



St Joseph's School

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Term 3 | Week 3

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Today is the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary is Australia's first saint and lived her life serving God through her pioneering work in education. She was also the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. I am personally grateful to her for the strong example she has set for us as we work to provide high quality Catholic education for the children in our care. I witness her Spirit in our dedicated staff who, in her words, "never see a need without doing something about it".

Today our senior classes joined our Parishioners at Mass to mark this very special day.



Although it is only early in the 3rd term, we are processing enrolments for next year. Mrs Livesey and I have been showing prospective families around our school and their feedback is always the same. They comment on the calm, happy atmosphere, the impressive learning that the children are engaged in and the genuine interactions they see between the staff and the children. We have so much to be proud of. If you are aware of any families who may be interested in enrolling please encourage them to be in touch. We have places available across the school.

Sharon

YEAR 4 EUCHARIST RETREAT AT MARY MACKILLOP

On Friday, July 25th year four students from St Joseph's and St Laurence's attended a Retreat focused on the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Mary Mackillop College. Students in the Youth Ministry Team from Year 10 organised the day in support of our Religious Education program providing an opportunity for students to learn, pray, reflect and celebrate with their fellow students who were making their First Communion.



Annika



Ava and Zoe



FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

On the weekend of July 26 and 27, students from St Joseph's and St Laurence's, along with other children from the local area celebrated making their First Communion at three Masses

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

Thank you to Natasha Kuyer and Tammy Jones for preparing the students in this Sacrament and to the parents for supporting your child on their faith journey. Many thanks also to Fr Stanly for making the children's First Communion experience so special.



Charlotte, Penelope
and Dallas

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Students in year six have begun to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation - the final step in the Initiation Sacraments (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). Thank you to the families who showed their commitment to their child's faith journey by attending the Confirmation Parent and Child Workshop held in our library on Thursday, July 24. Students preparing to receive this sacrament look forward to celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation Mass with Bishop Greg on Thursday, August 21 at 5 pm. A resource for families has been sent home in both hard copy and digital format to support parents in preparing their child to receive Confirmation. The most important outcome of using this resource are the conversations that arise from the activities regarding Confirmation. I invite you to pray for our Confirmation candidates using this prayer. This prayer may also be prayed for all of us.

Spirit of wisdom.....Make them wise
Spirit of courage.....Strengthen them
Spirit of right judgement...Guide their thoughts
Spirit of understanding.....Enlighten them
Spirit of reverence.....Teach them respect
Spirit of knowledge.....Inspire them
Spirit of wonder and awe.... Help them find you in all things



RCIA INFORMATION EVENING (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Has someone in your family or group of friends expressed an interest in God and wondered what a difference faith can make in their life?

Perhaps you have been baptised but haven't received any other Sacraments?

If so RCIA could help answer some of your questions. **Come & See!**

An **RCIA Information Night** for Leongatha & Korumburra Parishes will be held on Thursday **September 11th**, 7.30pm at St Laurence's Parish Centre Leongatha.

This is followed by 5wks of Inquiry Sessions that give a basic overview of the Catholic Faith.

For those who are interested to go still further, this leads into a longer process that prepares people for entering the Catholic Church at Easter.

You are free to stop at any stage of the process.

For further information phone Parish Secretary - Ann Hemming 56622020

CONGRATULATIONS ANNIKA!

We were all so excited to hear that our very own Annika McGeachin was crowned the National (yes National!) Champion in her age group in a recent Karate Competition. Well done Annika; we are so proud of you! We've also heard a rumour that there may be a trip to Japan on the horizon. Mrs Anderson would love to carry your bags for you!



SENIOR NEWS

Over the past few weeks, we've been strengthening our multiplication, division, and addition strategies to become more efficient and accurate problem solvers. We've been working collaboratively in teams—sharing our thinking, activating strong reasoning skills, and supporting one another along the way.

Here are a few proud snapshots showcasing some of our multi-step problem-solving processes in action!



Container Deposit Scheme- Help us keep our garden growing

Fantastic news- we have had direct donations to our account.

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.

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P&F COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER



Don't let this sweet opportunity pass you by! 🍪

Have you seen all the scrumptious flavours on offer with our Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser? There are 10 to choose from - doughn't be the one that misses out!

We think Raspberry White Choc and Choc Chunk are our favourites.

Or check out the new flavour of 'Cinnamon Donut'.

Register today and Order yours at: <https://cookie dough.com.au>

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**BOOK WEEK | ADVANCE NOTICE DRESS UP
DAY FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST**



We will celebrate Book Week and our traditional dress up parade will be on **Friday, August 22nd**. The theme this year is “Book an Adventure” and the children are invited to dress up in line with this, such as: costumes inspired by explorers, mythical creatures, and classic adventure stories or as a character from any book. This is always lots of fun and you are very welcome to join us at **9:15am** on the basketball court.

FATHER'S DAY



With Father's Day arriving next month on Sunday, 7th of September please note the following dates:

- Father's Day Stall Gifts, Wednesday 3rd of September - more details to follow;
- Father's Day Breakfast, Friday, 5th of September at 8am.

NOTICES



Fishy Stories WRITING CHALLENGE 2025

**The Writing Challenge and Picture Stories
is open to students from Year 1 to Year 8.**

Let your imagination run wild and submit up to
350 words or a picture story on your favourite topic.

Twenty stories selected and performed at the
Fish Creek Festival of Stories on Saturday 15 November 2025.

Opening date: 21 July 2025
Closing date: 19 September 2025



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OUT MORE ABOUT
OUR 2025 WRITING
CHALLENGE,
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FISHY STORIES FESTIVAL 15 NOVEMBER 2025

FREE AUTHOR WORKSHOPS & WRITING CHALLENGE PERFORMANCES

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DATES TO REMEMBER – | TERM 3

Mon, 11 th to Fri 15 th August	Science Week
Fri, 15 th August	School Assembly at 9am Confirmation Retreat for Grade 6 Whole School Mass at St Joseph's Church, 11.30 to 12.30 pm
Mon, 18th August	School Closure Day Student Free Day
Tues, 19 th to 22 nd August	Book Week Friday, 22 nd August – Book Week Dress Up Day
Thurs, 21 st August	Foundation Coal Creek 10am to 2pm Sacrament of Confirmation Mass, 5pm to 6pm at St Joseph's Church
Fri, 29 th August	School Assembly at 9am
Wed, 3 rd September	Father's Day Stall
Fri, 5 th September	Father's Day Breakfast at 8am 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 Brownnett on 5655 2040.