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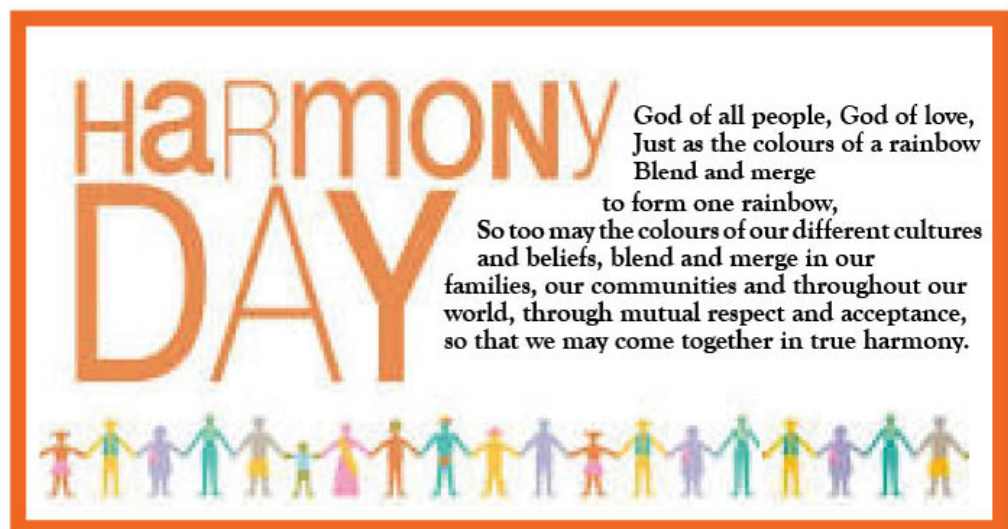
Dear Families of St Joseph's

This week we celebrated Harmony day on Tuesday. The students and staff enjoyed this focus over the week. I particularly want to thank the team of Anne Vick, Belinda Whiteside and Emily Sherriff who organised the eye-catching display on the fence of our school.

NAPLAN was completed this week with the Year 3's and 5's and I commend them for their positive attitude and the confidence that they brought to the tasks they completed.

Lastly, I want to inform you that one of our valued staff members Mrs Oona Shepherd is leaving us at the end of the term to take up a position at the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL), who are the body that oversees Catholic schools in Gippsland. Whilst very sad news for us, it is a wonderful opportunity for Oona and DOSCEL are very lucky to have her services.

Carole Livesey



First Sacrament of Reconciliation

A special congratulations to the students who made their first Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. A special thank-you to Mrs Riseley, Mrs Sherriff and Fr Stanly who prepared the students and to our other staff and students who supported them. It was a lovely evening.



Dates to Remember

March

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
 Tues 4th Out of Uniform Day
 Wed 5th Hot Cross Buns Delivered
 Thurs 6th Final Day of Term 1
 2:30pm finish
 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 9am-2pm
 Thurs 11th Combined Schools Cross
 Country
 Fri 12th Assembly
 Round 2 Winter Sport 5/6
 Thurs 18th School Advisory
 Committee Meeting 7pm
 Fri 19th Round 3 Winter Sport 5/6
 Thurs 25th Division Cross Country
 Fri 26th Assembly
 Round 4 Winter Sport 5/6
 Sun 28th First Eucharist (TBC)



Lent

Fourth Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 20th March)

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Thu, who lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.



Fifth Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 27th March)

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



Holy Week Prayer Service

On Thursday 6th April we will be holding a whole school Holy Week Prayer Service and invite all of our school community to attend. The service will begin at 12:30pm and will go for about an hour, please allow yourself plenty of time to sign in.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be Friday 31st March at 9am, everyone is welcome to join us. Please allow time to sign in at the office.

P and F fundraiser

A big thank-you to our P and F committee for their fantastic fruit and vegie box fundraiser. This was a huge success and raised nearly \$4000 for our school. We really appreciate all the work that our committee is doing to help support our school.



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 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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Harmony Week 20th - 26th March

This week we celebrated Harmony Week with a big splash of orange around our school. Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

This year's theme for Harmony Week was "Everybody Belongs". The students participated in a range of activities within their classrooms to build their understanding of harmony as well as contributing to our amazing display at the front of our school - St Joseph's - Flying Together In Harmony. It also was wonderful to see this understanding in action on the playground as our students demonstrated how everybody belongs by including others in their games.

This Harmony Day Poster was created by all students within our school last Wednesday during their Art lesson. Ask your child to show you which part they contributed.



Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

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>



Mini Vinnies

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 donation made via CDFPay. 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, this will be running between now and April 4th so please send guess money in with your child if they would like to participate. 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.

Donations for free dress day can be made via CDFPay <https://sjkorumburra.cdfpay.org.au/MonitorOnline/app/#!/login>

Senior Swimming

Students in Grade 3-6 will continue their swimming lessons tomorrow and Tuesday -Friday next week. Please ensure that they have everything they need with them each day.


SchoolTV

Raising Boys and Raising Girls

Two weeks ago we featured Raising Boys on our School TV page and we hope that many families found the page and the information on it to be really helpful. This week, as promised, we will look at the joys and challenges of Raising Girls. The videos on our school's SchoolTV site are quick and easy to watch at a time that suits you and offer great ideas and inspiration about raising girls and will hopefully lead to many conversations within your family.


A link to SchoolTV can be found on our website or by going directly to our SchoolTV page. Here is the link for this week's focus.

<https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/raising-girls>

**KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE**

2023 TRANSITION DATES

- 2nd May - Year 7 Information Night
- 25th & 26th July - Grade 5 Interactive Days
- 13th-15th September -

KickStart Confidence

KSC Three day Transition program
- 12th December - Statewide Transition Day

More information will be provided through the Primary schools closer to the dates. But, if you have any queries regarding KSC

**COME & TRY
FOOTY 4 FUN**



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:
Leongatha Rec Reserve
(Velodrome)

WHEN:
Monday 10th April
12:45pm



REGISTER HERE!

MAX the MAGICIAN
1-Hr FAMILY COMEDY MAGIC SHOW
WED 12TH APRIL



2 Shows 11am or 2pm
Children 4 - 16 y/o \$12 (Adults Free)
St Anglican Church Hall
5 Bridge Street Korumburra

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FUN**



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BOUNCE OFF
OUR WALLS
INSTEAD OF
YOURS THESE
HOLIDAYS**

TUE 11 - FRI 21 APRIL

2HR SESSION \$30
SCHOOL/TEEN AGES

1HR SESSION \$15
PRESCHOOL



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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.