



# St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Families of St Joseph's,

The month of November is a special time of remembrance in our Church. It is during this time that we especially remember and pray for the souls of those who have gone before us.

Father Peter and the Parish Council have invited us to be involved in the ceremonies which will be happening in our Parish. Our Grade 5/6 students have made a remembrance poster of a loved one which will sit at the Altar of the church during the month.



Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day. At St Joseph's we are blessed to have such dedicated staff in our school. As a small school, each of them takes on so much more than they might in a larger school...and they do it with generosity, humility and love for our students. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for the way they care for the children every day.

As we move towards the end of the year, we are confirming plans for 2023. If your child will be leaving us, it is important that we are aware as it does impact our structure and staffing. If you are aware of a family who may be interested in joining our school community, please encourage them to contact the office and arrange a tour of our beautiful school. We are already looking forward to welcoming several new families to St Joseph's and we will be meeting some of these at our first Foundation orientation tomorrow.

Finally, I would like to thank our Parents and Friends who ran a very successful Christmas Bauble fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who supported this and we look forward to more fun activities to come.

As we look forward to warmer, dryer weather, I thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care.

*Sharon*

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## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER

- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2023 Orientation 10-11am
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day Service
- Assembly
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Junior Swimming
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - Junior Swimming
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> - Junior Swimming
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2023 Orientation 10am-11:30am
- Grade 3/4 Bike Ed
- Assembly
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> - 3/4 Bike Ed
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> - Bike Ed Safety talk
- School Disco
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> - School Closure Day
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> - Wed 30<sup>th</sup> - 5/6 Bike Ed

### DECEMBER

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5/6 Bike Ed
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> - Junior Tabloid Sports
- Prep 2023 Orientation 10am-11:30am
- Whole School Orientation
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Wed 7<sup>th</sup> - 3/4 camp start
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - 5/6 Bike Ed
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> - Grade six transition day at Mary MacKillop
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> - 5/6 Bike Ed
- Family Christmas Picnic (5pm TBC)
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> - 5/6 Bike Ed
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Graduation Mass and Activities
- Assembly
- 5/6 Bike Ed
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - 5 Bike ed at Leongatha
- Grade 6 Bike Ed at Leongatha
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 Bike ed to Meenian
- Grade 6 transition day to Korumburra Secondary
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Bike Ride Leongatha - Inverloch
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Bike Ride Inverloch - Leongatha
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> - Final Assembly
- Students last day

## Grade 5 Mary MacKillop Discovery Day

Our Grade 5 students travelled across to Leongatha to attend the Grade 5 discovery day on Thursday 20th October. Students were put into groups with students from surrounding schools and participated in classes and activities similar to what they can expect at highschool.



## Grade 5/6 T20 Cricket

Some of our Grade 5/6 students participated in inter school Cricket on Tuesday 18th October at Leongatha. We participated in the non competitive level with our girls team playing four games and winning three and our boys team playing four games winning one. All teams participated beautifully and had a great day.



## Bike Education

Our Bike Education program is quickly approaching us. Please begin to assess your child's bike and helmet and ensure that it is up to standard and safe for use during the program. If you have any problems, bikes can be serviced at the local bike stores in Korumburra and Leongatha. We will also be looking for parents that can help during these programs, if you are available to assist please let Megan Smith know: [msmith@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:msmith@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au)

The dates to remember:

**3/4 Bring Bikes to School between** - Monday Nov 14th - Wednesday Nov 16th

**3/4 Bike Ed Program** - Friday Nov 18th - Thursday Nov 24th

**5/6 Bring Bikes to School between** - Monday Nov 21st - Wednesday Nov 23rd

**5/6 Bike Ed Program** - Monday Nov 28th - Thursday Dec 8th

**5 Velodrome Ride Leongatha** - Monday Dec 12th

**Year 6 Road Test Day Leongatha** - Monday Dec 12th

**Year 5 Bike Hike Leongatha - Meenian** - Tuesday Dec 13th

**Year 6 Bike Hike Leongatha - Inverloch** - Wednesday Dec 14th - Thursday Dec 15th



## Socktober

Last Tuesday, St Joseph's celebrated World Mission Month by way of *Socktober*, an initiative of global mission aid agency Catholic Mission that raises awareness and funds for critical projects supporting vulnerable children in developing countries.

Socktober was the culmination of learning and fundraising efforts that the students carried out throughout the month of October, for a farming project in rural Ethiopia, where families grapple with the issues of food insecurity and malnutrition.

During the day students enjoyed mission activities, a Socktober Shootout (Goal Shooting) and a liturgy.

Many students created a "sockball" – a makeshift soccer ball made of recycled materials like old socks. This activity helped students understand the reality of children who cannot afford high-quality balls found in schools across Australia. It's important for our students to understand why children in places like Ethiopia need our support, and to expose some of the root causes of poverty. In doing this, we are preparing our students to be responsible leaders of change in the future.

The soccer part of the program, especially the sockball activity, helps the students to understand that while we might be more privileged than children in Ethiopia, we are very similar at a fundamental level: in our love of games and sports.

Thank you to the families who signed up to Socktober and sought sponsorship from friends and family through their online fundraising pages. We have raised \$430.00 to date.

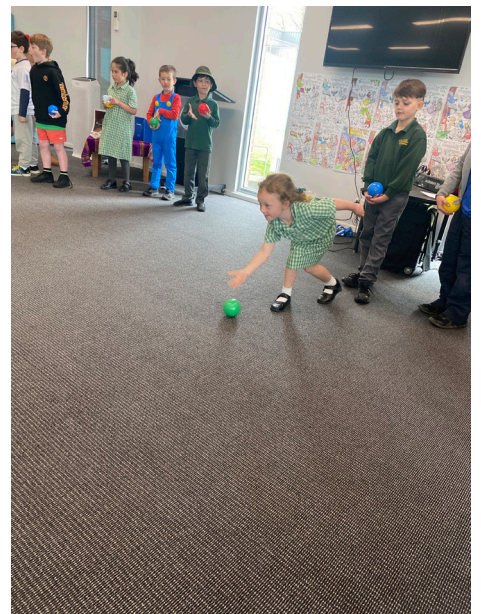
Our whole school community is hopeful we can make a big impact for children in need in Ethiopia. Our students understand how blessed they are to live in Australia, and they are always ready to pray, advocate, and act for others who are less fortunate.

You still have time to support St Joseph's Korumburra's, Socktober effort at their page: <https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/stjosephsprimarykorumburra>



## Italian Day

Che bella giornata! What a wonderful day we had, full of cultural and educational experiences. Grazie a tutti for the effort you put in with your outfits - our school was vibrant with rosso, verde and bianco. It was great to see children working together, enjoying activities that incorporated working with buddies, co-operative team work, respecting one another all with smiles on faces. The children participated in the following activities: Bocce; Dancing the Tarantella; Learning about Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel and attempting to recreate this experience under tables; Making pasta; and creating Leaning Towers of Pisa using plates and cups. We look forward to sampling our pasta tomorrow with our lunches.



## Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies is a group of students committed to making a difference in the world and supporting the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Next Friday 11 November, Mini Vinnies will be supporting the people affected by floods in Victoria by holding a free dress day. Students are encouraged to come in free dress in exchange for a gold coin donation via CDF Pay. The funds raised will be sent to the appropriate organisation to assist in the clean up efforts.

## Mrs Anderson's High Tea

Each month our school will be focusing on one of our school expectations which are Respect, Responsibility and Caring, last month our focus was on Respect.

Teachers will choose a student who is demonstrating this expectation and they are invited to a special high tea with Mrs Anderson. It was very exciting when they met last week and we look forward to next month's special high tea focusing on Responsibility.



## Foundation 2023 Transition Day

We look forward to welcoming all of our 2023 Foundation students in tomorrow morning for their first transition day. The session will run from 10am-11am and parents are invited to attend an information session and morning tea in the staffroom during this time. Please bring your child to the office and they will be met by the Teacher and taken through to the classroom.



## 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.