



St Joseph's School

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Term 4 | Week 8

Dear St Joseph's Families,

This week marks the First Week of Advent when we light the first Candle in the Advent Wreath. This candle is known as the Candle of Hope and reminds us that we have much to look forward to, especially the birth of Jesus at Christmas. This morning we gathered as a school to light the first candle and to focus on this very special season of Advent.



Last year, the children made small gifts and cards and delivered them to letter boxes across the town. It was received with such joy and gratitude that we are doing it again! On Monday afternoon, December 8th, we will venture out into our community to share some Christmas love. I think this is the beginning of another beautiful St Joseph's tradition.

As always, the last weeks of the year are busy and this year, despite our promise to not overload the calendar, I fear that we have, once again, failed. Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter for events that are happening over these next few weeks. Please also check your child's school bag for hard copies of notes etc while PAM is still down. With the busyness and also the very wet oval, we have decided to reschedule our Colour Run. It will now happen in Term 1 next year when the oval will be much happier to host it.

A reminder that if your child is going to be away, for any reason, we need to be informed. We ask that you send an email to office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au and to your child's classroom teacher. Extended time away from school, such as for holidays, needs to be approved by me and I ask that you email me via principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au to arrange this.



Finally, at this time of the year, I look around our school and see the work and dedication of so many. I particularly want to thank **Chris Whelan** and his team who are looking after the mowing and gardens for us. It is looking beautiful and along with the constant care of **Carole Livesey** who is often found outside with a group of children planting and weeding, we are creating an inviting space for us all to be.

The work of the **P and F** is helping to build our playground fund. The first piece, installed this year, has been a delightful addition.

To **Jo**, our crossing supervisor who, come rain, hail or shine, keeps our children safe on the road, thank you. Jo, also quietly makes sure our bins are put out and brought in each week, especially over the holidays.

Thank you to **Simon Mullin**, who has been on call for us for all of those tricky maintenance jobs.

To **Fiona Dangerfield** who is nourishing our school community with Playgroup on a Tuesday morning, thank you. Your warmth and gentle presence is everything we want our school to be.

To organisations, **Grow Lightly, Kelly's Bakery and Barnsey's Bakery** who donate nutritious food to our breakfast club and help us out with special activities and events. We cannot do it without you.

Thank you to **Sasha Woodman** who collects the bread and is always there to lend a hand cooking toast on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To **Melissa Fowles** for her help with covering new library books, thank you.

To all of the contractors, including our cleaners, **Wizard Cleaning**, who contribute in so many ways to the smooth running of our school. I am grateful for their expertise in keeping our school safe.

In naming individuals, I am always at risk of missing someone. I do want to thank all of you. This school is what it is because of each of us and I know I speak on behalf of all of the staff, when I say a heartfelt thank you.

Sharon

Classes and Staffing for 2026

Carole, (our leader of Learning and Teaching) and I met with DOSCEL leaders this week to analyse our data and I am so proud to let you know that the work we are doing is bearing fruit. We are shining! Our children are flourishing in so many ways and as a small school, we have been congratulated on the individual support we give each child which is reflected in their strong growth. As we move into 2026, I am excited about what lies ahead as we continue to strive for excellence.

I am delighted to let you know that we have finalised our class structure and staffing for next year. We welcome Tammy Grimley to our staff. Tammy will be teaching Year 5 and Auslan while Daphne Ward takes 12 months of leave.

Leadership Team

Sharon Anderson - Principal

Carole Livesey - Senior Leader (Learning and Teaching, Intervention and Learning Adjustment)

Catherine Riseley - Religious Education Leader

Administration

Kathleen Blair

Lynn Spittal

Class/Subject	Teacher	Learning Support Officer
Foundation/1	Natalie Kratz	Belinda Whiteside
1/2	Tammy Jones	Rachael Ramsay
3/4	Natasha Kuyer (Monday to Thursday) Emma Wilson (Friday)	Emma Wilson (Monday to Thursday) Cate O'Brien (Friday am)
5	Tammy Grimley (Monday to Wednesday, and Friday am) Cate O'Brien (Thursday and Friday pm)	Ro Archer
6	Rachael Mullin (Monday to Thursday) Hannah Taylor (Friday)	John Livesey
Language Intervention	Nicole Kennedy (Tuesday)	
Physical Education/Sports	Megan Smith (Wednesday)	
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)	Megan Smith (Thursday)	
Art	Catherine Risely (Wednesday)	

MHiPS	Robyn Brownnett	
Auslan	Tammy Grimley (Thursday)	

Uniform

The way our children present is important as it reflects the pride we have in our school and so our expectations remain high.

We do understand that at this time of the year, some pieces of the uniform, particularly shoes, are nearing the end of their usefulness. We don't expect you to be rushing out to buy new shoes now, but we do need to remain vigilant on items like socks (not black), runners on non sports days, jewellery etc. Thank you to those parents who have let us know about the reasons their child may be out of uniform. We appreciate your communication.

Edu threads is our online uniform supplier and are currently accepting orders for the new school year. You can order uniform by clicking on our school at eduthreads.com.au

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA RESTRICTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

As you are aware, the Australian Government, via The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 has formalised restrictions on many social platforms which your child may currently have access to. Most popular social media platforms will be age restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Whilst it is the responsibility of the providers of these platforms to enact these laws, it is vital that parents and care givers are also speaking with their children about this and monitoring their usage.

To help get young people under the age of 16 ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the [eSafety website](#) to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find [tips on how to talk about social media age restrictions with young people](#).

LIBRARY BOOKS

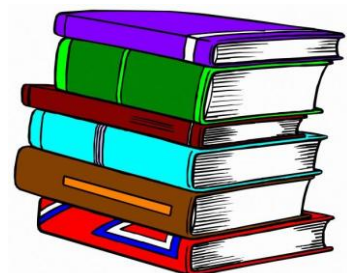
It's time for Book Stocktake.

Please have a search in all those nooks and crannies for books belonging to the school.

Library borrowing will finish next Tuesday and all books due back by Monday 8th December.

A list of books your child has against their name will go home on Monday.

Thanks for all your help .



SOCKTOBER CELEBRATIONS



On Wednesday morning in Week 5 we enjoyed celebrating Socktober as a whole school. We commenced the morning with a liturgy where each class had various reading, procession or musical roles then we moved into cross-age groups to make our sockballs and practise soccer skills. Thank you to all families who donated items for the sockball making. Socktober is a Catholic Mission initiative to raise awareness and funds for those poorer people in our world. We took a closer look at the people of Zambia and discovered that despite their struggles they remain people of hope. Catholic Mission will use the money we raised to work with the Zambian community - Mpika to teach them how they can improve their food supply, healthcare, water quality and education.

PENELOPE BAKER IN THE NUTCRACKER

Our very own Penelope Baker - from Grade 4 - is dancing in the ballet, The Nutcracker, showing 20th & 21st December with the Casey Philharmonic Orchestra. How amazing! See the flyer - to the right - to buy tickets

CASEY PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
2025

THE NUTCRACKER

BUNJIL PLACE
DECEMBER 20
7:30PM
DECEMBER 21
2:30PM

Experience the magic of The Nutcracker ballet like never before, featuring full production with orchestra on stage!

scan me!

FIND OUT MORE
AT CPO.ORG.AU
@caseyphilharmonic

YEARS 3 & 4 BIKE ED PROGRAM



WOW! How fantastic was the Off-Road Grade's 3 & 4 Bike Education Program! What amazing growth was demonstrated by all students in both their basic riding skills and endurance. Thank you so much to the wonderful parents who were able to come and help each day! Congratulations to all students for being brave, resilient and persistent! You rock!

We Can Make a Difference

This term, our school mission is all about *making a difference*. This can be through small acts of kindness or contributing to our wider community!

Our beautiful Grade 3/4 and 4/5 students have embraced this focus with great excitement and enthusiasm! For four Wednesday mornings, this term, the children have walked down to Hillside Lodge, Korumburra and spent the morning engaging with the residents in a range of fun and joyful activities - from balloon swatting, colouring Christmas cards together, helping each other have a go at sudoku and word searches to potting up plants!

A lot of fun and laughter has been had by both students and residents alike. Hillside Lodge has been so delighted with how wonderfully our students have behaved and engaged with their residents that they have booked us in to come back again next year!

Well done Grade 3/4 & 4/5 - that's exactly how you make a difference!



P&F

Get your freshly harvested Fruit and Veg boxes which are very popular and at such great value.

You will be able to purchase these via CDFPay by clicking on this link:

<https://ordering.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/m/st-josephs-school-korumburra-events-p-f-fundraiser-fruit-veg-box>

- **Orders close on Friday, 5th of December at 3pm.**
- **Pickup will be Friday, 12th of December between 8.30am and 9am from the St Joes Church car park.**



PARENTS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISER
St Joseph's Korumburra
EST. 1914
May Good Be Cheered

Freshly Harvested Fruit & Veg Boxes

WHAT'S INCLUDED:
BANANAS, BERRIES, ORANGES,
CORN, SNOW PEAS, SUGAR SNAP PEAS,
COS LETTUCE, CELERY, ONIONS

**\$30
each**

*** Some items may be substituted due to availability of items***

**Order now
via CDF Pay**
sjkorumburra.cdfpay.org.au

Orders closing **Friday 5th December, 3pm**
Pick up **Friday 12th December**
between **8.30am and 9am** from the
Church car park.



Any one can purchase a raffle ticket: <https://ordering.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/m/st-josephs-school-korumburra-events-st-joes-christmas-raffle>

DATES TO REMEMBER | TERM 4

Mon, 24 th November to Friday, 12 th December	Years 5 & 6 Bike Education Program 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
Wed, 26 th November	Grade 4/5 to Hillside
Fri, 28 th November	Bike Safety Talk with Inverloch Police - Years, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wed, 3 rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3/4 to Hillside Grade 4/5 Mass 9.15am to 10.15am Order Online at Kelly's Bakery by 3pm today for orders Thursday 4th Dec
Fri, 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Assembly at 9am Foundation Transition 4 – 9.30am to 11.30 am P&F Fruit & Veg Box Closes at 3PM today
Mon, 8 th December	Christmas Mission Walk at 2.30 PM
Tuesday, 9 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 – Orientation Day St Kilda Football Club visit Years 3 to 6 9 am to 10am Whole school transition day 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
Wed 10 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4/5 & 3/4 Inverloch Rockpooling and Coastal walk 8.45am to 3pm Grade 1/2 Mass 9.15 to 10.15 am Junior Tabloid Sports and Sausage Sizzle for all Students Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 12pm to 1.30 pm Last one for the year Order Online at Kelly's Bakery by 3pm today for orders Thursday 11th Dec
Thurs, 11 th December	Bike Hike to Meeniyon Years 5 and 6
Friday, 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&F Fruit & Veg Box Pick up Church Carpark – 8.30am to 9am P&F St Joe's Christmas Raffle Drawn today
Monday, 15 th December	Year 6 Surfing lesson at Inverloch
Tues, 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year and Yr 6 Graduation Mass 2pm to 3.10 pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm at the Korumburra Hub
Wed, 17 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep, Years 1 & 2 Carols at Carinya Nursing home 9am to 11.30 am Final Assembly at 12.30 pm (on the basketball court) Last Day of Term 4 for Students at 3.20 pm (normal finish time)

2026 TERM 1

Office reopens Tuesday, 27th January at 8.30 am

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Thursday, 29 th January	All children start Term 1 today



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.