

Dates to Remember

March Friday 6th Senior Swimming Labour Day Public Holiday **Monday 9th** Football clinic Grade 6 and Foundation Tuesday 10th Fete Meeting 7pm Wednesday 11th Icy Pole Fundraiser Thursday 12th Welcome BBQ 5:30pm Monday 16th Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Tuesday 17th Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Wednesday 18th Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Thursday 19th Grade 3-6 House Athletics Friday 20th Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Grade 3 Reconciliation retreat day Tuesday 24th School Photo Day Wednesday 25th Whole School Mass 9:15am **Thursday 26th First Reconciliation** 6pm Final Day of Term finish 2:30pm Friday 27th April Sunday 5th **Daylight Saving Ends** Friday 10th **Good Friday** Saturday 11th Holy Saturday Sunday 12th Easter Sunday Monday 13th Easter Monday Tuesday 14th Student Free Day -Maths Curriculum Wednesday 15th Students Resume Confirmation Parent child workshop Friday 24th Winter Sports Saturday 25th ANZAC Day Wednesday 29th Whole school Mass 9:15am Senior School Reconciliation May Friday 1st Winter Sports Grade 3-6 House Cross Country Tuesday 5th

St Joseph's Primary School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Wednesday we welcomed our Foundation students and their parents to an information session about our Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour Support which was facilitated by David Forbes and myself. Whilst the students went and completed an activity with their Grade 6 buddies, David explained the importance of teaching students in the area of Personal and Social Capabilities and how that fits with the Victorian Curriculum. We also provided each family with a copy of our expectation matrix and reflected on what a Responsible, Respectful and Caring learner is.

At the completion of the session, parents were invited to the Foundation classroom where they were introduced to their child's Grade 6 buddy. This was an exciting time for all involved and there was certainly a wonderful buzz in the room.

School Closure Days 2020

Ongoing Professional Development and Planning is vital for teachers as it allows us to improve our knowledge and reflect on current practice and trends in education. Throughout 2020 we will be having a number of closure days focusing on improving our teaching and learning practices. Please note the following school closure days:

- . **Tuesday 14th April**
- Friday 29th May •
- Monday 13th July •
- **Tuesday 2nd November** .
- **Thursday 17th December** •

Please also note that there will be no school buses running on the 11th May and 9th June however we will still be open for school on those days.



Football Clinic

Next Tuesday 10th March we will be hosting some players from St Kilda Football Club in the afternoon. They will only be here for approximately 30 minutes and will be running a short skills session with Grade 6 students and their Foundation buddies.

District and Division Swimming Carnival

On Friday February 21st, seventeen students proudly represented St Joe's at the District Swimming Carnival. Once again the students blew me away with their courageous and encouraging attitudes. It was a cold and wet start to the day but that did not

Friday 8th Winter Sports Monday 11th NO BUSES Friday 15th Winter Sports Sunday 17th **Confirmation 9am** Catholic Education Week begins Friday 22nd Winter Sports Wednesday 27th Whole School Mass 9:15am Friday 29th **School Closure Day -RE Curriculum** June Lightning Premiership Thursday 4th Friday 5th **Division Cross** Country Queens Birthday Public Holiday Monday 8th **Tuesday 9th NO BUSES** Wednesday 10th Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp begins **Board AGM** Thursday 11th Regional Cross Country Friday 12th Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp ends Wednesday 24th Whole School Mass 9:15am First Eucharist Parent Child Workshop 5pm Friday 26th Final Day of Term 2:30pm finish July Monday 13th School Closure Day Thursday 16th Drumbeat Regional Cross Country Wednesday 22nd Camp Bravo Begins Thursday 23rd Drumbeat Friday 24th Camp Bravo finishes Wednesday 29th Whole School Mass 9:15am Senior School Reconciliation Thursday 30th Drumbeat August Sunday 2nd First Eucharist 9am Thursday 6th Drumbeat Wednesday 12th Whole School Mass 9:15am Thursday 13th Drumbeat Thursday 20th Drumbeat Thursday 27th Drumbeat September Thursday 3rd Drumbeat Friday 4th **District Basketball** Thursday 10th Drumbeat District Aths-Casey Fields Friday 11th Thursday 17th Drumbeat Last Day of Term 3 Finish 2:30pm Friday 18th

dampen their spirits. Despite the chill of the water, they got in the pool and all swam to the best of their ability. Congratulations to Lily Lovell, Tyler Lovell, Kate McLeod and Heidi Nicholas who placed in some of their events and made it through to the Division Swimming Carnival.

I would like to say a big thank you to Laura Nicholas and Melinda Hams who generously gave up their time to help record on the day.

Lily, Tyler, Kate and Heidi travelled with their parents down to Korumburra Outdoor Pool again last Friday to represent St Joseph's at the Division Swimming Carnival. Well done to the four students on their fantastic efforts at the carnival and to Heidi who placed 4th in her event.

Swimming Program

This Friday sees the completion of our swimming program for grades 3-6. A big thank you to Melissa Donohue for coordinating the program at the pool and to her band of swim teachers, Hayley Lovell, Jenni Enbom, Katrina Cester & Megan McCraw thank you for stepping up and helping us run the program. Also a big thank you to all our parent helpers and LSO's who helped with walking classes to and from the pool each day. It is very much appreciated.







Religious Education

First Week of Lent

Last week the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.



We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family has received a

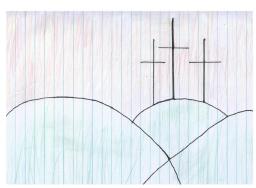
Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via our website at lent.caritas.org.au Around 2.8 million children in the Philippines do not go to school.*

We begin Project Compassion learning about the story of Shirley. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep her children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare.

With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. In assembly this week we watched a short film about Shirley's story.

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion: lent. caritas.org.au

*UNICEF Philippines



October

Sunday 4th **Daylight Saving Starts** Friday 9th **Division Basketball** Tuesday 13th Region Aths -Newborough Wednesday 14th Whole School Mass 9:15am November Student free day-Report Writing Monday 2nd **Tuesday 3rd Melbourne cup** public holiday Wednesday 11th Remembrance Day Wednesday 18th 3/4 Allambee Camp Begins 3/4 Allambee Camp finishes Friday 20th Wednesday 25th Whole School Mass 9:15am December Grade 6 Graduation Thursday 3rd Mass and Dinner Wednesday 9th Whole School Awards night Wednesday 16th End of year Whole School Mass 11:30am Students last day normal finish time

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2020

<u>Sacrament of First Reconciliation –</u> <u>Grade 3</u>

Friday 20th March, Reconciliation Retreat day

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



Second Week of Lent

(School week beginning 9th March)In Cambodia, 1 in 8 people live below the poverty line.*

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Phany (pronounced Parn-ee).

Struggling to earn a living as a farmer in Cambodia, Phany was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village to take up construction work in the city.



Thankfully, through a Caritas funded program, Phany learnt

new farming techniques which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes. Watch a <u>short film</u> about Phany's story.

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First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation candidates are currently preparing for their First Reconciliation with the support of their families and an activity book called *Becoming Catholic* - *Reconciliation:* a practical guide for families. Each week students spend time with their family exploring a religious theme by reflecting on the life and mission of Jesus, an insight or message from the Scriptures, family reflection time and prayer time. One of Mrs Riseley's favourite parts of the book is prayer time with the family i.e. Light a candle as a reminder that Jesus is with you. Take a moment in silence to thank God for our beautiful world and the gifts of creation. In turn, thank God for something you value in creation. p13

A retreat for First Reconciliation candidates is scheduled for Friday, March 20 from 11:30 am - 3:20pm in 3/4V. Students may wear casual clothes (remembering to wear clothes suitable for PE) and to bring their Reconciliation books.

Welcome BBQ

The Parents & Friends will be hosting our annual Welcome BBQ on Thursday 12th March from 5.30pm. Information regarding this will be coming out via CareMonkey in the coming week. Whilst there is no cost to families we do need an indication of numbers attending and amounts of meat to be purchased.



Grade 3/4 VR News

Gr 3/4 have been focusing on Recount Writing and to practise our skills we have collaboratively written a recount for the newsletter sharing what we have enjoyed at school, this term.

We have made a positive start to the new school year in particular with our behaviour. Mrs Vick, Mrs Riseley, Ro and Tania have been busy awarding house points to students each day who show caring, respectful or responsible behaviour and boy oh boy are there lots of examples of this in the room.

On the first Tuesday of term we participated in our House Swimming Carnival at the Korumburra Outdoor Pool with St Laurences and Chairo schools. For the grade 3s this was their first House Carnival. Across the day we experienced how to cope with 'butterflies' (i.e. feeling nervous), how to be good winners and losers, how to be part of a team or house by doing one's best, singing the house war cry and cheering for fellow house mates who are competing. Congratulations to those class members, Lily Lovell, Nathan Jimmy, Georgia Scarce and Chelsie Rowe who progressed to the District

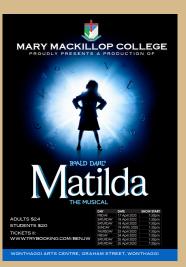
Badminton - a sport for all ages
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We are currently gearing up for our 2020 winter competition, which starts on Wednesd 15 April. Our club caters for players with that competitive drive, as well as for players v usst want to keep fit and partake in the fellowship that our sport offers.

So if you're looking for an energetic, inexpensive sport to play, then come along for a h Racquete are available for practise. Practise sessions will be held on Wednesday 18 ar 25 March from 7.30pm will 91-95m. Competition times are from 7.30pm will 9.45pm. For enguiries call lan Cole on 5678 2014 or 0427 553 755.

We play in the sports stadium at Korumburra Secondary Colle-







Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club

Invites all Juniors 7-14 to football training Wednesday night. Teams: 10&U, 12&U, 14&U Korumburra Showgrounds Every Wednesday at 5.00 pm All are welcome

For further information, please call: President, Jr Committee, Craig on 0419 839 654 Swimming level. Lily progressed further again to the Division level.

3/4V particularly loved meeting Claire Glasgow's dog, Honey this term.

School continues to be packed with fun things to look forward to. In the next few weeks we are looking forward to the Grade 3's making their First Reconciliation, the Combined Schools House Athletics Carnival to be held at Mary Mackillop and Bike Education. What a busy term!

Junior School Caritas Fundraiser

During the month of March the junior school will be raising funds for Caritas through the sale of icy poles. These will be available every Wednesday for the cost of \$1 and must be paid for via CDFPay no cash can be taken. Orders need to be placed by the Tuesday before icy pole day, unfortunately if

you are absent on icy pole day we will be unable to give refunds.



Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest for 2021 enrolment are now

open. If you have a child starting Foundation in 2021 or know someone who does please contact the office for more information or to arrange a tour.

Awards and Assembly

Congratulations to all our award winners over the last fortnight. Awards are given out at our weekly assembly held in the Library every Friday morning at 9am unless otherwise announced.















Success at the Korumburra Show

Class 5: Original Geometric Design using squares onlyFirst place: Lachie ScarceSecond place: Micah HelpsClass 11: Handmade Greeting CardFirst place: Ambrose de GooyerSecond place: Amity OlsenClass 2: Article made from recycled materialFirst place: Tiegan ClevelandSecond place: Elizabeth DourleyClass 13: Gift Box wrapped and decoratedFirst place: Stevylea SymesSecond place: Imogen Ferrone

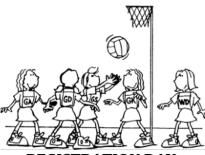
Special Award for best Junior exhibitor - Ambrose de Gooyer for his Handmade Greeting Card





We would love if you could please donate some Easter goodies for our Easter raffle. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on March 27th 2020. Please have your ticket books and donations back to school by March 20th

ST LAURENCE NETBALL CLUB



REGISTRATION DAY Saturday 14th March St Laurence Primary School 10am-12noon For more information email The St Laurence Committee stlaurencenc@gmail.com

KORUMBURRA BADMINTON

COME AND TRY NIGHT Korumburra Secondary College Wednesday 18 and 25 March 7:45pm - 9:15pm We cater for all ages Rackets are available Competition starts Wed. 15 April Enquiries to lan Cole 5678 2014









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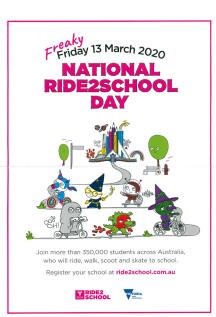
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