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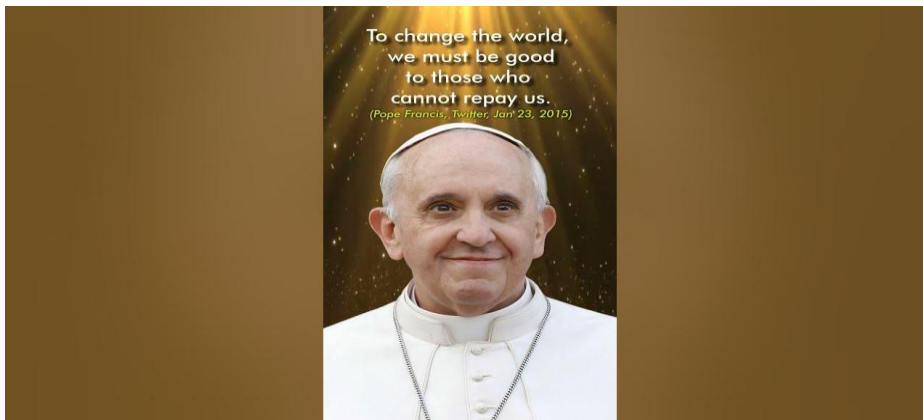
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### Term 2 | Newsletter 1

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Last Sunday, I watched Pope Francis' funeral from Rome and was touched by the familiarity of the Mass. Although a Pope's funeral is always a very formal and grand event, this one was sprinkled with Francis' own uncomplicated touches. From his simple wooden casket to the selection of the music, from the recognition of Mary to the inclusion of the many cultures he influenced, and who influenced him. The last people to farewell him as he was buried at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, were the poor of Rome. Pope Francis' legacy will be one of humility, compassion and the inclusion of the most marginalised. He has left us with many profound words to ponder and over the coming weeks I will share some of these with you.



And so to Term 2...We have certainly hit the ground running (with a little bit of dancing too) and are looking forward to a term of consolidation and routine in our learning. Later in the term, you will receive your child's first progress report for the year and this will be followed with an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher early in Term 3.

The younger children were delighted with the magical appearance of our new junior playground and have been swinging, jumping and climbing away each recess and lunchtime. A huge thank you to our Parents and Friends who have made a significant contribution to the cost through their fundraising efforts. We are already planning the next stage of the playground for the older children who have been very generous in their joy for the little ones.

Our seniors are enjoying a run in the sun today at the Cross Country and will also participate in regular Winter Sports with other schools.

Next week, our hearts turn to our mothers and all those who nurture us. Everyone is invited to Mass next Wednesday at 9:30am in the Church where we will celebrate Mothers' Day as well as Catholic Education Week which begins on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our Parents and Friends have been busy and as I write, there is much laughter floating out of the staff room as they are preparing for the Mothers' Day breakfast next Friday and the Mothers' Day stall. Please see your emails from PAM for more information.

Wishing us all a safe and happy weekend.

*Sharon Anderson*

Sharon

### Maths in Grade 5/6

In 5/6 we have been identifying the place value of decimals, plotting them on number lines and converting them to fractions. We have also been comparing differences and investigating equivalency.



## MATHS IN 4/5

In Grade 4/5 one of the things we have been learning to do is identify the *base or core* in a pattern and to continue a pattern. Students have also begun recognising a 'growing pattern', copying the base and creating an 'increasing' pattern and solving questions relating to their growing pattern.



## GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY KNOWLEDGE UNIT GRADES 4/5 & 5/6

On Wednesday 30th April, Bron Beach (a former school family/parent) and a recently elected local councillor to the South Gippsland Shire Council, came to chat to Grade 4/5 and 5/6 about how to become a councillor and what a councillor does. The students were fully engaged in her informative talk. Councillor Beach was so impressed with their respectful behaviour and amazing knowledge on voting and the 3 levels of government in Australia. Well done 4/5 and 5/6!



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

### Whole School Mass

Catholic Education Week officially commences on Friday, May 16 and extends to Friday, May 23. Please note that our Catholic Education Week Mass will be celebrated prior to this date on **Wednesday, May 7 at 9:30am** before Father Stanly departs for a Clergy Retreat and his annual holiday during which time he will return to his family in India. We invite you all to join us in celebrating a whole school mass to mark Catholic Education Week along with another extra special celebration - Mother's Day.

### Andrew Chinn Visit

Andrew will be a highlight of our Catholic Education Week celebrations. For those of you who do not know Andrew, he tours extensively around Australia, New Zealand and North America, visiting schools and parishes, sharing his faith through music. At St Joe's we sing many of his songs in our school masses. The latest song you will have heard us sing is *Pilgrims of Hope*. Students will participate in morning workshops with Andrew and perform in a whole school concert in the afternoon. We invite all families and parishioners to attend the afternoon concert.

When: Wednesday, May 21

Where: School library

Concert commences: 2:20pm

On this same day, Mrs Anderson, Josh McKean, Thomas Licitra and Joe Tripodi will represent St Joseph's at the diocese's Catholic Education Week Mass and Awards Ceremony, celebrating student learning that will be held in the hall at St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield.

### Water Walk

What's it like to live without easy access to clean water?

Every day, 292 million people spend more than 30 minutes walking to collect safe, clean water. For many, this is a daily journey that takes time, effort, and resources.

During Catholic Education Week, on Friday May 23 (following Assembly) we will unite as a school community to experience a Water Walk – together! We will walk as far as we can in 30 minutes around a kilometre course set within the school grounds. We will walk in the shoes of our brothers and sisters who live in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who have to walk long distances to collect clean water every day. Your family is invited to donate a gold coin which your child can bring into school on the day of the Water Walk, in support of Caritas. We ask students to bring a bucket to school to carry during the walk to understand the physical challenges of collecting water. Please name your bucket.

### Religious Education

Each class is in the process of creating a prayer that is based upon the theme of Catholic Education Week - *Pilgrim's of Hope* and the scripture text Luke 4: 16-21. One prayer will then be selected to be displayed in the foyer of the hall at St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield where the diocese's Catholic Education Week Mass and Awards Ceremony, will be celebrated.

### Art - Crosses of Hope

In Art, students will be creating large three-dimensional crosses of hope to reinforce their learning about The Jubilee Year and the Sacramental Church. Our crosses will give witness to the Catholic Education Week theme (which aligns with the Jubilee Year theme) - *Pilgrims*

of Hope at this year's Southern Lights Festival held in Korumburra. We hope that our artwork will illuminate and celebrate 'HOPE' - the hope that is found in love, the hope of forgiveness and the hope of the Gospel - *that hope does not disappoint* (Romans 5:5).

### Sacramental Information - First Communion also known as First Eucharist

A Parent and Child Workshop will be held at St Joseph's for students who are preparing to make their First Communion (otherwise known as First Eucharist) on Thursday, May 29 at 5:30pm in the library. Families can choose one of the three Masses listed for when their child will receive Holy Communion for the first time -

- 5:30pm on Saturday, July 26 at St Laurence's Church, Leongatha
- 9:30am on Sunday, July 27 at St Joseph's Church, Korumburra
- 11:00am on Sunday, July 27 at St Laurence's Church, Leongatha

## SCHOOL GARDEN

We have a harvest of pumpkins from the garden so this week at lunchtime some students helped prepare the vegetables to make Pumpkin soup. The next day when it was cooked, lots of students got to taste it and even came back for seconds and thirds.



By Request, here is the basic recipe. I know many of you have your own twist.

### Pumpkin Soup

1 pumpkin skinned and cut into pieces (don't have to be same or too small)

1 potato peeled and cut into pieces.

1 onion peeled and diced

1 ½ litres of chicken or vegetable stock

Salt and pepper

1. Prepare the vegetables and put into a large saucepan
2. Cook for 1 hour until all soft
3. Cool a little then use a stick blender or potato masher to make smooth. Add a little water if too thick and season to taste.

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS  
TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



A group of students will be travelling by bus from the school to the Velodrome at 9am on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. They will need their sports clothes, a packed lunch, a drink bottle, their hat and sunscreen. You are welcome to come along and support your child on the day.

**ROUND 1 WINTER SPORTS  
FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



Grades 5 and 6 students are participating in Winter School Sports on May 9th, 12.30 pm to 2.15 pm at Mary Mackillop in Leongatha. Students will be participating in either football or soccer. They will need to bring a packed lunch, a water bottle, wear their sports uniform and bring any appropriate equipment for their sport.

## P&F MOTHER'S DAY



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## Mother's Day Breakfast

Mums, aunts, grandmothers and special carers, join us for Mother's Day breakfast by booking your tickets on Flexischools.

### How to book your tickets

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**You will have the choice of croissants, yoghurt, berries, juice, and a hot drink.**



ST JOSEPH'S KORUMBURRA

# MOTHER'S DAY STALL!

*\$10 per FAMILY*

*Includes 1 stall gift per family and a surprise gift from  
your child / children (1 per child)*

*Additional stall gift for mum or  
special person can be purchased for  
\$5.00 each*

**The stall will be held by the P & F on**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2025**

Payment to be made via **CDFPAY**

Orders will close 9.30AM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2025



## DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 2

Fri, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Cross Country   Grade 3 to 6   Mary MacKillop   9am to 11am
Tues, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	District Athletics   Leongatha Velodrome
Wed, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Mass   9.30 to 10.30 am Mother's Day Stall
Fri, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	P&F Mother's Day Breakfast at 8am School Assembly at 9am Round 1 Winter Sports   Grades 5 and 6   Mary Mackillop Leongatha
Mon, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Grade 6 Activity Day   MMRC
Fri, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Catholic Education Week Begins to Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Walk to School Day Round 2 Winter Sports   Grades 5 and 6   Inverloch
Wed, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	National Simultaneous Storytime   12pm to 1pm
Thurs, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Division Cross Country   Stony Creek
Fri, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Assembly at 9am
Fri, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Student Free Day   School Closure Day
Mon, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday   King's Birthday
Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	School Assembly at 9am
Fri, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 2 at 2.30 pm
Mon, 7 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri, 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School Holidays
Mon, 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Student Free Day   School Closure Day
Tues, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	First Day of Term 3



### 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.