



St Joseph's School

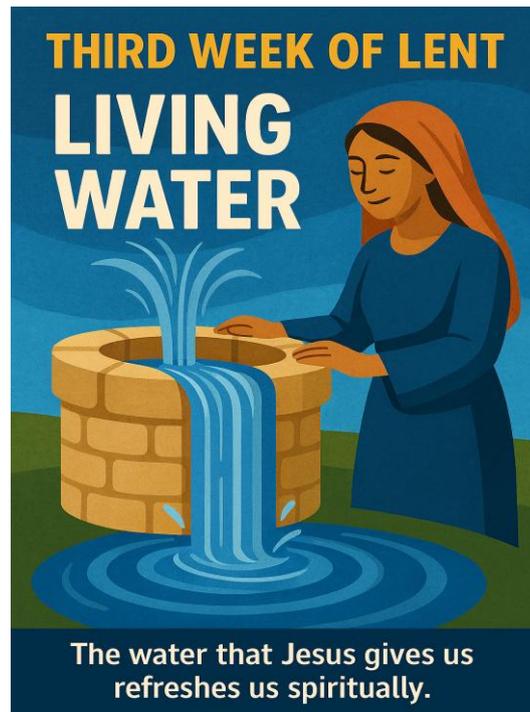
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Term 1 | Week 6

Dear St Joseph's Families,



We are now more than half way through the term and most of the children are now well settled into their learning. We appreciate the way you are encouraging them into school each morning as this creates a happy and calm start to the day.

Mrs Kratz has been away this week participating in a Diocesan leadership program. Nat's gentle, nurturing ways make her a natural and inspiring leader in our school and we look forward to continuing to learn from her.

Mrs Mullin is now on long service leave and will return at the beginning of next term. While she is away, the Year 6's will be taught by Mrs Curtis and Mrs Buckley who the children know well. John, of course, will continue to support in the classroom. We wish Rachael all the very best as she spends precious time with her family.

It is not long now until our Years 5 and 6 students head off to Melbourne for camp. We will be away from Monday, March 16th until Wednesday, March 18th. The staff attending the camp are myself, Mrs Grimley, Miss O'Brien, Ro, John, Mrs Brownnett, and Mrs Spittal. There will be no school on Thursday, March 19th for Year 5 and 6, or their teachers.

On Thursday, March 19th the rest of the school will celebrate St Joseph's Day with a Mass on the oval followed by a shared morning tea. Parishioners and families are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint. We will also mark Harmony Day with activities in the afternoon.

Our P and F have been working hard and Hot Cross Buns are now available to be ordered. The Easter raffle is also up and running and the prizes look...well, delicious! If you can, please support these fundraisers via ordering or purchasing on CDF. With your help, our new playground equipment will be a little closer.

If you have a child ready for school next year, or know someone who does, please encourage them to be in touch. Over the past week, we have been running tours and taking expressions of interest and enrolments. Word seems to be out about our wonderful school!

Finally, I want to thank you all for the encouragement you give us each day. The teachers were grateful for the information you shared during our recent parent teacher conversations and for the positive feedback you gave them. We work in partnership with you to ensure that the children have the very best experience possible at St Joseph's...and I think they do!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Anderson".

Sharon

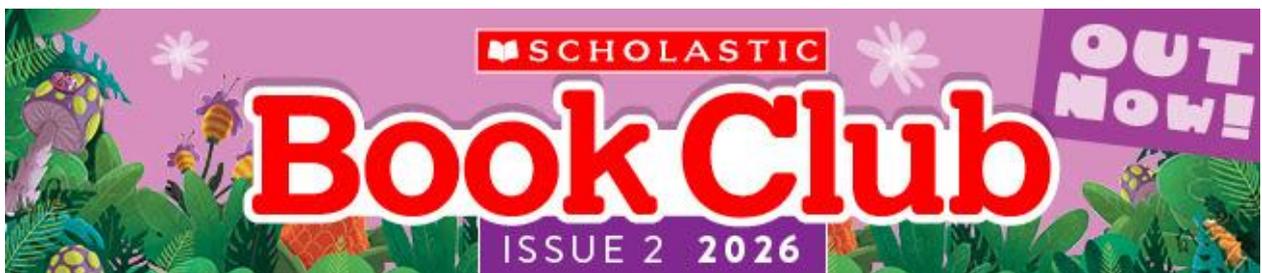
A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to Korumburra Basketball Association for donating basketballs to the school. Their support enhances our physical education and sports programs, giving our students the opportunity to build skills, stay active, and enjoy the game.



PE - ATHLETICS

Thanks to the Sporting Schools Grant, we are fortunate enough to have Denis Huffer from Little Athletics Victoria, come in and run some athletic sessions with the 3-6 classes. This allows students to get some extra training and lessons in key skills needed for the athletics carnival and enhances the learning they have already done in previous PE lessons. Students have had lots of fun practising their skills and events for the carnival.



Catalogues came home this week. Purchase is totally optional through the online ordering QR code on the inside back page. Orders need to be made by Wednesday 18th March so we can ensure delivery before the end of term.

DISTRICT AND DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVALS

We are incredibly proud of the students who recently represented our school at the District and Division Swimming Carnivals. Their dedication, sportsmanship, and determination were on full display as they competed against strong swimmers from across the region.

Each student demonstrated outstanding effort both in and out of the pool, supporting their teammates and representing our school with pride. Competing at this level is a fantastic achievement, and we commend them for striving for personal bests.

Congratulations to all our swimmers on their wonderful performances. You have made our school proud!



STEM

Our students have been embracing a growth mindset during their recent STEM lessons, learning that challenges are opportunities to grow. Through hands-on investigations, problem-solving tasks, and collaborative projects, students have been encouraged to think critically, test ideas, and refine their designs.

Rather than focusing solely on the final result, our learners are celebrating effort, persistence, and improvement. Mistakes are being viewed as valuable learning experiences, helping students build resilience and confidence. Check out our fun paper plane activity.



Container Deposit Scheme

Help us keep our garden growing

You can donate your Container Deposit Scheme earnings directly to our school when you return your cans and bottles to a collection point. Just Select DONATION and put in the code below.

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NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2026- Commences on Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday 11th March will see the Year 3 and 5 students begin NAPLAN with a Writing piece. At St Joseph's we approach this period in a low key manner with a positive approach.

Students have been doing some familiarisation with the style of the questions and time limits. They are reassured that Naplan assessments are similar in nature to those that they experience through our normal assessment mechanisms of Online Maths and Reading assessment and Big write opportunities.

For the scheduled assessments we make available additional staff to reassure and support students to remain on task and navigate the program. If students are absent on a particular day, then we will schedule time to catch up on the relevant assessment when they return within the assessment window.

Information from VCAA website:

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum, and allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with more information about students' educational progress.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/foundation-10/naplan/information-parents-and-carers>

P&F FUNDRAISERS



Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

This year we have teamed up with Baker's Delight Leongatha!
You can help us raise funds for our school playground, whilst enjoying some delicious Hot Cross Buns.

A 6 pack of hot cross buns costs \$10
3 great flavours to choose from



Apple & Cinnamon
Hot Cross Buns



Traditional
Hot Cross Buns



Choc Chip
Hot Cross Buns

Share amongst family and friends, who can place an order via CDFPay.
<https://user.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au>

Orders will Close 5.00pm Friday 20th of March
and will be available for collection from school on
Monday 30th of March 2026

Any one (eg. friends/family members etc.) can place an order by using this link:
<https://ordering.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/m/st-josephs-school-korumburra-events-p-f-hot-cross-bun-fundraiser>

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DRAWN AT ASSEMBLY
27TH MARCH, 2026

Purchase tickets via CDFPay
<https://user.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au>
Ticket Sales Close 5pm 26th of March

Any one, can purchase raffle tickets via this link:
<https://ordering.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/m/st-josephs-school-korumburra-events-p-f-easter-affle>

DATES TO REMEMBER | TERM 1

Mon, 9 th March	Public Holiday
Wed, 11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN 11th to 12th March Denis Huffer Athletics
Thurs, 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denis Huffer Athletics Regional Swimming Carnival
Fri, 13 th March	School Assembly at 9am
Mon, 16 th March to Wed, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined Athletics Carnival Last Day to order Hot Cross Buns - fundraiser
Tues, 24 th March to Thurs, 26 th March	Senior Swimming
Fri, 27 th March	School Assembly at 9am (P&F Easter Raffle drawn)
Mon, 30 th to Tues, 31 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Swimming continued Hot Cross buns delivered to school on 30th March
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 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.