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Term 3 Week 8

Dear St Joseph's Families,

What a week of weather and once again, I am reminded of the power of nature and how little control we as humans have over it. I hope that everyone is safe and as we head into another front, we continue to follow the advice of emergency management experts who have been working tirelessly to protect us all.

Last Friday's Fathers' Day breakfast was a wonderful celebration of family and community. A huge thank you to Natalie Kratz and of course, our Parents and Friends who arrived bright and early at 7am to set up and cook.

Over the next couple of weeks, we are looking forward to our Footsteps Concert (Tuesday evening, September 17th at 6pm in the Anglican Hall next to the school on Bridge St), to our Are you OK? Day and our Footy Day on the last day of term.

Next week, you may notice some work beginning on our school site. Two large water tanks are being constructed at the Williams Lane side of the school. These tanks are required so that, in the event of a fire, we are able to source enough water and pressure to put it out. This work will continue until about the end of November.

Over the holidays, we are also beginning work on the embankment which is being redeveloped with a pathway and landscaping to attract "birds and butterflies". This will be an ongoing project which we will add to over time. I would like to thank Mark Rowe for his advice on this project and for helping us with the application for the grant which will fund a part of it, to Carole Livesey for her foresight and vision and Chris Whelan and Scott Burgess who will undertake the work.

Finally, I would like to share with you the Diocesan Consultation and Assembly Prayer. Catherine Riseley, our Religious Education Leader shared this with the staff and I think it is quite timely...

**Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.**

May we listen attentively
to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call expressed
in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church
that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.

May we develop the courage to be people of mission,
alert to opportunities, always on the move,
bringing Good News to our needy world,
Wind and Fire for one another.

Amen



Sharon Anderson

Sharon

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



ELEANOR



COOPER



RUPERT



DALLAS



MAX | HARRY | MASON



ELIJAH & SERAYAH



TED



ARIANNA & MASSIMO



CHARLOTTE



BLAKE | NATE | ARDEN



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU |

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE PRIZES & WINNERS



A big thank you to the generosity of the following, who provided St Joe's with exceptional prizes for the **Father's Day Raffle**:

- Poowong Dairy & Hardware (Cooper Taylor's Family);
- Terry White Chemist, Korumburra;
- The Manks family;
- MyFootDr in Warragul;
- Rainbow Palace in Korumburra;
- Austral Hotel in Korumburra;
- Burra Brewery in Korumburra; and
- Geoff Murrowood.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER

Today, we shared Mass with some parishioners in the Church and the theme was Celebrating God's Creation. During the Mass, Father Stanly informed us about how seagulls hunt for worms. The worms come up to the surface for the moisture when it rains. The clever seagulls caught onto this and took advantage of this process. Father told us that flocks of seagulls do a dance on the ground, tapping their feet, mimicking the sound of the rain. The worms then think it is raining and come up, burrowing to the surface to get the moisture. And then as Father said the 'seagulls will have a barbecue,'. He asked us to consider how seagulls know that the worms will come up to the surface when they dance? Who plants this clever thought in their brain?

Father also informed us about how adult trees look after little trees. Adult trees give nutrients to little trees through fungi when they are lacking support on their own. Pretty amazing isn't it! Again we are asked to wonder how this support system happens.

In conclusion, think about how a tree can devise a plan to make sure the little trees can get nutrients and continue photosynthesis. Or how seagulls learn how to dance and trick the earthworms.

Consider Father's message and God's plan. And how wonderful our creation is.

By Blake Manks and Lachie Scarce (Year 6)



FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

On Friday our year four students along with St Laurence's year four students attended a Eucharist Retreat at Mary Mackillop led by Scott Blencowe and his Youth Ministry Year 10 class. Students had a fun day being immersed in many and varied activities that built upon their understanding of the Eucharist, Students participated in a liturgy led by Fr. Stanly with the candidates were making their First Eucharist, on the weekend, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Stanly. Students enjoyed making bread, reenacting the Last Supper, sharing a meal or morning tea, meditating, making an altar banner for the First Eucharist masses and practicing the ritual of how to receive Jesus in the form of Holy Communion.



FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

Congratulations to Caleb Anderson, Peyton Rawon, Tommy Fowles and Xavier Sorrell who made their First Communion on Saturday evening in the St Laurence's Church. They were amongst 10 children who made this sacrament on the night. Father Stanly led the service reminding all present that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, Christ is present amidst us...

- in the consecrated bread and wine
- in the Word that is proclaimed, especially in the Gospel where we listen to his own very words
- in each one of us who comes together to worship and give thanks
- in the priest who presides

Altar Serving

Any child who has made their sacrament of First Eucharist (otherwise known as Holy Communion) is invited to become an altar boy or altar girl at our school and weekend Masses. Fr Stanly will train students in this role.

If your child is interested let know [Catherine Riseley](mailto:criseley@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au) via email: criseley@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au.

Religious Education

During third term, in Religious Education, we have been learning about the Holy Triune God through our inquiry called **Revealing More Each Day**. Our goal has been to invite students to grow in their understanding of who God is and so enable them to develop a closer relationship with their God. Throughout the inquiry, students have learnt about the God that Catholics believe in - a gracious and loving God who is revealed to us as ONE God that exists as THREE distinct PERSONS – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It's a puzzle that Christian thinkers have tried to make sense of for thousands of years and I'm certain, will do so for many more!

The doctrine of the Trinity tells us that there's ONE GOD who is THREE distinct PERSONS existing as a community of self-giving and loving relationships with each other. This is one of the reasons we say that "God is LOVE".

Your children also learn in R.E. that they are the hands, head and heart of God on earth who carry on Jesus' mission through the work of the Holy Spirit. This term, our action to spread God's love will be to show our support for those struggling to meet the cost of living. The most sought after grocery item at Korumburra's Milpara Food Bank is UHT full-cream milk so I invite you to join St Joseph's in a MILK DRIVE. We would greatly appreciate your generosity in donating UHT/Long-life full-cream milk. Children can bring the milk along to school so that we can make a collection to support those who need our help, via the food bank. Each classroom will have a basket for children to place the milk in and we will take donations until the end of this term.



Thank you in advance,
Catherine Riseley



R U OK? Day - 12th September

It's important to recognize that young people are facing more mental health challenges, like anxiety, depression, and self-harm. Things like school pressure, social media, family problems, and society's expectations are making these issues worse. Parents and caregivers should act early, talk openly about mental health without judgement, and provide easy-to-access support to help their children.

R U OK? Day is about preventing suicide by encouraging people to connect with each other and recognize when someone is struggling. We encourage all families to get involved, focus on real relationships, and remember to ask, "Are you OK?"

This Special Report provides guidance on how to talk to your child about mental health and engage in meaningful discussions. The link will also take you to some more information about R U OK? Day.

https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-r-u-ok-day

Breakfast Club

This week we would like to extend a huge **thank you** to the Koringal Women's Service Club who have kindly donated \$500 so far to our Breakfast Club! Our morning toast time continues to be a success so we really appreciate this kid donation to keep it going.



These wonderful women are also donating the pies, pasties and sausage rolls for our upcoming Footy Day! We thank them so much for all the work they do to support so many groups in our community and for taking such an interest in our school. Thank you, ladies!

2/3 Artists in Residence!



Check out the amazing artwork that was completed by the students of Grade 2/3. Working with Mrs Lewry, they used perspective and pattern to create these stunning pieces.



DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM 3

Fri, 6 Sept	District Basketball
Tues, 10 Sept	Footsteps
Thurs, 12 Sept	Division Athletics 1 student from Grade 3 and 1 student from Grade 4 participating
Fri, 13 Sept	Assembly 9am in the Library All Welcome
Tues, 17 Sept	Footsteps Footsteps Dance Concert for Families 6pm to 7pm, next-door in the Anglican Hall
Wed, 18 Sept	Three Day Transition program Korumburra Secondary College Grade 6
Fri, 20 Sept	Footy Day (children to wear their favourite team colours) End of Term 3 at 2.30 PM

TERM DATES

Term 3	Fri, 20 September Last Day of Term 3 at 2:30 Monday, 23 rd September to Friday, 4 October School Holidays
Term 4	Monday, 7 October Student Free Day No School Tuesday, 8 October Back to School

DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM 4

Mon, 7 Oct	Student Free Day No School today
Tues, 8 Oct	Students due back at school Jnr Swimming Program starts F/1
Thurs, 10 Oct	Jnr Swimming Program for F/1
Fri, 11 Oct	Assembly 9am All Welcome Division Summer Sports



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 Safe 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 meaningful, relevant and challenging learning experiences.

If at any time you have any issues or concerns you feel you need to raise please contact our Principal Sharon Anderson or our Child Safe Officer Anne Vick on 56552040.