



St Joseph's School

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Term 4 Week 10

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Here we are at the end of the year and there is so much to celebrate and be grateful for. I want to acknowledge all of the staff who have worked so hard over the year to create a learning environment which is engaging and safe.

I particularly want to thank Anne Vick who is taking Long Service Leave for 2025 and Madeline Buckley who will also take Long Service Leave for the first two terms of the year. We wish both Anne and Madeline a restful break.

As you are aware, Emily Sherriff has accepted a teaching position at St Laurence's Leongatha. Emily has made a significant contribution to our school community as a classroom teacher, and as an Italian specialist teacher. She will be missed but we wish her well at St Laurie's.

Danielle Fowles has also resigned her position at our school. Danielle has worked tirelessly in our library and has brought the love of books and reading to our children. We thank her for everything she has brought to our school as both a parent and a staff member.

2025 is on the horizon and we are looking forward to welcoming new staff to our school. Mrs Natasha Kuyer whom you all know, will be our Year 3/4 teacher and Mrs Daphne Ward has been appointed as our Specialist Auslan teacher. We are excited to be adding this beautiful, inclusive language to our curriculum. It will replace Italian as our language, however we will continue to recognise our deep Italian heritage by continuing to celebrate Italian culture at school.

Ms Robyn Leary will be joining our staff for two days each week as a lead teacher in the Mental Health in Primary Schools initiative. We will also be welcoming two new Learning Support Officers to our team; Rachael and Cate O'Brien. And finally, we are currently in the process of appointing a Year 1/2 teacher and I will let you know as soon as this is finalised.

Next week, we will start the week with a whole school excursion to see the movie, Moana at Leongatha. We were going to spend some time playing in the park afterwards but due to the weather forecast, we will return to the comfort of school straight after the movie.

On Tuesday, our Year 6s will be heading off to Inverloch for a surfing lesson and our juniors will be spreading some Christmas joy by singing Christmas carols at Carinya Lodge. At 2pm, we will all gather at the Church for Mass to celebrate our end of year and Graduation Mass. This will be a very special occasion, and we encourage everyone to join us.

Wednesday will be the last day for the children, and we will conclude our year with an assembly on the Basketball Court at 12:30pm. You may take your children home after that if

you wish. Otherwise, school will finish at the usual time of 3:20pm when buses will be running.

School will resume for students on Thursday, January 30th. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 28th.

Finally, I want to thank the children of St Joseph's for being the reason "we do what we do". On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a Blessed, joy filled Christmas and a restful, happy holiday.



Sharon

End of year reports

Your child's report will be able to be accessed via PAM from next Monday. It has been a delight to read about the effort and progress of each of the children. Well done everyone!

An Advent message from Bishop Greg

May this season of Advent fill you with peace, joy, and the unwavering hope that Christ is near, bringing new life to all who wait with open hearts.

<https://youtu.be/9FMa5NRzG8U>

Whole School End of Year & Graduation Mass - Theme: Let Me Be There!

When: Tuesday, December 17 at 2pm in the St Joseph's Church

We invite you to attend our final mass for the year to give thanks for all the opportunities, learning, achievements and love we have experienced this year at St Joseph's. We will also farewell our year six students who are heading to secondary school next year.



2025 Sacramental Program for St Joseph's and St Laurence's Primary Schools

St Joseph's and St Laurence's Primary Schools work together as parishes in partnership which includes coming together for our Sacramental Program.

Throughout 2024, all sacraments and sacramental workshops were held in Leongatha at either the St Laurence O'Toole Church or St Laurence's Primary. In 2025, all sacraments and sacramental workshops will be held in Korumburra at St Joseph's Church or St Joseph's Primary. Children who attend other schools in the local area are also invited to join in.

During the Sacramental program, your school and Parish will support your family in preparing your child for The Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and one of the Sacraments of Healing – Reconciliation. These sacraments lay the foundations of every Christian life, and allow for the faithful to be born renewed and strengthened into the Christian faith.

Students are invited to make their Sacraments in the following year levels:

Reconciliation – Grade 3

Eucharist/Holy Communion – Grade 4

Confirmation – Grade 6

Note: A child in an older grade who hasn't made their Sacraments at the usual time is also invited to join in with the Sacrament preparations as they arise within the school year as long as the child has been baptised.

All dates for the Sacramental Program will be decided before the end of the year.

For further information about what each of the sacraments entails go to [Catholic Diocese of Sale - Living the Faith website](#).

For further enquiries email [Catherine Riseley](#)



Christmas Play Nativity

In conjunction with the St Joseph's and St Laurence's parishes, we are looking for students who would like to participate in a nativity play as part of the Christmas Vigil Mass. This mass will be held at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College @ 7.30 on Tuesday, December 24.

Would you please discuss this with your child/ren and if interested, please contact me via email criseley@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au or by

phone 5655 2040.

Students wanting to participate will need to be able to attend the Christmas Vigil Mass.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Joseph's Primary School would like to make a difference to Aussie families who are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas, and give them hope for a better future. We are collecting festive items, non-perishable foods (please check expiration dates), and other seasonal treats. Donation baskets are set up in each classroom for your convenience. All contributions will be collected by St. Vincent de Paul early next week. Thank you for your kindness and support in making this holiday season special for those in need!

BEING CYBER SAFE



As we head into the holidays and at a time where children may be receiving new technology as presents, we felt it was a great time for a reminder on keeping our families safe.

In our classrooms we keep ourselves safe online by following these 5 rules -

Be safe (Helping children understand the connected world and how they can protect their personal information.)

Be kind (Showing children how to be kind and respectful online and modeling good habits around device use and online sharing.)

Ask for help (Teaching children to ask for help and let them know they can come to you with any issue.)

Make good choices (Helping children to think critically about the content they watch and how they spend their time online.)

No screens where they can't be seen (Ensuring that children aren't using devices in an unsupervised environment)

As you can see, these rules would work just as effectively in our homes!

As a community we know how important it is to keep our children safe online but also understand how difficult it can be to keep up with what our kids are doing when online. The Australian Government has an excellent eSafety site which contains webinars, parental control tips as well as videos on a range of topics to support us all when thinking about keeping our children safe. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

The site also has an app guide that gives details of what each app does and how to use the parent control settings in each app. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

We also recommend the two minute videos on the Online Safety for Every Family page <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/online-safety-for-every-family> as a great starting point for talking to your children about Internet Safety. Families who hold concerns for their child or young person's safety and wellbeing as a result of unsafe online activity or who are being targeted by unsafe online activity such as bullying and other forms of abuse are also encouraged to contact the school for wellbeing support if required.

JUNIOR TABLOID SPORTS

Our Junior students had a great time at our Athletics day. It was great to see everyone participating and displaying great sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who came to support and got involved!





What a fun event our Colour Run was last Friday! Thank you so much to our Parents and Friends for making this happen for us and also to our sponsors who generously supported our raffle. If you can, please support these businesses as they have supported us (please refer to the next page).



COLOUR RUN SPONSORS



Thank You



TO ALL THESE AMAZING BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL COLOUR RUN



ITALIAN NEWS

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 were 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



ARTWORK FROM ACROSS THE SCHOOL





2024 BIKE HIKE
Grade 5/6



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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21 JAN

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SCHOOL DURING WEEK
STARTING 28 JANUARY**



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NOTICES

JUNIOR FOOTBALL COACHING POSITIONS



The Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club are seeking motivated Coaches to fill the following positions

- Youth Girls
- Under 10's
- Under 12's
- Under 14's



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Please send applications to secretary@kbfncgiants.com.au

Applications close Friday 20th
December 2024



FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW

7TH FEBRUARY 2025 5:30PM - 9:30PM
MINIATURE GOATS
CAR SHOW FOODVANS
SHOWMAN'S GUILD CARNIVAL + MORE
FIREWORKS @ 9:15PM

SATURDAY DAY SHOW

8TH FEBRUARY 2025 9:00AM - 3:00PM
SHEEP CATTLE POULTRY & EXHIBITION SHED
TRADE DISPLAYS. DOG AGILITY & FLYBALL
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
SHOWMAN'S GUILD CARNIVAL + MORE

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, 13 Dec	Bike Hike Grade 5/6 - Meeniyan
Mon, 16 Dec	Whole School Movie Excursion at Leongatha Moana 2 (Rated PG) Reports available via PAM
Tues, 17 Dec	Graduation Day Carols at Carinya F to Grade 2 Whole School Graduation Mass 2 – 3pm Grade 6 Graduation Dinner 6 to 8pm
Wed, 18 Dec	Final Assembly at 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm Students Final Day at 3.20 pm
2025	
Tues, 28 January	School Office reopens
Thurs, 30 January	First day for all students Foundation to Grade 6



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.