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Term 2 | Week 4



Dear St Joseph's Families,

Next week, we celebrate Catholic Education Week and the theme is "Every school, a home of peace". I have been reflecting on this theme and what it means for us here at St Joseph's. My hope is that our school is a peaceful place for our children; that they feel seen, understood and safe. Over the past week, I have had conversations with many of our children about this and have been reassured that they do feel a genuine sense of belonging here.

To celebrate the week, we will be hosting musician Andrew Chin on Monday. Andrew's music is well known to our children and he will, once again, be sharing it with us in his unique, fun and engaging way. You are all invited to the library at 2:25pm where we will share what we have learnt in a "mini" concert.

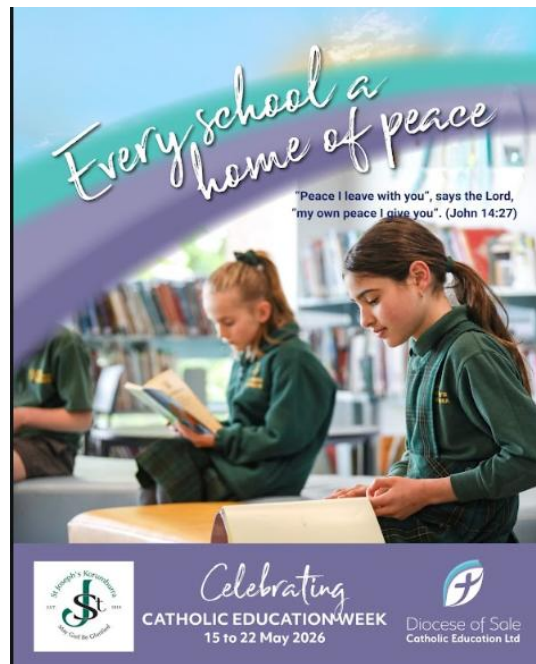
We also invite you to our whole school Mass on Wednesday in the Church at 9:30am.

School photos will be taking place next Tuesday, 19th of May. Students are to wear full winter uniform.

On Thursday morning, May 21st, we hope you will be able to join us for an open morning from 9:30am til 11am. We will be offering an opportunity to wander through the school and see what happens on a "normal" day. If you do know of anyone who may be interested in enrolling their children, please encourage them to attend. We will also be running a Foundation 2027, Information Session at 5:30pm on the same day.

Wishing us all a peace filled Education Week.

Sharon



Catholic Education Week is celebrated across the diocese of Sale beginning May 15 and continuing through next week. The theme is 'Every school a home of peace' supported by the following quote from John's Gospel: 'Peace I leave with you,' says the Lord, 'my own peace I give you' (John 14:27). This aligns with Pope Leo XIV's declaration of 2026 as a "Special Year of St Francis", and his decree which asked that every Christian, "following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."

On Monday, May 18, we have Andrew Chinn visiting our school. Andrew is an Australian religious songwriter and singer. His songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Andrew will offer workshops for junior and senior classes and culminate the day with a whole school concert in the St Joseph's School Library beginning at 2:25pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Wednesday morning, May 20, we invite you to a whole school mass celebrating Catholic Education at 9:30am in the St Joseph's Church.

During Art, all students have contributed to an artwork expressing the theme - 'Every school a home of peace' (inspired by Keith Haring). This artwork will be displayed at the Catholic Education Week Mass, celebrating student learning in schools across the Diocese which will be held at Nagle College, Bairnsdale, on Wednesday 20 May.



FIRST EUCHARIST

A friendly reminder to families to continue to work through the family resource shared at the recent Eucharist Parent and Child Workshop so as to support your child in his or her readiness to receive this special sacrament. A digital copy has also been sent

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion
A resource for families

First Holy Communion
Your child's faith journey began at their Baptism when the priest, family, friends and godparents gathered together to welcome them into the Catholic faith community.

- Share pictures, stories and memories with your child about their Baptism day. Who are their godparents? Why did you choose them to play such a special role in your child's life?

The Mass
The Mass is at the heart of the Catholic Community. It expresses our loving relationship with God and helps us to live like Jesus. The Mass has four main parts. These are:

- Introductory Rites
- Liturgy of the Word
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Closing Rites

The Liturgy of the Eucharist
In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the community gives thanks and shares the body and blood of Jesus through the gifts of bread and wine.

The bread and wine are brought to the altar at the Procession of Gifts.

The priest, using Jesus' words from the Last Supper and with the help of the Holy Spirit, prays over the gifts. Catholics believe that the bread and wine, though they look, taste and smell the same, are now truly the body and blood of Jesus.

Catholics believe that in Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus. Each time we receive Communion, we are nourished and strengthened to go out and make a difference. The community is called to live like Jesus, and are united as one people.

Activities for Families:

- Produced by the Archbishop of Brisbane. *Flame of Faith* provides an introduction to the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Watch this video and discuss what you have learnt.
- Share your memories of First Holy Communion with your child.
- The word 'communion' means to be united with. What does it mean to be united? Who are you united with in your life and why?
- Eucharist is a Greek word which means 'Thanksgiving'. What and what do you have to be thankful for in your life?

STEM Learning with LEGO Education Kits

Students in years 5 and 6 have been enjoying using the new LEGO Education Computer Science and AI kits during their STEM lessons.

These kits let students build and program simple models, helping them learn basic coding and problem-solving skills in a fun, hands-on way. Students have been working together to create projects and test how their designs work.

The activities have been very engaging, with students excited to see their creations come to life. They are learning how technology works while building confidence and teamwork skills at the same time.

It's been great to see so much creativity and enthusiasm in the classroom, and we look forward to seeing what our students build next!



DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Combined Schools Cross Country event. It was wonderful to see so much determination, resilience, and sportsmanship from everyone who took part. Simply lining up and completing the course is a fantastic achievement.

A special congratulations goes to our **Age Champions** - *Arianna, Ted A, Zoe, Levi, Niah and Xavier* - for their outstanding performances — your hard work and commitment truly paid off.

We also wish to acknowledge the students who have **qualified for the next level** of competition - *Arianna, Piper, Ted A, Alex, Mason G, Zoe, Levi, Dylan A, Joe, Niah, Xavier, Dylan R and Harry*. They will be competing at Division level at Stony Creek on Thursday May 21. What an exciting achievement! We wish you all the very best as you represent our school.

Well done to everyone involved — we are very proud of you! 🏃 🏆 🙌

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Due to the inclement weather prediction earlier in the week, the decision was made to postpone the District Athletics until Tuesday August 25. Although this date seems a long way away, it has been chosen due to a busy Term 2 with sports and is now two weeks prior to the Division Athletics. Thanks for your understanding and support with the students.

SCHOOLTV



Now available on SchoolTV - Dealing with Conflict

Conflict is a natural and unavoidable part of family life. As children grow, differences in opinions, emotions and expectations can sometimes lead to tension at home, at school or with peers. While these moments can feel challenging, they also present valuable opportunities to teach young people important life skills. How conflict is managed within the family plays a key role in shaping a child's ability to communicate, regulate emotions and navigate relationships.

For adult carers, supporting children through conflict means staying calm, listening with empathy and modelling respectful problem-solving. When handled constructively, conflict can strengthen relationships, build resilience and help children develop the confidence to manage disagreements in healthy and productive ways.

This edition of SchoolTV explores practical strategies to help families approach conflict with greater understanding and confidence.

Here is the link to this topic <http://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/dealing-conflict-au>

P&F SCHOOL DISCO

PARENTS & FRIENDS INVITE YOU TO THE

ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY

Disco Night

AT THE ANGLICAN HALL NEXT DOOR TO SCHOOL

**THURSDAY 4TH JUNE
5PM - 7PM**

*AIRBRUSH TATTOOS

*COLOURED
HAIRSPRAY

*PRIZES TO BE WON

**FOOD & DRINK
INCLUDED!**

**\$10 PER CHILD
UNDER 3YRS FREE**

**PAYMENT STRICTLY VIA
CDFPAY
BY TUESDAY 2ND JUNE**

A PARENT MUST STAY FOR SUPERVISION OF THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN

<https://ordering.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/m/st-josephs-school-korumburra-events-p-f-school-disco-4th-june-5pm-to-7pm-2>

Dates to Remember | TERM 2

Fri, 15 th May	Grades 5 & 6 Winter Sports Round 3 Catholic Education Week 15 th May to 22 nd May
Mon, 18 th May	Andrew Chinn Workshops
Tues, 19 th May	School Photos
Thurs, 21 st May	Open Day Division Cross Country Stony Creek
Fri, 22 nd May	School Assembly at 9am Grades 5 & 6 Winter Sports Round 4
Mon, 25th May	School Closure Day
Wed, 27 th May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday, 29 th May	Grades 5 & 6 Winter Sports Round 5
Thurs, 4 th June	P&F School Disco 5pm to 7pm
Fri, 5th June	School Closure Day
Mon, 8th June	Public Holiday
Fri, 12 th June	Lightning Premiership
Fri, 19 th June	School Assembly at 9am Grade 6 Boys Netball in Leongatha
Thurs, 25 th June	Division Winter Sports Day
Fri, 26 th June	Last day of Term 2 at 2.30 pm (Buses to run at this time too)
Term 2 School Holidays: Monday 29th of June to Friday, 10th of July	
Mon, 13th July	School Closure Day
Tues, 14 th July	Students return to school, Term 3



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.