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Term 4 | Week 2

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Welcome to Term 4! We have certainly hit the ground running with so much happening across the school. Today, we welcomed our Foundation class of 2027 for their very first Transition to School session. They will be learning about the routine of school and becoming more familiar with our beautiful school environment over the coming weeks.



This week our Year 3/4 class had the time of their lives at Camp Allambee! The Giant Swing and the Flying Fox were amazing and we all swallowed our fear, took a deep breath and leapt into the air! Even me! But only with the promise of Tim Tams at the end. Thankyou Renn and Ava for making it all worthwhile.

I want to thank our dedicated staff, Tash Kuyer, Emma Wilson, Lynn Spittal and John Livesey who went "above and beyond" to care for the children on camp.

Our seniors have also begun a very busy term with Zoe and Ted participating in the Regional Athletics, Ted and Dylan taking part in a mountain biking competition and Xavier joining in a golf tournament. Today, our Year 5/6s are off to cricket! Bike Ed is just around the corner for our Year 3 - 6 students and you will receive more information about this from your child's teachers. I think I need a little lie down!

Our Parents and Friends have been busy and are currently preparing for our Colour Run on Friday, November 20th. The cost to participate will be $10 and you will also be invited to support our new playground fund by also sponsoring your child, if you wish. There will be more information to come.

A couple of reminders as we head into the warmer weather…

- Hats are now compulsory when the children are out doors. They will be required to play in the shade if they don't have one.
- Summer uniform should now be worn. No make up, jewellery (apart from small studs/sleepers) or a simple crucifix should be worn. Black socks are not a part of the uniform. Runners should only be worn on PE/sports days with the sports uniform. Please contact me directly if you have any questions in regard to this.
- Please keep an eye on emails from school. This is our primary way of communicating with you and important information is passed on this way.

Sharon Anderson

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YEAR 3 / 4 ALLAMBEE CAMP











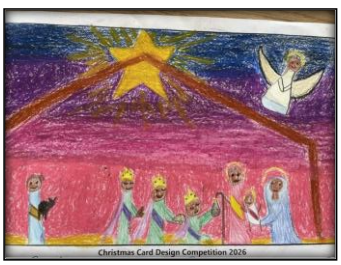



DOSCEL Christmas Card Competition

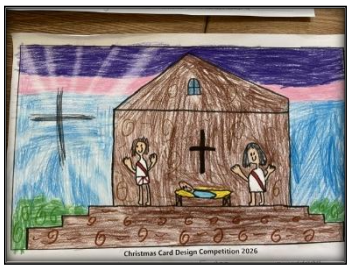
Here are just some of the entries from our senior students in this year's DOSCEL Christmas Card Competition. We have some very talented students!











MISSION MONTH

Celebrating Mission Month by Thinking about Our Global Neighbours



In our Religious Education inquiry, this term, all classes are exploring the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' We are learning about how in God's family we have global neighbours - sisters and brothers across the world whose lives we can make a difference to by taking action!

Catholic Mission Malawi Donation

On Thursday, October 22, we will hold a ***Crazy Sock Day*** to make a difference for children in Malawi. Students are invited to wear their favourite or craziest socks to school on this day. We are raising funds to help build St Peter's School in Kampira, supporting the education of hundreds of local children. You can donate online via Catholic Mission Malawi Donation or bring a gold coin donation which will be collected by the student's class teacher. Thank you for your support as we strive to make a lasting impact!



Also on this day we will celebrate with a ***Prayer Service*** dedicated to our global neighbours who need our help. You are welcome to join us in praying for our neighbours across the world.
Where: School Library
When: 9:15 am - 9:45 am

Kick Goals For Good With Socktober in 2026 | Catholic Mission
This video shows you where your donations will go and how they will help our neighbours in Malawi, South-eastern Africa

Pet Blessing to mark the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

2026 marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi who is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and ecology. To mark this special commemoration Fr Stanly will offer a blessing of your pets on Friday, October 23 at 5:30pm in the grounds of St Laurence's Church, Leongatha. All are welcome!

YEAR 5 FOOD DRIVE

🌻THE FOOD DRIVE - GIVING TO OTHERS & LOOKING AFTER OUR NEIGHBOUR🌻

"To love God and neighbour is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete."
Pope Francis

Hello everybody. Year 5 needs your help!

This term in Religion, Year 5 students are exploring the question, "Who is our neighbour?" Through a Food Drive for Milpara Community House, Year 5s are putting faith into action by caring for those in our local community who may need a helping hand. This is an opportunity for us to live the Gospel by showing compassion, generosity and care for others.

From Monday 26 October until Friday 6 November, we will be collecting food for the Milpara Community House Food Bank.

We would love donations such as: 🥫 Canned fish and fruit 🥛 UHT milk 🥣 Cereal 🍝 Rice and pasta ☕ Coffee and tea bags 🐾 Pet food

Christmas treats such as Cadbury Favourites, chips and sweet biscuits would also be wonderful!

All donations of food that are sealed and in date will be gratefully received. We cannot accept fresh, refrigerated or frozen food.

💛 Thank you in advance for helping us give back to our community. We live in such a special place, and this is one way we can help!

From the Year 5 students

ONLINE PUBERTY AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS

We are offering families the opportunity to participate in The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Online Program on the topic of human growth and development education. This same program will be offered again next year so parents have the choice of their child participating as a Year 5 ***or*** a Year 6 student depending on their child's readiness for the topics outlined below.

The purpose of the program is to encourage good communication between parents and children about the important topics of babies, birth and puberty. The session will be conducted by CatholicCare Victoria - Open Doors Schools' Education Program.

When: Monday 26th October
Time: 5pm-6.15pm
Session D
Grade 5/6
Presenter: Alison

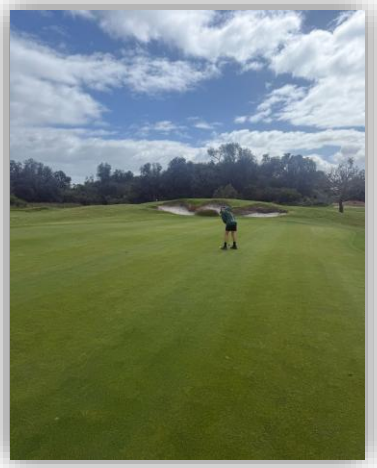
Students must be accompanied by a parent to participate in this online session.

Please RSVP Janelle in our school office via office@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au by Friday, October 16.

DIVISION MOUNTAIN BIKING AND GOLF

On Tuesday this week some of our senior students travelled to Phillip Island to compete in mountain bike and golf events.

Xavier competed in the Golf tournament at Red Rocks Golf Course. He had an excellent game placing 2nd overall in his section. Well done Xav.





Dylan R, Ted E, Jaxon and Levi S all headed to Newhaven College to compete against other schools in a Mountain Bike competition. They all had a ball and enjoyed a great track with a highlight being the chance to fly down a flight of stairs, then ride into the office building and out the other side.

A big thanks to the parents for taking them to the events and to Newhaven for providing the opportunity for these sports.







NOTICES



Book using the QR code, visit
Children's Week Registration Form
or call 5662 9294.

South Gippsland Shire Council

Dates to Remember	
Mon, 19th Oct	Year 3/4 Bide Education commencing
Tues, 20th Oct	Year 5 Discovery Day at MMCRC
Thur, 22nd Oct	Crazy Sock Day – gold coin donation or donate online using the link in the newsletter article
Fri, 23rd Oct	Assembly, 9am
Fri, 23rd Oct	Junior school excursion to Foster Museum
Mon, 26th Oct	Dental Van at school
Fri, 30th Oct	Sushi Day – stay tuned, further information to come next week!
Mon, 2nd Nov	**Student Free Day – Melbourne Cup weekend**
Tues 3rd, Nov	**Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup weekend**
Wed, 4th Nov	Junior Swimming at SPLASH
Fri, 6th Nov	Assembly, 9am

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 Brownett on 5655 2040.