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Thursday 12th December 2019

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- Friday 13th Grade 6 Bike Testing Leongatha
Grade 5 Meeniyan Bike Hike
Grade 6 Graduation 6pm
- 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 normal finish time

JANUARY 2020

- Tuesday 28th Teachers Return
- Wednesday 29th Assessment Day
- Thursday 30th Students resume 8:55am

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 4th Senior Swimming Sports
- Wednesday 5th No School
Foundation Students
Whole School
Opening Mass 9:15am
- Wednesday 12th No School
Foundation Students
Reconciliations
Parent/child workshop 5pm
- Wednesday 19th No school
Foundation Students
- Wednesday 26th No School
Foundation Students
Whole School Ash
Wednesday Mass 9:15

Dear Parents & Guardians,

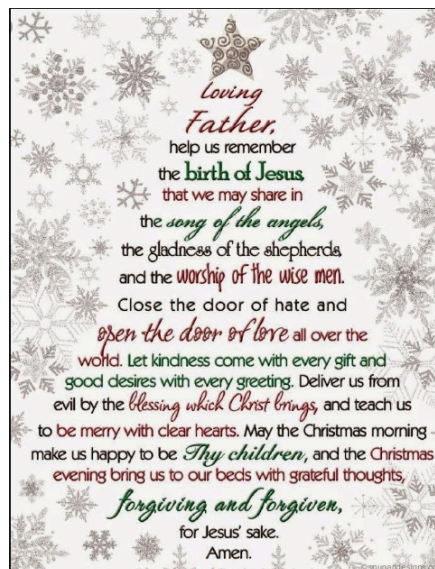
This will be our final newsletter for the 2019 school year. What a big year we have had. The children have enjoyed many wonderful moments, ranging from swimming, athletics, Footsteps dance, excursions, moving into new classrooms and Bike Ed to name a few.

We wish our grade 5/6 students all the very best as they head off in the coming days on their bike hikes. Grade 5 students will be riding to Meeniyan on 13th December and Grade 6 students will be riding to Inverloch on 16th & 17th December. This is always a memorable time for our students, especially those in grade 6 as it takes lots of persistence and resilience to conquer the ride to Inverloch and back. A special thanks to all teachers and helpers who will be involved in this program to make it happen. It is certainly a memory the children will keep with them forever.

We are nearing completion of the building project. Anticipated completion date is the 16th December. There will be some landscaping works etc which will happen over the January holidays and we look forward to everything being completed for our return to school. You will note the temporary fencing has been reduced at Williams St and you can now enter through the original pathway off there to the office area.

Teachers return to school on Tuesday 28th January and we will then be holding 1 assessment day on the 29th January. A schedule will be sent out via CareMonkey in the coming days. A hard copy will also be placed in the eldest child's report envelope.

I wish you all a very Happy and Safe Christmas. I look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 30th January for the 2020 school year.



SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2020

Sacrament of First Reconciliation – Grade 3

Wednesday 12th February 5pm - First Reconciliation Family Workshop

Thursday 26th March, 6pm - Sacrament of First Reconciliation in the church

Sacrament of First Eucharist – Grade 4

Wednesday 24th June, 5pm - First Eucharist Family Workshop

Sunday 2nd August, 9:30 am - Sacrament of First Eucharist in the church

Sacrament of Confirmation – Grade 6

Wednesday 15th April, 5pm - Confirmation Family Workshop

Sunday 17th May, 9:30 am - Sacrament of Confirmation in the church

*retreat days to be confirmed

ST Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Christmas - A Season for Giving
Once again, St Joseph's school is assisting with St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Appeal. We invite families and members of our community to reflect on the many people in our community who are in need and struggling during this time and purchase presents for children or bring non-perishable goods, such as packets of pasta and tinned goods, to be placed in the basket in the office. Please ensure that all non-perishable items are in date and presents labelled with the gender and age group for which they are intended. The donations will be collected at the End of Year Mass on Wednesday 18 December.



Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

The colour of the candle we will light at mass this coming Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is rose. This colour symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

This Friday marks the graduation for our Year 6 students. Please join us in praying for these students as they finish their precious time at St Joseph's and look forward to new adventures "beyond St Joseph's". We pray that these students may have clear direction and wisdom regarding the future and that they face any new challenges with confidence and perseverance as they enter the next phase of their lives. We pray for their success for their efforts and to continue on their path as they lead to make a difference.



Junior Oral History session

We welcomed many grandparents and special visitors to our school on Monday 25th November. They came to share items and memories from their younger days as part of our history unit. Thank you to all our visitors, we really enjoyed spending time with you.

Zara- Back when Nonna was young she had an ice block fridge to cool everything down. They also used to walk every day and didn't drive in cars very much.

Khoa- In the olden days people used to eat pineapple and custard and they used to have to chop wood for the fire.

Aiden- At school they had a pole that they could climb up and they played hopscotch.

Lily- They used to have lots of chores at home like mowing the lawn, setting the table and picking food off the trees.

Senior Excursion

On Friday the 29th of November, the grade 5/6 classes took a bus and went on an excursion to the Inverloch caves. We met some paleontologists who taught us about Australian dinosaurs. They also taught us about other fossils like, fossilised tree stump and tree leaves in the sandstone and explained about how the rock lava and the fossils got into the caves and rocks.

We went to Bald Hills wind farm when we left Inverloch.

Once we got there we met our 3rd guide for the day and went on a tour around the farm, the wind farm has 52x80 mt high wind turbines.



AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the students who have received an award at our final assembly for 2020.



SKATE HELMET



BICYCLE HELMET

HELMET SIZING GUIDE

EYES

Only TWO fingers should fit in the space between your eyebrows & the bottom of your helmet

EARS

Line your TWO fingers up with the straps; the V of your fingers should be right at your earlobe

CHIN

Hook TWO fingers between your chin. There should be no extra space



Grade 3/4 in 2020 - Class Supplies & What's On

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:

All students will share classroom supplies that include: scissors, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, coloured textas, crayons and coloured pencils. They will be given their own workbooks and greylead pencils or pens and pencil grips as required. They will have the use of a laptop over the course of the year, which they are expected to take care of and which will stay at school.

They will need: A spill-proof drink bottle (no glass drink bottles) and a lunch box.

As lunch boxes vary greatly these days, please note the classroom desk tubs are not very deep. As a guide, the depth is about that of a family-size tissue box. Students will need a pencil case and any extra items that you decide you would like to buy for them. Please label all personal supplies and belongings.

Term 1:

Grade 3-6 Swimming Program: Week 3 to 6

Your child will need: A pair of goggles. Girls need a one piece bather (no bikinis) and a rashi and boys need swim shorts and a rashi plus a towel.

Grade 3-4 Off-Road Bike Ed Program: Week 8 to 9

Please check your child's bike and helmet are in good working order and a correct fit over the break.

For information on Cyclist Safety see: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/cyclist-safety>

Students will need an approved **bicycle helmet**. Please note that both *bicycle* helmets and *skate* helmets have the same AS/NZS 2063 code. However they are designed for different areas of impact and do not protect in the same ways. Please ensure your child has a **bicycle helmet** with adjustable straps to secure it firmly in place, as these helmets - whilst not as attractive as skate helmets - are designed to protect the areas of your child's head that a skate helmet does not protect should your child come off their bike and bang their head.

Beginners: please supply your beginner bicycle rider with a bike that is not too big for them - where they can comfortably sit on a lowered seat and put both feet flat on the ground. Training wheels are not required.

Grade 3's will need: A bike that is the right fit - not too small nor too big - with hand brakes (if possible).

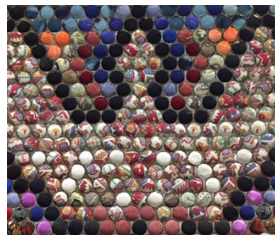
Grade 4's will need: a bike with gears would be recommended. Learning to use gears before your child gets to Grade 5 is of great benefit as it allows them time to practice using gears before going on-road.

We are excited to be working with you and your child in 2020.

Art

Merry Christmas from the St Joseph's Art room. Thank you for providing various items for us to upcycle in the art room this year.

Thank you for all the bottle tops donated to the art room. Gr 5/6 students used them to create a sustainable legacy art work which will hang in the school for many years to come. Congratulations to Heidi Nicholas for creating this design and to Mia Francis for naming the art work - Rising Upwards.



Junior Athletics Carnival

Last Thursday, our top class athletes from Foundation, Grade One and Two participated in the Junior Athletics Carnival held at the St Joseph's Dome striving to grasp victory for their house. Students endeavoured to achieve the highest standard

Karmai Community Children's Centre
Monday the 6th of January to Friday the 10th of January 2020
Vacation care week one

- Based at Karmai Community Children's Centre, 22 Princess Street, Kurumburra
- Program runs from 8.30am-6.00pm, before program is available from 6.00am at no additional cost
- BYO Lunch, Snacks, Drink bottle, appropriate clothing and footwear and spare clothes
- All activities are run by qualified educators
- Daily fee of \$90.00 (Eligible families will receive a government rebate).
- For bookings please contact 03 56521211

Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
Cooking Day Explore recipes and walk down to IGA to buy ingredients	Jumping castle The children will spend some time at the Kurumburra Primary School, playing games and enjoying a jumping castle in the gym.	Science Day Testing the strength of an egg. Making blue stamps. Chemical reactions using everyday kitchen equipment.	Leongatha Cinema \$20 The children will visit the Leongatha Cinema to see the movie <i>Spies in Disguise</i> , followed by lunch at Mendoc Park.	Coleman Park Picnic Day Bring along your snacks and lunch to enjoy at the park in-between games and fun at the park.

Karmai Community Children's Centre
Monday the 13th of January to Friday the 17th of January 2020
Vacation care week two

- Based at Karmai Community Children's Centre, 22 Princess Street, Kurumburra
- Program runs from 8.30am-6.00pm, before program is available from 6.00am at no additional cost
- BYO Lunch, Snacks, Drink bottle, appropriate clothing and footwear and spare clothes
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Bubbles and water play Using a variety of utensils, the children can experiment with how to make big bubbles and spend time playing with water.	Barn buddies The children will get to get and care for a variety of farm animals at the Karmai yard.	Kemzo in Pakenham \$35 Roller skating, rock climbing for boys walking and laser tag. Lunch at John St Park.	Korumburra Botanical gardens Make hats, Have a Picnic and enjoy a play in the wooden playground area.	Crazy day Children will experiment with gel and coloured hairspray to create some crazy hair styles! Then they will make crazy shakes.

Karmai Community Children's Centre
Monday the 20th of January to Friday the 24th of January 2020
Vacation care week three

- Based at Karmai Community Children's Centre, 22 Princess Street, Kurumburra
- Program runs from 8.30am-6.00pm, before program is available from 6.00am at no additional cost
- BYO Lunch, Snacks, Drink bottle, appropriate clothing and footwear and spare clothes
- All activities are run by qualified educators
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Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
Sports day Learn about soccer, indoor cricket and football. Plus sport games to increase children's physical abilities.	Korumburra Swimming Pool and Coleman Park Spend the morning with a swim teacher, playing games in the pool. Have lunch and a play at Coleman park before walking back to Karmai.	Art and emergency service visit Someone will join the children for art, looking at a variety of styles and art techniques. We will also have a visit from local emergency service vehicles.	Warook farm \$25 The children will have the opportunity to feed baby animals, enjoy a milking demonstration, sheep shearing and visit the native animal area.	Candle making and construction building competitions Making rainbow coloured candles. Using a variety of resources, the children will create constructions.



of three points for their house in seven events across the morning. These events included - a sprint, long distance run, hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. Each house's performance of their war cry provided excellent entertainment for spectators. The results for the day were very close: 3rd place Gold House with 207 points, 2nd place Blue House with 215 points and the victors were Red House with the highest score of 238. Thank you to the parents who attended the fun day. Those who volunteered to run the events did an amazing job as did the grade six house captains.

PE

As I finish my journey as a PE teacher at St Joseph's I would like to extend my appreciation to the parents who have responded to my countless requests for helpers - for Athletic carnivals, for swimming carnivals, for swimming programs, cross country, cricket, Winter Sport and Bike Education. Without your generosity St Joseph's would not be able to provide the breadth of sporting opportunities that we currently offer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! It has been so rewarding watching your children grow physically and socially in sport and PE as they move from Foundation to Grade six.

It is also an apt time to reinforce the importance of supporting your children in their physical health and well being. By attending your child's sporting events and encouraging their participation with their less favourite sports (within PE lessons) is an important way of showing them that you love them and support their whole education, which contributes to their overall success in school.

PE is a subject where students learn and practise many of life's important lessons i.e. respect, inclusion of others, solving problems peacefully, trying new things, persisting, success, loss, self direction, care of others. For many students, solving problems peacefully through negotiation is probably the hardest lesson for them to learn in group/team settings so PE provides real experiences for students to learn how to overcome problems and rather than thinking all about themselves they learn to think of others i.e. they work towards changing their mind to help their team. Remember to encourage your child to enjoy the outdoors where nature and playgrounds can provide stimulating places to explore whilst developing your child's fitness and gross motor skills. This Christmas keep in mind gifts that require your child to be active i.e. gifts that encourage your child to run around, practise their throwing, catching, kicking or striking skills.

I wish our new PE teacher, Megan Smith all the best in her new role.

Warm regards,
Catherine Riseley

Books at home

Please have a good look around for any take home books or library books that could still be at home. It is stocktake time and we need them all returned please.

Grade 6 Graduation

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome to attend the Grade 6 students Graduation Mass on Friday at 6pm in the church. The dinner that follows is for the student and their parent/guardians.



Merry Christmas from all the staff at St Joseph's we wish you a safe, happy and restful holiday!

