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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As the year is drawing to a close students, parents and teachers begin to wonder what is ahead for them in the next school year. We begin to have lots of questions asked such as: What are the grade structures? Who is teaching which grade? What grade will I be teaching? Why are there composite grades? Will my child be taught at a lower level if they are in a composite class?

There are a number of factors which are taken into consideration when deciding on the grade structures. These include but are not limited to: overall numbers of students, ratio of males and females, students who require extra support or extension.

Parents are often concerned if their child is in the higher grade in a composite class that they may get work at a lower level or that the work may be repeated from the previous year. We can assure you that our curriculum is organised over a 2 year cycle to avoid this.

Research shows us that in any classroom regardless of year level there can be up to 7 years variability in student ability. Therefore students are taught at the level they require. For example in a grade 3/4 we could have children working anywhere from Foundation to year 6. Students are taught at their point of need, which is determined by many forms but not limited to: formal assessment, work samples & teacher observation.

Our experience shows us that children are naturally nervous when moving to their new classroom but we find that once they have their orientation experience and they come back from the break they settle very quickly into the new environment.

We are very happy to advise that our staffing for 2021 is as follows

Foundation: Natalie Kratz

1/2: Rachael Mullin & Natasha Vanstone

3/4: Anne Vick & Hannah Taylor

4/5: Catherine Riseley & Madeline Buckley

5/6: Tammy Jones & David Forbes

Art & Italian: Emily Sherriff

PE & STEM: Megan Smith

Intervention & Curriculum Leader: Carole Livesey

Learning Support Officers: Ro Archer, Tanya Hamilton,
Belinda Whiteside & 1 TBC

Librarian: Danielle Fowles

Admin: Lynn Spittal & Oona Shepherd

Child Safety/WSAPBS Officer: David Forbes

As this is our final newsletter for 2020, we thank you for your continued support over what has been a very difficult year for everyone. We are all looking forward to a well earned rest with our families as we hope you are as well. With the easing of restrictions we might even all get some time away which will be lovely.

We wish you all a very Happy & Safe Christmas. We look forward to welcoming our new families and current Foundation-grade 5 families back on January 28th 2021. To our departing families we wish you every happiness for your futures.



Dates to Remember

November 30th - December 4th

Grade 5/6 Bike Ed

December 7th- 10th Grade 5/6 Bike Ed

December 8th 2021 Foundation Orientation 10:30am-1:30pm

Whole School Orientation

December 9th Junior Excursion

December 10th Grade 6 Graduation Awards Day

December 11th Grade 5 Meeniyan Ride

Grade 6 on road testing Leongatha

December 14th -15th Grade 6 Inverloch Bike Hike

December 15th Students last school day 3:20pm finish

(All upcoming dates for bike hike, excursions or gatherings such as Mass are subject to change or cancellation as necessary due to Covid-19 legislations and recommendations)



Grade 5/6 Bike Ed

Last week we started our Bike Education lessons. We began our lessons by checking our bikes and if they were safe to ride around, especially on the road. We have done fun activities like riding up the big hill on Guys Road. We have practised our bike skills such as left and right turns, slow riding, checking for cars behind and in front, driveway turnouts and riding one metre from the curb. This week we will continue with our activities and road riding as we prepare for our ride to Meeniyan for the grade 5's and Inverloch for the grade 6's.



Grade 3/4 Camp experience

Our Grade 3/4 students enjoyed their camp day at Allambee Camp last week. Here are some of their favourite activities and a recount of the day:

- I liked the thrilling Big Swing and the fun Archery. By Amelia.
- I loved the Giant Swing and the Flying Fox. It was scary when you get buckled up on the Giant Swing but when you start swinging it becomes fun. Camp was awesome. Toby N.
- The Flying Fox on camp. By Anthony.
- The Giant Swing was really fun and a bit scary at the start. By Amity.



Camp day

By Annie

On Thursday 26th November both of the 3/4 classes went to Allambee Camp. We needed to pack a small bag with a drink bottle (with water), a hat that was brimmed all around, and sunscreen.

Our bus left at 7:30 sharp. We got to Allambee Camp at around 8:30. The first thing we did was gaga ball. It was really fun.

Then we were split into groups, my group went on the giant swing first. You had to wear a harness, a helmet, and glasses. The giant swing was scary yet the funnest thing in the world. The scary bit was pulling the rope, because it felt like you were going to drop. Adam told us to sing wrecking ball when we dropped.

When we finished the giant swing, everyone headed back to the deck where we were served morning tea. We had fruit and a cupcake.

Our next activity was Archery. If you were waiting for a turn, then you could do the slingshots. They were both quite fun.

After the Archery, we had lunch. For lunch we had cheeseburgers. They were pretty tasty.

Next we had the flying fox. That was really fun. For that we needed a harness and a helmet. You had to go up the hill, climb up the little tower, and get clipped on to the zip line.

Then it was afternoon tea time. We all headed back to the deck and had fruit and chocolate cake. The chocolate cake was really good.

After that we had our last activity, it was the billy carts. At the bottom of the hill, there was a rock climbing station (optional). It was right next to the giant swing. We watched Mrs Vick go on it.

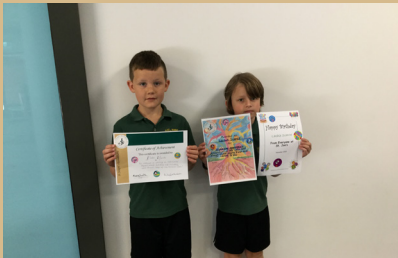
We had a campfire session and roasted marshmallows.

Then we went back to the deck for dinner. We had lasagne. When we finished eating, we went on the bus. I slept on the bus because I had such a big day.

Allambee Camp was AWESOME!

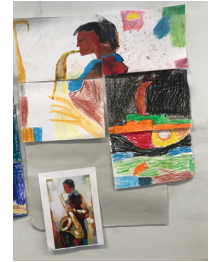
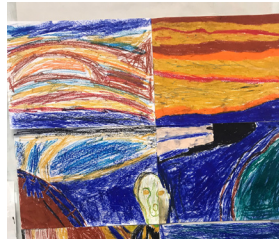
Awards and Assembly

This Friday will be our final Friday assembly for the year. Our assembly will still be held virtually via google meet, you are welcome to join us virtually please email us at office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au and let us know the email address you would like to join with so we can add you to each assembly.



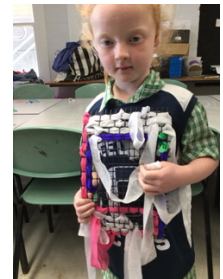
Collaborative art

The grade 3/4 JD students worked on some collaborative art pieces last week here is a sample of their beautiful work.



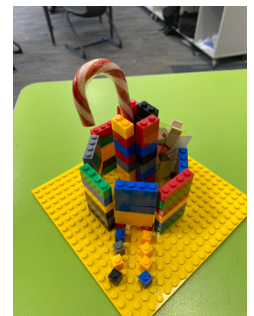
Art

The children have been very busy working on embroidery in art recently. Here are a few of the wonderful creations.



STEM Challenge - Catch The Cheeky Elf

Students were presented with the challenge of creating a trap made from LEGO to catch the Cheeky Elf. The trap had to have gaps on every side, to allow the elf to still do his watching job for Santa. Students were given one candy cane to use to lure the elf into the trap. They began by drawing their design of what your trap will look like and labelling the features of their trap. After reflecting on their designs, it was time to start building. Have a look at the creative traps that were created.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Once again we will be collecting for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal this year. Everyone can appreciate that this year has been a difficult year for many people so if you have anything you would like to donate no matter how big or small it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be non perishable food items, toiletries or even small gifts that might brighten someone's day. Donations can be sent into school with your child by Tuesday 10th December and will be collected in their classrooms before going on to St Vinnies for them to distribute.

Grade 6

Students in grade 6 who have recently been confirmed are reminded to return their Confirmation workbooks ASAP please.



2021 Enrolments now open!

St Joseph's are now taking 2021 enrolments.

Our office is open Mon-Fri between 8:30am-4pm, enrolment forms and information can be downloaded from our website and you can also take a virtual tour

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For more information contact us via email:
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ADMISSION OPEN FOR 2021

LOOKING FOR THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CHILD'S SWIMMING DEVELOPMENT?

Development Squad Program - Leongatha Pool
45 minute session, once per week
For ages 7-9 years*

- * Swimmers must be able to complete 25m of backstroke & freestyle and have a basic understanding of breaststroke

TUESDAYS 4.00-6.45PM
COMMENCING 12TH JANUARY 2021

Contact Sarah Harris 0492 809 067 or email sgb@sgbswimclub.com.au to book in to try a session

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AUST SWIM ACCREDITED SWIM SCHOOL
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WHERE: Korumburra Heated Pool

TIMES: Monday to Thursday Half Hour Classes

AGE: 5 years of age and above

*Personalised Small Groups, Individual Tailored Programs For All Groups On Age And Ability
Learn to Swim, Beginners through to Stroke Correction on all Strokes, Safety and Survival Skills*

Fully Qualified Aust Swim Experienced Caring Staff

Colette Pearl Owner/Manager/ Aust Swim Teacher/Assessor/Level 1 Coach

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Leongatha Little Athletics

LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF RUNNING, JUMPING AND THROWING TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR ALL SPORTS



The 2020/2021 season commences Saturday 7th November 9am at the Leongatha Velodrome.

For athletes 5 - 15 years old

On Track Skill Development Program for 5 year olds
We encourage new athletes to "Come and Try" by registering without paying prior to the day. This is necessary as per Covid-19 protocol.

Register online at <https://lavic.com.au/membership/>
RETURNING ATHLETES MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID PRIOR TO COMPETING.

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