PRIMARY (in Library)
When: Thursday 07/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 05/12, 12/12 (12:45 - 3:15pm)
Cost: FREE to all parents of children 2 - 12 years of age

All registered attendees will receive a free workbook worth \$12 -
 Please note this program is for adults only - Please arrange own childcare if required

All enquiries & applications please contact:
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Uniting Parentshop

Leongatha Cycling Club - Come and Try Sessions

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to ride around a velodrome? Have you wondered what it is like to ride around the velodrome bank? Want to try riding away from road traffic? Are you keen to find a sport that lets you explore your individual talents and yet is one where you can be part of the group?

Are you at least 10 years of age? Keen to know more - then come along to an evening "Come and Try" session at the Leongatha Velodrome on either Wed 16, Wed 23 or Wed 30 Oct, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

The Leongatha Cycling Club has bikes available for riders to try out. Bring your helmet and come with a parent or guardian.

For more information - Ring Lindsay Love - 0418307430

Bike Education for Grade 5 and Grade 6 students

Bike Education for students in Grade 5 and Grade 6 begins next week. On Wednesday, October 23, local police officer, Rohan Michael, will speak to students about setting oneself up for success as a cyclist and staying safe when riding on the road. Wednesday, October 30 will be the first practical Bike Ed. lesson so students will all require a bike for this session.

Parents and students, have you completed the following preparation?

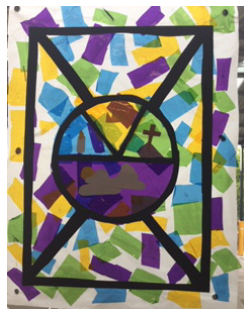
A) Students will require a geared bike that is the correct size for the rider. Please notify the school if you need assistance in acquiring a geared bike. It is important that you have checked your bicycle to make sure all the equipment and parts are in full working order, including tyres, wheels, chain, brakes and lights. This will make the bicycle easier and safer to ride. Your local bike shop can help with any repairs you can't do yourself. If possible, you should also get them to give the bike a full service once a year.

B) To further ensure students riding safety, all students are required to wear an AS/NZS 2063 compliant helmet. Parents please check to ensure the helmet is correctly fitted before the program commences. Straps should: be adjusted so there is no slack when they are fastened not be twisted be adjusted so that the buckle is securely fastened under the chin be re-adjusted if they become loose form a "V" shape with the point just under the ear lobe.

The VicRoads website can provide you with additional bicycle and bike helmet information and there is a safety checklist attached to the Bike Ed CareMonkey eform.

Senior News

This term, senior students are exploring the Holy Trinity. We have been looking at the symbols that represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and how they come together as one



Art

All classes have been working hard in art making their entry into the Dioceses Christmas card competition.



Building a Child Safe Environment

Child Safe Training in Leongatha - Sun 27th October 2pm - 4:30pm.

CHILD SAFE TRAINING for all Volunteers requiring Working with Children Cards:

Bishop Patrick O'Regan has engaged the services of CatholicCare to conduct a series of training sessions across the Diocese on "Building a Child Safe Environment". It is expected that all parishioners with Working With Children Checks volunteering in St Laurence's and St Joseph's Parish will need to attend. It is also open to any other interested people wishing to know more about creating a Child Safe Environment and the new Working with Children requirements.

The Leongatha session is 2pm to 4:30pm Sunday 27th October at the St Laurence's Parish Centre. If you volunteer (special minister, readers, greeting, collection, offertory, sacristan, collection counters, cleaners, flowers, music, committee) within either parish we would ask that you please attend.

Bookings are essential and can be complete by visiting the below link. More information can be sort from Anne in the St Laurie's Parish Office on 5662 2020 <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/tickets/261child-safe-training-leongatha-27-october?1=event&s=1>