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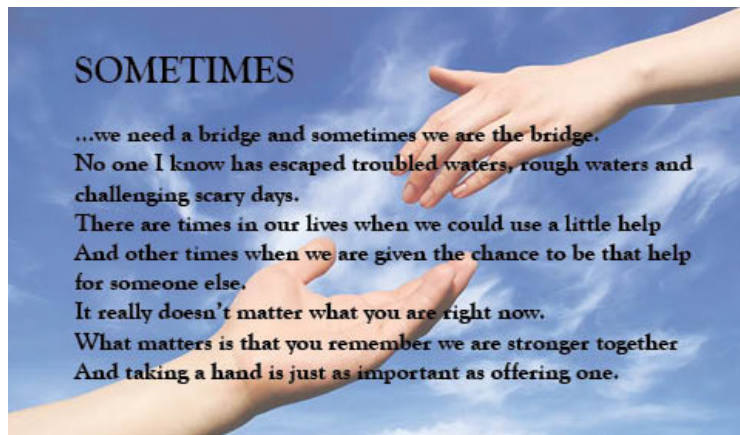
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Thursday 25th August 2022

Dear St Joseph's Families,

I am conscious of some of our families who are struggling through various challenges at this time. It is in these times that our Faith can give us strength and hope. It is in these times that we need each other.



Last week we celebrated Science Week and on Wednesday afternoon, our senior students led our younger students through some exciting and fun activities. It was great to see the learning come to life and we are grateful to our brilliant STEM teacher, Megan Smith who coordinated the week.

Another busy week is upon us and we began in spectacular fashion with our Book Week Parade. Thank you to everyone for the imagination and effort that clearly went into each and every costume. On Tuesday, our 3/4 class visited Myuna Farm and even managed to dodge most of the rainy weather. Also on Tuesday, our seniors were thrilled to witness a close contest between Western Australia and New South Wales at the National Netball Championships in Traralgon.

This week we were excited to hear that three of our students, Zoe Cleveland, Liam Maskell and Nicholas Ferrone received honourable mentions in the Diocesan Child Safety Poster Competition. Well done to everyone who entered. Some of the posters are on display in the foyer of the office. The safety of our children is our first priority and we will be highlighting this particularly from September 4th through to September 10th.

Next week, we are inviting our Foundation parents to a dinner at the Middle Pub on **Thursday, September 1st at 6:30pm**. This has been organised by Natalie Kratz, but we encourage parents from other levels to also organise a similar social event. It has been a long two years of isolation and many of us are still getting to know each other, particularly in the younger years. We can certainly help with communication.

We are also looking forward to our Fathers and Special People breakfast on **Friday morning, September 2nd from 8am**. You can order your breaky via CDF pay, please do so prior to 12pm on Monday 29th August so we can arrange catering. Our Fathers Day stall will happen from 9:15 am which will also need to be paid for via CDFPay. We do not need help to wrap the gifts, but we are looking for helpers to support the children as they choose their gifts. The stall will be in the staff room.

Uniform update

I have been in touch with Paul at Burra Sports who is our uniform supplier. There is still quite a bit of stock in the store, however we will continue to make plans towards updating parts of our uniform. We have a group of parents who have expressed interest in working through this process. We will meet on **Friday, September 2nd at 10:30am** in the meeting room to continue the conversation. If you are able to come along, please email me at sanderson@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

Dates to Remember

Fri 26 th	AUGUST - Assembly 9am - OHS Friday - Hot chocolate
Thurs 1 st Fri 2 nd	SEPTEMBER - Prep Parent Dinner - OHS Friday - Hot chocolate - Fathers Day Breakfast 8am - Fathers Day stall
Mon 5 th - Fri 9 th	- Child Safety Week - Assembly 9am - OHS Friday - Hot chocolate - Foster Families Gippsland (Pyjama Day fundraiser) - Division Athletics
Thurs 15 th Fri 16 th	- AFLX Competition - OHS Friday - Hot chocolate - Last day Term 3 2:30pm finish
Mon 3 rd Thurs 6 th Fri 7 th	OCTOBER - First Day Term 4 - Whole School Incursion - Assembly - Division Summer Sport
Mon 10 th	- Junior Swimming Commences
Tues 11 th Wed 12 th Fri 14 th	- Junior Swimming - Junior Swimming - Prep 2023 Orientation (TBC)
Tues 18 th Thurs 20 th	- Grade 5/6 T20 Cricket - Grade 6 Immunisation Talk - Grade 2-6 Soccer Clinic
Fri 21 st	- Assembly - District Cricket
Thurs 27 th Mon 31 st	- Grade 2-6 AFL Clinic - School Closure Day

Parents and Friends - Major fundraiser

At the last P and F meeting, we talked about the need for a major fundraiser in Term 4. Historically, this has been the fete, however we are looking to hold a "market day" potentially in November, instead. We are looking for more parents to help coordinate this event. To talk about this, as well as other fundraising ideas, we will meet **after assembly on September 9th**. If you are interested but unable to make this meeting, please also email me with your thoughts and willingness to help out.

Enrolments

If you have a child starting school next year, it is important that you have completed the enrolment form and returned it to the office. Please contact Oona if you have any questions. We will be conducting interviews early next term.

If you do know of anyone who is interested in joining our community, please encourage them to contact us for a tour and a conversation.

PSGs

If your child receives substantial or extensive adjustments to access the curriculum, you will be invited to attend a Program Support Group Meeting later in the term. You can expect an invitation to this meeting where your child's learning goals for Term 4 will be discussed.

Seasons for Growth

Earlier this term, three of our staff, Natalie Kratz, Belinda Whiteside and Emily Sherriff, undertook training to become accredited companions for a beautiful program called Seasons for Growth. We will be offering Seasons for Growth in Term 4. This peer support program uses the four seasons as an analogy to help children manage and understand change, loss and grief. We are grateful for the work of our P and F who are providing funds for this to happen in our school.

You will receive further information and an invitation about Seasons for Growth soon.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe fortnight.

Sharon

Book Week

On Monday we had a book parade at school. We rotated in groups. I was a Creeper, my sister was Smurfette and my brother was a Mandalorian. My favourite activity was when we got to colour in Stellaphant. Liam

Yesterday for Book Week my favourite costume was Mrs Mullin. I liked how we got to do drawings. We painted fingerprint people. Zoe

Yesterday was Book Week. I dressed up as 'Where's Wally'. My favourite costume was the dinosaur. My favourite activity was Stellaphant the Elephant. Levi

On Monday we dressed up and all of us dressed up as different things. Laine

Yesterday we got to dress up as our favourite character. We had a parade. I went in four different groups. It was so much fun. Arden

On Monday 22nd of August it was Book Week. We did lots of activities like making ourselves with stamps and fine liners, making stars, colouring cats and we also made a Stellaphant! My favourite costumes were Mrs Mullin's and Zoe's. Serayah

Yesterday at school it was Book Week. I dressed up as a farmer. We read 'Joe and the Stars.' Benny



2023 Enrolments now open!

St Joseph's Korumburra
EST. 1914
May God be Glorified

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

We read Blue Flower for Book Week. We painted fingerprint people. I dressed up as a raptor. Madisen

On Monday 22nd August we had Book Week day where we all dressed in costumes. Finn

On Monday I dressed up as Tony Stark when he was welding. Reid

Grade 3/4 Excursion

On Tuesday 23rd Grade 3/4 staff and students were up bright and early to be at school at 8:15am so they could get on the road to Myuna Farm. Here are some recounts of their day:

Myuna Farm by Emma

On the bus we went on an excursion to Myuna Farm.

We saw sheep. They had little lambs. They drink milk. We saw a goat with babies. They drink milk too. We saw a snake and some pigs.

We did a water pollution activity with dog poo.

We went on the train with Mrs Bateman and Mrs Vick. Ro came too.

THE TRIP TO MYUNA FARM by Beau

We came to school about 8:15am and we left at 8:30am.

We arrived at the farm at 9:30am and it rained. When it stopped

We had snacks and went to the maze.

We learned about people dumping waste in the wetland!

We took the train to the wetland and fished out samples. Later we took a closer look at the samples.

We took the train to the animal nursery. We saw bunnies, guinea pigs, snakes, turtles and goats.

We came out of the nursery and saw the grumpy Joey the cocky.

Then we had lunch and watched the turkey peck our shoes. Next we planted peas and it went fast. We saw the huge community garden. There were onions, carrots and lettuce. Then we saw a video about bins and played a game.

We went back to the nursery because it was raining. Then we went back to the bus. I was annoying Mrs Vick saying Vicky wants a cracker.

Myuna farm By Joe

On the bus it was a long ride. It took 1 hour and ten minutes. There was lots of people on the bus. The date was 23rd Tuesday August. The time we left was 8.30

When we got there we had a quick snack. We played in the maze and we played at the playground. The maze was pretty easy.

Then I learned about water pollution. Farmer Danni read a story to us, There was a bucket of water and she read along as we poured in stuff. Then when all of the stuff was poured in, we tried to get it all out but we failed.

We hopped on a train ride. I saw ducks, camels, chickens and fruit bats. When we got there we did some water sampling. We got a net and scooped up the water then we poured it in a tub. We looked inside. There was a mosquito fish and a spider.

In the Animal Nursery there was bunnies, guinea pigs, snakes, goats, cows and sheep. Joey the cocky was 81 years old and he could talk. He said "Cup of tea" and "bedtime".

We had lunch. At lunchtime Gertrude the turkey attacked us. She untied shoelaces and pecked at shoes.

For pea planting we got a cup and put soil in then we put a hole in the middle. We put the pea seed in then we got popsicle stick and put our name on it. We went to the Community Garden. In the garden there was lettuce, beetroot, peppers, corn, cauliflower and broccoli.

At the recycling bins we watched a video how to destroy the world. After that we did a challenge which was to put the rubbish in the right bins. We did pretty good.

Grade 5/6 News

On Tuesday we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend the Australian Netball Championships in Traralgon. Thank you, Mrs Smith, for entering our school in the competition, in which we won enough free tickets allowing all of our 5/6 students to attend. We watched a nail biting match between QBE Swifts and West Coast Fever.

This morning, for our VCOP (which stands for **V**ocabulary, **C**onnectives, **O**peners and **P**unctuation) Literacy Warm Up we created powerful sentence openers about the netball action we witnessed yesterday...



Zoe C wrote: They openly celebrated their victory against New South Wales.

Lily wrote: Luckily, the Western Australian Fever shot a goal last minute! The crowd cheered in excitement.

Cade wrote: Sprinting, she shot a goal. "Yes!" they shouted.

Zara wrote: Bouncing the ball, they passed and scored a goal.

James wrote: Sprinting towards the hoop, she shoots, she scores!

Georgia wrote: Quickly they ran from one side of the court to the other, trying to defend the other team.

Claire wrote: Defending the player next to her, the New South Wales player caught the ball.

Nicholas wrote: Helpfully, they passed the ball.

Amity wrote: Quickly passing the ball to their teammate to shoot the winning goal.

Mitchell wrote: She quickly shoots and scores!

Anthony wrote: The defending team blocked the pass.

Lizzie wrote: The Western Australia's Goal Attack caught the ball and shot a goal!

Liam wrote: Shooting a goal, the opposite team was very disappointed.

Kaiya wrote: Smartly the NSW teammate, Goal Attack, made a clean goal, tying with WA!

Annie wrote: Shooting a goal, not only did the entire NSW team cheer, the crowd went wild!

Parents, thank you so much for your support in carrying out Home Talk with your child. The more your child talks about their forthcoming BigWrite with you the easier and more prepared they are to successfully write for a sustained 40 minutes. When you talk together your child picks up more expressive vocabulary, ideas of how to start sentences with different types of words and what words connect sentences as well as where to place punctuation marks.



Netball-Traralgon

It was a long drive to get there but it was worth it. We had our snack outside and had a little play before we went inside. The game was exhilarating, so I wanted WA to win, I guess I chose right. Of course I chose WA because their costumes were green and guess who else was wearing a green uniform? St Joseph!

The sports teacher, Miss Smith, was from New South Wales so she went for the other team. Sadly her team lost, but not me. I didn't go for that and I went for the other team so I was as Sunshine on a Clear sky day.

After the game we headed to the skills and drills we were given activities to do. Everyone had a go and I really love that part I really did. Sadly good times have to end. Before we left we headed into another one of the courts. When we got there we were given a lunch box with the name Melbourne Vixens on it. I still have mine at home.

All in all I had a wonderful time and I'll go back there any second of the day. **By Zoe**



Netball

Yesterday, the grade 5/6s went to Traralgon to watch a Netball game. When we got there, we had a little snack because the trip made us really, really hungry. After we ate, we walked into the Netball Stadium and had a seat.

The game finally started and we figured out that Western Australia and NSW (New South Wales) were playing. The game was so intense! People shouting, shoes squeaking and the score-board scaring me. There were 4 quarters so the whole match went for at least an hour.

It was now the last quarter, they were playing hard. One team got a goal then the other team got a goal. At the last minute Western Australia got one last goal and won! I know I can't say this but I was sad because NSW lost by 1 point.

After we got out, we had some Netball practice. We did some passing, shooting and running. It was fun, trying new things. After a while we hopped on the bus, and got to school.

Thanks for reading, **Zara**

Science Week Activities

At school last week we celebrated Science Week by doing activities like balloon races, paper aeroplane building, stained glass window biscuits, magic milk experiment, marshmallow towers and bending water. To make these activities happen the year 6's and some grade 5's lead the activities, and the rest of the grade 5's lead the groups. The stained glass window biscuits were tight on dough but in the end we made 107 biscuits. The biscuits were handed out the next day during our snack time. Overall Science Week 2022 was a fun afternoon activity. **By Amelia**



Mushrooms In Stem

We were very fortunate this term to receive a free Mushroom growing kit from Australian Mushroom Growers. Over the last few weeks students in 3/4 have been tending to the mushrooms daily to ensure that we have the best possibility in growing some mushrooms. During our STEM lessons we have been looking at different mushrooms, their life cycle, how to grow them, how to make spore prints and even tasting edible mushrooms. Have a look at what has popped up in the last few days.



3-6 Tennis in PE

Over the last few weeks students in 3-6 have been participating in Tennis lessons during PE with tennis coach Matt Pocklington. They are having great fun and learning lots of different tennis skills.

Mini Vinnies

Last week it was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic group of students from Seniors and Middles meet for the first time to form Mini Vinnies. Mini Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues, to the St Vincent de Paul Society and to living faith through action. Our first actions will be developing our own understanding of what Social Justice is and raising awareness within our school community. We can't wait to put some of our ideas into action! Watch this space!



Korumburra Secondary College 2023 Like Minds Program

Each year KSC offers a special program for year 7 and 8 students. If your child is attending KSC next year they have received an enrolment pack today with information about this and other areas of their school. If you have any questions or would like to know more about enrolling your child please contact Korumburra Secondary directly.

Rapid Antigen Tests

We are still receiving deliveries of COVID Rapid Antigen Tests from the Government. We will not be sending these out automatically however, if you would like a box sent home please email us at office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au and we will arrange it.

We are still getting active covid cases in our school community and the importance of monitoring symptoms and regular testing is still very high.

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LIKE MINDS PROGRAM



An enrichment program for
motivated students



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.