



## St Joseph's School

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### Term 2 | Week 4

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Education Week; a time dedicated to reflecting on what it is that makes our schools what they are. As Catholic schools we centre ourselves on the person of Jesus. Jesus taught us what it means to be compassionate, forgiving and inclusive. He was, indeed, the human face of God and each day we aspire to be more like Him.

Over the coming week, we will be celebrating our Catholic identity including a musical incursion with Andrew Chinn on Wednesday. Andrew is behind many of the songs we sing at school and at Mass and his visits are always full of fun. We invite you to join us for a short concert in the afternoon from 2:25 pm.

Also on Wednesday, I will be travelling to St Francis Xavier College at Beaconsfield with three of our senior students, Josh, Thomas and Joe who will represent us at the Diocesan Catholic Education Week Mass.

On Friday, as a follow up to our learning about the work of Caritas, we will be undertaking a "Water Walk" after assembly. The children will carry buckets of water on a course around the school to help them understand what it is like to have to seek water each day. We ask that your child bring in a bucket, from next Monday, to use for the walk. They will take it home again after the walk.

As we head into another weekend, I am conscious, particularly, of our farmers who are struggling with a lack of rain. May we all continue to support each other, as we do.

Sharon

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 2nd of May our senior students competed in Cross Country at Mary MacKillop and represented our school with pride. Several runners achieved personal bests, and everyone gave their all on a challenging course. Congratulations to our outstanding runners who received ribbons.

A huge shout out to our wonderful parent helpers for the event!



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

### It's Here! - Help us keep our garden growing

You can donate your Container Deposit Scheme earnings directly to our school when you return your cans and bottles to a collection point. Just Select DONATION and put in the code below.

#### Korumburra

Fishers timber & Hardware

Korumburra Golf Club

**Leongatha**-Home Timber & Hardware

**Wonthaggi**-Can Collect Depot

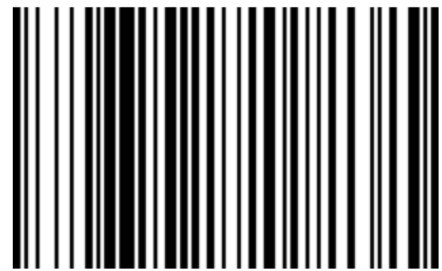
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**AND** until June 15th enter the WIN a MILLION POINTS competition online with your receipt and you could WIN the same for our school too! <https://cdsvic.org.au/winamillioncents>

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### More Garden News

Last week's activity in the garden at lunch time was some weeding and planting of Broccoli and Cabbage. It's dry so we are still watering as well.

We harvested another pumpkin and the Year 3-4's made Pumpkin scones which many decided were delicious and we shared samples with other students at lunch time.



Pumpkin Scones    Oven 200 celsius

- 2 cups self-raising flour
  - 1 tbsp caster sugar
  - 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
  - Pinch of salt
  - 60g unsalted butter, chilled, chopped
  - 1/2 cup of milk
  - 2/3 cup mashed cooked butternut [pumpkin](#)
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1. Put flour in a bowl together with sugar, nutmeg and salt
  2. Rub the butter into flour mixture until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs
  3. Make a well in centre-mix in milk and pumpkin to form dough .
  4. Knead lightly on a board with a little flour if sticky.
  5. Roll to 2cm thickness and then cut out rounds.
  6. Place on tray and cook in oven for approx 12-15 mins until golden and hollow when tapped on top.



## DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 6th of May students represented our school at the District Athletics Championships. Miss Taylor was very proud of our little school and all of the students who attended. Mason Nichols, Alexander Clay, Ted Adams and Zoe Nobile all came home with Ribbons.

Congratulations to Zoe Nobile who won the Under 10 Age Champion!



CHURCH MASS 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY – MOTHER DAY





## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

All schools across the diocese were invited to write a prayer celebrating Catholic Education Week with the theme of ***Pilgrims of Hope***. This prayer was written by students in Grade 4/5. Supporting artwork by students in Foundation.



**As Pilgrims of Hope, we the community of St Joseph's, Korumburra pray...**

God, our loving Father,  
In this Jubilee year,  
remind us to show kindness to each other and  
respect the ancestors of our land.

Jesus,  
Help us to be responsible and caring  
towards our school community.  
Bless our family, friends and  
all who work in our school.

Holy Spirit,  
Guide us to grow in love  
on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen

**Catholic Education Week**  
16<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> May



**Grades 5 and 6**  
**WINTER SPORTS**  
Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May



Grades 5 and 6 are participating in  
Winter School Sports **Round 2** on May  
16<sup>th</sup>, 12.30 pm to 2.15 pm at Mary  
Mackillop in Leongatha.

AND

**Round 3** on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11.30 am to 3 pm  
at Mirboo North Primary school.

**ST JOSEPH'S**  
**TERM 2 | MAY**

**Walk to School Day**  
Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May



**National Simultaneous**  
**Storytime Wed, 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
12 noon



**Division Cross Country |**  
**Stony Creek**  
Thurs, 22<sup>nd</sup> May



Students who are competing are to bring a  
healthy snack and lunch, plenty of water  
and a quiet activity to entertain them whilst  
the other races are on. Students will be  
given a school singlet to run in but will need  
to wear their school sports uniform. They  
will also need a rain jacket and warm jacket  
as the weather is unpredictable, and races  
will go ahead regardless of the forecast.

**We wish them the best of luck!!**



**FRIDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9AM**  
Everyone is welcome.

## ANDREW CHINN VISIT

On Wednesday, May 21, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Foundation to Grade 2 students will attend a workshop from 10:10 am and Grade 3 to Grade 6 students will attend a workshop from 11:25 am. A whole school concert will take place at 2:25pm. You are welcome to attend workshops and the concert. The venue for the day will be our library.



St Joseph's Primary School

Where: In our library

When: Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Students will attend workshops throughout the day and perform in an afternoon concert from 2:25 pm. Parents and parishioners are most welcome to attend workshops and concert.



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Hello,

I would firstly like to say that it has been great meeting some of you, either in person or on the phone. Everyone has been so friendly and I have felt very welcome...thank you.

This term I am continuing to get to know your children by visiting classrooms and talking with them on the playground, and I have to say, they are so lovely. I have noticed that most students say "good morning" or "hello Mrs Brownett" and then follow with a chat. This shows that there is a real sense of community and care at our school.

As well as getting to know your children and yourselves, I have been focused on completing training at the University of Melbourne and the Murdoch Institute.

The jigsaw diagram below represents the scope of my role.



In the coming weeks and months, I will be analysing, with the help of teachers and support staff, where our children sit on the "mental health continuum" and deciding what support we will offer them, especially those who are feeling overwhelmed. We will be starting 'Seasons for Growth' in week six, which is a program about grief and loss. I will be supporting staff to implement some



classroom approaches to mental health. The teachers will be learning exactly what Mental health is (and isn't) and the behaviours and concerns to look out for in their classrooms. Please, do check in with them if you are feeling worried. I will also be sharing some tips and tricks in helping your children in different ways. This will be done through a link called Schools Tv, which you can access via this newsletter or, very soon, on our school website. It is such a great resource and I'll be sharing more with you in the coming weeks. I have also been visiting many different community supports and organisations which are available to our families and next term I will be organising a morning tea to explain the resources I have found.

So, we are all on this wonderful journey of life together, with all of its ups and downs. Our goal is to help our kids feel good, feel supported, feel happy and to feel safe.

I hope you all have a super fabulous weekend!

Kind regards

Robyn Brownett

## DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 2

Fri, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Catholic Education Week Begins until Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Round 2 Winter Sports   Grades 5 and 6   Inverloch (at Mary MacKillop Leongatha)
Wed, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	National Simultaneous Storytime   12pm to 1pm Andrew Chinn visit to school – school concert at 2.25PM in the library
Thurs, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Division Cross Country   Stony Creek
Fri, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Assembly at 9am Round 3 Winter Sports   Grades 5 and 6   Mirboo North Primary School
Fri, 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Round 4 Winter Sports   Grades 5 and 6   Leongatha
Thurs, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Disco (more details coming soon)
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



### 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.