



# St Joseph's Primary School

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Welcome to a bright new school year!

We have had a great start to the year and the children are settling well into their new learning environments.

We have been delighted to welcome our littlest people to our school in Foundation and also our new families, the Dangerfields and the McGeachins.

One of our school leaders, Alex Beach, interviewed one of our preps to see how the start of school had been.

This is what she discovered...

Hi there!

This is Alex Beach reporting from St Jo's.

Today I interviewed a prep named Amy and she told me a little about her first week at school. She told me that she is "very excited to start school and not nervous at all!"

Amy said that she thinks she is going to learn a lot about maths in her first year of school and then she told me that her favourite subject at school so far is Italian. I thought this was so surprising because most people find Italian very hard to learn.

I think Amy has an amazing year ahead!

In talking with her, I found that she is a very positive and a kind person.

I had a lot of fun interviewing Amy today!



## Father Peter

Many of you would be aware that Father Peter is leaving our Parish after a wonderful year of ministry and support. We are so grateful to Father Peter for the time he has given our school, for his gentle kind presence in our school and for celebrating the Sacraments with us. We wish Father well as he continues to follow the direction of our Bishop Greg in serving other Parishes across the Sale Diocese.

We will shortly welcome our new Parish Priest, Father Stanly who we are looking forward to working with.



## Dates to Remember

### February

Fri 10th	Grades 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Wed 15th	Foundation Rest Day Hot lunch orders close 12pm Scholastic bookclub orders close AFL Play Program visit
Fri 17th	Assembly 9am Hot Lunch Day
Wed 22nd	Grade 2-6 Soccer Clinic Foundation Rest Day Foundation Testing
Thurs 23rd	School Advisory Council Meeting 7pm
Tues 28th	Parent Teacher Interviews

### March

Wed 1st	Parent Teacher Interviews Foundation Rest Day Foundation Testing
Fri 3rd	Assembly
Wed 8th	Foundation Rest Day Foundation Testing
Fri 10th	Student Free Day
Mon 13th	Public Holiday
Fri 17th	Assembly
Mon 20th	School Photos
Tues 21st	Harmony Day
Tues 22nd - Fri 24th	Grade 3-6 Swimming
Tues 28th - Fri 31st	Grade 3-6 Swimming
Fri 31st	Assembly

### April

Mon 3rd	Senior Athletics Carnival
Thurs 6th	Final Day of Term 1
Wed 26th	First Day Term 2

I am so grateful to the dedicated staff we have here at St Joseph's and this year, their roles are as follows:

Office Staff	Oona Shepherd and Lynn Spittal
ESO staff	Juniors Belinda Whiteside and Emma Wilson Year 3/4 Ro Archer Year 5/6 Belinda Isted and John Livesey
Library	Danielle Fowles

### Teachers

Foundation	Natalie Kratz
Year 1	Anne Vick and Natalie Kratz
Year 2	Rachael Mullin and Madeline Buckley
Year 3/4	Emily Sherriff and Carole Livesey
Year 5/6	Tammy Jones
Physical Education	Hannah Taylor
STEM and Art	Catherine Riseley
Italian	Emily Sherriff

### Leadership

Principal	Sharon Anderson
Deputy Principal (Leader of Learning and Teaching/Learning Adjustment and Intervention)	Carole Livesey
Religious Education Leader	Catherine Riseley
Wellbeing Leader	Anne Vick
Sports coordinator	Hannah Taylor

A couple of reminders....

### Communication

Please ensure that you are registered on PAM and that your details are up to date. If your child requires medical support during the day, please provide us with an updated management plan. Any changes to parenting plans also need to be updated and where relevant, the most recent legal documentation provided.

For any questions which relate directly to the classroom, please contact your child's teacher. This can be done via email, phone or in person. For longer conversations, please arrange an appointment.

Keep an eye on See Saw and our Facebook and Instagram pages for day to day updates and news.

### Toys, equipment etc. from home

We are discouraging the children from bringing in personal belongings, especially precious and expensive items. We are unable to take responsibility for lost or broken items that are brought in from home. We are providing sports equipment before and during school hours for the children to play with.

Children are not able to access mobile phones or SMART devices during school hours and if brought to school, they must be turned off and placed in a secure storage container until the end of the day.

Swap cards such as Pokemon cards are also discouraged as, in our experience, swapping them can lead to some tricky situations.

### Uniform

Thank you for the efforts everyone is making in wearing our school uniform. The children look great!

School bags are on order at Burra Sports and if a new bag is required, this is the one you should purchase. Our Year 6 tops are on their way and we know how anxious our seniors are to receive them.

## Parents and Friends

It was great to see such a friendly group of parents in the staff room after assembly on Friday.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join this very important group which contributes so much to our school.

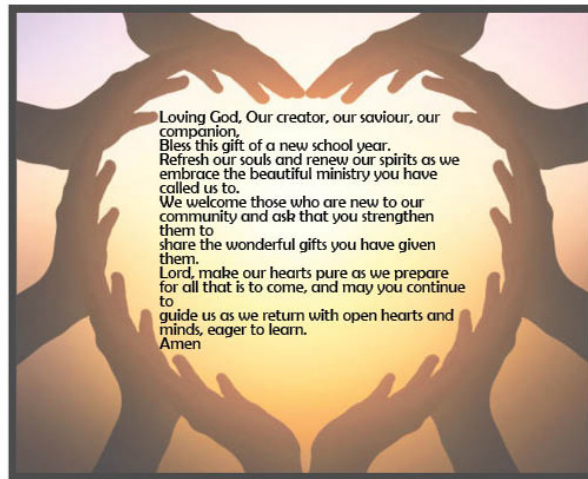
## Our school environment

We are looking for families to help our student “weed buster” team in the garden. We have a beautiful environment here at St Joseph’s, but the gardens do have a habit of growing! If you would be interested in contributing to our school with regular weeding, maintenance etc, please let me know via email. This could be a lovely way to meet new friends while also helping to develop our school.

As a school community we experience many joys, but we also endure losses. Tomorrow we will be particularly praying for Justin Fleming, Daria’s father, as he is farewelled from the Church at 1pm.

We continue to hold the family in our thoughts and prayers.

May God continue to Bless our beautiful school.



*Sharon Anderson*

Sharon

## F/1 News

What a fantastic start we have had in F/1. Our littlest people have had a wonderful time finding out all about our routines and how school works and our grade 1's have been super leaders in helping them to adjust to school life. We have had smiles all round and lots of fun at the same time, we are so super proud of them all!

Mrs Kratz and Belinda Whiteside





## Grade 2 News

Grade 2 made their names with M A Blocks. We worked out whose name had the most value. We decided that everyone's name is valuable!



## Senior News

Hi, our names are Zara and Kaiya and we're two of the senior students of 2023. Our senior students started school on the 31st of January, 2023. We've had a great start to the school year.

A couple days later, our senior teacher, Mrs Jones, picked Mass readers. Mass is where we go to the St Joe's Church and teachers from each class pick a few students to read at Mass. The senior students who got picked were Zara, Liam M, Chelsie, Lincoln and Mia. The Grade 6's also got their badges blessed by Father.

Friday at lunch we got to meet our Prep/One buddies and sat with them to get to know them. We learnt that they were very shy, but they got used to us after a bit.

Friday at 2:00 we walked over to Church with Grade 2-6. The people who were doing the reading's sat at the front of the Church to get ready for when it was their turn to read. At the end of Mass, the Grade 6's went up to Father and got their badges blessed.

At the start of Wednesday we had Stem and Italian for the first time this year. Stem stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

After the weekend, we settled into learning, and the weather was pretty cool and windy. On Wednesday our 5/6 class wrote a recount about what we did last Thursday which was Sport and Art. We learnt card games in Math this week. It was fun!



## Safer Internet Day and SchoolTV

On Tuesday the whole school focussed on how we can stay safe online both at school and at home. In our classrooms, we looked at keeping ourselves safe online by following these 5 rules -

**Be safe** Help children understand the connected world and how they can protect their personal information.

**Be kind** Show children how to be kind and respectful online and model good habits around device use and online sharing.

**Ask for help** Teach children to ask for help and let them know they can come to you with any issue.

**Make good choices** Help children to think critically about the content they watch and how they spend their time online.

**No screens where they can't be seen** Ensure that children aren't using devices in an unsupervised environment

Cyber safety will continue to be a focus across our school for the whole year. We will be sharing links to help support all families in keeping our children safe online.

Here is a great guide about how to start discussing staying safe online with your children.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/online-safety-for-every-family>

Our SchoolTV page also is also a fantastic resource for all our families with video interviews and information about managing screen time written and presented by the leading experts in the area.

<https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/managing-screen-time>

## Senior Swimming Carnival

Students in Grade 3-6 will be participating in the interschool swimming sports on Friday 10th February at the Korumburra outdoor pool. A program was emailed home

## Hot Lunch Day

We are running our first 2023 hot lunch on Friday 17th February. Due to ordering food from an outside source please ensure you go onto CDFPay and place your order BEFORE 12pm on Wednesday 15th.

## Bookclub orders

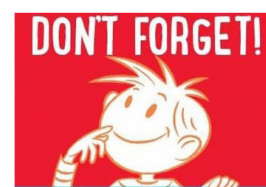
Bookclub orders are open and can be placed via scholastic LOOP <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx> please ensure you place all orders by Wednesday 15th February. If you have any questions please contact Danielle [dfowles@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dfowles@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au)

## Korumburra Show

The Korumburra Show is this weekend! Some of our students have entered art work which will be on display if you would like to have a look.

## Foundation Rest days and testing

Our Foundation students will continue to have a rest day every Wednesday until the 8th March. There will be 3 Wednesdays where students will come in individually for a 30 minute session with Mrs Kratz in order to complete some testing. These sessions are available on Wednesday 22nd Feb, Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 8th March and can be booked via PAM Parent Teacher Interviews. If you have any problems booking please speak to the office. Parents are welcome to wait in the staffroom during the interview or drop your child off and come back.



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

Wednesday 15th February







Is your child starting school in 2024?

Have you considered St Joseph's  
Korumburra.....



Here are some of the common questions answered.....

**1. IS IT EXPENSIVE TO GO TO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?**

Most of our families find St Joseph's to be an affordable option. Many people are pleasantly surprised that the cost of a Catholic school is much less than a private or independent school. In fact we find that if a family can afford kindergarten fees you can afford our school fees! Having said that there are always options available! We have flexible payment plans, which we can tailor to suit your needs, and automatic fee discounts for holders of a means tested health care card.

**2. DOES ST JOSEPH'S HAVE A QUOTA FOR THE NUMBER OF CATHOLICS OR NON-CATHOLICS THEY ACCEPT?**

No, our school has a number of students from non-Catholic backgrounds and each new enrolment is assessed based on enrolment criteria and places available.

**3. DO YOU HAVE TO BE CATHOLIC TO GO TO ST JOSEPH'S?**

The short answer is NO. Anyone can enrol! Only if we reach maximum enrolment numbers will we implement an enrolment priority system for potential enrolments with preference going to siblings of already enrolled students and then Catholic families within our Parish. St Joseph's is open to anyone who would like to enrol and who supports our ethos.

**4. WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?**

Enrolments can be taken at any time of the year. The school generally advertises Foundation (Prep) enrolments during Term 2 ready for the next year. If transferring from another school during the school year it is best to call the school and make an appointment to speak to the Principal. She will be able to help you decide on the best time to enrol your child to ensure a smooth transition process. Tours and a conversation with our Principal can be arranged at anytime so why not contact us today!

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St. Joseph's Church Car Park

Guys Road, Korumburra

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023

7.00am to 1.00pm

Limited Spaces –

Book early with David Jackson 0474 136 469

YES THAT'S RIGHT, ICY POLES ARE BACK IN BUSINESS!

WHEN YOU BUY AN ICY POLE YOUR \$1 WILL GO TOWARDS EXCITING  
OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL

ICY POLES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS (STARTING FRIDAY THE  
17<sup>TH</sup>) 🎉

PAYMENTS WILL NEED TO BE MADE VIA CDFPAY



## 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 Anne Vick on 56552040.