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Thursday 17th November 2022

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Our end of year activities are looking exciting and I encourage you to join in, if you can.

We had originally planned our end of year Christmas picnic for Thursday, December 8th, however this is also the "Christmas shopping and fun family evening in Korumburra " and we don't want to take you away from this community event. We will now hold our Christmas picnic on **Friday December 9th from 5pm til 7pm**. Please bring along a picnic dinner and we will celebrate the end of a wonderful year together.

At the picnic, we will take some time to present some awards, farewell our leaving families and year 6 class, and be entertained by our preps and our school choir.

Planning for 2023 is well underway and I am delighted to share with you our class structure and staffing for next year.

Foundation - Natalie Kratz

Year 1 - Natalie Kratz and Anne Vick. Anne will teach the Year 1 class 3 days a week focusing on literacy and numeracy.

Year 2 - Rachael Mullin (3 days) and Madeline Buckley (2 days)

Year 3/4 - Emily Sherriff (4 days) and Carole Livesey (1 day)

Year 5/6 - Tammy Jones

Our ESO team will be Ro Archer, Belinda Isted, Belinda Whiteside, Emma Wilson, and John Livesey.

Oona Shepherd will continue in her role as our Administration Manager and Lynn Spittal in her role as our Finance Officer.

Our specialist teachers will be

Art and STEM - Catherine Riseley who will also continue in the role of Religious Education Leader,

PE/Sport - Hannah Taylor

Italian - Emily Sherriff

Carole will continue in her leadership role which includes Curriculum Leader, Learning Intervention and Learning Adjustment Leader.

We will be thanking and farewelling David Forbes who is retiring, Casey Bateman who completes her contract with us and Megan Smith who will be welcoming her third child in April. We wish them all well in their next adventures.

Wishing us all a peaceful fortnight ahead.

Sharon

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

- Fri 18th - Prep 2023 Orientation
10am-11:30am
- Grade 3/4 Bike Ed
- Mon 21st - Thurs 24th
- 3/4 Bike Ed
- Thurs 24th - Bike Ed Safety talk
- School Disco
- Fri 25th - **School Closure Day**
- Mon 28th - Wed 30th
- 5/6 Bike Ed

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- Friday 27th - Staff return
- Mon 30th - Student free day - staff
training
- Tues 31st - Students return

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1st - Foundation students rest
day
- Fri 10th - Senior Swimming
Carnival Grade 3-6

Bike Education

Our 3/4 Bike Education program begins tomorrow. If you have not already done so and you would like your child's bike to remain at school for the duration of the program please bring it in tomorrow. Grade 5/6 families 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

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The dates to remember:

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

Grade 5 Velodrome Ride Leongatha - Monday Dec 12th

Grade 6 Road Test Day Leongatha - Monday Dec 12th

Grade 5 Bike Hike Leongatha - Meeniyan - Tuesday Dec 13th

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

Junior Swimming

Our junior school completed their swimming program this week. This is such a valuable program for our students so we thank Leongatha SPLASH for running the program, Mrs Smith for organising it and the classroom teachers, support staff and helpers who went with our classes.



School Disco

Our Parents and Friends committee have organised a student disco for Thursday 24th November 5pm-7pm. Tickets are \$10 per child which includes a sausage in bread, drink and glow stick, tickets can be purchased via CDFPay. Younger siblings are welcome to attend however, all children under school age must have a parent or guardian over the age of 18 accompany them.



Report Writing Day

Staff will be writing reports on Friday 25th November. There will be no school for students on this day.

Grade 6 graduation reminders

Grade 6 families have been sent home a yellow envelope with a piece of paper in it. You have been sent an email with instructions on what to do with this. If you have not received either the email or the piece of paper please contact tjones@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au or office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au.

On Friday 9th December our Grade 6 students will be having their 'Graduation day' the running order of the day for the students looks like this:

9am - Craft activities

11.30am - GRADUATION & END OF YEAR Mass (all welcome). Note: Grade 6 students can invite whoever they like to come, but they will not be allocated seating.

12.30pm - Grade 6 Lunch (students and staff only).

1.50pm - Grade 6 Reflection and fun activities

Art

In Art, Junior students practised the design process and then created their own finger puppets. Our senior students have been experimenting with printmaking to create their own version of Van Gogh's 'starry nights'. It is great to see students working so creatively.



Orientation and Transition Dates

We welcome back our 2023 Foundation students tomorrow 18th November 10-11:30am. Students will be here during the recess break so they will need to bring a wide brim hat, water bottle and a snack. Other days to remember are Friday 2nd December Whole school orientation into 2023 classes 10am - 11am. This includes 2023 Foundation students who will again stay until 11:30 am and have recess at school.

Grade 6 students attending Mary MacKillop in 2023 will have an orientation day on Tuesday 6th December.

Grade 6 students who are attending Korumburra Secondary School in 2023 will have their orientation day on Tuesday 13th December.

Mini Vinnies - Flood Appeal

Thank you so very much for supporting our fundraiser to help those communities in Victoria affected by floods. We are very grateful to have raised \$156 which will be donated to the 2022 St Vincent De Paul Flood Appeal on behalf of St Joseph's. Did you know that \$150 can supply a fresh set of clothing to a person who has fled their home with only the clothes on their back or can provide emergency groceries and essential items to three flood affected families? If you would like to give any additional donations you can do so via <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

Mini Vinnies - St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Mini Vinnies are supporting St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Appeal in December. We invite families and members of our community to reflect on the many people in our community who are in need and struggling during this time and bring non-perishable goods, such as packets of pasta and tinned goods, to be placed in the basket in the office. In December we will have a Christmas Tree set up in the office with baubles labelled with a gender and age group. We invite each family to take one of these and purchase presents according to the label on the bauble. Please ensure that all non-perishable items are in date and presents are labelled with the gender and age group for which they are intended. The donations will be collected in week 11 by Korumburra branch of St Vinnies.



The Fathering Project

We know switching off from work can be a challenge, especially if you work from home and have younger children wanting your attention.

Whether you work from home, are coming home from the office or on-site. Making time to decompress to enter dad-mode is important.

Don't feel guilty! If you need a bit of time to "switch off" and reset before you switch "back on again" after you knock off, this is perfectly fine.

Reset, channel your "dad-mode" and then show up for your kids.



Top Tips to get into dad-mode after work

1. **On your way home from your workday or shift** use the travel time to de-stress so when you walk in the door, you're switched on, in dad-mode.
2. **Make time to connect when you get home from work.** i.e., around the dinner table, or at bedtime.
3. **If you are working away or living apart, make time to reach out whenever possible.** Phone or text older children from work or after school with a brief message to let them know you are thinking of them.

Dad joke of the week

"Which is faster... hot or cold? Hot, because you can catch a cold..."

For information on the Fathering Project or for podcasts, information or support go to <https://thefatheringproject.org/>

SOUTHERN FUSION *"respect all, fear none"*

SOUTHERN FUSION NETBALL CLUB 2023 AUTUMN TRIALS
Do you want to take your netball to the next level? Southern Fusion is for you!

Southern Fusion Netball Club is the South Gippsland representative club which aims to develop players into the Netball Victoria Development Pathway. We extend players knowledge, skills & understanding using an experienced team of qualified coaches for training, development sessions and match play.
Players will compete in state-of-the-art facilities on indoor courts, Wednesday nights, at Casey Netball Association's Casey Stadium (home to the Casey Demons VNL team).
Autumn season runs from February-June and the Spring season runs July-November (no play during school holidays).
Scheduled training sessions are held on Sundays at Meenyan & District Sports Stadium.

Take the opportunity to come and trial for Southern Fusion's Autumn - Spring Season.

Southern Fusion Trials
The selection process for the Autumn/Spring 2023 season is open.
Every attempt is made to accommodate all players who trial by selection in a Fusion representative team, development team or as a training partner; however, our ability to place players depends on trial and coaching numbers.

Date: Sunday 4th December 2022 (Meenyan Sports Stadium)
Time: Under 13's 10:30am-11:30am
Under 15's 11:00am-12:00pm
Under 17's 11:30am-12:30pm

Date: Sunday 11th December 2022 (Meenyan Sports Stadium)
Time: Under 13's 10:30am-11:30am
Under 15's 11:00am-12:00am
Under 17's 11:30am-12:30pm

What to wear: white or light top with shorts.
No skirts or leggings

Register your intention to trial at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/7U0Qe4565S1KyuLoGjYoeWChEdgB0op5Tun-qbH5ukJvdt>
For any further information please contact Leonie on 0400153092
or
Email: info@southernfusion.com.au



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.