



13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear St Joseph's Families,

As we manage the fluctuations in weather that Spring is delivering, I remind you that beginning next week, all children should be in full summer uniform which includes a hat to be worn outside. Please do keep an eye on the weather though and ensure that your child has a jumper and even a coat for the cooler days.



#### **Managing health conditions at school**

At this time of the year, we update the children's health records and we are aware that some management plans require updating. If your child has a chronic condition, such as asthma, or requires medication to be administered at school, we ask that you provide us with the appropriate plan from your medical professional and ensure that we hold enough medication which is within its use by date. Please contact Kath in the office for further information.

#### **Working Bee next week - slight change of plan, but your help is still needed**

We had a working bee scheduled for next Thursday afternoon, October 19th after school. We originally thought we would have a sausage sizzle once the work was done, however we will save that up for later in the term and just get the following priority jobs done as quickly and efficiently as we can.

The primary purpose of the working bee is to remove items which have been stored under the old convent (now administration) building. Some of these items belong to the Parish. With this in mind, we will be looking for people with trolleys and trailers to help. Some of the items will need to be transported to the tip whilst others will be moved to the old presbytery.

We are also looking for people with whipper snippers or brush cutters to help us clear some undergrowth from under the trees which line the lane way alongside the far side of our oval. The area has been identified as a risk which we need to rectify. *Please let me know if you are able to help with either of these jobs.*

### **Mission Month**

This year, we are taking a different approach to Mission Month and have decided to make "Jump rope for Heart" our Mission focus. Several families in our school are impacted by heart conditions and are benefiting directly from the brilliant research which is supported by the Jump Rope for Heart initiative. Last week your child brought home information about Jump Rope for Heart, but you can also register on the website, [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents). Of course, there is no obligation or expectation that you contribute financially to this cause as awareness raising is just as important.

### **School Blessing and Opening**

After the disruption of COVID, we will finally conduct a ceremony to officially open and Bless our newer school buildings. This will happen, beginning with the All Saints Day Mass in the Church, on Wednesday, November 1st at 9:30am, followed by a Blessing at school at approximately 10:30am. Everyone is welcome, however I ask that you do let us know if you intend to join us.

### **Junior Swimming**

Our Foundation to Year 2 children will participate in an intensive swimming program beginning on Monday, October 30th. The program will run each school day for 2 weeks, excluding the student free day on November 6th and Melbourne Cup day on November 7th. Please keep an eye on your emails for more information.

Wishing you all the Blessings of Spring.



**Sharon**

# Jump Rope for Heart has started!

We started skipping this week and we need everyone's help to reach our school fundraising goal.

Visit [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents) to register your child and set up your own secure fundraising page. You'll get access to additional skipping trick videos, post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress, easily raise funds online.



## Regional Athletics Carnival

We wish Lily and Toby the best of luck as they head off to compete in the Regional Athletics next Tuesday. They will be heading over to Newborough to proudly represent our school in their successful events. We are super proud of them and know they will do their best.

## 5/6 Bike Education Program

The 5/6 Bike Education Program is quickly approaching us. 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 be looking for parents who are able to help during the program. You will need to have a WWCC and be willing to ride a bike. Plus, we will be looking for helpers for the Bike Hike. If you are available to assist for either the Bike Ed Program or the Bike Hike, please let Tammy Jones know what you can help with, as soon as possible on [tjones@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tjones@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au) Thank you to those parents who have already done so! Your offers of support are greatly appreciated.

Dates to remember:

**5/6 Bring Bikes to School - Week 7:** Monday Nov 13th - Friday 17th November

**5/6 Bike Ed Program - Week 8:** Wednesday 22nd - Friday 7th December

**Year 5/6 Bike Hike return trip: Korumburra-Loch/Nyora via Rail Trail: Week 11:** Wednesday Dec 13th

A checklist form will be sent home - closer to time - to help you do a thorough check of your child's bike and their helmet. In the meantime, here is some helpful information in regards to protecting your child's head during the Bike Program:

### BIKE HELMET:



### SKATE HELMET:



**Please note:** both a Bike Helmet & a Skate Helmet have the same AS/NZS 2063 approval code. This is because that is the code for protective head gear. **HOWEVER, they are not designed to protect the same head area.** A bike helmet is designed to protect the forehead - where most injuries tend to occur when riding a bike. A Skate Helmet is designed to protect the back of the head where most injuries tend to occur when riding scooters, skateboards or rollerblades.

### BIKE HELMET CONDITION:

Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



**Please make sure your child's bike helmet is damage free - no cracks or missing chunks; no broken, frayed or twisted straps, the clip works and the top plastic is intact.**

For your child's safety, we are asking your child to wear an AS/NZS 2063 standard BIKE HELMET (not a SKATE HELMET) during the 5/6 Bike Ed Program that is good, working condition.



## STEM

In the last STEM lesson of Term 3 the students of Grade 3/4, were visited by Dylan Watkins, Elijah's father who is a postman for Auspost in Korumburra. Students had spent the term exploring which materials were most suitable and environmentally friendly for safely packaging their Father's Day gift of seed bombs. Students had many questions about packaging and deliveries which Damian was able to answer from his wealth of experience in the job.



Students in Foundation/Grade 1 and Grade 2 have begun programming a robotic device called a Beebot with algorithms (steps to follow). Grade 3/4 are practicing coding with colour algorithms to instruct their robotic devices called Ozobots. While the 5/6 students are showcasing their learning about circuits and switches from term 3 by creating a battery operated model in teams.

## ART

Grades 3/4 and 5/6 have created beautiful Christmas card designs for the annual Sale of Diocese Christmas Card Design Competition. This year's theme is based on the biblical quote - 'We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him' (Matthew 2:2). Entries were submitted this week. Grade 3/4 will now begin working on a relief collage made from repurposed household items. This activity fits in with their focus on Sustainability this term. Grade 5/6 are looking at M.C. Escher's tessellation art and are creating their own tile to create a translation tessellation pattern. Foundation and Grade 1 students are learning techniques for manipulating clay and are working towards making an Australian animal using a pinch pot method. Grade twos have almost completed their Chinese lanterns as they learn about how their culture is the same and different to other cultures around the world.

# WELLBEING



## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

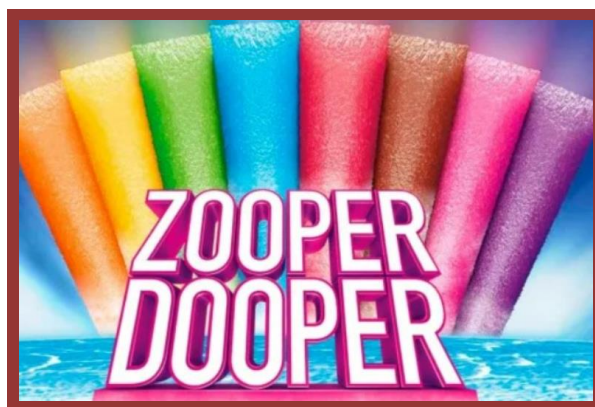
This term we are focussing on Social Justice in our world and how we can live in equality. Having conversations about respectful relationships with children is crucial for their emotional and social development. When we talk about topics like kindness, empathy, and communication, we can create a foundation for healthy interactions. Teaching respect from an early age equips kids with essential skills to navigate friendships and romantic relationships, building a future based on empathy and equality. Conversations about respect help children recognise and value their feelings and those of others while promoting a positive and harmonious approach to all relationships.

Look at the advice the professionals gave on our SchoolTV page by clicking on the link below and start a conversation in your family today

<https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/respectful-relationships>

## SUPER ZOOPER FRIDAYS

Super Zooper Fridays is back for the remainder of Term 4. Our wonderful Student OHS team are fundraising for the playground. It will cost \$1 and we ask that students bring along a coin on Friday should they wish to purchase one.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Regional Athletics Lawn Bowls for Year 3/4
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Assembly Grade 5 Discovery Day at Mary MacKillop Secondary School
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October	T20 Blast Cricket – Year 5/6
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Lawn Bowls for Year 3/4 Foundation 2024   1 <sup>st</sup> Transition Morning
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior Swimming Program starts Year 3/4 Bike Education Program starts
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Whole School Mass Official School Opening and Blessing of our school buildings @ 10.30 am (everybody is welcome)
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Assembly
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Student Free Day
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Day
<b>TERM DATES</b>	
Term 4	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December – Students Final Day

## FOUNDATION 2024 | TRANSITION DATES FOR 2023

25 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am to 11am
15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am to 11am
29 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am to 11am
6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am to 11.30am

# St Joseph's

## Supported Playgroup

*For more information and to register  
please call Fiona: 0423 376 101*



**ALL WELCOME!**

**EACH MONDAY MORNING FROM TERM 4, IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**Group music or story activity each week**

**Please bring a piece of fruit to share, and a gold coin donation.**





## 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.