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Dear St Joseph's Families,

We are heading into Week 5 of the term and so much is happening!

Yesterday, we welcomed our new Foundation students and their families for their first step into school. What a beautiful group they are and we look forward to more visits over the coming weeks.

Next Wednesday, November 1st, we will officially Bless and open our refurbished school buildings. Everyone is invited to join our Years 3 - 6 students for the All Saints Day Mass in the Church at 9:30am. Following Mass, we will process across to the school where the formalities will take place.

Junior swimming begins next week and we remind parents to keep an eye on PAM for further details about this important program. Our Years 3 - 6 students will begin their Bike Education Program over the coming weeks which will culminate in our Year 5/6 students riding along the beautiful rail trail to Loch on Wednesday, December 13th. If you would like to join us for the ride, please contact Tammy to let her know.

Working Bee - Thank you!

A huge thank you to Stacey Levey, Derek Bogaert, Tim Rendell and Jarred Cooper for their help last Thursday. We uncovered many interesting items from under the admin building and made a significant donation to the tip.

Parents and Friends

This week I met with a representative group from our Parents and Friends as they begin planning for 2024. The P and F are an important and valued group who work together to support our school. One of the goals of this group is to build a sense of community through social activities. The group also raises much needed funds for our school and this year the goal was set to raise enough money to replace some of our ageing play equipment. That goal will roll over into 2024. There are some exciting events on the horizon for next year, but they will need your help to happen. Joining the P and F is a great way to meet new people and to become actively involved in making a difference in our school. Please contact Kristy Uren on 0438 268 216 or email urenscontracting@hotmail.com for more information about how you can be involved.

School Advisory Committee

Like the P and F, the School Advisory Committee is an integral part of the decision making process in our school. Each term the Committee meets with myself and a staff representative to discuss the day to day operation of the school and to consider plans for the future. Whilst this group does not direct the work of the school, we value the advice of the group very highly. With some members leaving at the end of the year, we are looking for new representatives. If you think this could be you, or you would like to nominate another person, please contact me.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all of our staff here at St Joseph's. As we celebrate World Teachers Day this week, I wish to acknowledge the tireless work they do to contribute to our core business of teaching. Your children are in the care of wonderful educators.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

27 October 2023

Thank you

*to our teachers, leaders and support staff for
Inspiring Faith and Inspiring Learning every day.*

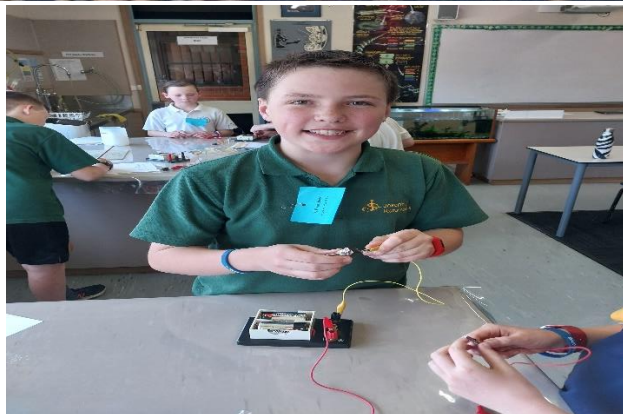


Wishing you all the Blessings of Spring.

Sharon

Grade 5 Mary MacKillop Discovery Day

Our Grade 5 students travelled across to Leongatha to attend the Grade 5 Discovery Day on Friday 20th October. Students were put into groups with students from St Laurence O'Toole, Leongatha and participated in classes and activities similar to what they can expect when they go to high school. They had a lot of fun on the day!



Upcoming Grade 6 Graduation Information

Grade 6 families will be sent home a special (secret) envelope with a piece of paper to complete. An email will be sent to all Grade 6 parents with instructions on what to do with this "secret" envelope. If do not receive either the email or the "secret envelope" please contact tjones@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au or office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au. These 'secret envelopes' need to be returned no later than Week 10, 4th December.

On Friday 8th December (Week 11) our Grade 6 students will be having their 'Graduation Day' the running order of the day for the students looks something like this:

- 9am - Craft activities
- 11.30am - Reflection / games
- 12.30pm - Grade 6 Lunch (students and staff only).
- 2pm - Whole school Mass (all welcome). Note: Grade 6 students can invite whomever they like to attend. Note: seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Orientation and Transition Dates

Grade 6 students attending Mary MacKillop or Newhaven College in 2024 will have an orientation day on Tuesday 5th December.

Grade 6 students who are attending Korumburra Secondary College in 2024 will have their orientation day on Tuesday 12th December.

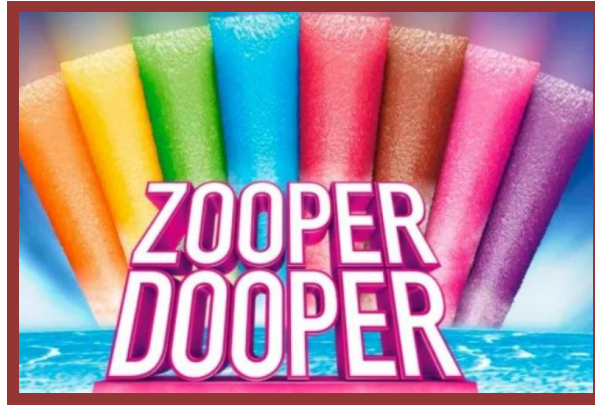
Statewide, Wholeschool Orientation/Transition Day will be held on Tuesday 12th December.

Good Ol' Fashioned Book Contacting Party!

After the assembly next week, Danielle Fowles would like to invite parents to stay in the library and assist her in contacting some new resources for our library. Morning tea to be provided. Please email: dfowles@stkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

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.



Year 3 and 4 Bike Education

Monday 30th October; Tuesday 31st October; Friday 3 November; and Friday 10th November.



Students in Yr 3 and 4 will be taking part in a Bike Education program at school. Students will learn bike and road safety skills by participating in small group activities.

Bikes can be left at the school for the duration of the Bike Ed program or can be brought in on a daily basis, there is a secure bike storage space at school.

Junior Swimming Program

30th October to 3rd November



Junior, Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will be participating in swimming lessons at Splash Leongatha.

Students are encouraged to wear their bathers underneath their sports uniform so that they can easily get ready for their session.

T20 Blast Cricket

Year 5 and 6

31st of October



Senior students will attend a T20 Blast cricket tournament. The bus will depart school at 9.30am and competition will be held at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve (footy oval) and the Leongatha Velodrome, Roughhead St, Leongatha. There are both competitive and non-competitive teams being entered so it should be a great day for all the students.

Students need to pack a hat, water bottle and healthy lunch/snacks. Students will return to school at approximately 2.30pm.

Lawn Bowls

Year 3 and 4



Lawn Bowls Year 3/4, November 15th and 25th. **Students will need to wear full sports uniform, runners and a hat!!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 30 th October	Junior Swimming Program starts Year 3/4 Bike Education Program starts
Wednesday, 1 st November	Whole School Mass Official School Opening and Blessing of our school buildings @ 10.30 am (everybody is welcome)
Friday, 3 rd November	School Assembly
Monday, 6 th November	Student Free Day
Tuesday, 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Day
TERM DATES	
Term 4	Friday, 15 th December @ 3.20 PM – Students Final Day

FOUNDATION 2024 | TRANSITION DATES FOR 2023

15 th November	9.30am to 11am
29 th November	9.30am to 11am
6 th 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.