



9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear St Joseph's Families,

As we reach the midpoint of this term, I want to acknowledge the many people in our community who quietly and humbly add joy to our school community; who encourage, who support, who participate and who understand. Sometimes, it is easy to find fault and to become part of negative conversations, but I am grateful for those who choose words which are helpful and optimistic. We are blessed with the staff we have at this little school of ours. I see how dedicated they are and how hard they work and I want to thank you for your generosity towards them. As always, we welcome your feedback and indeed, encourage it as we work to create the very best learning environment for our children.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported us for the Blessing and Opening of our refurbished school buildings. It was a long time coming, but it was a beautiful day which showcased the welcoming community that we are.



As we look towards 2024, there is much work to be done. In regard to our staffing, Mrs Emily Sherriff has made the decision to transfer to St Laurence's for 12 months. We are excited for Emily as she spreads her wings to share her expertise with St Laurence's. Mrs Catherine Riseley has also been appointed as the Religious Education Leader (REL) at St Laurence's and so she will reduce her time at St Joseph's. Catherine will maintain her leadership role (REL) and her specialist Art teaching role with us.

Further class and staffing information will be provided as it is finalised.

Wishing us all a peaceful fortnight.

**Sharon**

## Junior Tabloid Sports

Our PE teacher, Hannah Taylor is organising Junior (prep to year 2) Tabloid Sports on Wednesday, November 22nd from 11:30am til 1:30pm. Our senior leaders will also be helping with this event.

We are hoping to conclude the fun with a sausage sizzle for everyone and will need parents to help out with the purchase of bread and sausages, setting up and cooking the BBQ and cleaning up afterwards. Please let either Hannah or Sharon know if you are able to help.

## Junior swimming

We have some tired little fish amongst us as our juniors complete their swimming program at SPLASH at Leongatha. It has been a wonderful success, particularly seeing the confidence and resilience of the children grow, and of course, their swimming skills!



## 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 you do not receive either the email or the "secret envelope" please contact [tjones@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tjones@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au) or [office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au). These 'secret envelopes' need to be returned no later than Week 10, 4th December.

You will receive further information about Graduation shortly.

## Orientation and Transition Dates

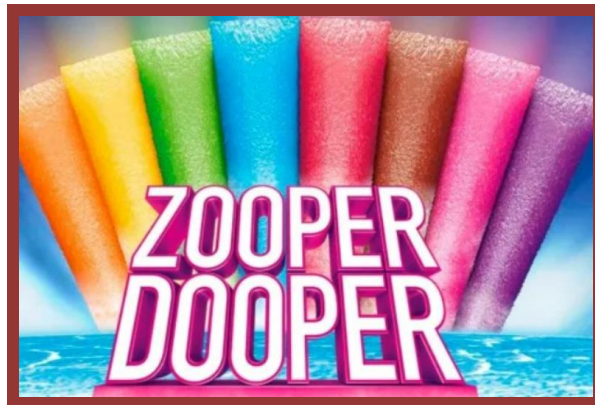
Grade 6 students attending Mary MacKillop or Newhaven College in 2024 will have an orientation day on Tuesday 5th December.

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

State-wide, Whole school Orientation/Transition Day will be held on Tuesday 12th December. On this day, our children will be able to spend some time in their new classrooms with their new classmates and teachers.

## 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.



## WELL BEING



This fortnight we are focussing on Mindfulness especially as we speed towards the end of the year and life gets busier and busier. Research has proven that mindfulness has endless benefits for children.

Recent studies have shown that one in seven primary school children have significant mental health disorders, and one in four secondary school students have psychological problems. Every year, in the last five years, that number has increased. Mindfulness is the practice of being in the moment, being present and being open to what you're focusing on. Mindfulness is all about building resilience. It is not a replacement for therapy or medication for mental health issues, but will hopefully reduce the need for it later on.

Look at the advice the professionals give us on our SchoolTV page by clicking on the link below and learn how to practise mindfulness with your family today.

<https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/mindfulness>

## T20 Cricket

On Tuesday 31st of October our 5/6 students attended a T20 blast cricket event. We entered three teams all doing extremely well. Congratulations to the boys competitive team who made it through to compete at the next level at Wonthaggi on Friday 3rd of November.

Miss Taylor was very proud of the great sportsmanship displayed by all students.

## T20 Cricket by Toby

On the 3rd November, the Boys Competitive Cricket Team participated in the second level of the T20 Cricket School Cup. On the day, the team showed great sportsmanship and courage, to our teammates, to the umpires and to the opposition. The event was held at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve and luckily the weather was nice to us so we could fit this in. We fought valiantly against our opponents, losing our first game, winning our second game and losing our final match by four runs. Leaving our record at one win and two losses for the day.

We couldn't have gotten down there if we didn't have these three helpers. A big thank you to Belinda Egan, Heidi Greenwood and Kristy Uren who took up their time to take us down, we are very appreciative of your efforts that allowed us to participate. An additional thank you to Chris Cropper, who gave us advice and helped us warm-up. Also, a big thank you to the people who organised the event and supplied all of the equipment like Balls, Stumps and Bats. Lastly to others who came down to spectate. We had a great day with lots of fun.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3/4 Bike Education Program Jnr swimming program Zooper Dooper Friday
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Lawn Bowls Year 3/4 Program Jump Rope for Heart
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	School Assembly @ 8.50 am (all welcome) Year 2 Library Excursion Zooper Dooper Friday
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 Bikes to be at school
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Jnr Tabloid Sports   Prep to Year 2 Lawn Bowls Year 3/4
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5/6 Bike Education Program starts
<b>TERM DATES</b>	
Term 4	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December @ 3.20 PM – Students Final Day

### FOUNDATION 2024 | TRANSITION DATES FOR 2023

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 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.