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Thursday 3rd March

Dear Families of St Joseph's,

This week marks the beginning of the Holiest and perhaps the most challenging season in the Church's year. Lent provides us with a reflective space in which to consider the direction we are travelling in our lives.

Yesterday at the Ash Wednesday Mass, Father spoke with us about recognising when we have taken a wrong turn and being ready to make a u turn. This resonated with me both personally and in the work we do with our children every day.

We support each of them as they learn to navigate the world. Sometimes they make poor choices and it is up to us to model the path they could have chosen and encourage them to start again. I wonder if, as the adults in our children's worlds, we show our children what it means to be caring, responsible and respectful, as our school expectations espouse.

Do we consider our own behaviour, our actions, our words? Our children are watching, listening and learning from us and often what we see and hear at school is a reflection of what the important adults in their lives are sharing with them.

This Lent, I hope that we are all more aware of our impact on our children and I pray that God grants us the courage and the patience to be the very best that we can be, so that our children too, can be the very best that they can be.

Some reminders...

- Parents are now allowed onsite in line with the regulations to sign in at the office on arrival, be masked and provide evidence of full vaccination and a Working with Children Check.
- Some children are arriving at school out of uniform. The wearing of our uniform expresses pride in who we are and is a reflection of us in the community. Please check that your child is wearing their full school uniform, including school shoes and socks. Please note that our St Joseph's school bag will be a compulsory part of the school uniform in the future. Please keep this in mind when you are purchasing a new school bag. Hair ties should be in school colours and no jewellery other than studs or sleepers in the ears or a simple cross necklace can be worn.
- Thank you to those parents who have adjusted their personal schedules in line with our gates opening at 8:30am. We are unable to provide supervision prior to this time.
- If you can, please support our upcoming fundraisers, hot cross buns and our Easter egg raffle.
- If you are interested in becoming a part of our Parents and Friends Association, we will be having a cuppa in the staff room next Thursday, March 10th at 10am. Again, to be onsite, you will need to abide by the current COVID rules. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be involved, please email me at principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

Wishing you a Blessed Lent.

Sharon



Dates to Remember

MARCH

Fri 11 th	School Closure Day
Mon 14 th	Public Holiday
Mon 21 st	School Photos
Wed 23 rd	Grade 3-6 House Athletics Reconciliation (6pm)
Thurs 24 th	Whole School AFL Clinic
Mon 28 th	Hot Cross Bun orders due 3pm

APRIL

Mon 4 th	Easter Raffle books due 3pm
Wed 6 th	First Eucharist meeting (5:30pm)
Thurs 7 th	Hot Cross Buns delivered
Fri 8 th	Easter Raffle drawn Last day Term 1

Finishing time 2:30pm

Tues 26 th	First day Term 2
Thurs 28 th	District Athletics

MAY

Wed 4 th	Confirmation Meeting (5:30pm)
Thurs 5 th	3-6 Cross Country
Fri 6 th	5/6 Winter Sport
Mon 9 th	School Closure Day
Fri 13 th	5/6 Winter Sport
Sun 15 th	First Eucharist
Fri 20 th	5/6 Winter Sport
Thurs 26 th	National Sorry Day Division Cross Country
Fri 27 th	Catholic Education Week begins Reconciliation Week 5/6 Winter Sport

(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)

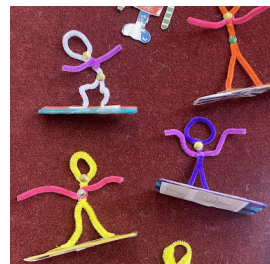
Junior News

Last week some of the senior leaders worked with Junior Green, supporting our literacy learning. The seniors were amazing! They each had a special role in building on specific skills with a small Focus group. The room had a wonderful vibe and I was very thankful and impressed with the leadership and initiative of our seniors.



STEM

To celebrate the recent Winter Olympics, during our STEM lessons we had a look at Snowboarding. Students in 3-6 watched some of the videos from the snowboarding events at the Winter Olympics and had a discussion about the sport, the boards and the athlete. Students were then set with the challenge of making their own snowboarder using only the following materials: pop sticks, pipe cleaners, tape and paper. They had to imagine the best way to solve this problem by sketching a design. Once they had shared and reflected on their designs with a partner they had to create their design. Have a look at the fantastic creations they came up with.



Art

In Art, this term as an overarching theme, students are looking at Identity. Students in Junior Green and 3/4 created self portraits using plasticine, which also allowed them to work on their fine motor skills and use a different medium. Didn't they do an awesome job?



Swimming Carnival Results

The much anticipated and awaited results of our Swimming Carnival were revealed last Friday at assembly. A big congratulations to **ALL** students on their fantastic effort on the day, every single student should be proud of their efforts. A special congratulations to the following students in their place getting:

50m Freestyle:

1st: Blake Manks, Zara Nobile, Lily Lovell, Cade Manks, Georgia Scarce and Mitchell Zuidema

2nd: Will Uren, Chelsie Rowe, Toby Nicholas, Amelia Hams

3rd: Max Greenwood, Aiden Haw, Amity Olsen

50m Backstroke:

1st: Dane Rowe, Zara Nobile, Lachie Scarce, Lily Lovell, Toby Nicholas, Amelia Ham, Rocco Tripodi

2nd: Grayson Williams, Charlie Cropper, Chelsie Rowe, Aiden Haw, Georgia Scarce

3rd: Amity Olsen

50m Breaststroke:

1st: Dane Rowe, Zara Nobile, William Uren, Lily Lovell, Toby Nicholas, Georgia Scarce, Mitchell Zuidema

2nd: Charlie Cropper, Ari Bogaert, Amelia Hams

3rd Annie Cook

50m Butterfly:

1st: Amelia Hams

2nd: Georgia Scarce

3rd: Amity Olsen

Open Medley:

1st: Amelia Hams

2nd: Lily Lovell

3rd Georgia Scarce

Age Champions:

Junior: Zara Nobile, Charlie Cropper

Senior: Lily Lovell, Toby Nicholas

The overall Colour House Results:

1st: Red

2nd: Blue

3rd: Gold

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!!

Division Swimming Carnival

We congratulate Lily Lovell on a fantastic performance at the Division Swimming Carnival last Friday. She proudly represented St Joseph's in the 50m Breaststroke placing 2nd. Well done Lily, you are amazing!!

Religious Education - LENT

This week we have celebrated two special events on the Catholic calendar.

Shrove Tuesday was a joyous day for the many students who love pancakes. Shrove Tuesday comes from an old English word meaning "to confess," since it was customary to go to confession before the beginning of Lent. It was also customary to use up meats, fats, and dairy products before entering the Lenten period of fasting; this led to the day's nickname - Pancake Tuesday.



Ash Wednesday – 2 March 2022

(Week beginning Monday 28th February)

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

We have students in Grade 3 preparing to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation. I invite you to pray for these students as they learn what it means to reconcile - to fix and rebuild relationships...

Loving God, help these children to see that you love them totally and unconditionally.

Help these children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive.

We pray that these children will help build a better world by being forgiving, kind and compassionate towards others.

Amen

Assembly

Our assembly will be held each Friday morning at 9am. Although parents are now able to be onsite, at this stage we will use the remainder of the term to practise having just the children all together. You can still join us virtually for the coming weeks and look forward to you joining us at school next term. All families should have received the link to the google meet. If you do not have a gmail account you may still encounter some problems joining in this instance you can use your child's school email address or please contact us and we can assist you.

School Photos

Our school photo day is set for Monday 21st March. The school photographer has decided to do only a compilation photo of each class. This ensures that even if your child misses the photo at school due to an absence they can attend the photo centre and have their photo taken and added to the group compilation.

Photo envelopes will be coming home this afternoon, the sibling envelope is inside the envelope of the oldest student. If you need additional photo envelopes please contact the office so one can be sent home or picked up.

Please DO NOT return the photo envelope until Monday 21st as they need to be handed directly to the photographer.



Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

We will once again be holding our Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. These delicious fresh goods are supplied by Out of Dough bakery in Morwell and delivered fresh to our door. Orders can be placed on CDFPay. If you are new to school this year and need help setting up CDFPay please contact the office.

6 packs of plain or no fruit hot cross buns are \$6.50
6 packs of choc chip or apple and cinnamon are \$8.50

Orders must be placed by 3pm on Monday 28th March with items being delivered on Thursday 7th April. You can pick them up on that day or they will be sent home with your child.



Easter Raffle

We will be holding our Easter Raffle again this year. We ask that any families who would like to send in a donation for the raffle please do so over the coming weeks, this can be an easter egg, easter themed activity etc. The raffle will be drawn at our final assembly on Friday 8th April, tickets and payments must be returned by Monday 4th April.

Students will receive a book of raffle tickets next week which can be purchased for \$1 per ticket. Please fill in every ticket you purchase and return them all to school sold or unsold. Payment must be made via CDFPay.



Our annual Easter Raffle is on again! Tickets need to be purchased through CDFPay. Donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the office!



Car boot/Gear Market

At Loch Nyora Pony Club Grounds
Saturday 26th of March
Open to Shoppers from 2.00pm to 6.30pm
Gold Coin donation at gate for shoppers

New and Used Goods including anything Horse Market
Open to traders to promote their products or anyone that wants to sell unwanted equine second hand goods and any other second hand goods.
You need to supply all your own tables, etc. for display.

Plenty of car parking but stalls are limited so be quick!!
Stalls/Car boot \$10.00
Trade Stalls are Welcome
Open to set up from 1pm

Food and Coffee/ Drinks available

Bookings essential please contact Sarah on 0447 016 692 or email secretarylochnyora@gmail.com
27 - 41 Yannathan Road Nyora.



NEW CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME

Loch Nyora Pony Club



A Supportive, friendly and fun club environment

- Do you want to learn to ride your own pony/horse?
 - Meet other horsey kids?
 - Learn new riding skills?
- Then Nyora Pony Club is the place for you.

Rallies are 1st Sunday in every month,
starting 9.30am - 3pm

Contact Sarah Packer: 0447 016 692 or Stacey Prowd: 0131 215 579



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.