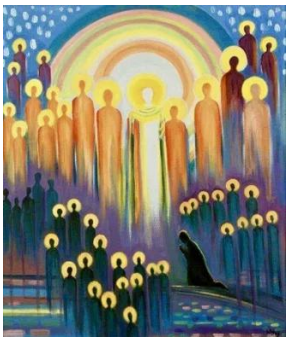
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Term 4 | Week 4



November 1st - All Saints Day
November 2nd - All Souls Day

Dear St Joseph's Families,



It is with much gratitude that I write to you today. To our supportive Parents and Friends who celebrated World Teachers Day with us, with a beautiful morning tea and a video sharing the words of our children, thank you. Your acknowledgement and appreciation mean more than we can say.



I am privileged to work alongside a team of educators and support staff who are truly exceptional. Their passion, dedication and genuine love for what they do and who they serve is palpable at our school.

As we move into the last phase of the school year, we are making plans for 2027. If there have been any changes to your circumstances (such as changes of emails, addresses, phone numbers etc.) it is important that we are aware. Please contact the office to update your details.

If you do not intend to maintain your child's enrolment at St Joseph's in 2027, we also need to know as this has impacts on our administration. Alternatively, if you know of anyone who is considering joining us, we do need to hear from them as we are now finalising our class structure and staffing.

I hope the long weekend is a time of rest and reset for the busyness ahead.

We look forward to seeing everyone next Wednesday.

Sharon Anderson

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All Saints Day & All Souls Day

On Sunday November 1st the Catholic church celebrates All Saints Day and on Monday November 2nd, All Souls Day. All Saints Day is a Solemn Feast known as a Solemnity which means it is one of the highest and most important celebrations in the Catholic Church. Despite the name, a "Solemnity" does not mean you have to be sad or quiet; instead, it is a grand, joyful feast day.

On Sunday, November 1, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. This is a time where we express our thankfulness to God for the many faithful people who show us how to live as Jesus wants us to. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. Some of these people are members of our family, our friends, and our neighbours. We do not know the names of all the saints.

Some saints are recognised by the church and are given the special title of 'Saint'. It is usually written in a short way like this 'St'.

Loving Father

as we follow the way of Christ

keep us ever faithful to you

and close to your love and peace.

May the lives of the Saints be an example to us of the many ways to love and live.

We ask this through Christ your Son.

Amen

Monday marks the beginning of a month where we remember all of the people we have loved who have died and give thanks for the special place they have in our hearts.

We also pray that they are with God and at peace.

PROJECT COMPASSION

During the week we received this acknowledgement for our participation in Project Compassion earlier in the year.



MISSION MONTH



Last Thursday we celebrated Mission Month and World Mission Day with a whole school Prayer Service at 9:15am. The theme for this year's World Mission Day is "One in Christ, United in Mission". This reminds us that we are all connected through God's love. No matter where we live, what language we speak, or what challenges we face, we are part of one global family in Christ – WE ARE ALL NEIGHBOURS. As followers of Jesus, we are called not only to care for one another but also to share His love through our words and actions.

This year, we learnt about the people of Malawi.

Malawi is a country rich in faith, culture, and community spirit. Yet many families face challenges such as poverty, food insecurity, limited access to education, and the effects of natural disasters. Despite these difficulties, the people of Malawi continue to show remarkable resilience, hope, and trust in God.

Their story reminds us that mission is not about helping people from a distance; it is about recognising that we are one body in Jesus Christ. When one part of the body suffers, we all feel it. When one part rejoices, we all celebrate together. Through prayer, solidarity, learning, and action, we walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Malawi as members of the same family of faith.

May we remember that mission begins with each of us. Through simple acts of kindness, generosity, and love, we become living witnesses of Jesus' presence in the world. Together, united in faith and purpose, we can bring hope and help create a brighter future for all.

Thank you to those families who generously donated money as part of Crazy Sock Day. We have raised $101.15 so far and this money will go to help build St Peter's School in Kampira, Malawi, supporting the education of hundreds of local children.

You still have time to donate online via Catholic Mission Malawi Donation.

Thank you also to the children who confidently and bravely read prayers or reflections during the service and to those parents who joined us.

DISTRICT CRICKET



CONGRATULATIONS !!



Congratulations to Year 5 student Ava.

Ava won first prize in the National Water week poster competition for South Gippsland Water.

We surprised Ava with the announcement after our Mission week Prayer service. She received a certificate and a Bunnings voucher.

THE WONDER OF LIVING FAMILY ENRICHMENT ONLINE PROGRAM

On Monday evening, St Joseph's offered families of year 5 and 6 children the opportunity to participate in CatholicCare Victoria's online Early Year's Introduction to Human Growth and Development. The purpose of the program was to encourage good communication between parents and children about the important topics of babies, birth and puberty.

This family-friendly session has been reviewed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and has alignment with Catholic teaching and values. The program described the bodily and emotional changes that occur during puberty within the context of the whole person's growth – their body, heart, mind and spirit. The program positively described the fact that each person experiences puberty, in their own time. Also the need to accept one's own time of development and to show respect for other's time of growth by being supportive friends. Another important message was to trust the ones who love you (i.e. parents, relatives and teachers) with your wonderings about puberty and problem solving, safely.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE

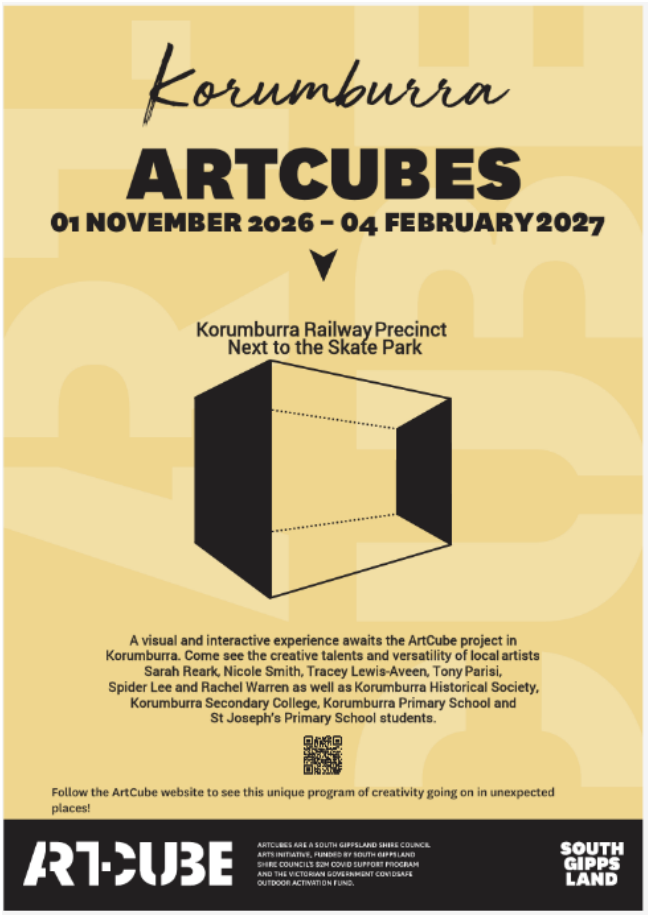
New FREE DELIVERY - Order by 2nd December for pick up the week starting 7th December

How it works:

- You can place your order online any time before midnight on the 2nd December. The free delivery option will be available to select at check-out.
- Each order will be pre-packed and labelled
- You will receive a notification when your order is completed and a reminder of the date for collection from school
- Includes FREE exchanges where the replacement will be sent in the next free delivery. Alternatively, the new items can be sent immediately to a nominated address using paid delivery.

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ART CUBES



From December 14 to 29, our students' artwork will be displayed in one of the three Art Cubes which will be positioned in the Korumburra Railway Precinct.

I am seeking parents who would be interested in volunteering their time to be on site in our Art Cube for a time frame during the day that would suit. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me via email criseley@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

COLOUR RUN

Our Colour Run is fast approaching on Friday November 30th. This will be such a fun day with the added opportunity to add funds to our playground fund. We are now also hoping to install a Ga Ga pit. The year 3/4s were very persuasive in their requests for this one, especially after their recent camp to Allambee.



NOTICES


KBFNC
JUNIORS
AGM
DATE
15th November 2026
TIME
3:30pm
WHERE
Middle Hotel (back room)
ALL POSITIONS ARE VACANT
Want a say? Get involved!
YOUR TOWN, YOUR CLUB, YOUR FAMILY

NEWSLETTER LINKS

St. Laurence O'Toole Primary School https://inewsletter.co/vwkbyv/latest

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College
https://www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/calendar-of-events/newsletters/

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, 2nd Nov	**NO SCHOOL. Student Free Day – Melbourne Cup weekend**
Tues 3rd, Nov	**NO SCHOOL. Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup weekend**
Wed, 4th Nov	Junior Swimming program commences at SPLASH Runs from 4- 10 November
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.