



St Joseph's School

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Term 1 | Week 10

As we enter Holy Week,
we pause to remember the meaning of this sacred time.
May it inspire us to walk with greater kindness, courage, and compassion.

God of hope,
help us to notice those who feel alone
and to offer friendship without hesitation.
Teach us to forgive freely,
to speak gently,
and to choose what is right even when it is difficult.

May the story of Holy Week remind us
that love is stronger than fear,
light is stronger than darkness,
and new beginnings are always possible.

Bless our students, staff, and families.
Guide us to be people who bring peace,
who lift others up,
and who create a school where everyone feels valued.

Amen.

Dear St Joseph's Families,

My favourite season is Autumn. The cooler temperatures, softer sunshine and the changing colours, bring me a sense of peace and slowness. As we head into the holidays, my hope is that we all find time to stop, to reflect and to rejuvenate.



Easter is also a time to reflect on the events of Holy Week. After His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His final meal with His friends on Holy Thursday and ultimately, His death on Good Friday, Jesus taught us what true sacrifice means. He stood humbly in the face of betrayal, abuse and pain and through the miracle of his Resurrection, taught us that with God, we can overcome anything, that new beginnings are possible.

It has been a busy term and I want to thank you for your ongoing support and the many positive ways you interact with our staff. Our partnership in the education of the children is what makes our community so very special.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, April 20th.

Stay safe

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sharon

SCHOOL TV

As many of you will be aware, we subscribe to a great resource for parents called SchoolTV. It offers webinars across a wide range of topics, underpinned by research and led by experts in their fields. We seem to be having more conversations with parents about anxiety and the impact it is having on families. Anxiety is a natural human emotion that helps to keep us alert and safe. It is only when it is out of control that it can cause us to retreat from normal activities and therefore miss out on the joy of life. Sometimes, we, as adults, can impart our own anxiety on our children causing them confusion and a sense of overwhelm that affects their ability to join in, make friends and learn. Recognising anxiety for what it is and responding with strategies to reduce it help to build confidence and resilience. We encourage you to have a look at the SchoolTV webinar, *Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience?* The recording is available until Monday 4 May via the link below. Don't forget to download the KEYpoints flyer to support conversations at home.

Understanding Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience (Part I)

We also look forward to delivering **Part 2 of the Webinar Series** in Term 2, with further details to be shared in our newsletter.

2026 FIRST RECONCILIATION

Last Thursday evening students from St Joseph's and St Laurence's schools took the second step in their Sacramental journey by making their First Reconciliation. Thank you to the teachers and families who prepared the children in their understanding of God's unconditional love and the need to forgive and be forgiven. Thank you also to Father Stanly for leading this reflective liturgy and for enabling all students to feel comfortable in making their First Reconciliation.



First Eucharist Dates for Term 2

Parent and Child Workshop - Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 pm at St Laurence's School in Room C.

Attendance at this workshop is essential if your child is to make this Sacrament.

First Eucharist Liturgy Celebrations - Saturday, May 30 at 5:30 pm at St Laurence's Church

Sunday, May 31 at 9:30 am at St Joseph's Church

Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 am at St Laurence's Church

Confirmation Dates for Term 2 and 3

Parent and Child Workshop - Wednesday, June 17 at 5:30 pm at St Laurence's School in Room C.

Attendance at this workshop is essential if your child is to make this Sacrament.

First Confirmation Liturgy Celebration- Thursday, July 30 at 5:00 pm at St Laurence's Church

HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

In the Catholic Church, the week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week. It tells us of Jesus' life leading up to, and including his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Students participated in a reenactment of Holy Week at a whole school prayer service on Holy Thursday. Students also brought back their donations to Project Compassion in the boxes sent home on Ash Wednesday. This money will go towards transforming people's lives around the world.

Holy Week & Caritas Australia's Project Compassion

As we mark Holy Week, we reflect on another year of turning our faith and love into action through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Throughout Lent, we've witnessed the power that our school community can generate when we come together as one, and heard four incredible stories of resilience and strength which offer a window into the kind of transformative impact we can achieve.

In Tanzania, **Sisilia's** life was changed with access to nearby clean water. She can now spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dreams of one day becoming a pilot.

Monoranjon, from Bangladesh, learnt climate-resilient farming techniques, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

In rural Fiji, **Manaini** learnt food processing and gardening skills through Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, creating more income opportunities to support her children's education.

And in Gaza, **Caritas Jerusalem** staff remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

But the work isn't done yet, and there is still time to donate! Will you help make this our school's most meaningful Project Compassion yet?



It's not too late to donate. Keep collecting donations through your Project Compassion collection box, scan the QR code to donate online, or donate over the phone by calling 1800 024 413.

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

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES - 2026



St Laurence's Leongatha Parish & St Joseph's Korumburra Parish

HOLY THURSDAY 2nd April 26

Leongatha: 7.30pm

Korumburra: 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April 26

Stations of the Cross

Meeniyan: 10.00am

Mirboo North: 10.00am

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*Leongatha Live Enactment
of the Stations of the Cross 2.00pm*

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Leongatha: 3.00pm

Korumburra: 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL 4th April 26

Leongatha: 7.30pm

Korumburra: 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April 26

Meeniyan: 9.00am

Mirboo North: 9.00am

Tarwin Lower: 11.00am

Venue: Mechanics Institute

Leongatha: 11.00am

RECONCILIATION

Leongatha: 1st April 7.00pm

Korumburra: 25th March 7.00pm

NOTICES



Get up to \$500 for education costs

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

2027 YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT



➡➡➡➡ 28th APRIL 2026 ⬅️⬅️⬅️⬅️

6.15pm Arrive at the Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

The College Staff look forward to introducing you to the next phase of your education and will be showcasing the exciting academic program that is available at our College. You will also receive valuable resources outlining the ethos and curriculum programs at our College.

We believe that Grade 5 students will also benefit from beginning to familiarise themselves with the Transition process and are very welcome to attend.

Further enquiries can be directed to: Mr. Christopher Cronin (Middle School/Transition Coordinator) or Tina Van't Hof (Middle School Reception) on (03) 56 551566

'Developing lifelong learners who are respectful, resilient, strive for excellence and are productive members of their community.'



Before & After School Care + Vacation Care Availabilities

Dear Families,

We currently have places available in our Before and After School Care + School holiday programs, which are run out of the Korumburra Primary School.

If you are interested or would like more information, please feel free to get in touch.

Contact the service on 5655 2121 or email leah.jamieson@karmaiccc.asn.au

Thank you!

| DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 | |
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| Thurs, 2 nd April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stations of the Cross Service @ 12.45pm Basketball Court 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 |
| TERM 2 | |
| Mon, 20 th April | First Day Back for Students |
| Fri, 24 th April | School Assembly at 9am |
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| Thurs, 30 th April | Grades 3 to 6 Cross Country Mary Mackillop Leongatha 9.05 am to 11.30 am |
| Fri, 1 st May | Winter Sports Round 1 (more details to be provided by PE Teacher) |
| Tues, 5 th May | Mother's Day Stall |
| Wed, 6 th May | District Athletics |
| Fri, 8 th May | Mother's Day Breakfast School Assembly Winter Sports Round 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.