



# St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Families and Friends of St Joseph's,

Last week, our senior students shone at our house swimming carnival. Although (and possibly because) it was just us, there was a wonderful sense of confidence and excitement. So many children chose to jump in and have a go and were rewarded with encouraging cheers and clapping as they made their way to the finish line. For some, it was an effortless glide through the water; for others, more of a brave splash, but for everyone, it was pure fun!

I was reminded of last Friday afternoon as I read an article this week about raising self-less children by Michaelyn Hein.

I have attached the link to the article below and encourage you to grab a cuppa and settle in for an enlightening read.

<https://selfsufficientkids.com/selfless-children/>

Sometimes, it is easy to feel jealous or treated unfairly, especially when others around us seem to be so much better off. And whilst this is a very human feeling, it is one that can breed resentment.

Last Friday, I watched children who came last, jump out of the pool with a smile on their face and run to congratulate the winner. I saw children who weren't able to be in the pool, generously volunteer as helpers and I saw children who were so very aware of those who needed just that extra bit of encouragement to make it to the end. I saw the very real, unspoken value of being selfless and putting others first.

Our Faith takes us to Jesus' ultimate act of selflessness. He gave His life, with gentle humility, in the unfairest of circumstances.

The small acts of kindness, which our children show so naturally, reflect Jesus' love and generosity and are a true sign that they too are created by, and in God's image.

What a Blessing it is to bear witness to this in our school.

## Some reminders...

- Next week, we invite you to a conversation with your child's teacher (via phone or online) on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. If these times don't work for you, please contact your teacher directly. More information has been sent to you via PAM.
- School shoes are a compulsory part of the school uniform. Sports shoes must only be worn on PE or sports days.
- Hats must be worn outside and masks inside by children in years 3 – 6.
- Some children are still arriving at school before 8:30am. There is no supervision for them before this time, however there is before school care through Karmai who also walk the children to school.
- We have been celebrating our school wide expectations of being respectful, responsible and caring and encourage you to reiterate these messages at home.
- The Parents and Friends of St Joseph's has a strong, proud and active history at our school. The activities of the P and F have funded some wonderful projects as well as highly valued resources for our school.

As we move towards an easing of restrictions I invite you to email me at [principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au) with your ideas to reignite our community. I look forward to hearing from you.

May God continue to Bless our community,

Sharon

## Dates to Remember

### FEBRUARY

Fri 18th	District Swimming
Wed 23rd	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 23rd	Foundation rest day
Thurs 24th	Parent Teacher Interviews

### MARCH

Wed 2nd	Foundation rest day Ash Wednesday (Mass TBC)
Fri 11th	School Closure Day
Mon 14th	Public Holiday
Mon 21st	School Photos
Wed 23rd	Reconciliation (6pm)

### APRIL

Wed 6th	First Eucharist meeting (5:30pm)
Fri 8th	Last day Term 1

(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)



## Senior Swimming Carnival

We were so blessed to have a beautiful, sunny day for our carnival this year. There was lots of uncertainty if we'd be able to go ahead with the carnival and what it would look like, but we were very thankful when we got the thumbs up to run it. Although it was not a combined interschool carnival this year, we still had lots of fun, competition, and great swimming take place. All students need to be commended on their fantastic efforts and behaviour throughout the day. It was great to see the community spirit as students cheered each other on. A big thank you to all the teachers and staff that helped out with the carnival.



Congratulations to the following students that have made it through to the District Carnival this Friday: Amelia Hams, Georgia Scarce, Rocco Tripodi, Amity Olsen, Annie Cook, Lily Lovell, Cade Manks, Toby Nicholas, Zara Nobile, Chelsie Rowe, Lachie Scarce and Blake Manks, we wish them the best luck and we know they will proudly represent St Joe's.

A much anticipated reveal of the winning house will take place on Friday, along with ribbons and age champion trophies.

Grade 5/6 Green loved the Swimming Carnival on Friday 11th February. Here are some of how proud they felt afterwards:

- I'm proud of myself because that's the first time I have placed 1st or 2nd in a swimming race. Khoa
- I'm proud of myself that I came 1st in the 50 metre race. Rocco
- I can't believe that I got 1st & 2nd. Ari
- It was really fun to be with my friends. Addy.
- I'm really proud of myself because I've never done that good at swimming. Caitlin.
- I'm really proud of myself, I never thought I would get 2nd place. Chelsie.
- I am so proud of myself I never thought I would do so well. Toby.
- I enjoyed the pool. Brayden
- I am so proud of myself, I never have competed against grade 6's before. Alex
- I'm very proud of my swimming. I got 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 1st. Amelia
- I did 3 races instead of 2. Peter
- I am proud that I pushed myself, even though I was tired. Jess
- I feel proud of myself 'cause I thought I would come last but I came 4th and 3rd. Daria
- I feel proud of myself because I gave it a try and didn't quit. Tiegan



## Korumburra Show

Some of our students entered artwork and writing pieces in the annual Korumburra show. We are very proud of all of our students for exhibiting their work. A special congratulations to the following students who were lucky enough to receive an award for their efforts; Zoe Nobile, Nate Manks, Arden Manks, Hayden Ward, Jaxon Smyth and Tommy Fowles.

## Regional Rail Revival Design Challenge

At the end of the term last year, students in 4/5 and 5/6 participated in a Regional Rail Revival Design Challenge during STEM lessons. Students were asked to pitch their ideas about the future of public transport, in response to the question: *What does the smart and connected city of 2050 look like?*

Their ideas needed to respond to one or more of the competition's themes:

- Technology or app-driven transport solution e.g. helping passengers to plan their onward journey
- Communications campaign e.g. promoting safety by design
- Product prototype e.g. a revolutionary train seat
- Building and system design e.g. the railway station of the future.

All students came up with such inspiring and innovative ideas that impressed the judges. Out of many regional schools across Victoria, our students did so well, with two teams from our school, out of a small selection, made it through to the final round. Bella Vine and Ella Cochrane made a fantastic presentation and proudly represented our school with their creative ideas and need to be commended on a great effort. Our other team consisting of Allegra Bogaert, Cassidy Chipperfield, Amarli Muranty, Claudia Donohue and Aslyn Bye were so impressive they came 1st in their category and won a set of robots for our school. Congratulations to all students.

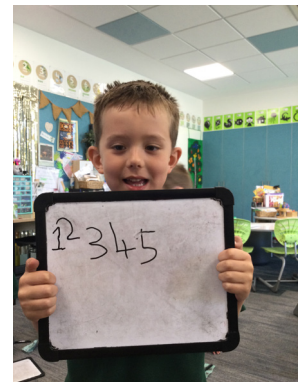


## Foundation students

What an amazing start to the year our foundation students have made. I have to say I am so super proud of each and every one of them and how well they have settled into school life. Their love for learning is inspiring. We have been working hard on our sounds with a focus on the words cat and ant. We have also been looking into how to partition the number 5 and how to be a respectful, responsible, and caring student and friend.

I have to say, I think one of our highlights this week was the picnic we had at the church while we explored it and created a drawing of what we found and saw.

Each afternoon we welcome our grade 1 students and we expand into junior blue, during these afternoon sessions together we have been looking into our learning culture and how we can be bucket fillers and the power of persistence, or as we like to call it the power of yet.



Stay safe and keep smiling, Mrs Kratz and team Blue

## Student Leaders

Last year at our final awards day our 2022 student leaders were announced. Last week they were presented with their badges. We look forward to working with these students as leaders of our school and can already see the fantastic example they are setting.

School Captains: Rocco Tripodi and Annie Cook

School Vice Captains: Cody Amor and Amity Olsen

Red House: Amelia Hams and Peter Evangelista

Blue House: Tiegán Cleveland and Mitchell Zuidema (absent)

Gold House: Lizzie Dourley and Anthony Mott



### Special Visit

It was wonderful to have our LSO Emma Wilson visit with her beautiful baby Henry yesterday. Emma is taking some maternity leave but the children were very excited to see them both.



### Parent Teacher Conversations/Interviews

If you would like to book a time for a chat with your child's teacher please do so via PAM 'parent teacher interviews'. There will be a prompt to enter your phone number (if you prefer google meet please enter your email address).

We have also opened up an option to select a time to chat with Mrs Anderson in the same way if you wish. This is a good opportunity for her to meet a few people when our interactions with parents are still limited.

If you have any problems booking a time please contact the office and Oona will assist you.

### Assembly

Due to many staff attending a Teaching and Learning seminar this week we will not be holding or assembly. Here are some award winners from last week.

### Second hand and new uniform for sale

Lots of brand new uniforms for sale going at \$10 a piece.

We have a few pairs of girls' skorts in small sizes, size 6 and 12 school dresses, boys shorts in smaller sizes, reader bags as well as new hats.

We also have new v neck windcheaters in every size.

Don't forget we also stock secondhand uniform for those extra items.

Please email [nkratz@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nkratz@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au) with your uniform requirements and she will organise to send home the uniform with your child.

Don't forget that the second hand uniform sales go towards our vegetable garden and gardening club.

Also if you have old uniforms your children have outgrown, as we would love them! Just send them in to the office and we will rehome them 🧑‍🌾🌱🍅 thanks for your support Natalie Kratz





**GIANTS Korumburra-Bena Junior Football Club**

## COME & TRY

Wednesday 16th & 23rd February  
Korumburra Showgrounds

Under 10s & 12s 4:30 - 5:30pm  
(for boys and girls born 2010 to 2014)

Under 14s 5:00 - 6:00pm  
(for boys born 2008 & 2009)

Youth Girls 5:00 - 6:00pm  
(for girls born 2004 to 2009)

*Join our family friendly club*  
Participants must bring own drink bottle

### FAREWELL LUNCH FOR FR PETER

**FEBRUARY 20TH AFTER 11.00 AM MASS AT IONA**

**A SHARED LUNCH WILL COMMENCE AFTER  
11.00AM MASS IN THE HALL**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE  
BYO DRINKS and outdoor CHAIR  
COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE PROVIDED  
Please pass the word,  
it would be great to see a good crowd!**

**Weather permitting we will be setting up  
gazebos, tables and chairs outside in the garden  
before Mass.**

WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE!



## LPD IS BACK!

JOIN THE #LPDFAM IN 2022

READY TO COME BACK TO DANCE?

BALLET HIP HOP  
JAZZ MUSICAL THEATRE  
TAP ACROBATICS  
CONTEMPORARY EXAMS

CONTACT US NOW FOR YOUR  
**FREE TRIAL CLASS**

WE ARE NOW A  
**READY SET DANCE**  
OFFICIAL LOCATION



### Synod 2021-2023 Walking Together

#### Diocesan Conversations

for Clergy, Parishioners, Plenary teams, School staff  
and Catholic agencies

Join the Diocesan *Gaudium et Spes* Plenary Team as we have a conversation on some of the questions posed by the Synod. We want hear from you – so take this opportunity to share your experiences and your thoughts on how we can be more like the Church that Jesus calls us to be.

- Download the Coffee Conversation guide from <https://tinyurl.com/Coffee-Conversation> and join our conversation

#### Join one or more conversations

Conversation on Communion  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm

Conversation on Participation  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30 pm

Conversation on Mission  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30 pm

**Walk together  
as a Church  
with the  
Holy Spirit**

The purpose of the Synod is  
"to plant dreams", to "journey together"  
following the course of the Church in  
the third millennium with a truly  
synodal mentality.  
Join us!

Please register at

<https://www.trvbooking.com/BXFB>

or QR code

A Zoom meeting link will  
be emailed to you upon booking

Or contact your parish for  
the meeting link



## St Joseph's Child Safety Statement

St. Joseph's Primary School is 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 you need to raise please contact our Principal Sharon Anderson or our Child Safe Officer Megan Smith on 56552040.