



## St Joseph's School

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### Term 1 | Newsletter 3

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Our focus this week has been the beginning of Lent, which is a sacred period when we prepare for the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on Good Friday. During the 40 days of Lent, Father Stanly reminded us that we are invited to walk symbolically with Jesus: to make sacrifices and to quietly share generosity and kindness with others.

#### Lenten Prayer

God of our journey

we are all pilgrims of hope

brought together by your love

and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee

when we are called to greater justice

and care for our common home

that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed

and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds and generous hearts

help bring about a world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer

bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

As we enter into Lent, I wish us all peace and time to reflect.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sharon Anderson'.

Sharon

## BURNING OF ASHES



On Monday David and Mary-Anne (church parishioners) showed the students how they prepare the ashes from blessed palm fronds for Ash Wednesday. They also showed us how Father will apply the ashes to our foreheads on the day.

### **From Mrs Riseley, our Religious Education Leader**

#### **Ash Wednesday and Lent - important Catholic traditions**

**Ash Wednesday** is the beginning of the Catholic Church's season of Lent, a special time of preparation, when we stop and think about how we can play our part in God's hope for a world that is fair, just and peaceful.

**Lent** prepares Catholics for the season of Easter, the most important time in the Church's calendar. It is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others, when we think about all our blessings and give thanks for all that God has given us.

The ashes that are sprinkled on our heads at the Ash Wednesday mass are a symbol, reminding us that during Lent we are trying to grow to be more like Jesus.

#### **Sale Diocese Launch of Project Compassion**

On Tuesday, March 4, students Kaden Harre, Ted Enbom and Niah Gow represented St Joseph's at the official Launch of Caritas' annual fundraiser in the Diocese of Sale. This year the event was hosted by Mary Mackillop Regional Catholic College. Catholic Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Bennet joined students, teachers, and guests from school and parish communities to mark the beginning of Lent and to officially launch the 2025 Project Compassion appeal in the Diocese of Sale.

Each year during the season of Lent, Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australian schools and parishes to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities to help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2025 is *Unite Against Poverty*. As Catholic communities celebrate a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, Caritas invites people to action the theme of *Hope* by coming together to *Unite Against Poverty*. Actions taken today can make a lasting difference for future generations.



St Joseph's School extends their appreciation to Mary Mackillop staff and students for their hospitality on the day and for organising such a polished event. The launch consisted of four major parts - Welcome to the college, education about Project Compassion, a liturgy led by Bishop Greg, and fluffy pancakes (marking Pancake Tuesday) in Mary Mackillop's very own pop up cafe served by a most enthusiastic group of Youth Ministry students.

#### Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday, March 5, we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent with a whole school Mass in St Joseph's Church at 9:30. This celebration was a spiritual and fitting start to the Season of Lent for everyone who participated.



### **Project Compassion Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. **By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.** Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.



# UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

## P&F WELCOME BBQ

On Monday, March 17th, our Parents and Friends warmly invite everyone to a “welcome” BBQ. This will begin at 5:30pm and finish at 7pm and will be a great opportunity to meet our new families and catch up with friends. Sausages in bread, juice boxes and icy poles will be provided. We hope that you will be able to join us. Please don't forget to RSVP next week.

We have opened enrolments for 2026. If you have a child who will be ready to start school next year, please make an appointment with Sharon to confirm their enrolment. Application forms can be found on our school website. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in our school, please encourage them to be in touch to arrange a tour and a conversation.



ST JOSEPH'S P & F INVITE YOU  
TO OUR

# WELCOME BBQ

◆ *Family Night* ◆

Sausage  
Sizzle  
Soft Drinks &  
Icy Poles  
Provided

5.30 - 7.00pm  
Monday 17th March  
At the school oval

RSVP  
FRI 14/3/25  
by returning  
catering slip  
to the office



## NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN. This is just one opportunity for us to see how our children are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy. We recognise that this is a “moment in time” assessment, but historically it has given us an accurate snapshot of the impact of our teaching.



Last week the Grade 5 and 6 students went on a 3 day camp to Phillip Island. They had a blast engaging in amazing beach walks, surfing, Clip 'n' Climb, visiting Churchill Island where they got to hand-milk a cow and lastly they learnt how chocolate is made at Panny's Chocolate Factory. There was something for everyone and everyone was amazing and had a ball.

## STAFF LEARNING

All of our staff participated in Professional Learning today led by our Learning and Teaching Leader, Carole Livesey. We focused on Mathematics and how we build student knowledge through our Inquiry units. It was a great day of collegiality and will add value to the teaching happening in each of our classrooms.



## Senior Swimming



**Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Grade 3-6 students will be participating in swimming lessons during Term 1 in March.

Students will travel by bus to and from Leongatha and will participate in swimming lessons run by the qualified staff of South Gippsland Splash (YMCA). **Students will need to bring an extra small bag to take with them and ensure they have appropriate bathers, a towel and goggles if they have them. If students wear their bathers to school, please ensure they have a change of underwear.**

## Foundation Information Meeting on Reading at home



**St Joseph's Primary School, Korumburra**

### Foundation Reading at Home Information Meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm

You are invited to come along and find out about our Reading program and how you can support your child at home with their reading practice homework.



Where: Foundation Room

RSVP: Via PAM or email

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### BOOKCLUB

Brochures for Scholastic bookclub have been distributed. Purchasing from the club is totally optional. Closing date for orders online Via Loop (details on the catalogue) close on Wednesday 19th March so that we can get the books before the holidays.





### **Pancake Tuesday Morning with Our Foundation Children and Karmai Kindergarten!**

What a fantastic way to kick off Pancake Tuesday! Our foundation children were thrilled to welcome the students from Karmai Kindergarten for a fun-filled morning of pancake making, messy pancake play, and creative craft activities. It was a morning of laughter, learning, and lots of flour!

Together, the children explored the art of pancake making—getting their hands into the flour, cracking eggs, and mixing ingredients to create the perfect batter. They loved every moment, especially the messy pancake play that followed, where they made delicious pancake creations in the play kitchen, letting their imaginations run wild!

The fun didn't stop there! We also had a wonderful story about how pancakes are made, taking the children on a journey through the origins of the ingredients—from the farm to the kitchen. The children loved learning where the eggs, flour, and milk come from, making the whole experience both educational and enjoyable.

As the morning continued, our little artists got busy with pancake-themed crafts, creating fun and colorful designs to take home and share with their families. It was a heartwarming sight to see our foundation children and Karmai Kindergarten students working together, building new friendships, and making lasting memories.

Thank you to all who joined us for this special event—what a wonderful way to celebrate Pancake Tuesday!





St Joseph's will be using a new **CDFPay App (powered by Flexischools)**. Parents would have already received an email from the school in relation to this recently.

**This is used** for parents to place orders e.g. Pie Drives, Hot Cross Buns and upcoming events e.g. Easter Raffle, Mother's Day, School Disco all run by our amazing P&F team. Australia's #1 school ordering solution, Flexischools, operates in more than 1700 schools across Australia.

### **How to register for a CDFpay account**

1. Download the CDFpay mobile app on the [Apple](#) or [Google](#) store, then click '**Sign up now**'.  
**No app?** [Register here](#)
2. Enter and confirm your email address, then click '**Sign up**'.
3. Check your email inbox and follow the prompts to complete your account registration (check junk/spam if lost).

**Have questions?** View CDFpay powered by Flexischools [Help & Support](#) for detailed FAQs or chat to the Flexischools Digital Assistant. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please complete the online [Contact Form](#) and Flexischools will get back to you directly.

**NOTICES**




**AUSKICK IS: AGE 5-12 ALL GENDERS NON-CONTACT ALL SKILL LEVELS**



**REGISTER HERE TO JOIN THE FUN! @NYORA**




**FOR the KICKS**




**Come & Try**

**Girls Football!**



**GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9 & 14 ARE ALL WELCOME!**



*U12's & U14's Girls Footy*

For more information  
Contact Adam Tagliaferro:  
0433 612 814

**2025**



**SEEKING JUNIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS**

**2025**



**Mixed**

U8's

U10's

U12's

U14's

*Girls*

U12's

U14's

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact Shannon:  
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president.nyorajfc@gmail.com

**REGISTER HERE**



## DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 1 | TERM 2

Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closure Day
Mon, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Public Holiday
Wed, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation students at school
Thurs, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Denis Huffer Athletics
Fri, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly @ 9am (sign in at office beforehand)
Mon, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Senior Swimming Lessons (Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6) Begins   17 <sup>th</sup> March to 20 <sup>th</sup> March P&F Welcome BBQ 5.30 pm to 7pm
Thurs, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Denis Huffer Athletics
Mon, 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Senior Swimming Lessons continues (Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6)   24 <sup>th</sup> March to 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Fri, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly @ 9am (sign in at office beforehand) Combined Athletics   Grades 3 to 6   Leongatha Velodrome
Fri, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Easter Assembly @ 11.45 am Last day of Term 1 – early school finish for students at 2.30 pm (buses will depart at this time)
<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> April inclusive</b>	<b>School Holidays Begin</b>
<b>Tues, 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
Wed, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Big 5 Cricket
Thurs, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Big 5 Netball, Basketball, AFL & Soccer
<b>Fri, 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Anzac Day   Public Holiday</b>



### 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 Safety 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 a meaningful, relevant, and challenging learning experiences.

If at the time you have any issues or concerns you feel you need to raise, please contact our Principal Sharon Anderson or our Child Safety Officer Robyn Brownnett on 5655 2040.