



St Joseph's School

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Term 1 | Week 2

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Welcome to our new school year which has begun beautifully. The children are happy and are beginning to settle into their learning routines.



*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*

Last Sunday's Gospel focussed on the Beatitudes. In His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 3 -12), Jesus described the qualities that He himself lived by. Whilst some of these, in their "old world" language are difficult to understand, the essence of them is love, mercy and peace. In today's world, we simply cannot have enough of these.

On Thursday, February 19th, we invite all our families and friends to a welcome picnic on the oval from 5pm til 7pm. Please BYO a picnic and be mindful not to bring alcohol. This will be a lovely opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

I want to welcome Tammy Grimley who, alongside Cate O'Brien is teaching Year 5. Tammy is also teaching Auslan this year. Below is a list of our staffing for this year.



Principal – Sharon Anderson

Senior Leader (Learning and Teaching/Learning Adjustment and Intervention) – Carole Livesey

Religious Education Leader – Catherine Riseley

Office Staff – Kath Blair and Lynn Spittal

Classroom Teachers

Foundation/1 – Natalie Kratz

Year 1/2 – Tammy Jones

Year 3/4 – Natasha Kuyer and Emma Wilson

Year 5 – Tammy Grimley and Cate O'Brien

Year 6 – Rachael Mullin and Hannah Taylor

Learning Support Staff

Belinda Whiteside

Rachael Ramsay

Emma Wilson

Cate O'Brien

Ro Archer

John Livesey

Specialist teachers

Art – Catherine Riseley

STEM and PE – Megan Smith

Auslan – Tammy Grimley

Oral language intervention – Nicole Kennedy

Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader/Wellbeing – Robyn Brownnett

With Blessings,



Sharon

WELCOME TO 2026



FINAL ASSEMBLY 2025 PHOTOS



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday, our Year 3 – 6s walked to the Korumburra Pool and participated in our House Swimming Carnival with St Laurence's and Chairo. It was a great day! So many children expressed that they were nervous and not sure, but they had a go and were so proud of themselves in the end. As always, the way our children support and encourage each other shone. Thank you to the parents who came along to support us...we cannot do these days without you.



2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST JOSEPH'S & ST LAURENCE'S PARISHES

Each year St Joseph's and St Laurence's Schools provide a Sacramental Program which all families are invited to be a part of. The Sacramental Program prepares students who have been baptised to take the next steps in their Catholic faith journey. Families are invited to support their children in making the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist (otherwise known as First Communion) and Confirmation.

The Sacramental Programs are offered for families who have a student in the following grades:

- Reconciliation for grade 3 students.
- Eucharist for grade 4 students.
- Confirmation for grade 6 students.

Note: A child in an older grade who hasn't made their Sacraments at the usual time is also invited to join in with the Sacrament preparations as they arise within the school year as long as the child has been baptised. If your child is not baptised and expresses an interest in being baptised, or you would like to have them baptised, please feel welcome to contact one of us to discuss this further. This, of course, applies to any member in your family who wants to become part of the sacramental life of the Church. Everyone is welcome in our Church and their presence would be a great gift to our Church family.

To prepare students in making their sacrament, religious education classes focusing on the sacrament are provided during the school day and a sacramental activity resource will be sent home for families to work through with their child in a way that works for the family. The discussion around the sacrament is the most important outcome when using this resource. Families are required to attend one Parent and Child Workshop, and of course the liturgy where their child receives and celebrates the sacrament for the first time. A child will not be able to receive a sacrament without undertaking the full preparations, as every sacrament requires the necessary preparation from the recipient.

We also strongly encourage you to attend the Sunday Masses in a church closest to you leading up to and following your child's celebration of their new sacrament. Participation in the Eucharist provides the child and the family with due spiritual preparation.

St Laurence's and St Joseph's Primary Schools work together as parishes in partnership which includes coming together for our Sacramental Program. Throughout 2025, all sacraments and sacramental workshops were held in Korumburra. In 2026, all sacraments and sacramental workshops will be held in Leongatha at St Laurence's Church or St Laurence's Primary. Therefore, all families from St Laurence's and St Joseph's Primary Schools who choose for their child/children to make their sacraments will require a commitment to attend Leongatha for both the Parent & Child Workshop and the Sacramental

Mass (although First Eucharist celebration masses will be offered in Korumburra too).
 Students who attend other schools in the local area are also invited to join in.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Stanly Devasia, Catherine Riseley, Sharon Anderson & Liz O'Loughlin

St Laurence's Parish to host workshops and sacramental Masses

Sacrament	Minimum Year Level	Parent & Child Workshop held at St Laurence's Primary School	Sacramental Masses
Reconciliation	Grade 3	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 5:30 pm	St. Laurence's Church, Korumburra - Thursday, March 19, 2026 5:00 pm
First Eucharist	Grade 4	Thursday, April 30 2026 5:30 pm	St. Laurence Church - Saturday, May 30, at 5:30 OR St. Joseph's, Korumburra - Sunday, May 31 at 9:30 am OR St. Laurence's, Leongatha Sunday, May 31 at 11:30 am
Confirmation	Grade 6	TBC	St. Laurence's Church - Thursday, July 30, 2026 5pm



Will Your Child Make Their Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2026?

Our 2026 Sacramental Program will commence with a Parent and Child Workshop for children (especially those in grade 3) who are making their sacrament of Reconciliation from both St. Joseph's and St Laurence's and Primary Schools. The date of this workshop is Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30 pm and will be held at St Laurence's School in Room C (the grade 5/6 classroom on the far left of the verandah). Families within the wider South Gippsland area are also most

welcome to attend. It is an expectation that families attend the workshop as part of the preparation for their child receiving this sacrament.

Please park in the St Laurence school car park which is situated behind the St Laurence's Church. Enter the school via the Brumley Street gate.

We are seeking the names of those families who would like to be involved in the preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance). If you are wanting your child to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation please email office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

Children who have taken part in the sacramental preparations will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in St. Laurence's Church on Thursday, March 19 at 5 pm.

NOTICES

 POOWONG-LOCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB 

2026 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS OPEN

AUSKICK U10S U12S U14S



REGISTER VIA PLAYHQ

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US
EMAIL SECRETARY@POOWONGLOCHJFC.ORG.AU PHONE: KRISTY 0438 268216

AUSKICK REGISTRATION U10, 12 & 14 REGISTRATION

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DATES TO REMEMBER | TERM 1

Wed, 11 th February	Foundation Rest Day
Fri, 13 th February	School Assembly at 9am
Wed, 18 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Rest Day • Whole School Mass, 9.30am to 10.30am – St Joseph’s Church
Thurs, 12 th February	P&F Welcome Picnic 5pm to 7pm [Alcohol Free Event]
Fri, 20 th February	District Swimming Carnival (alternate back up date, Mon 23 rd February) Korumburra Outdoor Pool
Tues, 24 th February	Parent Teacher Conversations
Wed, 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Conversations • Foundation Rest Day
Fri, 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Assembly at 9am • Division Swimming Carnival
Wed, 4 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis Huffer Athletics • Last Foundation Rest Day
Fri, 6 th March	School Closure Day
Mon, 9th March	Public Holiday
Wed, 11 th March	Denis Huffer Athletics
Thurs, 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Swimming Carnival • School Photos
Fri, 13 th March	School Assembly at 9am
Mon, 16 th March to Wed, 17 th March	Grade 5 & 6 Urban Camp
Thurs, 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 & 6 Student Rest Day • St Joseph’s Feast Day Activities
Fri, 20 th March	Combined Athletics Carnival
Tues, 24 th March to Thurs, 26 th March	Senior Swimming
Fri, 27 th March	School Assembly at 9am
Mon, 30 th to Tues, 31 st March	Senior Swimming continued
Thurs, 2 nd April	Last Day of Term 1 Early Finish for Students at 2.30 PM (buses will also depart at this time)
Fri, 3 rd April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon, 6 th April to Fri, 17 th April	Term 1 School Holidays
Monday, 20th April First Day back for Students -Term 2	



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.