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Term 4 | Week 6



Dear St Joseph's Families,

This week, Carole, Catherine and I attended Anne Speekman's funeral at the Church. Anne was a much loved parishioner and an integral part of our school community where she taught. Some of you may have had the privilege of Anne as your teacher. Her husband Bill was the principal and her 5 boys all spent their primary school years here. We ask God's Blessings on Anne and her family. May she rest in peace.

As a community we feel each other's distress and in times of trouble, we collectively wrap our arms around each other and offer support. Over recent weeks, I have witnessed this in our school. It is truly what we are called to be; to be strength where there is fragility, to be present where there is isolation and to be unwavering love where there is uncertainty.

Our children too are learning these lessons and through our current Religious Education unit, we are considering the question, **who is my neighbour?** This week our Year 5 class delivered many baskets of food to Milpara House where it will be distributed to those in need. Thank you everyone for your support of our faith in action.

We will continue to reach out to the local community as we prepare for, what has now become, our traditional Christmas walk where we deliver good wishes and a small hand made gift to the letterboxes of our neighbours. We will do this after assembly on Friday, December 4th.

As the end of the year draws ever closer, please keep an eye on your emails. Information is shared via PAM and often requires a response from you. We don't want you to miss anything.

Our P and F are in the midst of organising our **Colour Run next Friday.** If your child is participating, you will need to register them via CDF Pay. You may also like to support the fund raising side of this fun activity with a donation towards our playground equipment.

Bike Ed continues for our senior students and will culminate with the Bike Hike along the Rail Trail to Meeniyan. We are looking for volunteers to help us transport bikes back to school from the Meeniyan Rec Reserve on Monday, December 7th, from about 2pm. Even if it is only a few bikes on the back of a ute, we would be grateful to hear from you.

There is so much happening and so much to look forward to over the coming weeks. We thank you for the partnership we share with you and are particularly grateful for the support and encouragement you give us each day.

Wishing us all a safe and happy weekend

Sharon Anderson

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THE FOOD DRIVE: GIVING TO OTHERS

On Wednesday, Year 5 students proudly handed over 149 kilograms of food to Milpara House for their Food Bank. What an incredible achievement!

Thank you to all the families who generously supported this initiative and helped us give back to our community. This remarkable effort shows what can be accomplished when people come together with kindness, compassion and a shared purpose. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and help ensure that everyone in our neighbourhood feels cared for, supported and valued.

From the Year 5 Students





MATHEMATICS AT ST. JOES

Our Grade 3/4 students recently had the opportunity to team up with our Grade 6 students for an exciting mathematics learning experience!

The Grade 6 students took on the role of the experts, sharing their knowledge and guiding the Grade 3/4 students through the process of collecting and presenting data in the form of graphs. It was wonderful to see our Grade 6 students take on leadership roles, demonstrating confidence as they supported the learning of their younger peers.

Both year levels gained so much from this collaborative learning experience!

The learning activity will support the 3/4's project on Mountains and exploring climate across the globe.









LAST LUNCH ORDERS FOR 2026

The last day for lunch orders will be Thursday 3rd December.

Once the portal shuts off on Wednesday 2nd December at 9am it will remain closed for ordering until next year.

If families have any questions, please contact Kelly's Bakery canteen@kellysbakery.com.au.

GRADE 3/4 ALLAMBEE CAMP

What an incredible time our students had at Allambee Camp! For our Grade 3 students, this was their very first camp adventure, making it an exciting opportunity to explore a new environment and create special memories with friends.

Students enthusiastically embraced every activity, including the giant swing, flying fox, billy carts, low ropes course, and cooking damper over the campfire. Many showed great courage by stepping outside their comfort zones and conquering their fears. Most of the staff even joined in the fun!

A highlight of the camp was gathering around the campfire under the stars, sharing stories and reflecting on the day's adventures. Most rewarding of all was seeing students having fun, building confidence, strengthening friendships, and creating memories that will last for years to come.









SCHOOL COLOUR RUN



NOTICES

The Rotary Club of Korumburra
Proudly Presents the 2026

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday, December 18 2026
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum
Korumburra

RSVP ESSENTIAL!

SCAN HERE

or visit
https://events.humanitix.com/korumburra-carols



FREE

Rotary Club of Korumburra

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

Fri, 20th Nov	Assembly, 9am
Fri, 20th Nov	School Colour Run
Wed, 2nd Dec	Junior Athletics Day
Fri, 4th Dec	Assembly, 9am
Mon, 7th Dec	Bike Hike
Tue, 8th Dec	Statewide Transition Day
Thur, 10th Dec	Carinya Lodge Carols – Junior Students
Thur, 10th Dec	End of Year Mass, 2pm
Fri, 11th Dec	Year 6 Activity Day
Tue, 15th Dec	**Students last day of school**
Fri, 18th Dec	Rotary Community Carols at Coal Creek Students singing in the Carols will need to arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start

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.