



St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

It is hard to believe that term 4 is upon us already. It is lovely to have some of our students back onsite full time and we are certainly counting down the days until October 26th when we can all return to school full time.

Traditionally term 4 is our busiest of the year and with the uncertainty of COVID restrictions it will be important for us to be flexible, understanding and ensure we keep up with all communication that is sent out. Your first port of call for school related communication is your email inbox as the preferred form of communication will be via PAM. We will endeavour to post most things via our social media platforms provided it is appropriate to do so.

We are planning for our junior school swimming program to go ahead in November. Please keep an eye out for the permission form which will be coming out via PAM shortly. We are also in the planning stages for our 3-6 Bike Ed program which will begin at the end of November.

At this stage public events on school grounds are not permitted to go ahead and we are unsure as to when they will be able to. Therefore we have made the decision we will be planning and running our graduation and awards afternoon as we did in 2020, rather than having to put together plans at the last minute.

2022 Planning

This is the time of year when we begin the process of planning our class lists for the 2022 school year. Whilst this is an onerous and time-consuming task, we are blessed to have such a knowledgeable staff who are aware of each student's individual needs and work collaboratively to make professional judgements in relation to class planning and student placement.

When deciding our individual class structures, a number of factors are taken into account, which include:

- Student's social, emotional, academic and physical development
- Student's cognitive development
- Student relationships
- Family dynamics, eg sibling placement
- Teacher knowledge, skill and expertise
- Enrolment numbers at the various levels
- Practical resources, such as space

If your child has a particular need or there is important information that we should be aware of when considering class placement for the 2022 school year, we ask that parents put this information in writing and submit it via email to; principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

It is important that your child's personal needs request be submitted each year as individual circumstances change. We **will not** be referring to requests made for years previous.

All requests are specifically about your child's needs. It is not an opportunity to provide requests for particular class structures or which teachers should be teaching which classes. **All requests must be received by the close of business on Friday 15th October.**

If your family situation is changing, we would also appreciate you letting us know either by calling the office or emailing principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au An accurate indication of student numbers assists us enormously in our planning for 2022.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 20th - Grade 5 Mary MacKillop activity day TBC
Monday 25th - 2022 Transition Day TBC
Thursday 28th - Mission Day

NOVEMBER

Monday 1st - School Closure Day
Tuesday 2nd - Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th - 2022 Transition Day
- Foundation-2 Swimming
Thursday 11th - Remembrance Day
Friday 12th - Foundation-2 Swimming
Tuesday 16th - Foundation-2 Swimming
Friday 19th - Foundation-2 Swimming
Tuesday 23rd - Foundation-2 Swimming
Thursday 25th - 2022 Transition Day
Friday 26th - Foundation-2 Swimming
Monday 29th - Grade 3-6 Bike Ed begins

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st - Thursday 9th - Bike Ed
Tuesday 7th - 2022 Whole School Transition Day
Wednesday 8th - Grade 6 Graduation and awards
Friday 10th - Grade 5 Bike Hike
- Grade 6 Bike testing (Leongatha)
Monday 13- Tuesday 14th - Grade 6 Bike Hike
Wednesday 14th - Students last day
Thursday 15th - Student Free Day
Friday 16th - 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)

Staffing News

Congratulations to Natasha Vanstone who is expecting her 2nd baby in April 2022. We wish you and Michael every happiness at this exciting time.

As you will be aware from the letter you received on Tuesday I will be leaving St Joe's at the end of the school year to begin the role of Principal at St Gabriel's in 2022. Whilst I am very sad to be leaving St Joe's I am looking forward to this new beginning in my life.

Junior News

Returning to school and being with our class friends has been a wonderful experience for our junior students (and their grateful teachers). We are all so happy to be back together and the vibe is uplifting! To help rebuild our classroom unity and refresh the importance of teamwork, we are on a mission to help others around us and build a warm heart wall full of our kind actions. Our aim is to complete 100 acts of kindness over the next few weeks and then celebrate our mission.

Here's a snapshot of our wall already.



Grade 5/6 Poetry

This Term Grade 5/6 have started looking at writing some poetry. They have had a go at an ancient form of Japanese poetry called Haiku. It has a basic layout of 3 lines, each line follows a pattern of 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables.

Here are some examples:



Pouring Rain by Amity Olsen, Grade 5

Poetry

*Bonsai! Yelled the boy
I don't like poetry but
Haiku's different!*

by Allie, Grade 6

Ocean

*Deep in the ocean,
Water is all around us,
And sea creatures too!*

by Cassidy, Grade 6

Water

*Water is superb
Water is a loved Crystal
It splashes Loudly!*

by James, Grade 5

Rivers

*The river was still
It was a silent pebble
What a peaceful stream*

by Annie, Grade 5

The Wind

*The wind is blowing.
Through the air the wind dances.
It silently blows.*

by Claire, Grade 5

The Night Sky

*Up in the night sky,
I shine, I twinkle, I dance,
And watch you shine too!*

by Kael, Grade 6

Rain

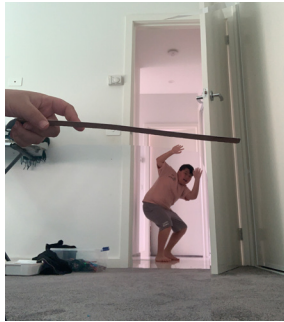
*Rain is sprinkling down,
Filled with water the pond floods,
Tulips dance smoothly.*

by Claudia, Grade 6

Art

This week for remote learning, Middles and Seniors played with Forced Perspective in photography. They needed to play with perspective to create an optical illusion.

Here are some examples of their fantastic photography pieces



Uniform

There is a two week swap over period in which students can wear either winter or summer uniform. Hats need to be worn in term 4 with either uniform, please ensure your child's name is on their hat.

St Joseph's Mission Day

On Thursday, October 28 we are planning to celebrate Mission Month with a whole school celebration. Students are invited to wear casual clothes and will be participating in activities on the day. The money raised will go to Catholic Mission who this year are supporting vulnerable children in Thailand through a kindergarten run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok. A donation tab is set up on CDFPay.

The kindergarten provides a caring learning environment for the children and allows their parents, often single mothers, to work and support the family.

Through our weekly assemblies and our Mission Day activities our students will make connections with young people experiencing challenges in the developing world through education and the world game of soccer. More information to follow.



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.