



St Joseph's Primary School

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24th November 2023

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Last week we marked the end of our Mission which was to support Jump Rope for Heart. As a school we reached our fundraising goal of \$1000 which we know will be greatly appreciated by the Heart Foundation. This week has been another full week with Bike Ed continuing in our senior school, Lawn Bowling in the middle school and our Tabloid sports in the junior School. The sun shone on us on Wednesday when our littlest people hopped, skipped and jumped their way through a myriad of fun activities led by our Year 6 students. Thank you to Miss Taylor for her brilliant organisation and to our families who joined us. A special thanks to Stacey, Clare, Sarina and John who helped with the sausage sizzle.

Looking forward, we have our senior Bike Hike along the rail trail to Loch, our 3/4 excursion to the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens and our Juniors heading off to Leongatha to see the movie, The Trolls.

Reports

Our teachers are also finalising the children's assessment and you will receive your child's final report for the year after Monday, December 11th.

Planning for 2024

Our leadership team has been discerning the direction of our whole school and is finalising our plans for 2024. Decisions around class structures, staffing and learning and teaching priorities are an important part of these discussions. Our teachers are considering the placement of students carefully, recognising the balance and dynamic within each grouping. We appreciate the trust you place in us to do this with the needs of all of our children in mind.

On Tuesday, December 12th, between recess and lunchtime, the children will spend time with their new teachers in their new classrooms.

Apart from our Year 6 class, if your child will not be returning to St Joseph's next year, we require you to inform us in writing. This can be done via email to myself at principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

Parents and Friends

Our Parents and Friends is a great way to support our school and to meet other families. The purpose of the P and F is to nurture a sense of community and welcome for all, to support activities at the school such as working bees, BBQs and morning teas etc and to raise funds for projects in our school. We are currently working towards new play equipment.

You will soon receive a survey about the P and F and how you can be involved. We would appreciate you completing this as it will help us to structure meetings, planning, events and activities so that everyone can contribute in whatever capacity they can. In the meantime, you can join the P and F Facebook group. Search for St Joe's Parents – Korumburra.

Wishing us all a peaceful fortnight.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Andersen". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sharon

St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Appeal



Mini Vinnies are supporting St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Appeal in December.

We invite families and members of our community to reflect on the many people in our community who are in need and struggling during this time and bring non-perishable goods, such as packets of pasta and tinned goods, to be placed in the basket in the office.

We are also encouraging families to consider donating a gift for children in our community who may otherwise not receive a Christmas present.

We kindly ask that these gifts are labelled with a gender and an age group e.g. 6 year old girl, and that they are wrapped.

Please ensure that all non-perishable items are in date and presents are labelled with the gender and age group for which they are intended.

The donations will be collected in week 10 (4th to 6th of December) by Korumburra branch of St Vinnies.

WELLBEING - Happiness and Gratitude

This fortnight we are focussing on Happiness and Gratitude especially as we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Happiness and gratitude have been studied in positive psychology for many years and researchers have found that gratitude is always strongly associated with greater happiness.

Although everyone has their own definition of happiness, many of us want to feel more positive emotions than negative ones. However, negative emotions are still important. They have a lot to teach us and alert us when things need to change. Practising gratitude helps people feel more of the positive emotions, enable us to relish good experiences, improve our overall health, deal with adversity and build strong relationships. 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/happines-s-gratitude>

Celebrating Jump Off Day in Art

Last Wednesday, on our Jump Rope For Heart – **Jump Off Day**, we further celebrated our mission to help those with sick hearts by making healthy food in our Art lessons. We learnt that we should enjoy a wide variety of nutritious heart healthy foods every day. Eating healthy food is important because it is linked to people having healthier hearts. It will also help you to grow and give you lots of energy for all the fun things like playing and even helping you to concentrate on your schoolwork. Students in Foundation to Grade 2 made healthy edible art. They selected healthy goodies such as assorted chopped fruit and veggies, rice crackers, sultanas, hummus, and cheese from a platter and chopped, spread, and arranged these foods to make beautiful creations.



While in Grade 3/4 students made Apple Donuts. Firstly, they cored an apple before slicing the apple to make multiple donut shapes. Next, they creatively topped these shapes with healthy toppings such as almond butter, honey, coconut, sultanas, sunflower seeds and cinnamon. Nuts and fresh fruit could also be added to this snack.



Grade 5/6s had fun assembling and creating sushi rolls. Sushi offers many health benefits such as providing protein, healthy fats, and nutrients like Vitamin B6, and iodine. Students chose from the following ingredients - seaweed (nori) sheets, rice and vinegar, egg, tuna, capsicum, carrot, and cucumber. Yummy!



STEM

The Junior grades, F-2, have been learning about the robotic device called a **Beebot**. Students showcased their learning by working collaboratively with a partner to design a map that the Beebot needed to travel along, starting at a hive and finishing at a flower. Next students needed to write an algorithm to program into their Beebot's interface so their Beebot would successfully navigate the path. Students learnt to troubleshoot and improve their algorithms by debugging.

In Grade 3/4 students are also working with robotic devices but these much smaller devices are called **Ozobot Bits**. Initially they learned to program these robots using colour sequences and now they are programming this robot digitally using the Ozoblockly online program. 3/4 students' new vocabulary includes: calibrate, load, algorithm, troubleshoot and debug.

Grade 5/6 students are working collaboratively to showcase their learning about **electrical circuits**. In two more weeks students will present their models which must include a circuit with a switch that safely transfers and/or transforms electrical energy into movement, sound or light energy. Students will need to be able to explain the energy transference and/or transformation within their circuit.

21-Day Gratitude Challenge

You might like to try this 21-Day Gratitude Challenge with your family. Pick a prompt and start a discussion to get in the habit of practising gratitude every day.

21-DAY FAMILY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

- 1 A favorite place to visit
- 2 A challenge you overcame recently
- 3 A favorite memory from this year
- 4 Something you love about yourself
- 5 Someone that always makes you laugh
- 6 Something useful in your home you are grateful for
- 7 Someone in your life you are grateful for and why
- 8 A time you were grateful for something a friend did for you
- 9 Something good that happened to you today
- 10 A new skill you learned recently
- 11 Someone who helped you solve a problem
- 12 A favorite family tradition
- 13 A new food you tried recently and liked
- 14 A recent time you helped someone
- 15 A time when you felt courageous or brave
- 16 A family member you are grateful for
- 17 A book you read and loved
- 18 A friend you love spending time with
- 19 A favorite thing to do outside
- 20 A movie you recently watched and loved
- 21 A nice place you traveled to, near or far

Choose one prompt a day to practice gratitude together. Color in the section when you're done.

Big Life Journal

Year Two Gratitude Prayers

Dear God,
I am grateful for my Mum
because she makes lunch every
day. She also makes my dinner
every day. I am also grateful for
my brother because he makes
me laugh.
Amen
By Liam

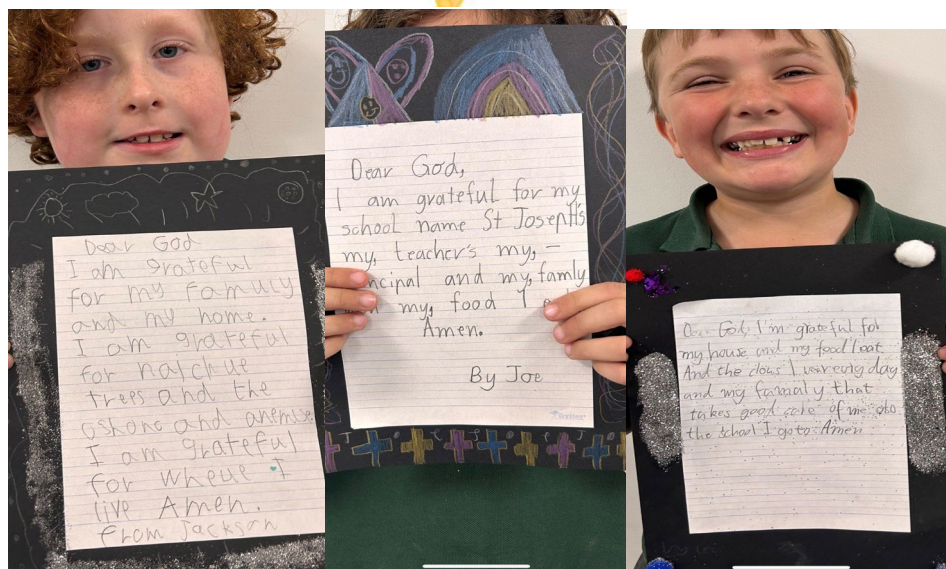
Dear God,
Thank you for providing food for
my family and for giving me Mum,
Dad and Zara. We have so much I
couldn't ask for more. And
providing pets and animals, like
Frankie and Nature. Thank you.
Amen
By Zoe

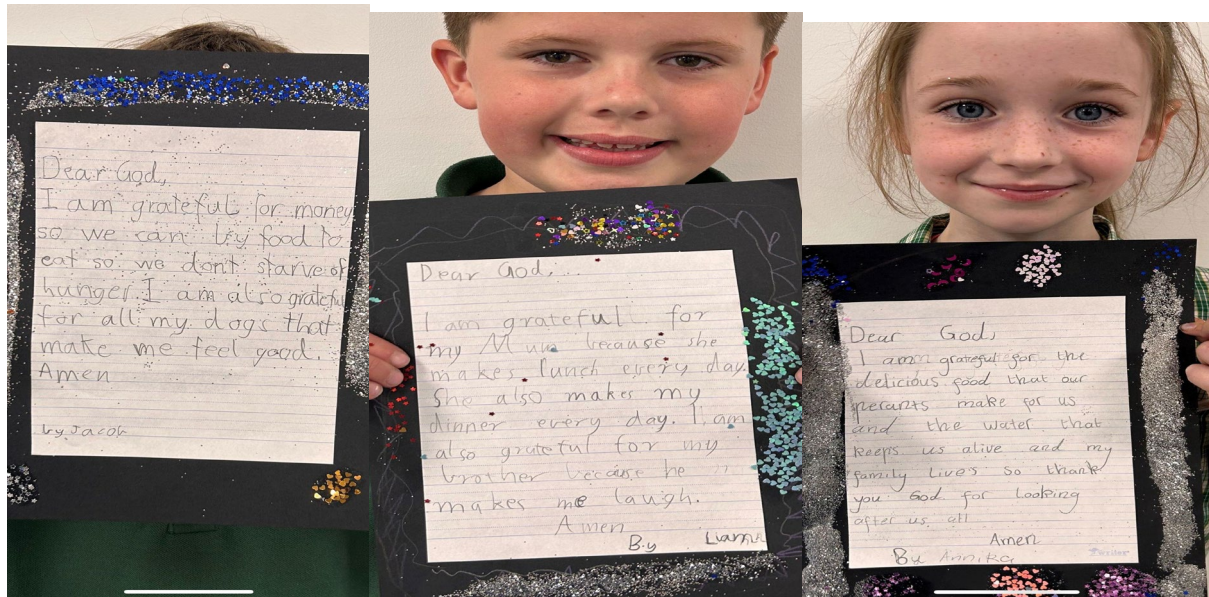
Dear God,
I am grateful for the food and water that keeps us
alive. I am grateful for my family.
Amen
By Arden

Dear God,
I am thankful for fresh food. I am
thankful for fresh food because they
help me grow big and strong.
Amen
By Finn

Dear God,
I am grateful for my Mum and
Dad and all the things around.
I am also thankful for the
oxygen that trees gives and for
Mrs Mullin.
Amen
By Reid

Dear God,
I am grateful for God because
he made me and my brother
Jayden.
Amen
By Madisen





Dear God,
 I am grateful for my family Dad,
 Mum, Tommy and Ava. I am
 grateful for them because they
 help me at home because they
 help me clean my room.
 Amen
 By Benny

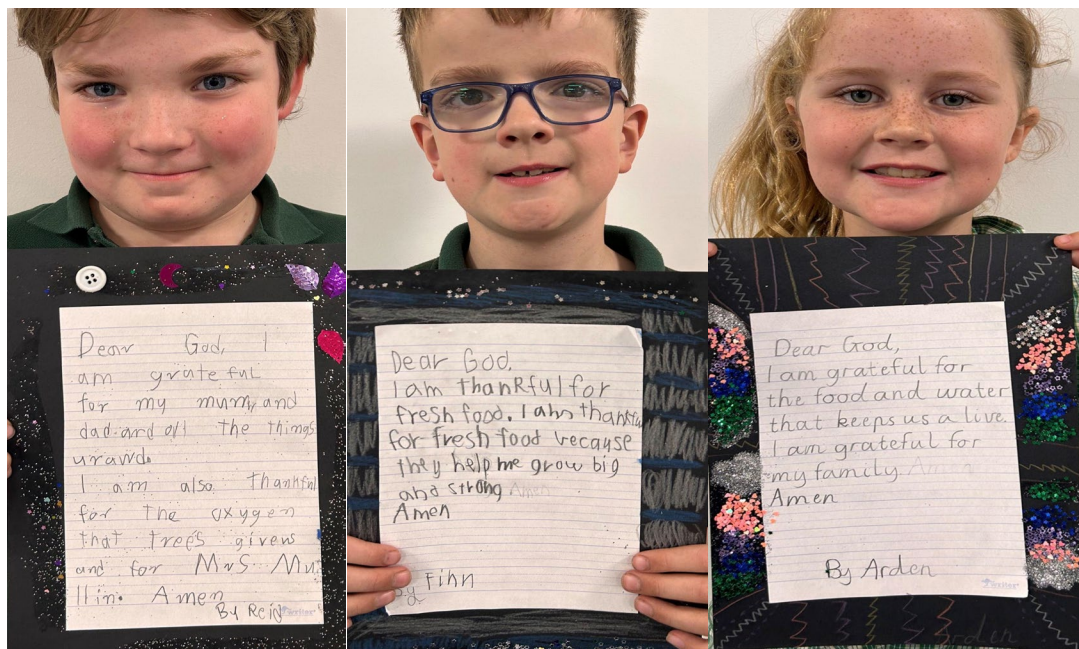
Dear God,
 I am grateful for my family because
 they take care of me and love me. I
 am also grateful for my teacher
 because she is amazing! Another
 thing I am grateful for is the food
 and water I have.
 Amen
 By Serayah

Dear God,
 I am grateful for my Birth that brang me to Earth and
 I am grateful for my beautiful family.
 Amen
 By Ava

Dear God,
 I'm thankful for my family who does nice
 things for me. I am also thankful for
 nature.
 Amen
 By Laine

Dear God,
 I am grateful for my family and
 my home. I am grateful for
 nature trees and the ocean
 and animals. I am grateful for
 where I live.
 Amen
 By Jackson

Dear God,
 I am grateful for the delicious food that
 our parents make for us and the water
 that keeps us alive and my family lives
 so thank you God for looking after us
 all.
 Amen
 By Annika



Dear God,
I am grateful for money so we
can buy food to eat so we don't
starve of hunger. I am also
grateful for all my dogs that
make me feel good.
Amen
By Jacob

Dear God,
I am grateful for my house and my
food I eat and the clothes I wear
everyday and my family that takes
good care of me also the school I
go to.
Amen
By Levi

Dear God,
I am grateful for my school
name St Joseph's, my teacher,
my principal and my family and
my food I eat.
Amen
By Joe

Community Meal in Korumburra

On December 1st, at 5:30pm at the Anglican Parish Hall (5 Bridge St) there will be a free two course meal, local musicians and an opportunity to meet and mix with the vibrant Korumburra community. This event is generously provided by many local organisations and service groups, including our very own St Vincent de Paul conference.

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Santa Sunday

A man dressed as Santa Claus, wearing a red hat with white trim and a white beard, is holding a white sign. The sign has the text 'Santa Sunday' in a large, green, cursive font. Below this, in smaller green text, are the details of the event. To the right of the sign, the date and time are listed in red text. At the bottom right of the sign is a small cartoon illustration of Bluey the dog. The background of the image is a blurred Christmas scene with lights and decorations.

The middle
Korumburra Hotel

Santa Sunday

A Visit to Santa's Magical Corner
receive a present
Write & Post Your Santa's Letter
Colouring Competition
Lunch & Dessert
\$20 Per Child
Bookings Essential

Sunday 10th December
12-3PM

Special Appearance By Bluey On The Day



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ST JOE'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tommy's wheelbarrow raffle is back in town and Tom Brown will be selling raffle tickets on behalf of the P&F Group for St Joe's!

Win a wheelbarrow with loads of goodies worth approximately \$500 plus. Locally sponsored by donations from a variety of wonderful shops and a pub in Korumburra.

One ticket is \$5.00; or three tickets for \$10.00.

Pay via CDFPay and people who are not parents at the school can also use this link to purchase a ticket as a Guest to simply register and purchase

<https://sjkorumburra.cdfpay.org.au/MonitorOnline/app/#!/login>. CDFPay closes on Tuesday, 12th December at midday.



Alternatively buy a ticket directly from Tom directly, who will be at IGA selling tickets on: **Friday, 24th November and Saturday, 25th November and then Friday, 8th December and Saturday, 9th November between 9.30am to 3.30pm.**

The lucky ticket will be drawn on *Saturday, 16th of December at The Middle Pub, Korumburra and the winner will be contacted.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 27 th November	Year 5/6 Bike Education Program continues
Wednesday, 29 th November	Lawn Bowls Year 3/4
Friday, 1 st December	School Assembly @ 8.50 am (all welcome) Zooper Dooper Friday
Tuesday, 5 th December	Year3/4 Sustainability Excursion to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens
Thursday, 7 th December	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Carinya Nursing Home Christmas Carols
Friday, 8 th December	Grade 6 Celebration Day Whole School Mass Zooper Dooper Friday
Monday, 11 th December	Reports available to parents
Wednesday, 13 th December	Year 5/6 Bike Hike to Loch/Nyora
Friday, 15 th December	Last Day for Students – usual finishing time

TERM DATES

Term 4	Friday, 15 th December @ 3.20 PM –Final Day of School for Students
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FOUNDATION 2024 | TRANSITION DATES FOR 2023

29 th November	9.30am to 11am
6 th 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.