



# St Joseph's Primary School

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Thursday 9th September 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

Well this week certainly took a twist that we were not expecting with the announcement from the Premier on Wednesday that all P-2 students will be returning to onsite learning as of Friday 10th September. We look forward to welcoming them all back on Friday. It is our understanding that Grade 3-6 students will continue with remote learning for the remainder of this term. An onsite intentions form will be sent out later today for families with children in grades 3-6. Please note the eligibility criteria and only select the one that your family qualifies for.

Many in our school community continue to face financial impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to supporting families experiencing financial challenges through our School Fee Concession programs, and encourage any parent/carer/guardian experiencing difficulties to contact us regarding fee assistance.

Fee payers who have recently qualified for a Centrelink Concession Card should communicate with the school at their earliest convenience to determine eligibility for a Category One Centrelink Concession Card Concession.

Please contact Lynn Spittal, School Finance Administration Officer via email, [office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au), to explore confidential financial support arrangements or to obtain further information.

As you may have heard and noted from our social media pages this week is National Child Safety Week. The theme is: 'Every child in every community needs a fair go.' Many of our students recently participated in a Diocesan Poster competition depicting what this theme meant to them. We congratulate Amity Olsen who received an honourable mention. Children may be working on activities directly related to this theme during the week.

Thursday 9th September is R U OK? Day. The theme for this year is: Are they really ok? Ask them today. Do you know how the people in your world are really going? Life's ups and downs happen to all of us. So chances are someone you know might be struggling. Your genuine support can make a difference whatever they are facing, big or small.

So, don't wait until someone's visibly distressed or in crisis.

Make a moment meaningful and ask them how they're really going.

**Are they really OK? Ask them today.** Your conversation could change a life.

Students' Art & STEM lessons yesterday were directly related to the significance of this day. Our onsite students used chalk to complete drawings on the school path and Guys Rd. It was nice to see a local resident post a video of some of this work on her social media last night.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for what has been a difficult term with jumping in and out of remote learning. The support you have given your children whilst learning from home has been outstanding. I know it has been difficult and I wish the circumstances were different but unfortunately, we cannot control that. I hope that you all have a refreshing term break and get some well deserved down time. Hopefully, you even get to visit some of Regional Victoria for a little get away.



## PRAYER FOR CHILDREN'S PROTECTION

Our God and our Father,  
protect our children from affliction and harm.  
Give them comfort when sick, energize their  
bodies when weak, and soothe their precious  
hearts and minds when afraid. Hear our  
prayers in the name of Almighty Jesus.  
Amen.

## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day Term 3 2:30 finish**

### OCTOBER

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Daylight Savings starts

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - First Day Term 4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 Mary MacKillop activity day TBC

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 2022 Transition Day TBC

### NOVEMBER

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - School Closure Day**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Public Holiday**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - 2022 Transition Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - 2022 Transition Day

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Grade 3-6 Bike Ed begins

### DECEMBER

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - 2022 Whole School Transition Day

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Grade 3-6 Bike Ed ends

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Students last day

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Student Free Day**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Student Free Day**

**- Final Day of 2021**

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



## 2022 Enrolments now open!

St Joseph's are now taking 2022 enrolments.

Our office is open Mon-Fri between 8:30am-4pm,  
Enrolment forms can be found on our website or contact  
the office to book a tour.

office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu. or phone:5655 2040



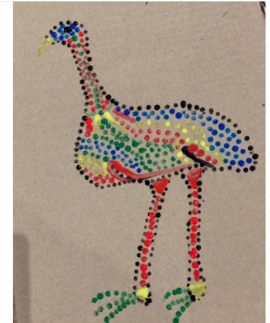
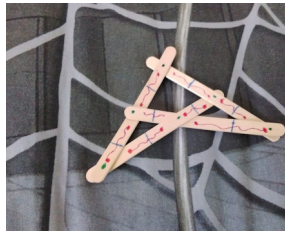
## Grade 1/2 News

To celebrate Indigenous Literacy day the grade 1/2 students created an image or scene from an indigenous book using different material. They were all very well thought out responses. Here are some of their creations

Khanh made his own creative Boomerang design. Fabulous thinking in action!

Thomas' creative rainbow serpent

Jed responded by using paint. He created a colourful dot painting of an emu and used all the special dreamtime colours in his design.



## Grade 5/6 News

The grade 5/6 class has the opportunity each week to watch a program called Behind the News (BTN). This show is extremely informative and educational. The children get to watch about 5 main stories from which we offer them further opportunities to research the ones that really catch their interest.

The last two shows have had stories on the turmoil in Afghanistan. This caught the interest of Jack Tran in grade 6 and he chose to respond by writing this thought provoking poem. Thank you Jack for taking such a positive action and reminding us that we are very fortunate to live in a country like ours.

Afghanistan Crisis poem

Every passing day,  
Afghanistan starts to fade away,  
The horror and tragedy,  
Can't seem to get out of me,  
Every single night,  
My family lives in fright,  
The soldiers put these rules against us,  
To make the pain feel contagious,  
The Taliban leader is killing our souls,  
They want to make sure they have control,  
I want to live happy every day  
But He doesn't like it when we play  
Every passing day,  
Afghanistan starts to fade away.

A poem in the perspective of an afghanistan citizen

Written by Jack Tran

## Are you OK Day art work

If you have a chance and you can use your daily exercise for a nice walk go for a walk around the footpath near our school and check out the beautiful messages our onsite students have put up in recognition of Are you OK day.



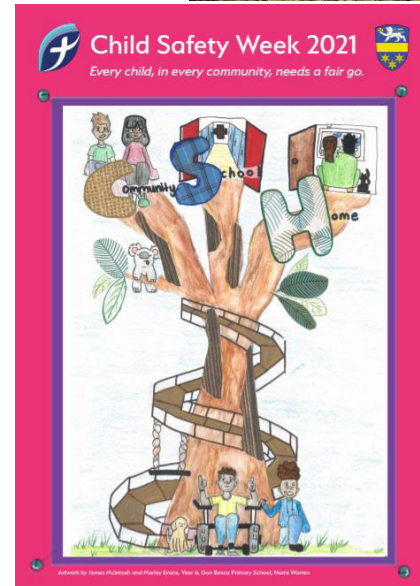
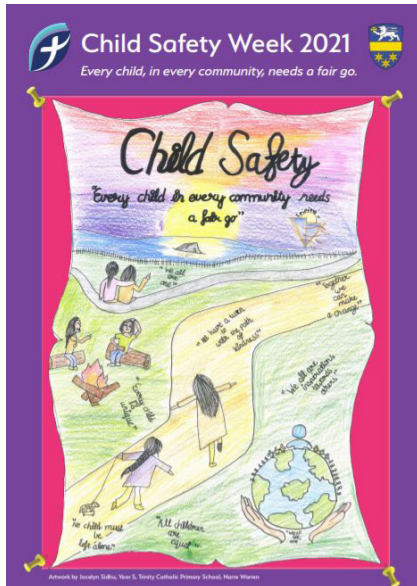
## Book Week Competition Winner

During book week one of the local businesses ran a competition. Congratulations to Grayson who entered and won a prize. Here is the winning photo.



## Final day of Term 3

The last day of Term 3 is Friday 17th September. For those attending onsite school will finish at 2:30pm and the buses will run at this earlier time. Term for begins on Monday 4th October at 8:55am.



**Child Safety Week**  
5-12 September, 2021

**EVERY CHILD NEEDS A FAIR CHANCE**

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## St Joseph's Child Safety Statement

St. Joseph's Primary School is a child safe school. We are committed to embedding a culture of Child Safety, adhering to the Victorian Child Safe Standards (Ministerial Order No. 870). We believe that ensuring the safety of the students in our care is an integral part of who we are as a Catholic faith community. The school acts in accordance with the Ministerial Order through policies, procedures, measures and practices, staff training and, ultimately, through the strategies used in working with the students and families within our school community. We continue to maintain and develop a safe and supportive learning environment where staff are focused on engaging students in meaningful, relevant and challenging learning experiences.

If at any time you have any issues or concerns you feel your need to raise please contact our Principal Michelle Charlton or our Child Safety Officer David Forbes on 5655 2040.