



St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Families of St Joseph's,

It was lovely to see so many parents engage in parent-teacher conversations over the last 2 weeks. The staff were excited to share children's learning with you and learn more about your children. We have another formal opportunity at the beginning of term 3 but if you ever have any queries about your child please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you to Catherine Riseley for facilitating the Reconciliation workshop for families last Thursday night. We keep the students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our prayers.



Loving God,
In the garden of our lives, weeds and wheat
grow side by side.
As we continue in the season of renewal, keep
breathing your life into our hearts, shaping us
so that we can become the new creation you
call us to be.
Open our hearts that we may listen to your call
and let go of attitudes and behaviour that do
not allow us to grow in love and service.
Amen.

Reminder: Tomorrow, Friday 10th March is a School Closure Day. Teachers will be attending a Professional Learning Day focusing on the teaching of Religion. Monday 13th March is a public holiday.

Enjoy the longer weekend.

Carole Livesey

Dates to Remember

March

Fri 10th	Student Free Day
Mon 13th	Public Holiday
	Fruit and Veg Box orders close 5pm
Tues 14th	Whole School extra athletics session
Fri 17th	Assembly
	Fruit and Veg boxes delivered
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
Fri 28th	Assembly

May

Fri 5th	Round 1 Winter sport 5/6
Tues 9th	District Athletics
Wed 10th	Grade 6 Mary Mackillop Activity Day (TBC)
Thurs 11th	Combined Schools Cross Country
Fri 12th	Assembly

Athletics

Over the last couple of weeks all students have been participating in and learning about athletics during their PE session. This week and next students have had an extra athletics session with Dennis Huffer from Athletics Australia. This program is a great way to get our senior students ready for their athletics carnival which will be held on Monday 3rd of April and is also a great introduction into athletics for our juniors.

Don't forget that all students can wear their sports uniform next week on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th.



Foundation rest days

All foundation students will now be at school full time. If you feel at any time that your child is still struggling with the school schedule please speak to Mrs Natalie Kratz so that she can help you work through this.

Fruit and Veg Box orders

Our P and F are running a fantastic fruit and veg box fundraiser for the school. Boxes are available to purchase for just \$50 and they are filled with a variety of local fresh produce. Get in quick, orders can be placed via CDFPay until 5pm Monday 13th unless sold out prior.

Family and Friends are welcome to order directly through CDFPay simply by checking out as a guest.

Parents & Friends Fundraiser
**FRESHLY HARVESTED
FRUIT & VEGETABLE
BOXES**
\$50 each

What's included:
Bananas, Berries, Oranges,
Corn, Snow Peas, Sugar Snap Peas, Cos Lettuce,
Celery, Sebago Potatoes, Onions and Jam
*some items may be substituted due to availability

**Order Now
via CDF Pay**

Limited boxes available.
Orders closing
Monday 13th March
unless sold out prior
Pick up **Friday 17th March** between
8.30am and 9am
from the Church car park.
Thank you to our suppliers
Select Produce
Fleming Berries
Farm Upon the Falls
Powell Onions Thorpdale
TTS Trucking Pty Ltd

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>



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 enroll 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 enroll 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 enroll 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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Assembly

Our next assembly will be held at 9am on Friday 17th March. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mini Vinnies

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten appeal that takes place in the lead up to Easter. Caritas is an international Catholic organisation that seeks to support vulnerable people around the world through its ongoing education and sustainable programs.

This term on Tuesday 4 April, Mini Vinnies will be holding a free dress day to raise money for Project Compassion. Students will be able to wear free dress in exchange for a gold coin donation via CDF Pay. Mini Vinnies will also be holding a competition to guess how many Easter Eggs are in the jar, which will be a 50c donation per guess. The closest guess will be the lucky winner of the Jar and all the eggs. We are also encouraging all students to bring in a coin to donate to their Project Compassion box in their classroom, and we will make a coin trail, with the longest coin trail winning a small prize. - Mia and Livinia, on behalf of Mini Vinnies.

Harmony Day

On Tuesday 21st March we will be recognising Harmony Day with a number of activities organised by our Child Safe and Wellbeing team running throughout the day.

We invite all students to 'add a touch of orange' to their uniform for the day as this is the colour that represents Harmony Day.

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.



Second Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 6th March)

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Through Baabayn, Tereesa was also able to hear stories from Indigenous Elders and reconnect with her culture.

Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



Third Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 13th March)

We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Priscilla, who lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and two of their grandchildren. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. During times of intense drought and food shortages, Priscilla had to commute to the town centre and wait in long queues to collect food.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

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



SchoolTV

Raising Boys and Raising Girls

During last week's parent-teacher conversations, there was a lot of talk about the differences between raising boys and raising girls within the same family. With this in mind, our featured School TV page will be all about those two topics over the next two newsletters. The videos on our school's SchoolTV site are quick and easy to watch at any time that suits you and offer great ideas and understanding about the different joys and challenges when raising boys and raising girls.

This week we will start with the page on Raising Boys. I hope you find it helpful. <https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/raising-boys>



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.