



St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Families of St Joseph's,

This week we are focusing on Child Safety and building awareness of situations in which our children may not be safe. It is vital that they have a strong voice, especially when they are uncomfortable and it is critical that the adults in their lives listen and respond to that voice. I encourage you to speak openly with your children about how they should respond when they don't feel safe and ensure that they have trusted adults in their lives whom they can talk to. Often this is someone close, but beyond the immediate family like an uncle, aunty or perhaps a sporting coach. A person like this can be a wonderful support to you as a parent too. As teachers, our first priority is the safety of your children and I am proud of the way all staff at our school care for the children. You can be assured that we adhere to detailed policies which you can refer to on our website.

Cyber Safety

It has come to our awareness that some children are engaging on social media platforms which are beyond their age group. Some children are also involved in online gaming, often late into the night. We encourage you to supervise this closely and if it is a problem for your family, consider turning off internet access during unsuitable times of the day.

If you are concerned about your child's use of technology, particularly in relation to conversations online, please speak with your child's teacher. We also recommend looking at our School Tv special reports which can be accessed at:

<https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/>

Planning for 2023

As we begin planning for 2023, we would be grateful if you would please inform us of your intentions for 2023. If your child will be leaving our school, it is important that we are aware. Likewise, if you have a child, or know of a child who will be beginning school, in any level, next year, please ensure that a full enrolment form has been completed. An expression of interest form does not confirm enrolment.

As Term three draws to a close and we finally feel the warmth of the sun, I find myself reflecting on what has been. This term was seasoned with camps, excursions, special days and of course, brilliant learning. Thank you for the generous ways you have contributed to our school; our community is returning to life and we have so much to look forward to in Term 4.

I wish us all a safe and restful holiday.

Sharon

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

Mon 5th - Fri 9th - Child Safety Week
 Fri 9th
 - Assembly 9am
 - OHS Friday - Hot chocolate **LAST ONE**
 - Foster Families Gippsland (Pyjama Day fundraiser)
 - Division Athletics
 Thurs 15th
 - AFLX Competition
 Fri 16th
 - Hot Lunch Day
 - Junior Incursion 11:45am
 - **Last day Term 3**
2:30pm finish

OCTOBER

Mon 3rd
 Tues 4th
 - **First Day Term 4**
 - Whole School First Aid Incursion
 Thurs 6th
 - Lord Somers Whole School Incursion
 Fri 7th
 - Assembly
 - Division Summer Sport
 Mon 10th
 - Junior Swimming Commences
 Tues 11th
 - Junior Swimming
 Wed 12th
 - Junior Swimming
 Fri 14th
 - Prep 2023 Orientation
 Tues 18th
 - Grade 5/6 T20 Cricket
 Thurs 20th
 - Grade 6 Immunisation Talk
 - Grade 2-6 Soccer Clinic
 - Mary MacKillop Grade 5 Discovery Day
 Fri 21st
 - Junior Zoo Excursion 8:15am
 - Assembly
 - District Cricket
 Thurs 27th
 - Grade 2-6 AFL Clinic
Mon 31st
- School Closure Day

NOVEMBER

Tues 1st
- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
 Fri 4th
 - Prep 2023 Orientation
 Mon 7th
 - Book Fair
 Fri 11th
 - Remembrance Day Service
 Mon 14th
 - Junior Swimming
 Tues 15th
 - Junior Swimming
 Wed 16th
 - Junior Swimming
 Fri 18th
 - Prep 2023 Orientation



Foundation and Junior blue news!

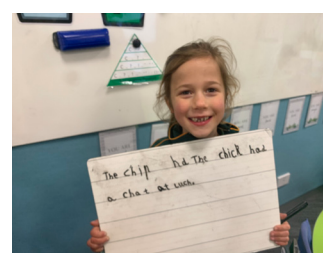
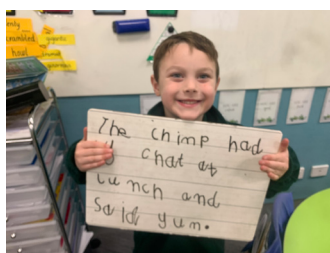
Wow what a term 3 we have had!

I have to say, I am super proud of all our littlest people and everything they have achieved this term.

In particular their writing has come along in leaps and bounds. We have been working very hard on our writing daily and as a result the fabulous stories they have written are just wonderful.



In inquiry this term we have been investigating fairy tales and have been working hard on creating puppets of our favourite characters and putting together puppet plays to perform and these are just gorgeous. Stay tuned to SeeSaw to see the finished products.



3/4 News

We have been working hard all term on our writing and there have been some amazing examples of narrative writing, report writing and informative writing being produced. Currently we are working on information slide shows about an animal and they are looking terrific! These will be posted on SeeSaw once they are completed.

Keep an eye out for our weekly announcement on SeeSaw about our prompt for our Big Write. Ask your child about it and have a chat about their ideas. It really helps with their writing!

3/4's Mushrooms

It has been such an exciting experiment that we have undertaken during our STEM lessons during this term. After receiving a free mushroom growing kit from Australian Mushroom Growers, the 3/4 class has taken charge of nurturing and looking after their mushroom kit. We have been blown away with the amount of mushrooms we have grown and got to see three different types of mushrooms in the process - button mushrooms, cap mushrooms and large flat mushrooms. Last week we picked the mushrooms and enjoyed them raw and cooked on mini pizzas.



Information from the Fathering Project

This week is child protection week. As fathers and father figures, our first and foremost role is to protect children in every way possible.

Starting the conversation about body boundaries and protective behaviours with your child helps to equip and empower them, now and into the future.

Continuing to engage in warm, supportive fathering is shown to support the emotional and social development of children. Provide a safe environment, opportunity for open conversation and teachable moments.

Top Tips

1. **Talk to your child about personal space and body boundaries.** What is ok, and what isn't.
2. **Try 'what if' scenarios.** Make "What if someone gives you a big hug and you don't like it?" "What if someone is hurting you when you are playing?"
3. **Teach them to trust their feelings.** If it doesn't feel right to them, they have the power to say 'no' or 'stop' and tell you about it as soon as they can.

Dad joke of the week

You think gas and electricity prices are expensive, have you seen chimneys?
They're through the roof...



Bike Education

The Bike Education Program will be taking place for students in Grades 3-6 towards the end of Term 4. Now is the perfect time to start checking that your child's bike is in safe, working order. Please refer to the picture to ensure their bike meets the standards. We will be needing helpers throughout the program and on the bike hikes, so if you are available and have a current Working With Children Check, please let me know: msmith@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au.

Important dates for the Grades 5/6 include:

Year Five Bike Hike - Leongatha to Meeniyah and back - Tuesday, December 13th

Year Six Road Test Day - Tuesday, December 13th

Year Six Bike Hike - Leongatha to Inverloch - Wed, December 14th

- Inverloch to Leongatha - Thurs,

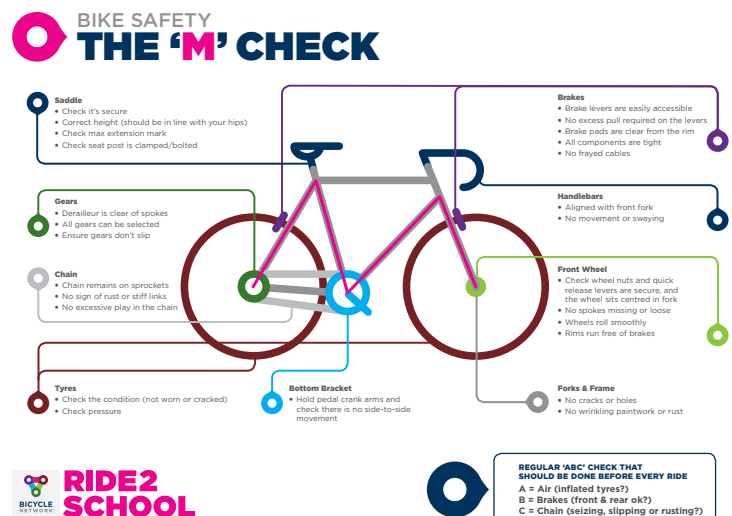
December 15th

Looking forward to a fantastic end to the year.

Megan Smith

Division Athletics

Tomorrow, Friday September 9, 9 senior students are heading to Casey Fields Regional Athletics Centre to represent St Joseph's at the Division Athletics Carnival. We wish Annie, Georgia, Lily, Zara, Amity, Aiden, Cody, Liam E and Toby all the best and are very proud of all their achievements so far. We know they will do their very best on the day.



R U Ok? Day

Today is R U Ok?Day which is a national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life. To recognise this important day, we added a splash of yellow to our school, students were invited to add a touch of yellow to their school uniform for the day. We also celebrated by coming together as a school and enjoyed a whole school picnic at morning tea. The picnic was made extra special with yummy donuts from Kelly's Bakery and a very generous donation of bananas from Woolworths Leongatha.



Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day

Tomorrow, Friday 9th we will be participating in Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day to raise money and awareness for the Gippsland charity 'A Better Life for Foster Kids'. Students are encouraged to wear their PJ's, oodles, slippers etc, donations can be made to CDFPay and the school will donate 100% of monies raised. Here is the link to a youtube clip that you may wish to watch or even watch with your child with some important information about the charity. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9hfzTZZ2AE>

Term 3 Final day

Friday 16th September is the final day for Term 3. School will finish at 2:30pm and the buses will run at this earlier time. Term 4 begins on Monday 3rd October.

Hot Lunch Day

We will be holding a hot lunch day next Friday 16th September. This Term we will be having a hot dog lunch. Purchase a hot dog, finger bun and a prima for \$6.50. Please email office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au if you have any specific dietary requirements. Orders are open via CDFPay and will close on **Tuesday 13th September at 12pm**. We can not have them open after this time as food **MUST** be ordered.



Summer Uniform

Over the next week and for the first two weeks of Term 4 students can now choose to wear either their summer uniform or their winter uniform. Please ensure that they are in full uniform and not in a combination of the two.

Wide brim, green school hats are highly recommended on these nicer days and will be compulsory from the start of Term 4.

OHS Friday! - Hot Choc

Tomorrow will be our final Hot Chocolate for the Term. Orders will close on CDFPay at 12pm. Keep an eye out for when they open up next term with the summer edition, icypole Friday!



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

Student Attendance Policy

At St Joseph's the safety of your children is our number one priority. Because of this and to ensure we are inline with Government Requirements we must have parental notification for every student absence.

If your child is away, or is going to be away, the easiest way to let us know is via the 'parent notified absence' option in PAM. These absence types can be entered in advance and you can enter for more than one day in the case of a family holiday. If you miss the 9:30am cut off for this notification process you can call the school 56552040 or email office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au.

If we have not heard from a parent by 9:30am a no reply SMS will be sent to the first contact listed in SIMON. If you receive this SMS please follow the above step and either email or call the school.

If we have not had parental contact by 10am the contacts listed in SIMON will be called. We will continue to call, SMS and Email until we have made contact with a parent, guardian or emergency contact. We do this so that we can ensure you are aware that your child has not attended school that day and to get notification of the reason for their absence eg, illness, holiday or parent choice.

Thank-you for helping us complete this task each day and ensure student safety.

Prep Parents Spring dinner!

What a fabulous turn out and night that was had by all, at our first prep parents spring dinner.

Last Thursday night our prep mums all met at the middle pub and enjoyed a meal together to celebrate their child's first year of primary school. It was a fabulous night of laughter, conversation and community and I'm sure this will not be the only dinner these fabulous people organise.

Don't forget if you would like to organise an event like this for your child's year level please see the office and we can help you put it together.

Fathers Day Breakfast

What a fantastic morning! How wonderful it was to see our school full of parents and community members. We had over 70% of our families attend this event. The energy and excitement of the students and their special people was just fabulous and was something we all have missed over the past few years. I would like to say a huge thank you to the following people for all your hardwork and support that went into making this event such a success , Richard Muranty, Danielle Richards, Kaylene Bond, Belinda Whiteside, Carole Livesey, David Forbes, all our teachers, learning support officers and our fabulous principal, Sharon Anderson.

Nat Kratz



St Joseph's Child Safety and Wellbeing Statement

St. Joseph's Primary School is committed to embedding a culture of Child Safety and Wellbeing in everything we do, adhering to the Child Safe Standards – Managing the Risk of Child Abuse in Schools and School Boarding Premises (**Ministerial Order No. 1359**). 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.