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Dear Families of St Joseph's,

Welcome to Term 3 and what a brilliant start we have already made. It was great to see the children and teachers returning with such joy and enthusiasm on Monday. We particularly welcome back Miss Hannah Taylor who will be teaching Art on Fridays and David Forbes, who returned at the end of last term, as he adds teaching Year 3/4 on a Friday to his repertoire.

The last week of the holidays was NAIDOC Week and during this week we acknowledge and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. On Sunday, July 3rd, I was privileged to attend Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral where the beginning of NAIDOC week was celebrated. It was a beautiful merging of Catholic tradition and Indigenous heritage. The almost operatic tones of the choristers, the richness of the organ together with the haunting, echoey sound of the didgeridoo were symbolic of the history of our Church in Australia. The recognition of the contribution of our First Peoples to the work of the Church was a significant part of the Mass. I felt honoured to be there.

Yesterday, our Year 5/6s returned from a wonderful 3 day experience in Melbourne. Opportunities like this don't just happen and I want to acknowledge the work of our teachers, Tammy Jones, Catherine Riseley, Madeline Buckley and David Forbes, our ESOs, Belinda Isted and Ashley Mostert and parents, Bron Beach and Lauren Bogaert.

Next week, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress over the first half of the year. I encourage you to make an appointment and celebrate your child's progress.

Our School Advisory Committee is due to meet for our AGM on Thursday, July 28th. We still have vacancies for new members. Please see our Parents and Friends Facebook page for a video message from our chairperson, Bruce Glasgow who explains the role and commitment of Committee members. If you are interested in contributing to our school in this way, please contact either Bruce or myself.

Once again, we welcome your involvement and ideas to build our school community. We will be having a meeting in the staff room (or online) to share ideas for social and fundraising activities on Wednesday, July 20th at 9am. If you can't join us, please email me your thoughts.

As we begin this new term, we ask for God's Blessing on us all.

Sharon



Dates to Remember

JULY

Friday 15 th	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Mon 18 th	- Senior Italian Incursion
Tues 19 th	- Grade 5 activity day KSC
	- Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 20 th	- Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 21 st	- Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 22 nd	-OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Mon 25 th	- 100 Days of School (Foundation)
Thurs 28 th	- School Advisory Council Meeting 7pm
Fri 29 th	- Assembly 9am
	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate

AUGUST

Fri 5 th	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Mon 8th	- Student Free Day
Fri 12 th	- Assembly 9am
	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Fri 19 th	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Fri 26 th	- Assembly 9am
	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate

SEPTEMBER

Fri 2 nd	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Fri 9 th	- Assembly 9am
	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Fri 16 th	- OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
	- Last day Term 3 2:30pm finish

Grade 5 Activity Day KSC

Our Grade 5 students will be attending an activity session at Korumburra Secondary College on Tuesday 19th July. This is a good first step in the transition of senior students to Secondary school and it is expected that all students attend as part of their learning journey regardless of which Secondary School you may choose in 2024. For more information and to give your permission please go onto the school activity via PAM.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews can be booked via PAM now. Foundation, Grade 1 and 3/4 interviews will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday night. Grade 2, and Grade 5/6 will be held on Wednesday and Thursday night. You can choose whether to attend these interviews in person or via phone/video conference. If you have any trouble booking please contact the office for assistance.

100 days of school

Our Foundations students have nearly reached the milestone of 100 days of school. To celebrate this Foundation students are invited to dress up as an '100 year old' on Monday 25th July.

Grade 5/6 Urban Camp

Our Grade 5/6 student started the Term off with a bang, attending their 3 day Melbourne camp. Their time was jam packed with activities!

Peter loved spending time with his cabin buddies.

Zoe loved exploring the Victoria Market.

Aiden enjoyed going out to dinner for pizza and pasta.



Afternoon pickup routines

Please remember to update the school if your child's afternoon pick up routine changes so that we can ensure we have them safely in the correct pick up area. If their bus days change permanently please let us know.



Below are some ideas to help you get started (of course, these are quite stereotypical...we know not all centenarians dress this way!).

Girls: Printed skirt, pearls, eyeglasses, sweater, shawl, apron, wig or curled hairstyle, grey hair spray, knee-high stockings, large purse, scarf, etc.

Boys: Button-down shirt, flannel shirt, suspenders, tie, eyeglasses, drawn-on moustache or beard, grey hair spray, etc

Thank you, Mrs. Kratz



STEM

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, students had fun participating in Indigenous STEM activities this week. In 3/4 students listened to the Dreamtime story - The Rainbow Serpent, they then drew a digital design, followed by creating a crystallised rainbow serpent. In Prep and 1/2 we will read and look at some dreamtime stories, students will then design and make an animal from that story.



St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to our St Vinnies Winter Appeal at the end of last year. Your generosity was very much appreciated and as a school community we were able to donate some valuable items for those in need.



Scholastic book club and free books

The latest edition of book club is open for ordering online via scholastic LOOP. Orders need to be placed by Monday 25th July, scholastic is also offering free books with purchases over \$30. If you need assistance with LOOP please contact Danielle Fowles dfowles@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au or the office.


FREE BOOK OFFER!

We are giving away FREE books on this issue to help celebrate and spread the love of reading in your school.

Let parents know they can get up to 3 free books on issue 5:

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

orders are due:

Monday 25th July

OHS Friday - Hot Chocolate

Our student OHS body will continue to run their OHS Friday Fundraiser for Term 3, beginning in week 2. Students will be able to purchase a hot chocolate to have while out on the yard. If your child has a reusable cup they can use please send it along with them otherwise they will be given a recyclable paper cup with a lid. Hot chocolates can be purchased online via CDFPay and all funds raised will go towards making improvements around the school yard.

FRIDAY HOT CHOC
Bring \$1 every Friday Or pay on cdf pay

So you can get a hot chocolate and help our school fundraise for new play equipment and to help our school turn into a more kid-friendly place. Plus you get a hot delicious drink that will warm you right up in this cold wintry weather. We will also use the leftover money to buy paint to make our school more colourful.



P.s. if you can bring your own travel cup with a lid please do so, otherwise, we will have recyclable cups at school.

A FUNDRAISER BY THE OHS CLUB

Wonder Recycling Program

Wonder Recycling Rewards continues! We are still collecting bread bags and tags. Once collected, Wonder is going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment! For all the bags and tags we collect, we earn rewards points to redeem new sports equipment from RHSports. Please bring in any brand bread bags (doesn't just have to be Wonder), wrap packets, or bread tags. There are boxes in the Junior area and Specialist Room for all the bags you collect. Don't forget to let Mrs Smith know when you bring some in so she can give you some house points.



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



Our school* is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.

By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school*, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school!

PLUS, every registered school* will go into the draw to WIN a REPLAS Exercise Circuit made from recycled soft plastic!

We are calling on all students, parents and teachers to get collecting!

Visit wonder.com.au to find out more.

*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.



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 Sharon Anderson or our Child Safety Officer David Forbes on 5655 2040.