

# St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Families of St Joseph's,

Next week we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Parish on Thursday evening at 6pm. For some of our children, this will be the first time they receive this Sacrament. Father Peter Bickley visited our Year 3/4 class and shared with them his wisdom about this beautiful Sacrament.

During this Lenten season it is timely to reflect on Forgiveness in our own lives. Whilst we know that God is always waiting for us, ready to forgive, are we ready to do the same in our own lives?

Do we hold onto hurt and allow it to consume us? Forgiveness is actually a liberating mindset. It may be that the person who has hurt us may not know or even care about our pain, but our decision to hold that hurt can take the joy from our lives. In some ways, forgiveness is a selfish (in a good way) decision as it frees us to live our best lives.

#### Some reminders

- We have become aware of some parents who are arriving late to drop off or pick up their children. This is creating anxiety for the children and means they start the school day in a heightened state.
- Our <u>Easter Egg Raffle</u> needs lots more donations of chocolate. There is a basket in the foyer where they can be left. Tickets can be purchased via CDF.
- The <u>Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser</u> is a popular one and rumour has it that the buns are delicious! Again, orders can be made via CDF.
- <u>Photo day is on Monday, March 21</u>st. Full summer uniform, including school shoes, is to be worn. Hair ties etc. must be in school colours.
- Our School Sports Carnival (years 3 -6) will be on Wednesday, March 23rd.
- Next week we are celebrating <u>Harmony Day on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup></u>. Children are encouraged to wear <u>orange</u> to celebrate the day.
- We have a <u>Working Bee</u> scheduled for Saturday, April  $2^{nd}$  from 9am 11am. Please let us know if you are able to attend (see previous communication via PAM) so that we can order enough sausages for the BBQ.
  - The <u>Parents and Friends</u> is an important part of our school community and is all about building community and fundraising for special projects. We invite you to consider becoming an active member of our parent community by joining.

Wishing you peace in this time of Reconciliation,

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Sharon Anderson



## **Dates to Remember**

#### **MARCH**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> School Photos Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Grade 3-6 House Athletics

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Whole School AFL

Clinic

Reconciliation

(6pm)

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Harmony Day

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Hot Cross Bun orders

due 3pm

Grade 3-6 Swimming

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Grade 3-6 Swimming Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Grade 3-6 Swimming

#### **APRIL**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 3-6 Swimming
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Working bee 9-11am
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Raffle books

due 3pm

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> African drumming

Incursion
First Eucharist
meeting (5:30pm)
Hot Cross Buns

delivered

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Raffle drawn

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>

Last day Term 1

Finishing time 2:30pm

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> First day Term 2 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> District Athletics

#### MAY

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Meeting

(5:30pm)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>
Fri 6<sup>th</sup>
Solution 5/6 Winter Sport

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>
School Closure Day

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>
Sun 15<sup>th</sup>
Frist Eucharist
Fri 20<sup>th</sup>
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>
National Sorry Day

Division Cross

Country

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

#### Harmony Day and ART News

As mentioned above the school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 25th March by participating in special activities in their classrooms. In Art students have already started this with another beautiful collaborative piece.

# † HARMONY † A

#### **Italian News**

Buon Giorno, Mi chiamo Maestra Sherriff!

I am looking forward to immersing your children into the amazing language and culture of Italy throughout this year. In Term 1, we like to begin with an introduction to the geography and culture of Italy and revision of greetings, classroom instructions, numbers and colours. Below is a list of some language that will be introduced to the students throughout this term. You might find it handy to pop the words on the fridge or the wall to encourage kids to practise using the language at home.

#### Term One Italian Words

Numbers		Colours	
1	uno	red	rosso
2	due	pink	rosa
3	tre	orange	arancione
4	quattro	green	verde
5	cinque	blue	blu
6	sei	black	nero
7	sette	purple	viola
8	otto	white	bianco
9	nove	brown	marrone
10	dieci	yellow	giallo
Everyday language			
Good day	Buon giorno	Good night	Buona notte
Hi	Ciao	Good bye	Arrivederci
How are you?	Come stai	Thank you	Grazie
I'm good	Sto bene	Please	Per Favore
I'm bad	Sto male	You're welcome	Prego
ok	Cosi cosi	Yes	si
My name is	Mi chiamo	No	no

#### **PE News**

To prepare for our upcoming Athletics Carnival students have been fortunate enough to participate in training sessions with Athletics Australia Coach Denis Huffer. Over the last three weeks Denis has worked closely with our students, learning and perfecting different athletic skills and techniques.







#### 3-6 Athletics Carnival

We are getting prepared and excited for our Combined Schools Athletics Carnival next week. On Wednesday March 23, students in 3-6 will be heading over to the Velodrome in Leongatha to participate in the Athletics Carnival. Along with St Laurence O'Toole and Chairo, students will be participating in a range of track and field events. Students are reminded to bring a healthy lunch with extra snacks, one to two drink bottles, a hat and sunscreen. It will be a busy but great day and we are looking forward to seeing all students give their best effort. Please ensure that you have been onto PAM to give your consent.

#### **Regional Swimming Carnival**

Today Lily Lovell competed in the Regional Swimming Carnival at Sale for 50m breaststroke. Lily placed 4th in this event which is an amazing effort. We are so proud of her!!

#### **Bullying No Way Day**

To recognise and participate in Bullying No Way Day this Friday March 18, we have been looking at ways to find workable solutions to prevent bullying. We have learnt that by building a Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all our students. To show that we all join together to prevent bullying we have made a school chain link displayed on our front fence.





### 2023 Enrolments Open

We are very excited to be able to offer enrolment tours once again. If you have a child starting school in 2023 or you know someone who does please contact the office to book a tour. Current families are also welcome to tour with your child so that they can begin to feel comfortable in their future school.

#### **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.

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



If you have a child starting Foundation in 2023 we would love to take you on a tour and show you our great school.

Current and new families welcome!

Call or email us today to book a time 5655 2040 or office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

#### Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Our Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser is open. These delicious fresh goods are supplied by Out of Dough bakery in Morwell and delivered fresh to our door. Orders must be placed via CDFPay by 3pm on **Monday 28th March** with items being delivered on Thursday 7th April.

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

You can pick your order up on that day or they will be sent home with your child. If you are new to school this year and need help setting up CDFPay please contact the office.

#### Easter Raffle

We are 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 must be returned and payments made via CDFPay by **Monday 4th April**.

Students have received a book of raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 per ticket. Please fill in every ticket you purchase and return them all to school sold or unsold. If you would like an additional book of tickets please contact the office.







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!



# 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.