



## St Joseph's School

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### Term 4 | Week 10

#### Dear St Joseph's Families,

Well, here we are at the end of another wonderful year. We have so much to be grateful for and so much to look forward to.

As a staff, we often reflect on “why we do what we do” and this year, more than ever, our “whys” are clear. Our children have grown; physically (of course), academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We continue to build our expertise as teachers, administrators and support staff. We are always looking for ways to be better tomorrow than we are today and I am proud of the work that is being done in our school. The future is bright.

Of course, schools do not exist without families and I want to thank you all for the way you engage with us each day. Your openness, encouragement and support are so important as we nurture our partnership. Thank you for taking the time to be in touch, for sharing your thoughts and for trusting us.

As we close for the year, I want to wish those who are leaving us all the very best as they take on new adventures; our staff, Alyx Fast, Madeline Buckley and Anne Vick and to our families; the Urens, the Tripodis, the Clevelands, the Licitras, the McKeanes and the Jounceys. Thank you for all you have contributed to St Josephs; you will be missed.

I wish you all a very happy and Holy Christmas filled with the joy of Christ and look forward to us being back together again on Thursday, January 29th.



Sharon

## 2025 EOY AND GRADUATION MASS



St Joseph's staff and students invite you to be a part of our whole school's End of Year and Graduation Mass where we will celebrate in gratitude all the blessings we have received throughout the year. We will also farewell our grade six graduates and thank teachers - Madeline Buckley, Anne Vick and Alyx Fast for sharing their time and talents with us across the years.

**Date: Tuesday, December 16**

**Time: 2 pm**

## GRADE 3/4 & 4/5 ROCKPOOLING EXCURSION

Well the day didn't quite turn out the way we had planned - just a little bump in the road - so to speak. But after a minor bump & drag of a guard rail as we arrived at the first destination (no one was injured or hurt in any way, thankfully), we pushed on and made the best of it and I have to say, everyone had a ball! We rockpooled at Flat Rocks in Inverloch. We found star fish, crabs, puffer fish, shrimp and all sorts of amazing things in the rockpools. It was quite an adventure and much to be talked about, laughed about and made into the 'adventure that was'. All in all, we did have a ball!



## Social Media Update

The Australian Government has introduced new rules for social media use to help keep young people safe online. Children under 16 are now restricted from creating or using social media accounts unless platforms can show they prevent under-age use.

These changes aim to protect children from online risks and support healthy digital habits. Learn more at:

👉 [eSafety Commissioner – Social Media Age Restrictions](#)

👉 [eSafety for Parents](#)

## GRADE 5s & 6s BIKE HIKE TO MEENIYAN

On Thursday the Grade 5s and the Grade 6s rode from Korumburra to Meeniyan on the Rail Trail. What great weather we were blessed with! The police did a Bike Safety Talk - last week with the Grade 3-6 students and then came again today and rode with us the whole way - how fabulous! Everyone made it - can you believe it! It was about a 3 to 4 hour, leisurely ride along a beautiful slightly undulating rail trail - how lucky are we to have such wonderful facilities on our doorstep! Well done everyone and thank you to the parent helpers for coming and riding with us. It sure makes a difference! A very big thank you to Chris and Julie Cleveland for bringing a truck and collecting all the bikes and bringing them back to school for us. And last but not least, thank you to Mrs Mullin (and senior staff) for all the organisation and training you did over the last 2 weeks to get everyone road-ready and up to speed so they could engage in such a wonderful experience at the end of the year!



## ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

On Tuesday we were very lucky to have a few of the St Kilda Club players attend our school and engage with the students in a bit of a Q & A session. There were many very excited students who were a bit 'star struck' and suddenly wanting to be a St Kilda supporter - lol. A credit to our students though, the football players were very, very impressed with how well behaved our students were and how well they listened - well done St Joe's!



## YEAR 1/2 CHRISTMAS WISHES

*Sienna – I wish to spend more time with my family at Christmas*

*Caleb – I wish for dual cards and a dual stadium for Christmas*

*Rupert – I wish for all the poor people to have shoes*

*Avery – I wish for a real-life Corgi which I have dreamed of my whole life*

*Stanley – I wish for all the poor people to have food and water that they need*

*Jocelyn – I wish to go to the north pole and meet Santa this Christmas*

*Bronte – I wish that all the poor people don't suffer and die because they don't have enough food*

*Eleanor – I wish to give gifts to all the homeless people of the world at Christmas time*

*Kyle – I wish to see my cousins in Darwin for Christmas*

*Zahli – I wish to see my uncle one more time on Christmas day*

*Levi – I wish for a real Corgi and to see my cousins at Christmas time*

*Patrick – I wish for an old metal bike and some speed shoes for Christmas*

*Massimo – I wish for some white TN shoes and spending time with my sisters Godparents*

*Ava – I wish to spend more time with my family at Christmas*

*Amy – I wish for Legos and blocks at Christmas time*

*Dawid – I wish that everyone has dogs as pets like I do for Christmas*

*Poppy – I wish for a kitty cat for Christmas*

## P&F

Congratulations to our raffle winners

1st prize - Fiona Dangerfield

2nd prize - Zahli Kuyer

3rd prize - Amos Banders

## NOTICES

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## DATES TO REMEMBER | TERM 4

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6   Surfing lesson at Inverloch
Tues, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Year and Yr 6 Graduation Mass 2pm to 3.10 pm</li> <li>• Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm at the Korumburra Hub</li> </ul>
Wed, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep, Years 1 &amp; 2 Carols at Carinya Nursing home   9am to 11.30 am</li> <li>• Final Assembly at 12.30 pm (on the basketball court)</li> <li>• <b>Last Day of Term 4 for Students at 3.20 pm (normal finish time)</b></li> </ul>

## 2026 TERM 1

Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Office reopens at 8.30am
<b>Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>All children start Term 1 today</b>
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	School Assembly at 9am
Thurs, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Combined Swimming Carnival



### 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.