



St Joseph's School

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Term 1 | Week 4



The season of Lent invites us to pause and reflect on the values that deepen our compassion and strengthen our shared responsibility for one another. It is a time for reflection that creates space for growth, humility that grounds us in our common humanity, self-discipline that draws us back to what truly matters, and generosity expressed through acts of compassion and kindness.

Dear St Joseph's Families,

This week we began the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. This was also the first time we came together to celebrate Mass. It was great to have Father Stanly back with us, as well as welcoming Father Manny who is now retired and living in Korumburra. Father Manny attended our school and shares a special connection with us. Together with Father Stanly, we are looking forward to having him with us.

There was a great sense of community as we gathered for our picnic on the oval yesterday. Thank you to everyone who came along, and especially to our Parents and Friends who provided drinks and a warm welcome.

Our Parents and Friends are a vital group in our school who work to create a welcoming community through the organisation of social activities, such as last night's picnic, and to support us in the raising of funds. Our goal is to raise funds towards new playground equipment, and our hope is to add the next section this year. This week you will have received a survey from our P and F. I encourage you to consider how you might contribute and participate and return this back to us when you can.

Next week, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. At this time of the year, the conversation will be about what you can share about your child. Building relationships and knowing as much as we can about the children underpins our ability to teach them well. You can book in for a meeting via PAM, however if you are unable to make it on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, or you feel you need more than about 10 minutes, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.



Sharon

P&F WELCOME PICNIC





Ash Wednesday *(Wednesday 18 Feb 2026)*

This Lent, our school community is invited to be a part of something incredible. Once again, we are called to stand hand in hand with thousands of others across the country and *Unite Against Poverty* by supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Last year, our school was a part of a nationwide movement that raised over \$10 million to bring opportunity and change to vulnerable communities across the world. This year, with your support, we hope to have an even greater impact.

By taking home a Project Compassion donation box this year, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable. Your generosity will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. **Project Compassion donation boxes will be collected as part of our Holy Week Prayer Service on Holy Thursday, April 2 so please return to your class teacher in the last week of Term 1.**

Together, through faith and action, we can bring hope and opportunity to those most in need.

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

this Lent



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes or by scanning the QR code to donate online.

You can also donate:

Online at: projectcompassion.org.au

By phone at: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

In our classrooms, we'll be sharing four inspiring stories of resilience and strength, showing the kind of transformative change that we can play a part in achieving.

*We will first be introduced to **Sisilia**, a young student from Tanzania, who often missed classes at school because she had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion and the support of schools just like ours, her community now has safe, clean water nearby – giving Sisilia more time to learn and chase her dreams of one day becoming a pilot.*

*We'll also get to know **Monoranjon** from Bangladesh, who is using climate-smart farming to feed his family and build a safer, more sustainable future for his children. We'll meet **Manaini**, a mother of six and a grandmother of two from remote Fiji, who is learning food processing skills to create new income opportunities. And we'll shine a light on **Caritas Jerusalem** staff in Gaza, who have endured displacement, personal loss and danger, yet remain committed to providing life-saving support to those in need.*

Watch Caritas Australia's Introduction to Project Compassion film [HERE](#) to be inspired by these stories and learn about the impact your support can have on vulnerable communities around the world.



KORUMBURRA SHOW

St. Joseph's students' creativity was acknowledged at our local Korumburra Show last weekend with several students receiving awards. Congratulations everyone!

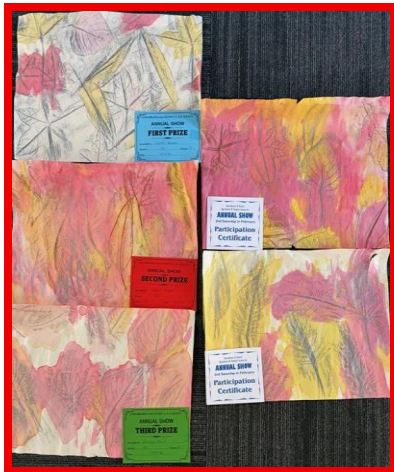
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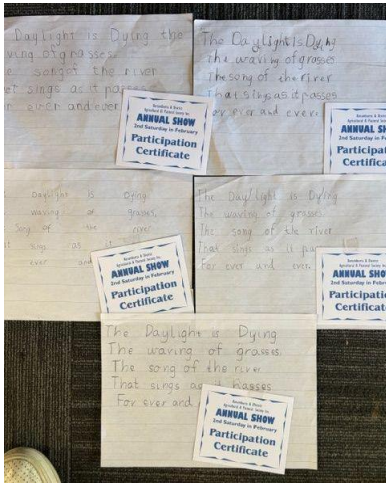


Year 2 and 3



Year 5





Year 1



Year 1

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1	
Tues, 24 th February	Parent Teacher Conversations
Wed, 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Conversations • Foundation Rest Day • Reconciliation Parent & Child Workshop 5.30 – 7pm
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
Mon, 9th March	Public Holiday
Wed, 11 th March	NAPLAN 11 th to 12 th March
Thurs, 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denis Huffer Athletics • Regional Swimming Carnival • School Photos
Fri, 13 th March	School Assembly at 9am
Mon, 16 th March - 18 th March	Grades 5 & 6 Urban Camp
Thurs, 19 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 - 26 th March	Senior Swimming
Fri, 27 th March	School Assembly at 9am
Mon, 30 th to 31 st March	Senior Swimming continued
Thurs, 2 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Week assembly at 9.15am • 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-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.