

St Joseph's School

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Term 3 | Week 1



Dear St Joseph's Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. It is good to see the students refreshed and ready for a great term of learning. Mrs Anderson continues her leave for the first two weeks of this term and we welcome her back in Week 3. We welcome back Emma Wilson from Maternity leave as LSO in the 4/5 space. We also welcome to our school, Alyx Fast, who is teaching Year 5/6 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Natasha Kuyer and Natalie Kratz will have short periods of leave in the next couple of weeks. Both have planned the work for their time away and the classes will continue their learning seamlessly with our excellent replacement teachers.

Monday Staff Learning Day

Staff spent a very valuable Monday of this week exploring learning opportunities from the texts that we will be using this term in English. Yr 4/5 and 5/6 are reading The Last Bear by Hannah Gold and will explore life in the Arctic as well as challenges regarding the environment while developing skills in comprehension, vocabulary and writing. I am sure that over the term, you will hear about the text that your child's class is reading.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of you who were able to come in or phone for a Parent Teacher Interview. These are so important to keep the family-school connection strong so that we are working together for the best learning experience and outcomes for your children. If you were unable to attend and would still like to catch up with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher or the office to make an appointment.

First Eucharist



This weekend, we remember and pray for our students who are making their First Eucharist, the second step in the Sacraments of Initiation. It will be a very special event to celebrate with their families. I would like to thank Catherine Riseley, our Religious Education Leader, classroom teachers, Natasha Kuyer, Tammy Jones, Rachael Mullin and of course, the families for their guidance in preparing the children.

Carole Livesey

Homework

Our homework expectation at St Joseph's is that Reading at home is the key homework activity. We recognise that home life can be very busy, but the cumulative number of words a child reads as they are developing their reading skills has an impact on their progress. When reading more independently, reading is one of the ways to expand vocabulary and recognition of words.

For our beginning readers, it is ideal to listen to your child read their take home book 5 times a week. Up to 10 mins, reading to decode and then re-reading all or a few pages for fluency is very useful. *Please sign the reading diary when you have done this together.*



For students who have moved to chapter books, regular reading is still important. 4 times a week at least 15mins is ideal. It is not necessary to hear them read all the text but still important for you to check in with how they are going by listening to a page or two and asking them to tell you about what is happening in the section they are reading- are they comprehending what they are reading and getting the main ideas?

Please sign the Diary when your child has read as teachers are monitoring this at school.

Grandparents' Day

We are delighted to invite all grandparents to join us at school on **Thursday**, **31st July** to celebrate the special role they play in our children's lives. (if a grandparent cannot come and your child would like someone to attend- you or another special person are welcome to come)

Grandparents are warmly welcomed into classrooms and specialists from **9:30am to 10:30am** to take part in learning activities and enjoy time with their grandchildren.

Afterward, grandparents are invited to gather in the **library at 10:30am** for a special morning tea together.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful morning with our school community and celebrating the special connection between children and their grandparents.

To help make the morning tea extra special, we kindly ask families to send in a small plate of food for the children to share with their grandparents.

Thank you for your support!

PE NEWS

This week during PE students enjoyed a tennis clinic run by South Gippsland Tennis Academy coaches. It was great to see everyone having fun and learning new skills. A fantastic introduction to our net/wall games unit this term!

If your child is interested in giving tennis a go, lessons are on Wednesday nights at Korumburra Tennis club. Your child received a \$20 voucher to receive a free session on Wednesday 30th of July. Contact Matt for more information 0402736693.





SUPPORTING LALOMANU PRIMARY SCHOOL, SAMOA



Next week, I will be travelling to Samoa to visit Lalomanu Primary School – a small ocean-side school where the students' joy and community spirit shine, despite having very limited resources.

Together as a school community, we've been raising funds to provide new sports uniforms, learning materials, and much-needed equipment to help these bright young students thrive both in the classroom and on the field. Every dollar raised will go directly to the students, making a real difference to their daily learning and play.

If you would like to make an additional donation, you can do so at: https://lalomanu-primary-school.raiselysite.com/

This time next week, I will be personally delivering our donations and sharing our school's kindness and support with the children and staff at Lalomanu Primary.

Mrs Kratz

NOTICES





1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching **Parenting Program**

Free live ONLINE program for parents of children aged 2 to 12 years

Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in children aged 2 to 12

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- . How to discipline without
- arguing, yelling or smacking How to handle challenging
- How to name changing behaviours
 How to use emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
 Strategies for encouraging
- good behaviour How to sort behaviours and choose correct strategies using "The 3 Choices Model"

We'll also work on strategies so you can:

- Strengthen your relationship with your child
- Strengthen your child's emotional resilience

On completing the program parents will receive:

- A FREE workbook (valued at \$12) to apply the concepts
- A Certificate of Completion

Do this highly sought-after program live online

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11:00am - 2:00pm Over 3 Thursdays: August 21st August 28th

September 4th, 2025

FREE - but bookings are essential!

To book your spot please

Bass Coast Health Integrated Family Services Mark Brookes

0484 072 775 Jo Choyce 5671 3273

HURRY! **Applications close**

Monday 18th August





DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3	
Fri, 25 th July	Grade 4 Eucharist Retreat Mary Mackillop
Wed, 30 th July	Grade 5 Interactive Day Korumburra Secondary College
Thurs, 31 st July	Foundation 100 days of School Grandparents Day 9.30 to 10.30am Morning Tea @ 10.30am
Fri, 1 st August	School Assembly at 9am
Mon, 11 th to Fri 15 th August	Science Week
Fri, 15 th August	School Assembly at 9am
Mon, 18 th August	School Closure Day Student Free Day
Tues, 19 th to 22 nd August	Book Week
Thurs, 21st August	Foundation Coal Creek 10am to 2pm
Fri, 29 th August	School Assembly at 9am
Fri, 5 th September	District Basketball
Thurs, 11 th September	Division Athletics
Fri, 12 th September	School Assembly at 9am
Fri, 19 th September	Last day of Term 3 at 2.30 pm
Mon, 22 nd Sept to Fri, 3 rd October	Term 3 School Holidays
Term 4	
Mon, 6 th October	Student Free Day
Tues, 7 th October	Students back at school



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 Brownett on 5655 2040.