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Welcome to Term 4!

I know it is often said, but truly, where has the year gone? It was great to see the children returning to school on what was a beautiful, sunny Monday. They were full of smiles, laughter and stories of holiday adventures. It is in these moments that I feel privileged to be part of a primary school and I am grateful for the trust you place in us as we join you in the education of your children. I am honoured to work with staff who genuinely see their work as a vocation and who go above and beyond to support our children in so many ways.

This term, we will continue to place strong emphasis on building the children's knowledge and skills and will provide them with authentic opportunities to apply their learning. This, of course, is enhanced by your support at home. Children need to be reading every day and the value of being read to cannot be underestimated. We have introduced a whole school writing approach called "the Big Write" and we are already seeing brilliant results. Your children will also be bringing home prompts for their writing and we ask that you spend time with them talking and helping them to develop their ideas.

Uniform

There has been much discussion about our uniform and ideas to update it. This is a gradual process as we slowly introduce new items and improve old ones. We are phasing in the St Joseph's school bag as a compulsory item and so whilst we don't expect you to replace a perfectly good bag, if you do need a new one, please make sure it is the St Joseph's bag. They are excellent bags, especially designed for the rigours of school life. Next year, we will also introduce a dedicated sports top as well as a longer, warmer coat for those cold wet Korumburra mornings. The tops will be available for Term 1 and the coats for Term 2 from Burra Sports in Korumburra.

Parents and Friends

Last term, we had a great meeting full of ideas to not only raise funds, but to celebrate our school. This term, you are warmly invited to attend a P and F meeting every Friday at 9:15am (or after assembly) to share friendship and to plan and prepare for activities for our school community.

School Closure Day

You may be aware that a new enterprise bargaining agreement (EBA) has been endorsed by DOSCEL and approved by the Fair Work Commission. This involves some significant changes to the way our staff work and to their entitlements. Time in Lieu has now been introduced to recognise the many additional hours that teachers do outside of their formal allocation. This year, DOSCEL has directed that the report writing day we have previously taken on the Monday before Cup Day will now be used as a "Time in Lieu" Day. It remains as a student free day, however will not be a work day for staff. The report writing day will now happen on Friday, November 25th, and as such will also be a student free day.



Sharon Anderson

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

- Fri 7th - Division Summer Sport
Mon 10th - Junior Swimming Commences
Tues 11th - Junior Swimming
Wed 12th - Junior Swimming
Fri 13th - Assembly
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
- District Cricket
Tues 25th - Socktober activities
Thurs 27th - Grade 2-6 AFL Clinic
Fri 28th - Assembly
Mon 31st - **School Closure Day**

NOVEMBER

- Tues 1st - **Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
Wed 2nd - Italian Day
Fri 4th - Prep 2023 Orientation
Mon 7th - Book Fair
Fri 11th - Remembrance Day Service
- Assembly
Mon 14th - Junior Swimming
Tues 15th - Junior Swimming
Wed 16th - Junior Swimming
Fri 18th - Prep 2023 Orientation
Mon 21st - Thurs 24th
- 3/4 Bike Ed
Thurs 24th - Bike Ed Safety talk
Fri 25th - School Closure Day
Mon 28th - Wed 30th
- 5/6 Bike Ed

DECEMBER

- Thurs 1st - Fri 2nd
- 5/6 Bike Ed
Fri 2nd - Foundation Orientation
Mon 5th - Wed 7th
- 3/4 camp start
- 5/6 Bike Ed
Mon 5th - Whole School Orientation Day
Tues 6th - Orientation Day
Wed 7th - Thurs 8th
- 5/6 Bike Ed
Fri 9th - Assembly
- 5/6 Bike Ed
Mon 12th - 5/6 Bike ed at Leongatha
Tues 13th - Grade 5 Bike ed to Meeniyan
- Grade 6 Bike Ed at Leongatha

Big Write-Talk Homework

This year staff are having a particular focus on supporting the development of Writing skills in students. As part of this focus, all classes from Year 1-6 are incorporating a "BIG WRITE" at least once a fortnight. This is an opportunity for students to put into practice the skills they have been learning in literacy lessons.

You may have noticed some messages coming home from classes with topics or a picture stimulus and a request to have a conversation with your child.

An important part of writing is the planning phase where ideas are formulated, collected and ordered. Talking about the topic and ideas that flow from it is one way to support planning before writing begins and it is very helpful for students to have done some prior thinking about the topic.

Here are some general questions you might ask to help get the conversation going

- What is the topic for Big Write?
- What does the topic make you think of? What are some words you might use?
- What might you write about?
- What kind of text will it be? (story, letter, recount etc)

Socktober

This year our school is participating in Socktober for Mission Month. We are partnering with

Catholic Mission to invite our students to connect with young people experiencing challenges in the developing world through education and the world game of soccer.

This year, our collective fundraising efforts will support vulnerable children in Ethiopia who are experiencing food insecurity and malnutrition. One example of what we are supporting is the Deberety Farm project in Emdibir, four hours from the capital, which aims to address these issues, primarily by raising goats that produce life-giving milk for infants who are most at risk.

As a school, we can contribute in a special way, but only if all our stars jump onboard. I'd like to invite you to take a moment to sign your child/ren up for Socktober so they can join their friends and make a difference for children in need in Ethiopia. It takes only a few minutes.

Sign up with this link: <https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/stjosephsprimarykorumburra>

Students are asked to bring in recycled items to make their sock balls with, such as odd socks, t-shirts, string (of old rags cut into strips), bubble wrap, polystyrene, paper and plastic bags.



Italian News

Buon Giorno a Tutti!

This year's annual Italian Day will be held on Wednesday 2nd November and the whole school will experience the delights, culture and traditions of Italy. Students will participate in an afternoon of multi-age Italian inspired activities, such as pasta making and bocce.

Students are encouraged to dress up in any Italian themed costumes or just in the Italian colours. Students may want to dress up Italian by wearing the Italian flag colours of green, white and red. However, students may also like to dress up as something or someone Italian such as Pinocchio, Strega Nona, an Italian cook or artist, an Italian food item (pizza or pasta), Mario, Luigi, a gondolier, soccer player, Mona Lisa, Ferrari car driver or even as an Italian monument. Students may like to wear a mask and dress up ready to go to the famous Venetian festival 'Carnevale'. You may have your own ideas!

Junior Swimming Program

Our Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 Students will be participating in the first block of their swimming program on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October. Permission must be given via the School Activity set up in PAM, if you have any trouble accessing this please contact the office.

This program is for all students no matter what the swimming ability, students are assessed by qualified instructors and grouped accordingly.

Lord Somers Camp Incursion

We were so blessed to have the amazing team from Lord Somer's Camp come and do an incursion with all students as part of the Positive Start Experiences. The students participated in a series of interactive games and team-based challenges that promote communication, fun and friendships. It was a great experience for all students.



Regional Athletics Carnival

We wish Lily, Zara, Amity, Georgia, Toby and Liam E the best of luck as they head off to compete in the Regional Athletics next Tuesday. They will be heading over to Newborough to proudly represent our school in their successful events. We are super proud of them all and know they will do their best.

OHS Fridays!

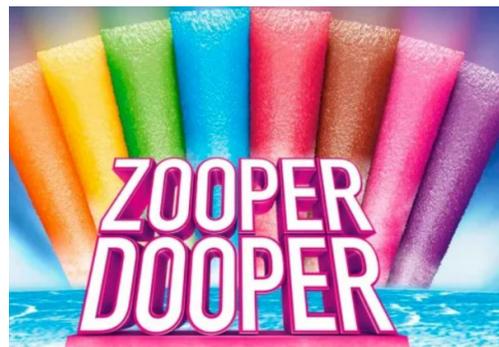
OHS Fridays are back and this term we will be selling Zooper Doopers!

Orders can be placed via CDFPay, you may choose to order 1 per week for \$1 or order for the whole term for \$10.

Last term our student OHS team raised over \$200 and are putting this towards some new outdoor seating so that students have a place to relax, play board games or read during their recess and lunch times.

Foundation 2023 Transition dates

We are looking forward to welcoming our 2023 Foundation students onsite for their first transition day on Friday 4th November. Don't forget to call and arrange your child's interview with Mrs Anderson for next Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th or Friday 14th.



3/4 News

On Tuesday, 4th October we attended a first aid session with Charlotte from St John's ambulance. This is what we learned:

- In this lesson I have learned how to help people that are in danger. (Lachie)
- I learned about the recovery position. (Livinia)
- The three parts of the airways are the nose, mouth and throat. (Blake)
- I learned what CPR stands for. (Mia)
- I learned that you need to roll people to the left. (Dane)
- You are more important than the patient. (Max)
- Always check for danger when someone is hurt. (Charlie)
- I learned how to roll someone into the recovery position. (Khanh)
- You have to check for danger. (Linc)



5/6 Blue News

We have been practising structuring paragraphs using the Single Paragraph Outline (SPO) plan which begins with a topic sentence, followed by about three sentences that provide supportive details and finishes with a concluding sentence (a rewording of the topic sentence).

We were most impressed with the quality of Ella Cochrane's writing and paragraph structure when she summarised our First Aid incursion:

First Aid is the priority procedure when in danger. First Aid even comes before calling an ambulance. DRSABCD is the acronym affiliated with First Aid.

D: danger, always check for danger.

R: response, call the injured person, try to converse, squeeze shoulders.

S: send, send for help, call 000.

A: airway, check the airway is clear.

B: breathing, check for normal breathing.

C: CPR, start CPR, do 100-120 compressions per minute.

D: defibrillation, attach defibrillator (AED) and follow instructions.

Using this technique in danger could ensure safety.



The Fathering Project

Supporting your child's emotional and mental wellbeing is critical to their overall health and development.

As fathers you play an important role in helping your children develop their social and emotional skills and understandings.

Helping your child understand their emotions allows them to grow into emotionally mature young adults.

Top Tips

1. Schedule emotional check-ins. Regularly checking in will help you understand your child. You could try having days of the week on the fridge and getting them to draw an emoji for how they are feeling.

2. Help them explore their emotions. Read stories or watch videos or TV shows and discuss the character's emotions. Talk about what they might be feeling and how they respond to these emotions.

3. Practise gratitude. Take time to chat with your kids each day, or before bed and encourage them to reflect on what they're grateful for or what went well that day.

Dad joke of the week

I had to fire my fruit delivery driver today. I hate to let the mango but he was driving me bananas!

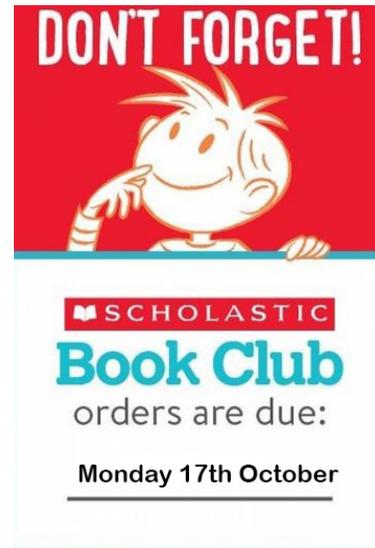
Junior Swimming Program

Our Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will begin their swimming program on Monday 10th October. The first block of lessons is next week Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th. The second block of lessons is on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November. More information is on PAM and permission must be given prior to students attending. If you have any questions please contact the office or your child's classroom teacher.

Bookclub

Book club orders are now available via scholastic LOOP <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx>

Orders will close on Monday 17th October. If you have any trouble registering and ordering via LOOP please contact us at office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au for assistance.



**SWIM CLUB
OPEN NIGHT**

**Monday 17th and Thursday 20th October
6pm to 7pm
Korumburra Indoor Heated Pool**

Swimmers must be able to demonstrate that they are competent in two strokes and able to at least swim 25 metres if under 10 years of age and 50 metres if over 10 years of age.

If you would like more information please contact
Kirsten Amos on 0408461238



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.