



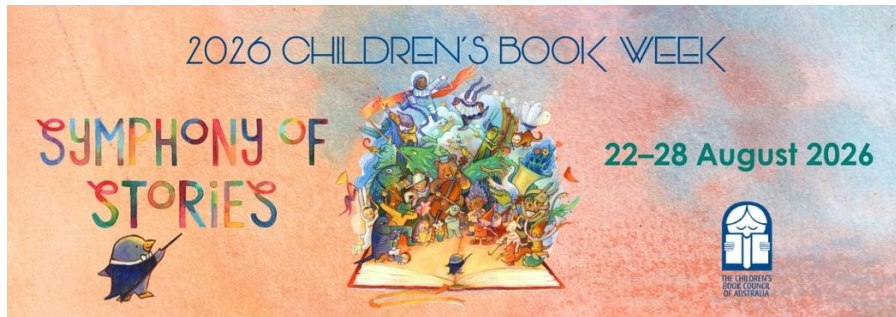
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Term 3 | Week 6



Dear St Joseph's Families,

We are having a busy few weeks with lots of fun, learning, discovery and teamwork. I want to give Mrs Smith a huge thank you for her organisation and preparation for our Mini Science week activities held last week and her work in bringing about our whole school excursion to Cranbourne Botanic gardens. You will see more about that later in this newsletter.

A big thank you to the parents who also joined us on the excursion, it was great to have you along, your support was much appreciated. And it was only a hat that we had to rescue from the water! Thank you John.

On Monday, we open our Book week celebration with our Book Character dress up day. After children have taken their bags into class, we will have a chance to gather on the basketball court for a parade of costumes. *I wonder what the staff will be wearing?* Don't forget the Book Swap on Monday too!

Next week is also a big week for sport, with Year 3-6 students who qualified, going to District level athletics on Tuesday and a number of Year 5 and 6 students taking part in a District Basketball competition on Friday. We know they will be good representatives of our school.

A final note:

I also want to make you aware that we have a student in the junior classes who has a severe anaphylactic reaction to Peanuts or their residue in any form.

For all classes, I ask families to take this into consideration when choosing items for lunchboxes and where possible, minimise items that contain peanuts.

Carole Livesey
Acting Principal

SCIENCE WEEK

Excursion to Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens

To celebrate Science Week, students from across the school enjoyed an exciting whole-school excursion to the Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens. The day provided a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with nature, learn about sustainability, and explore the unique beauty of Australia's native environment.

A highlight of the excursion was participating in the Sustainable Gardening Program. Students learned about the importance of caring for the environment through sustainable gardening practices and discovered how plants contribute to healthy ecosystems. As part of the program, each student potted their own plant to take home, encouraging them to continue their learning and care for living things beyond the classroom.

Students also had the chance to explore the stunning gardens and immerse themselves in the natural surroundings. Armed with curiosity and keen observation skills, they searched for and identified a variety of native flora and fauna. From colourful wildflowers and native grasses to birds, insects, and other wildlife, students were delighted by the many treasures they discovered throughout the gardens.

The excursion was a fantastic way to celebrate Science Week, bringing together science, sustainability, and outdoor learning in a meaningful and engaging way. We are proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and respect for the environment shown by our students throughout the day.

A big thank you to the staff, volunteers, and the team at Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens for helping make this memorable learning experience possible. We look forward to continuing our exploration of science and sustainability in the classroom.





Rotational Activities

During Science Week, students across the school took part in a series of exciting hands-on rotational activities, giving everyone the opportunity to explore plant science, sustainability and scientific investigation in a fun and creative way.

Children enjoyed making seed balls, learning how seeds can be dispersed and protected before germination. They also created beautiful salt-crystallised leaves, observing how crystals form and grow over time. In another activity, students designed their own cress head cups, planting cress seeds and taking responsibility for nurturing them as they grow.

Creativity and scientific understanding came together as children sculpted model clay plant diagrams, helping them identify and learn the functions of different plant parts. They also investigated how colours separate through chromatography flowers, discovering the hidden pigments found in inks and markers through a fascinating scientific process.

The activities concluded with children making their own seed paper, combining recycling with science by creating biodegradable paper embedded with seeds that can later be planted and grown.

The rotational activities were a wonderful opportunity for students of all ages to work collaboratively, develop their scientific skills and curiosity, and celebrate Science Week through practical, engaging experiences. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and excitement for learning across the whole school.



ART AROUND ST JOES

Did you know you can keep up to date with your child's artwork by regularly visiting their online Seesaw portfolio?

Modelling F-2.



Celina's clay work



Niamh's radial
Symmetry in play-doh



Connor's clay tree



Ollie's clay vehicle

3/4 students were inspired by the *Martu* artists, Indigenous traditional owners from the Western Desert of Western Australia, who create vibrant contemporary paintings of maps showing their ancestral Country, sharing stories of the desert and preserving cultural knowledge. St Joe's students created a map of a place that is special to them. They learnt

how they can communicate information visually about the land or 'Country' through their use of the art elements such as colour, patterns, shapes and symbols.



Quinn's home



St Joseph's by Ava F.



Sydney Opera House by Eleanor

The **Year 5s and 6s** were inspired by the Torres Strait Islander totems and dharis (headdresses). The animal they chose for their headdress had to tell a story about St. Joseph's and have a moveable part. Coming soon to Seesaw!



Zoe & Annika



Penelope & Arden

BOOK WEEK NEXT WEEK

Celebrating Book week:

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP MONDAY 24th August

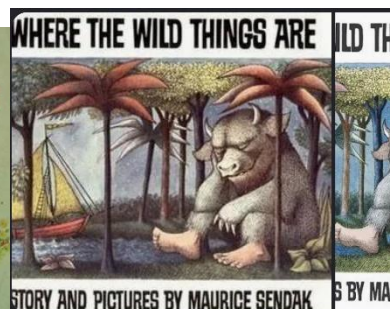
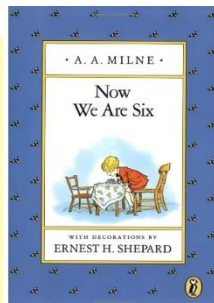
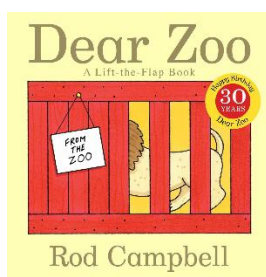
It is always fun to see the costumes but there is no pressure to dress up if your child does not like to do this. There are also many characters in stories who wear everyday clothes.

BOOK SWAP–Monday 24th August

Children are invited to bring one of their books that you no longer want to keep to swap on this day. Children bring to school on the Monday or prior (so you don't forget) and swap for another to take home.

Guess the staff member's favourite childhood book challenge

Here is a sample to start thinking about.



TEMPORARY SCHOOL CROSSING CLOSURE

St. Joseph's school crossing located on Bridge Street will be closed due to footpath works at 2 Bridge Street from Mon 24th – Wed 26th August.

To ensure there is still a safe crossing for students, families, and faculty we will have the crossing supervisor located at the alternative crossing:

26 Bridge Street (Korumburra Court House).

During the school crossing closure, the footpath outside the school will be accessible.

Access from the usual crossing will resume for school drop off, Thursday 27th August.



ST JOSEPH'S NOTICES

ST JOSEPH'S KORUMBURRA

FATHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

TUESDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 2026

GIFTS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$7 EACH FOR DAD OR A SPECIAL PERSON.

ALL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE THROUGH CDFPAY.

PLEASE NOTE STUDENTS MAY BE ABLE TO PURCHASE MORE THAN 1 GIFT SUBJECT TO STOCK AVAILABILITY.

ORDERS WILL CLOSE 9.00AM TUESDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER

Father's DAY BREAKFAST

8.00AM TO 8.50AM
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

We invite all the Fathers, Grandfathers and special men in our St Joe's Community to come and have breakfast in the school library.

- Egg & Bacon Rolls
- Muesli & Yoghurt
- Fresh Fruit
- Tea & Coffee for adults
- Flavoured Milk for children

Cost is \$7.00 per adult and \$7.00 per child.

Orders to be made via CDFPay by Wednesday 2nd of September for catering purposes.

SCHOOL GARDEN:

You can help us raise money for our school garden by using our school code when donating your drink containers to the deposit scheme. Every can / bottle earns 10c for our cause.

Use code **C2000052503**

**EVERY DRINK CONTAINER YOU RECYCLE
CAN EARN 10c FOR OUR CAUSE**

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

**DONATE YOUR DRINK
CONTAINERS TO**

**St Joseph's Primary School
KORUMBURRA**

We are raising funds for:
Our School Garden
Code- C2000052503



A FREE WEBINAR

Understanding Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience

PART 3

Supporting Primary & Secondary students

Join us for an exclusive webinar featuring international experts Dr Emma Woodward and Dr Joe Stammeijer, as they share valuable insights into recognising early signs of concern and practical approaches to supporting the wellbeing of young people.

This webinar is **Part III of a series**.

In this session, topics include:

- Building Resilience Foundations
- Everyday Habits for Wellbeing
- Strength-Based Resilience for Neurodivergent Children

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents, carers, educators, school leaders.

Duration: 45 minutes



Online, Wednesday
2 September, 2026
7.30 pm



Dr Emma Woodward

Emma is recognised for her work as a child psychologist and TEDx speaker, keynote presenter, trainer and facilitator. She is also a regular SchoolTV presenter.



Dr Joe Stammeijer

A specialist in forensic psychiatry and a lecturer in medical education focusing on innovative practice and professional leadership. Joe is also a contributor to SchoolTV.

**Don't miss out.
FREE event.
Scan or click the
button to register.**



[Register here](#)



Australian Government mobile service centres

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.



Services
Australia



Australian Government mobile service centres

Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Tuesday, 8 September 2026

9 am to 4 pm

Behind Kelly's Cafe, Commerical Street

KORUMBURRA



For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

Dates to Remember | TERM 3

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Mon, 24 th Aug	Book Week dress up day
Mon, 24 th Aug	Book Swap
Tues, 25 th Aug	District Athletics
Fri, 28 th Aug	Assembly
Fri, 28 th Aug	District Basketball
Fri, 4 th Sep	Father's Day Breakfast 8.00 – 8.50am



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.