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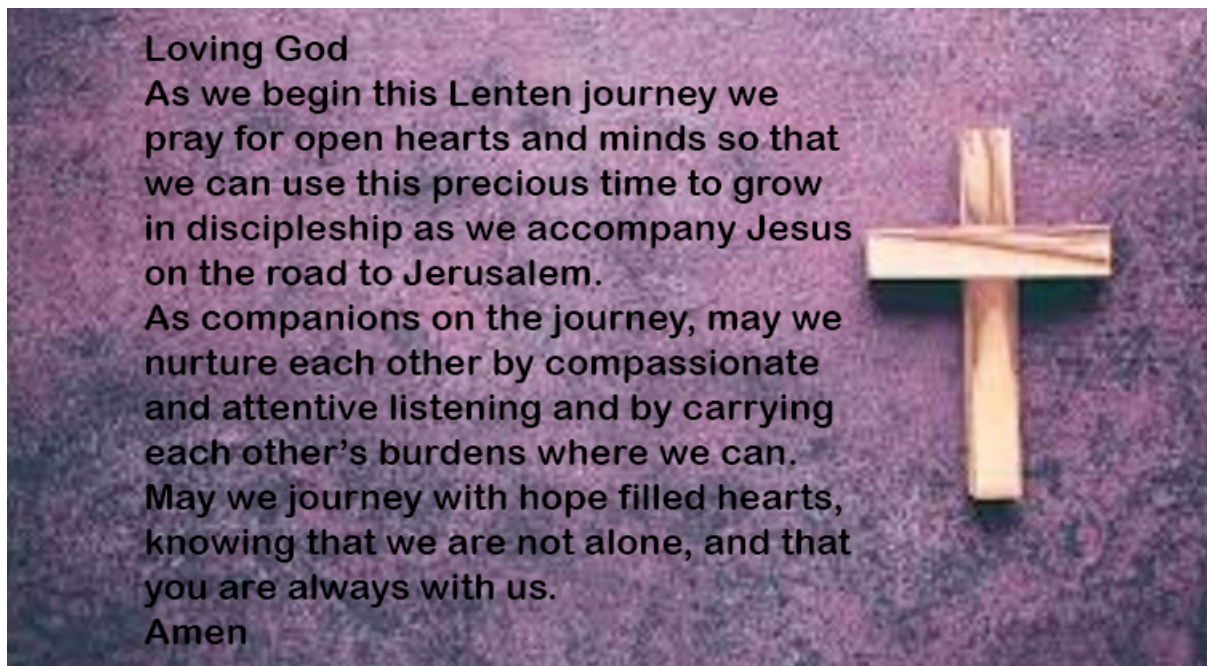
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Thursday 23rd February 2023

Dear Families of St Joseph's,

Yesterday we marked the beginning of Lent at our Parish Mass. For the next 40 days we prepare ourselves for Easter through self reflection, prayer and acts of generosity. During this season, some of our children will also be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is indeed a Holy and special time in our school and Parish community.

This week, we are also welcoming our new Priest, Father Stanly to our Parish. We are looking forward to him visiting us at school and meeting the children and the staff.



GOD IS ON THE JOURNEY, TOO
Garratt Lenten Program Year A
Christopher J Monaghan CP

Over the last few weeks, our teachers have been conducting assessments with their students and together, we have been analysing the results. At the upcoming parent teacher conversations or PSGs, you will hear about how your child is settling into the new year of learning, but most importantly, this will be an opportunity for you to share information about your child with us.

May the days ahead be peaceful for us all.

Sharon

Dates to Remember

February

Tues 28th Parent Teacher Conversations

March

Wed 1st Parent Teacher Conversations
Foundation Rest Day
Foundation Testing

Thurs 2nd Family Reconciliation Workshop 5:30pm

Fri 3rd Assembly

Tues 7th PSG meetings

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
Grade 3 Reconciliation 5:30pm

Tues 22nd - Fri 24th Grade 3-6 Swimming

Mon 27th Hot Cross Bun Orders Close

Tues 28th - Fri 31st Grade 3-6 Swimming

Fri 31st Assembly

April

Mon 3rd Senior Athletics Carnival

Wed 5th Hot Cross Buns Delivered

Thurs 6th Final Day of Term 1

Wed 26th First Day Term 2

Senior Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 10th of February students in Grade 3-6 participated in the interschool swimming sports at the Korumburra outdoor pool. Students participated in a range of events including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, relays and novelty events. It was great to have weather on our side! The sun was shining and the students' participation and behaviour was excellent throughout the day. Overall it was such a fun day and we are very proud of our students.

We had 11 of our students progress through to the District Swimming on Thursday 16th February which is an amazing effort and Lily Lovell will now also represent us at the Division Swimming tomorrow, Friday 24th February. We wish her the very best of luck.



AFL Primary Play Program

Last week during PE students participated in an AFL Victoria program that is designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and connect them with community sport opportunities. We had lots of fun with a range of activities that aimed to develop students' teamwork, crossbody motor skills, spatial awareness, balance and coordination.



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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Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. To celebrate this special day in the Catholic Church all students from Grade 1 - Grade 6 attended Mass together with the St Joseph's parishioners. Father Siju invited everyone to have ashes marked on their foreheads. This is a public expression of our faith and humility. Father Siju explained to us that Lent is a time to remember to Reflect, Repent, Rejoice - the 3Rs.



Ash Wednesday – 22 February 2023

(Week beginning Monday 20th February)

This week, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in support of Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia.



First Week of Lent (Week beginning Monday 27th February)

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Laxmi, a 16-year-old girl living in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and, after losing him, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

Please support Project Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2023

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in St Joseph's Church at 5:30pm on Tuesday, March 21. Would you please contact the office as soon as possible via email on office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au if you would like your child/ren to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Note: Students must be baptised and in grade 3 or above. This term, Emily Sherriff will be working with the Reconciliation candidates in preparation for this sacrament. Students will participate in activities in the lead up to this sacrament, including a Reconciliation Retreat at school during class time. There will be a Family Workshop next Thursday, March 2 at 5:30pm for parents/guardians and the child making their First Reconciliation.

Buddies

Last Friday afternoon our f/1 students met up with their buddies from grade 5 and 6 and had a wonderful afternoon together and spent time working on our drawing and colouring skills.



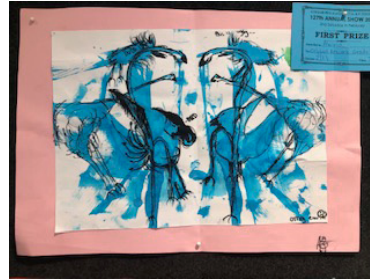
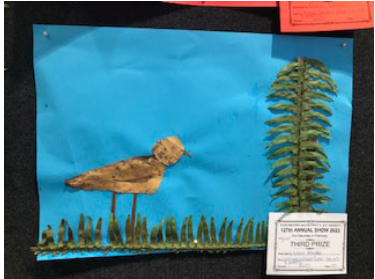
Assembly

Our next assembly will be held at 9am on Friday 3rd March. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Korumburra Show

A number of our students entered artwork, writing samples, collage pieces and origami into the recent Korumburra Show. Congratulations to the following students who received first, second or third place in their category:

Lily, Jaxon, Nate, Niah, Dane, Alexia and Sofia. All artwork is on display in the foyer.



Hot Cross Bun orders

We are once again running our Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. This is a fantastic way for our school community to raise some funds and support a small Gippsland run bakery in the process. The hot cross buns are made fresh so can be frozen if you want to stock right up and have them available all year around they come in packs of 6!

Hot cross bun orders need to be placed by Monday 27th March via CDFPay and will be delivered on Wednesday 5th April just in time for Easter. Family and Friends are welcome to order directly through CDFPay simply by checking out as a guest, they will then be contacted for pick up.

<https://sjkorumburra.cdfpay.org.au/MonitorOnline/app/#!/login>



SchoolTV

This week's featured School TV page is all about Positive Parenting and how we can best help our children to reach their full potential. It's a great look at various topic videos which discuss questions such as "Can parents help their children build resilience?", "Should parents be saying 'no' more often?" and "How can parents best deal with sibling rivalry?" The videos are quick and to the point and well worth a look.

<https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/positive-parenting>

The Burra Welcome Committee

This year at St Joe's our school will be welcoming students from a Syrian refugee family, who will be settling in Korumburra in March and calling it their home. As a school community, we would like to embrace this family and support them as they embark on this major transition to live in Australia. To support this family further, their sponsored group of five Korumburra mums have organised a fundraising event for the whole family that we encourage you all to support.

The Burra Welcome Committee is proud to announce a spectacular lineup of local bands to participate in the fundraising event, Join the Welcome, held at Archie's Creek Hotel on March 12th. All money raised from ticket sales will go directly to support the Syrian refugee family of six to settle in Korumburra. The federal Community Refugee Integration and Settlement program (CRISP) launched the pilot program and relies heavily on community support. The Korumburra committee would like to invite everyone to come along and help enrich the lives of the sponsored refugee family and raise awareness about the global refugee crisis.



Parent Teacher Conversations

We will be holding parent teacher conversations on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March between 3:30pm and 6pm. Bookings must be made through PAM Parent Teacher Interviews <https://pam.sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au/Login/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx>

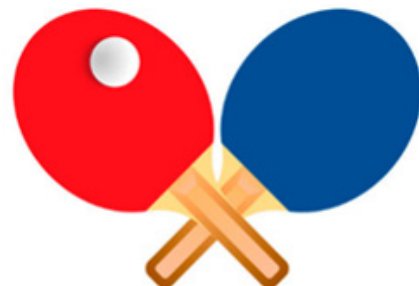
If you have any trouble booking a time please contact the office for assistance. If you can not make either one of these nights and would like a conversation please contact your child's teacher directly via email.



Leongatha Table Tennis

Leongatha junior table tennis is commencing weekly training and games on Wednesday 1st March 4-6pm all welcome first session free then \$5.00 per session. Just come along, everything provided. At the Table Tennis Shed in the Leongatha Recreation Reserve- 52 Roughead Street Leongatha, Contact Dom 0478 616 756

Website: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/leongatha/>



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OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL

ICY POLES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS (STARTING FRIDAY THE 17TH) 🎉

PAYMENTS WILL NEED TO BE MADE VIA CDFPAY



St. Joseph's Church Car Park

Guys Road, Korumburra

Saturday 25th February 2023

7.00am to 1.00pm



Limited Spaces –

Book early with David Jackson 0474 136 469

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.