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Term 3 | Week 5

Dear St Joseph's Families,



Last Friday, we attended Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. On this day, August 15th, we celebrate Mary and her special place as the mother of Jesus. Father Stanly commented on the children's reverent participation and beautiful singing.

On Monday, our staff participated in professional learning about the Resilience, Respectful Relationships and Responsibilities program (also known as RRRR). The day was facilitated by our Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) Leader, Robyn Brownnett. RRRR is an evidence informed program developed by the Department of Education to support the social and emotional wellbeing of our children. We will be delivering the program across the school and will keep you informed about the topics we are focusing on.



Last night our combined Parishes of Leongatha and Korumburra came together for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We want to congratulate Joe Tripodi, Thomas Licitra and Eli Leary who confirmed their Faith when Bishop Greg blessed them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I want to thank Catherine Riseley, our Religious Education Leader for her work in preparing the children with their families. I also want to thank our parishioners, Mary Anne and David Jackson who decorated the Church to make it an extra special occasion.



Science Week and Book Week have also given us opportunities for lots of hands on fun and learning. A special thank you to Mrs Smith for her brilliant organisation of our Science Day.



Thank you everyone for the effort you put into today's costumes...so many creative ideas.
Best Book Week Parade ever!









Uniform Reminders

As the weather begins to warm up, we encourage children to be wearing their school hats outside on sunnier days. Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. We also need to remind everyone that jewellery, except for stud or sleeper earrings and a simple cross necklace is not allowed. Nail polish is not to be worn. Long hair, at shoulder length or longer must be tied back.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Sharon

EXCURSION TO COAL CREEK



Yesterday our Foundation students had the most wonderful day exploring Coal Creek! The sun was shining, the students were buzzing with excitement, and together we stepped back in time to experience life as it was in the 1890s.

One of the highlights was our visit to the Jeetho School, where students discovered what a typical school day looked like over a century ago. They wrote on slates, tried their hand at using ink and quills, and learned how each year level worked through one reader for the entire year. A few brave volunteers even experienced what it was like to be sent to the corner as part of classroom discipline back then!

Our guided tour took us through the General Store, where the children marvelled at the many treasures that could be bought. They were fascinated by the pulley system, enchanted by a beautiful old music box, and even danced along to the sound of a gramophone. Of course, the chance to try some old-fashioned lollies was a big hit too!

Throughout the day, the students were filled with wonder and awe as they explored the park and learned about life in the past. It was a fabulous day of discovery, imagination, and history coming alive — an excursion we will remember for a long time.





A request from our Garden Leaders

Some of our students have been working alongside Mrs Livesey to establish and maintain our gardens and they would like to fill some gaps with beautiful plants, especially those that have special meaning for your family. Penelope, Serayah, Annika and Peyton are requesting cuttings of plants for our school garden. If there is a story that goes with the plant, they'd love to hear that too. Please deliver potted plants to the office, where the girls will collect them.

With thanks in anticipation of your support for this project.

100 DAYS OF PREP WHAT A CELEBRATION

On August the 31st , our Prep students reached a very special milestone – **100 days of school!** We marked the occasion in style, dressing up as lively 100-year-olds and filling the day with fun, learning, and laughter.

The children created wonderful self-portraits of themselves at 100 years old, threaded colourful necklaces with exactly 100 beads, and enjoyed activities that reminded us just how far they've come since their very first day.

Our celebrations were made even more special by sharing the morning with our wonderful grandparents and special people. We spent time together, laughed, shared stories, and enjoyed a delicious morning tea to mark the day.

I couldn't be prouder of the incredible progress our Preps have made in their first 100 days – their learning, confidence, and have grown in leaps and bounds. They truly are little superstars!

Foundation and Mrs Kratz





Thank You for Your Incredible Support!

Grateful Hearts & Big Smiles

Because of YOUR generosity and support, the children of **Lalomanu Primary School** in Samoa are now proudly wearing their brand-new sports uniforms.

When we handed them over, the joy was *electric*—smiles so big they lit up the whole school, and their laughter still echoes in our hearts. These uniforms are more than fabric; they're pride, unity, and a reminder that they are valued and supported.

Your kindness has reached across the ocean and wrapped around an entire community.

My whole trip was such a humbling and enriching experience. The people of Lalomanu have such warmth, joy, and community spirit, and they reminded me how much we can learn about slowing down and truly appreciating what we have.

From the moment I arrived, I was welcomed like family, and I feel so grateful to have been able to deliver your kindness in person. Together, we have made a difference that will be remembered for years to come.

Fa'afetai tele lava (thank you very much) from the bottom of my heart for helping make this possible.

Mrs Kratz





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

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VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

**DONATE YOUR DRINK
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St Joseph's Primary School
KORUMBURRA**

We are raising funds for:

**Our School Garden
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FATHER'S DAY



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BREAKFAST

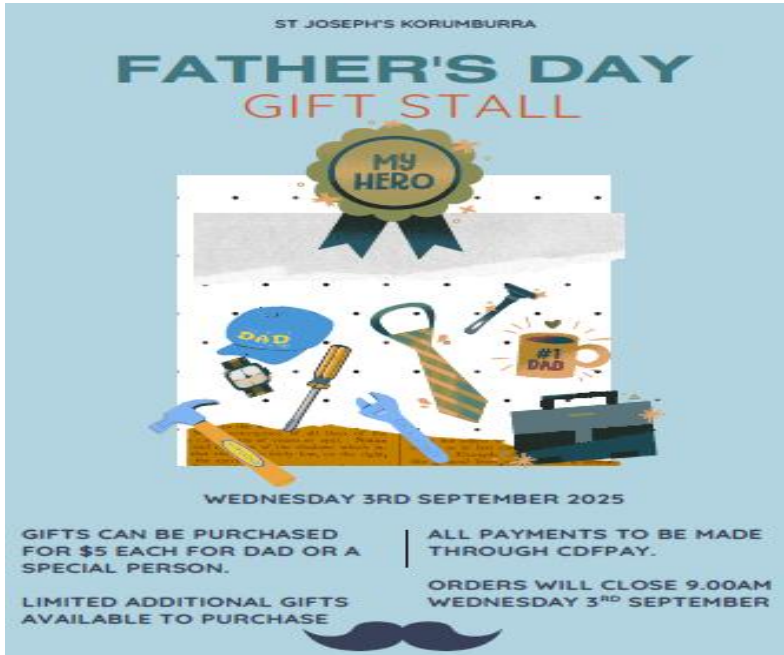
8.00AM TO 8.50AM
FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

We invite all the Fathers, Grandfathers and special men in our St Joe's Community to come and have breakfast in the school library.

Egg & Bacon Rolls
Muesli & Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit
Iced Coffee for adults and Flavoured Milk for children
Tea & Coffee

Cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child.
Orders to be made via CDFPay by Wednesday 3rd of September for catering purposes.

<https://ordering.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/m/st-josephs-school-korumburra-events-fathers-day-breakfast-8am-to-850am-on-friday-5th-september>



ST. JOSEPH'S KORUMBURRA

FATHER'S DAY
GIFT STALL

MY HERO

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025

GIFTS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$5 EACH FOR DAD OR A SPECIAL PERSON.

ALL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE THROUGH CDFPAY.

LIMITED ADDITIONAL GIFTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

ORDERS WILL CLOSE 9.00AM WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

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Operation Christmas Child.

This term our school's missionary action, which is the action we take as a Catholic Christian community to bring hope to those in need, share God's love, and make a difference in the world, is to participate in **Operation Christmas Child**. A project of Samaritan's Purse.



Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for us to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts that they will receive in time for Christmas.

There are different ways you can be involved and make a difference:

1. You can donate items for the Christmas shoeboxes suitable for children aged 2-14 years. Children can bring your family's donations to school and senior students will pack the Christmas boxes ready for sending. Here are some ideas:

Something to WEAR 	Something to PLAY WITH 	Something SPECIAL 
Something for PERSONAL HYGIENE 	Something to LOVE 	Something for SCHOOL 

2. Alternatively, you can make a general donation of money which supports shoebox collection, processing, and shipping, as well as ministry partner training and Gospel

materials. For example, \$12.50 covers the shipping costs of sending a shoebox to countries all over the world.

3. You can also pray for the children who will receive the shoeboxes that St Joseph's fill and their families and community that they will be transformed by the Gospel.

Donations of gifts and money for the Christmas shoeboxes finishes **Friday September 12.**
(This will give the senior students a week to pack the boxes before the end of term.)

For more information go to the website - <https://occ.samaritanspurse.org.au/>

Or watch the video: [Operation Christmas Child 2025 Overview](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER – | TERM 3

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 to 8.50am 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	Footy Colours Day & Pie Day Last day of Term 3 at 2.30 pm (buses to run at this time)
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.