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Term 4 Week 4

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Here we are at Cup Week and to be honest, I don't quite know how we got here so quickly! I have been reliably informed that the passing of time is all relative to how old you are...well, I must be really old!

Last week we marked World Teachers Day and we were so grateful for the gift of a morning tea from our P and F. Our teachers received some lovely notes and cards from the children which truly do mean so much to them. I am Blessed to work with a team of educators who are so dedicated to the learning and wellbeing of our children.

This week our Year 3/4s travelled to Camp Allambee for their camp and what a great experience it was. We saw so many of our children step outside of their comfort zone and try new activities. It was wonderful to see the delight in their eyes when they achieved something they never thought they could. I want to thank our staff, Anne Vick, Tammy Jones, Ro Archer and John Livesey who organised and attended the camp and to Amanda Wright and Jacqui Nobile who supported us overnight.

We also celebrated Italian Day this week, with a puppet show, pasta art and delicious pizzas. Again, thank you to Hannah Taylor and Megan Smith who supported Hannah to make the day such a fun one for all of us.

Bike Ed is about to start for our Year 3 - 6s. If this includes your child, please make sure you have thoroughly checked their bike and ensure that they have an approved bike helmet for the duration of the program.

With so much in front of us this term, I am sure that there will be days of tiredness and possibly tears. Please ensure that your child is eating well and getting plenty of rest.

Enjoy this extra-long weekend.

Sharon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Saints Day Whole School Mass

We invite you all to join our school and parish community in a whole school mass led by Fr Stanly to celebrate All Saints Day on Friday, November 1 at 11:30am. All Saints Day is when Catholics remember all those who have lived really good lives and have died and gone to Heaven. Some of these people have been given the title 'Saint' by the Church, and their own special Feast Day in the Church's calendar like St Joseph, St Francis of Assisi or St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. But anyone who has gone to Heaven is a saint, and All Saints Day This is a day where we remember that we are all called to be saints.

Crazy Socks for Our Mission

Children are able to wear "crazy socks" on Wednesdays with their sports uniform for a gold coin donation. The socks can be those that were purchased via the Parents & Friends' fundraiser, but they don't have to be. The gold coin donation will be added to our efforts to support Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission is the Pope's international Mission agency in Australia. An international organisation that partners communities, helping them flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to help others.

Livinia's Confirmation

You are invited to join us in supporting Livinia Hermans as she makes her sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, November 17 at the 9:30 am mass in our St Joseph's Church.

The Diocesan Consultation Process - Phase 2

At last Wednesday's staff meeting teachers took part in phase two of The Diocesan Consultation Process. Through prayer, respectful dialogue, and attentive listening, this process aims to arrive at an agreed set of recommended pastoral and organisational initiatives that our Diocese can put into practice over the next five years, to enable us as individuals, and our faith communities, to become more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary.

This is another opportunity for our Diocese, guided by the Holy Spirit, to choose the steps we now want to take, to promote community, inclusion, growth in faith, solidarity and co-responsibility for mission as we continue to journey together.

The process is not about changing Church doctrine or teaching. Instead, it is hoped that by trying to imagine concrete solutions to the opportunities and challenges our Diocese is facing, we will find creative ways of becoming the Church Jesus has called us to be – a Church that listens, is humble, is a place of encounter and dialogue, open and welcoming to all, values its traditions, liturgy, and prayer, celebrates meaningfully all the significant life moments, and reaches out to those who are poor and on the margins of society.

Experiencing this vision of Church, it is hoped that all will want to play a part in making this become a reality. Year five and six students also took part in this process to share their views on what is working well in our parish and school and what ideas or changes could make our school and parish even better in the next five years.

Art Room Request

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



ALLAMBEE CAMP

The grade 3s and 4s have just returned from Allambree Camp and what a fantastic time they had! The children were kept super busy with a wide variety of activities which they loved doing.

There was:

A giant swing

Campfire cooking

Billy carts

A flying fox

A night walk

A boulder wall

A low ropes course

We slept on bunks in the lodges and we had the most amazing meals. A big thank you to our bus driver and the wonderful staff at Allambree. The children would also like to thank all the school staff who looked after them so well while we were away.



Allambee Camp Photo Album 2024



We were all so proud of the way our 3/4s tried new things and slept in a new place. What a great achievement!!

ITALIAN DAY

What a wonderful day we had, full of cultural and educational experiences. It was great to see children working together, enjoying activities that incorporated working with buddies, co-operative team work, respecting one another all with smiles on faces.



Italian Day



The children participated in the following activities:

- Grade 5/6 played bocce.
- Grade 3/4 made Venetian masks that celebrate carnival that occurs throughout Italy.
- Grade 2/3 learned about Leonardo Da Vinci and created portraits of the Mona Lisa. Hayden Ward created this beautiful Mona Lisa.
- Grade P/1 made coloured pasta necklaces and created and crafted models of the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The pizza making was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all students. Students also enjoyed an Italian "Puss in Boots" puppet show.

STEM SPACE

World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. It is held each year on October 4-10 and to recognise this week, during STEM lessons, we have been doing lots of different SPACE challenges.

5/6 - Planetary Pasta Rovers

Grade 5/6 learnt all about rovers and how they are used in Space and how they have changed and transformed over time. Using only pasta and glue, students were set the challenge to design a rover that will travel down a one-metre ramp and then travel an additional one metre on a smooth, flat surface. Students used the engineering design process of brainstorming ideas, drawing designs, evaluating and revising design, to then build their design.

3/4 - Parachute Design

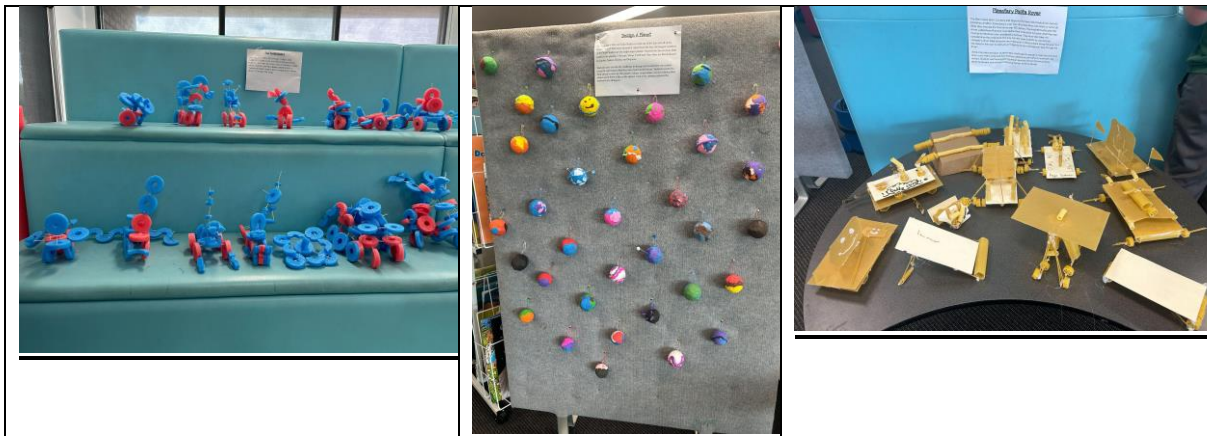
After learning about the science behind the design and creation of space parachutes, students designed and tested parachute landing systems to successfully land a probe on a target. After testing, students optimised their parachutes by experimenting with different materials and shapes for their parachute designs. Students then retested their designs to see if the changes they made resulted in improved performance. The goal is to land a payload (an egg) as slowly and softly as possible and without cracking it.

2/3

Students learnt all about our Solar System and the planets that make up our Solar System. They then used this knowledge to design and create their own planet. Students needed to think about a name for their planet, colours, temperature, moons orbiting their planet and if there was any life on their planet. They also were challenged to create their own rovers using only pool noodles and toothpicks. Students had to design a rover with different features that are found on a real rover, e.g. camera, arms for discovery, scoops, wheels.

P/1

Students learnt all about how rockets fly and the different types of rockets that are used to get spacecrafts into Space. During their lesson, students were given a template that creates a rocket that can be launched from a straw. They are then challenged to modify the design to see how the changes impact the rocket performance. Length, fin shape or angle can be changed—one variable at a time—to see how the rocket launch performs, and compares to the control design.



STEM RESOURCES

Mrs Smith would be very thankful if any families have any film canisters and lids that they could please donate to the school for STEM activities. Thank you so much!



Zooper Doopers Fridays!
Student OHS team fundraising for the
playground



Students wishing to have a zooper dooper, are asked to bring along a dollar coin on the day in Term 4. (sugar free are also available)

P&F EVENT COMING SOON

SAVE THE DATE
ST JOE'S
FAMILY FUN DAY

COLOUR
RUN



FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

MORE DETAILS TO COME

NOTICES



HOLIDAY CAMPS



DATES

City Camp: Monday 13th - Friday 17th January
Malmsbury: Monday 20th -Friday 24th January

Malmsbury
Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria
Giant Swing, Rock Climbing & more
Canoeing & Animal interactions
Archery & River Walks
Carnival, Movie Night, Trivia

City
Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD
Australian Open Pool & Beaches
Melbourne Zoo & Museum
Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, & Bowling

Transport

City: Doxa transport provided from Bendigo and Traralgon/Pakenham.
Malmsbury: Doxa bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo.

Cost

Our Holiday Camps are FREE.
Holiday Camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SEE BELOW CONTACT DETAILS

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Online application forms (<https://forms.office.com/r/cmHqRvqU7k?origin=lpLink>) and a QR code.



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

Mon, 4 Nov	School Closure Day
Tues, 5 Nov	Public Holiday Melbourne Cup
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 rd 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
Wed, 4 th Dec	Jnr Tabloid Sports F1 and Grade 2
Fri, 6 Dec	Assembly @ 9am P& F Family Colour Run Day
Mon, 9 Dec	Christmas Letterbox Drop
Tues, 10 Dec	Foundation Final Transition Morning State Wide Transition Day Grade 6
Tues, 17 Dec	Graduation Day Whole School Mass
Wed, 18 Dec	Students Final Day



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.