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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 already happening. Swimming, lawn bowling, toast and walks before school, new water tanks and beautiful new landscaping. We also have bike ed and camps to look forward to in the coming weeks. It is an exciting term and our focus remains on the learning that is happening in the classrooms. I encourage you to be reading every day at home with your children and talking with them about what is happening for them at school.

Next week we will be celebrating World Teacher Day on Friday. I want to personally acknowledge all of the staff here at St Joseph's who make our school the safe and wonderful place that it is. Each of them gives their hearts to the work they do and our children are the beneficiaries of their dedication and care. I hear from you too about how grateful you are and I appreciate the genuine respect you show our staff.

This Friday, we will also welcome our new Foundation class for 2025 as they step into school for the first time as a student. This will be the first of 4 transition sessions.

As we look towards 2025, I also encourage you to contact me if there are any changes to your circumstances that we need to be aware of.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend.

Sharon



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Being the Face of God in Our Community...**

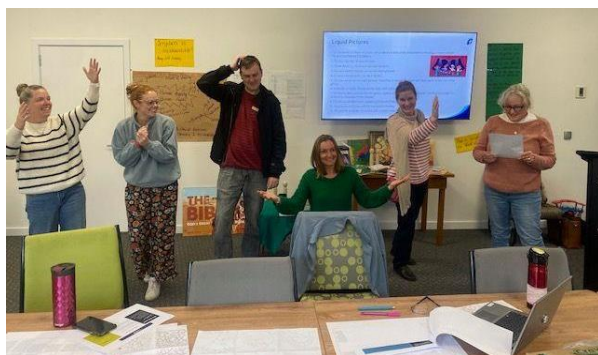


A big thank you from Korumburra's Milpara Food Bank to all those families responsible for generously donating full cream milk to our St Joseph's Milk Drive. UHT full-cream milk is the grocery item most sought after at the food bank. This was our missionary action in term three to spread God's love to those struggling to meet the cost of living. Thank you, St Joseph's families!



### **Religious Education Professional Development for Teachers**

On the first Monday back for Term 4, the teachers and Education support staff enjoyed focusing on the topic: Scripture Is Inexhaustible! Teachers spent the day unlocking the meaning of the Word of God, exploring how they can personally engage with Scripture from the Bible along with fun ways for engaging students in Scripture. Here are staff in action performing a Liquid Picture of our feature piece of Scripture for this term which is The Visitation (Luke 1:39-45). In the second photo, teachers are performing a Christmas Rap of the same piece of Scripture.



Each term we focus on one of the four Strands of our R.E. Curriculum - To Live In Christ Jesus. This term the Strand we focus on is called 'Christian Life and Catholic Social Teaching'. A great explanation of what this means is found in the short video: [Catholic Social Teaching animation for children | CAFOD](#). By watching this video you will become aware of the language or words and ideas that your children will be hearing in the classroom.

PUBERTY EDUCATION | PARENT & CHILD INFO NIGHT



On Monday, October 14 at 5:30, parents along with their year five or six child were invited to attend a live virtual puberty evening presented by a Family Life Educator from Choicez Media. This program is based in a deep and rich understanding of key Christian concepts such as the value and dignity of the human person as made in the image of God, an understanding of sex education being about an 'education in and for love' and a deep respect for the role of parents as primary educators of their own children.

Family Life Educator Anita Zinkel provided much food for thought around puberty and growing up. She stressed the importance of valuing our own and others' bodies and that the changes that happen in puberty are unique to each person and come with increased responsibilities. The changes were divided into two groups: the external or physical changes, and the internal or emotional changes. Excellent health advice about how students should look after themselves was provided. One of the most positive choices children can make during this time of change is to seek the support of a parent i.e. a trusted person, as opposed to information that may be misinformation shared in the playground or on social media. Children were encouraged to support their peers in their transitioning to puberty by speaking respectfully about the changes they can see or hear. We would love to receive feedback on the night from families who attended.



- Have a shower or bath everyday.
- Use deodorant or antipersperant.
- Wear clean underwear, socks and clothes.
- Change clothes after sport.

ARTROOM REQUEST

Mrs Riseley would be most grateful for any empty shoe box donations by October 30. Thank you.



## ITALIAN

This term, in Italian, our students have started communicating with children from St Mary's Yarram.

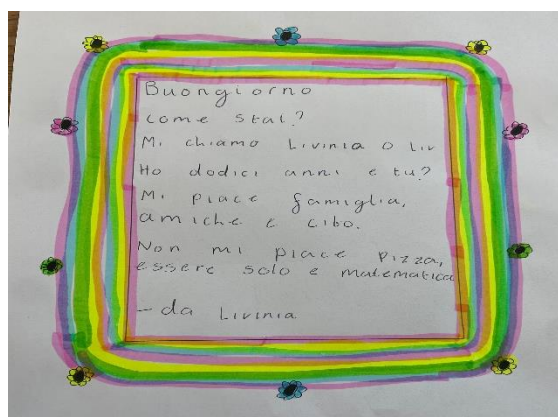
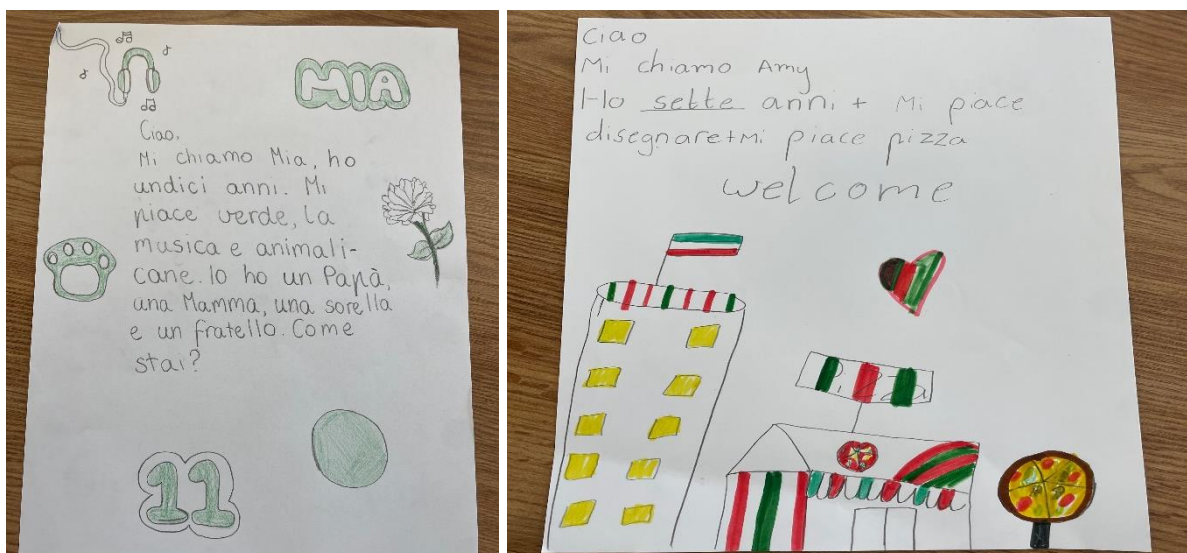
In a first for the Sale Diocese, we have started a sister school relationship with another school where children are learning Italian, have a similar number of students and their language teachers are working closely together.

Children from Grade 1 to Grade 6 wrote and decorated letters to their buddy classes to introduce themselves and shared information including their likes and dislikes. The letters increased in complexity for older students.

Children are excited to receive responses from their new amici (*friends*) and put their language skills into action to understand the letters received.

Maestra Taylor

### Italian Teacher



## Italian Day

Dress up in the Italian colours of Verde (Green), Bianco (White) e Rosso (Red)

You could wear your uniform with a splash of red

Or

You might want to wear an Italian themed costume.

You will be treated to a live Italian Show “Puss in Boots”

Students will also participate in a range of Italian themed activities throughout the day including pizza making!



Join in the fun!!

**Date: Thursday 31st of October 2024**

P&F EVENT COMING SOON

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ST JOE'S**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**COLOUR**  
**RUN**



**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

**MORE DETAILS TO COME**

## ONLINE GAMING

Young people might have a lot of fun playing online games, but parents and carers need to make sure they empower their child to make wise decisions and help them manage the risks. Numerous games can help your child become more coordinated, adept at problem-solving and multitasking, and help them develop social skills through online interaction with other players. However, it's also critical to comprehend what may go wrong and what might be harmful to your child. Carers need to play an active role in understanding and being aware of what their young person is playing online and who they are interacting with.



Consistent teaching and modelling a healthy approach to the online world will have a lasting impact on your child. Being able to shut down the internet in your home at key times can be very helpful, but it's also a bit like always fastening your kid's seatbelt for them: Eventually, we want them to remember to buckle up on their own. To get a kid to really remember something, research shows that some information requires repetition over time. A combination of showing them a healthy approach and discussing media and tech use over time, on multiple occasions, will help kids regulate themselves and build skills to carry into adulthood. When you say things like, "Remember to think before you post," "Don't talk to strangers on the internet," and "Use strong privacy settings," they'll remember. As new technology comes and goes, we are our kids' North Star, the constant guidance in a constellation that keeps changing shape, and tech-based parental controls will never shine as brightly as our influence.

Have a look at this link for more information and ideas about this important topic in order to keep our children safe. <https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/online-gaming>

## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

Wed, 23 Oct	Lawn Bowls   Grade 2, 3 and 4
Thurs, 24 Oct	Year 5 Discovery Day   Mary Mackillop College
Fri, 25 Oct	Assembly @ 9am Foundation 2025 Transition Session #1   9.30 to 11am
Mon, 28 Oct to Tues, 29 Oct	Grade 3/4 Allambee Camp
Wed, 30 Oct	Grade 3/4 Student Free Day
Thurs, 31 Oct	Italian Day Performance
Fri, 1 Nov	Division Cricket
<b>Mon, 4 Nov</b>	<b>School Closure Day</b>
<b>Tues, 5 Nov</b>	<b>Public Holiday   Melbourne Cup</b>
Wed, 6 Nov	Grade 5/6 Bike Ed Program Starts
Fri, 8 Nov	Assembly @ 9 am Foundation 2025 Transition Session #2   9.30 to 11am
Mon, 18 Nov	Bike Ed Program Grade 2, 3 and 4 begins
Fri, 22 Nov	Foundation 3 <sup>rd</sup> Transition Meeting Assembly @ 9am
Mon, 25 Nov to Wed, 27 Nov	Grade 5/6 Urban Camp
Thurs, 28 Nov	Grade 5/6 Student Free Day
Tues, 3 Dec	Mary Mackillop Orientation Day   Grade 6
Fri, 6 Dec	Assembly @ 9am P& F Family Colour Run Day
Tues, 10 Dec	Foundation Final Transition Morning State Wide Transition Day   Grade 6
Tues, 17 Dec	Graduation Day Whole School Mass
<b>Wed, 18 Dec</b>	<b>Students Final Day</b>



### 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.