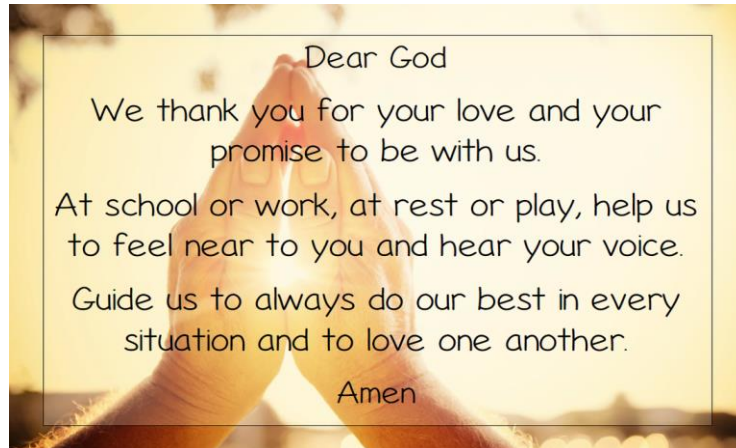




Term 1 Week 2 | 2024



Dear St Joseph's Families,

Welcome to a bright new year! The children have settled well into their new classes and our littlest people are finding their feet in the big wide world of school.

We have also welcomed River in Year 2, Odin in Year 3 and Zahria, Ted and Dallas in Year 4. Next Thursday, February 15th, we invite everyone to a sausage sizzle from 5pm – 7pm. This will be a lovely way to gather, catch up and meet new friends. Sausages will be provided but please BYO drinks (no alcohol) and your own picnic if you would prefer.

Uniform

As you are aware Burra Sports are stepping away from the supply of uniforms and so we are currently working with a new supplier. This company will provide us with an easy to access, online platform through which the uniform can be ordered and delivered directly to the school. We are taking this opportunity to introduce a dedicated sports top and a warm winter coat. There will be sample sizes to try at school. Stay tuned for further information. We would like to thank Paul Whelan for the great service he has provided to our school and wish him all the very best for his future endeavours.

Staff

We are delighted to have Megan Smith back with us! She will be teaching STEM each Thursday. It is wonderful to also have Emma Wilson re-join us as an ESO in the 2/3 class. I am so grateful for the staff we have here at St Joseph's. Each day, they go above and beyond for the children in their care.

Home Learning

After careful consideration, including the review of current research, we are moving away from formal, set homework tasks. We recognise that, while there is consistency in the school environment, each home is different and that the traditional “homework” model often causes unnecessary stress. Instead, our expectation is that all children spend at least 15 minutes each day reading. This includes your child reading aloud and being read to. We know that a love of reading is fostered in the home and that children who read every day are more successful learners at school.

If your child wishes to complete additional practice tasks at home, please speak with their teacher, however this work will not be handed in or marked...it will simply be an option for extra practice of the work that is being taught in the classroom. Your child’s teacher will provide you with more detailed information about how you can support your child’s learning at home.

Parent Teacher Conversations will be happening during week 4, on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 3:30pm to 6pm. You will receive an invitation to book a time via PAM. If you usually attend a Program Support Group (PSG) meeting for your child, you will not need to book in for these meetings. You will be contacted separately to schedule a meeting with our Learning Adjustment Leader, Carole Livesey and your child’s classroom teacher.

Communication

Please ensure that you have access to PAM which is our online communication system. You will receive emails via PAM in regard to events and activities. You may also contact your child’s teacher via email, however please be aware that they do not necessarily check emails during the teaching day and that matters which require their immediate attention should be communicated via a phone call to Kath in the office or an email sent to office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au.

Although we understand that it may be more convenient to send an email to us early in the morning or later in the evening, please be aware that you should not expect a response beyond the hours of 8:30am to 4pm.

Enjoy the next fortnight

With Blessings,



Sharon

Swimming Carnival

What a great day of fun and sportsmanship was shared yesterday at the pool. It was great to see so many children participating. We congratulate our children on their exemplary behaviour and encouragement of each other. To Miss Taylor...thank you and to all of our staff and families who joined us for the day.



Madisen had a great time today at the Swimming Carnival and enjoyed doing the Novelty Wade!





Icy Pole Fridays

Our senior student leaders will once again be selling “Zoooper Doopers” at lunchtime each Friday during Term 1. If your child would like to buy one, please send them to school with a gold coin. Sugar free Zoooper Doopers are also available. The money raised is being used to improve our outdoor areas.

Reconciliation Meeting

Next Thursday evening, February 15th, there will be a Reconciliation Meeting for parents and children who wish to receive the Sacrament this year. This meeting is at 5:30pm at St Laurence’s Primary School, Leongatha. We are now combining with St Laurence’s Leongatha for our Parish sacramental program. This year, all meetings will be held at St Laurence’s Leongatha and next year, they will be at St Joseph’s Korumburra. For further information, please contact Catherine Riseley via email at criseley@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au.

Playgroup

Fiona Dangerfield is once again running Playgroup in the library every Monday morning. This is a great way to meet new friends and get a sense of our beautiful school environment.

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday, February 20th. All children are required to wear full summer uniform including black school shoes, grey socks for boys and white socks for girls. Long hair must be tied back with school coloured hair ties or ribbons.

Parents and Friends



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As a small school, we rely on the help of our families to fundraise and to build a sense of community. Please don't leave this support to others; we need everyone to be involved. This term, we will hold our traditional Hot Cross Bun drive as well as an Easter Egg Raffle. Next Friday, after assembly, there will be a meeting in the staff room to kick off the year and get some activities rolling. We understand that this will not suit everyone, but please let Sharon know how you can help out this year. Please also make sure that you are accessing our P and Facebook page as this is a great way to be in touch with other families and to respond to calls for help and support.

A reminder that we have our welcome to school BBQ next Thursday evening from 5pm - 7pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed, 14 th February	District Swimming 8 students (from Years 3, 4 and 6)
Wed, 14 th February	Foundation Rest Day
Thurs, 15 th February	Welcome BBQ To celebrate the beginning of another school year 5pm to 7pm
Thurs, 15 th February	Reconciliation Meeting Meeting for parents and children who wish to receive the Sacrament this year. This meeting is at 5:30pm at St Laurence's Primary School, Leongatha. For further information, please contact Catherine Riseley via email at criseley@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au
Fri, 16 th February	School Assembly @ 9am Please allow time to sign in at the office
Tues, 20 th February	School Photos All Years
Wed, 21 st February	Foundation Rest Day
Mon, 26 th February	Year 3/4 Bike Education Week
Wed, 28 th February	Foundation Rest Day
Wed, 6 th March	Foundation Rest Day (last one)
Mon, 11 th March	Public Holiday
12 th March to 15 th March (Tues to Fri)	Swimming Program Our Grade 2-6 students will be participating in swimming lessons during Term 1 Leongatha SPLASH
19 th March to 22 nd March (Tues to Fri)	Swimming Program (as above) Leongatha SPLASH
TERM DATES	
Term 1	Thurs, 28 th March Last Day of Term 1
Term 2	Mon, 15 th April First Day of Term 2



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.