



## St Joseph's School

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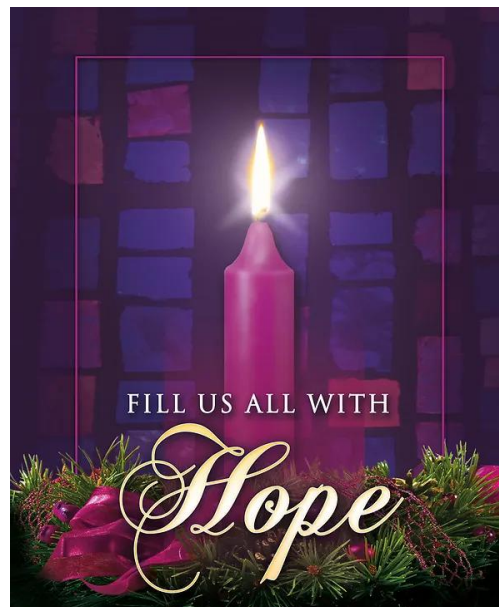
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### Term 4 Week 8

Dear St Joseph's Families,

This weekend is traditionally the time we put up our Christmas trees and look forward to the weeks ahead, which can sometimes be overwhelming and just too busy.

It is also the first Sunday of Advent. As we light the first candle, we reflect on its meaning. It is known as the "prophecy candle" or the candle of hope. Today, the whole school gathered to pray and to light the first candle together. The children were reminded that this special time is about preparing and waiting for the birth of Jesus. My hope and my prayer for us all is that the weeks ahead are full of joy but that we can also make space for peace and reflection too.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sharon Anderson'.

Sharon

## SURPRISE VISIT BY GOOD SAMARITAN NUNS



What a wonderful surprise to receive a visit from two Good Samaritan nuns - Jill McCorquodale and Judy Ryan, last Thursday. During the 1970s they holidayed at St Joseph's Korumburra. In fact, during school holidays, nuns from all around Victoria would swap their place of accommodation to experience somewhere different. At this time, Jill and Judy were teachers and nuns working in State Schools in Reservoir, and they shared very fond memories of their holidays spent at the St Joseph's convent. One of the main reasons for their visit on Thursday, was to take photos of our school to share with a past principal of our St Joseph's, Sr Thecla Ryan, a 100 year old Good Samaritan nun who led our school (and who was probably the Superior of the St Joe's Convent) in the years 1971-1976. Interestingly, Sr Thecla's sister, Sr Mary Ellen Ryan, was also a principal at St Joe's between 1980-1984. The Ryan sisters originated from Coragulac.

Many of you who have spent time in the Staffroom will have seen the beautiful black and white photo of a group of nuns celebrating a Golden Jubilee in the 1960s dressed in their full regalia. Judy and Jill were able to identify many of their fellow sisters from this photo and recall their personalities.

During their time working years, Jill was involved in Motor Missions where she would visit State Schools within Victoria educating the Catholic children in attendance about their faith and preparing them to make their sacraments. She was also involved in writing Religious Education Programs in the '70s. Judy was a past principal of St Patrick's, Port Fairy at the age of 24.

Kathleen from the school office was able to share a crucifix with the ladies that was salvaged during the demolition of the sheds, on the site of the new water tanks. Jill and Judy were able to explain that each nun had their own crucifix like this one which they kept polished, and which hung from a nun's rosary beads that draped from the waist. They were most curious about how it ended up in the shed.

The ladies were most grateful to receive a copy of the book compiled by our very own Nat Kratz celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Korumburra.



## SCHOOL GARDEN

We have been enjoying some of the produce grown in the garden. In the last couple of weeks Yr 2-3 have been cooking. We used the onions to create a cheese and onion tart. Cauliflower was turned into 'Popcorn' Cauliflower. Once tasted, many children came back for more and declared both recipes yummy!



**SchoolTV**

### ONLINE GAMING

As the holidays approach, we thought it might be a perfect time to focus on online gaming. Young people might have a lot of fun playing online games, but parents and carers need to make sure they help their child to make

wise decisions and to manage the risks. Different games can help your child become more coordinated, adept at problem-solving and multitasking, and can help them develop social skills through online interaction with other players. However, it's also critical to understand what may go wrong and what might be harmful to your child. In a time of cyberbullying and phishing scams, parents and carers need to be so vigilant about what their young person is playing online and who they are interacting with. This starts with knowing exactly what each game or app entails.



This week's SchoolTV link provides advice from experts about how parents and carers can help their children navigate the digital world successfully.

<https://sjkorumburra.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/online-gaming>

## YEAR 5/6 CAMP

From Alexia

My favourite activity was evidently the Melbourne Zoo, but we were only able to see a few animals, such as giraffes, a snow leopard, dingoes, giant turtles and a lion. We were also very lucky to hear their roars, although it sounded more like a deep and disoriented yawn than the roars I hear in most movies including a lion.

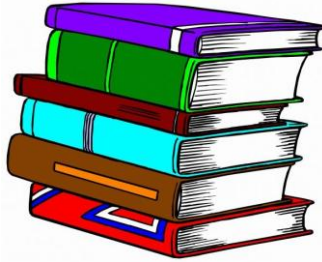
I also very much enjoyed Artvo. There wasn't much to see at Artvo, but I found the paintings very cool and beautiful. The courtroom drama was really fun as well. I wish we had put more "theatre-esk" in the lines and the roles that we were given, but overall it was an enjoyable conundrum and everyone really had a go.

Something new that I learned while at camp and on the activities was while I was at the zoo. I learned that giant tortoises can grow to be up to 100 or more years old. I also learned that it was very difficult to ice skate. It made me so confused how the people in the ring could do it so gracefully!

The Big Issue gave me an insight into what it really is like to be homeless, and the different possibilities of homelessness with different people, and how the Big Issue is able to assist these people very kindly.

Mrs Anderson. You need to know that almost everything was very enjoyable...except for all of the walking 🤔. But if I had to pick the best option for the next grade fives and sixes, it would definitely be: Ice skating, ACMI, the Melbourne Zoo, and the Market.

## LIBRARY BOOKS



It is stocktake time. Please have a search through your house to return all Library books next week.

## BOOK CLUB



Orders can be placed online through the Scholastic Site until the end of Monday 2nd December. [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

P&F EVENT

The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored watercolor background in shades of yellow, orange, and pink. At the top, it says "ST JOE'S" in black. Below that, "COLOUR RUN" is written in large, colorful letters (green, pink, blue, yellow) inside a black oval. To the left of the oval is a pair of rainbow sunglasses, and to the right is a sausage in a bun, a juice box, and a donut. The event details are listed in various colors: date and time in black, entry fee in green, lunch pack options in pink, and payment method in orange. A final line in black encourages purchasing raffle tickets.

**ST JOE'S**

**COLOUR RUN**

**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**  
**12PM-1.30PM**

**GRAB YOURSELF A WHITE T-SHIRT & COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME**

**\$2 ENTRY FEE**

**\$8 SUNGLASSES & HEADBAND PACK**

**FOLLOWED BY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**SAUSAGE IN BREAD, DONUT & JUICE BOX \$5 EACH**

**ADDITIONAL SAUSAGE \$2 EACH**

**PAYMENT MADE THROUGH CDFPAY**

**DON'T FORGET TO GRAB YOURSELF SOME RAFFLE TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AMAZING PRIZES**

For students to join in, the cost will be a \$2 entry fee per student. They may also purchase a colour run pack which contains sunglasses and a headband for \$8. This is optional.

A lunch pack of a sausage in bread, a juice box and a donut will be available for \$5 with the option of an extra sausage in bread for \$2.

On this day, we will also have a raffle of some amazing prizes which have been donated. Tickets have already been sent home to each family. Tickets will be \$2 each and a book of 10 raffle tickets will cost \$20. If you would like some more raffle tickets, please contact the school office and we can arrange for it to be sent home with your child.

All of these options above will be available to pay for via CDF pay.

<https://sjkorumburra.cdfpay.org.au/MonitorOnline/app/#!/login> Below are some of the prizes that you may win should you wish to purchase raffle ticket(s). Good Luck!



Some of the Raffle Ticket Prizes that you could win:

## **TICKETS \$2 EACH**

**TCL 2.1 CHANNEL HOME THEATRE SOUNDBAR WITH HDMI AND WIRELESS SUBWOOFER**

**RRP \$229.00 - DONATED BY HARTLEY WELLS BETTA, LEONGATHA**

**2 X PHILLIP ISLAND CIRCUIT (GO CART) \$40 VOUCHER**

**KRYAL CASTLE \$109 GIFT CARD**

**GLOBAL BALLOONING \$120 VOUCHER**

**KORUMBURRA FLORIST \$50 VOUCHER**

**2 X PASS TO PENINSULA CINEMA, WARRAGUL**

**NATURES BEAUTY SPA, POOWONG VOUCHER**

**POOWONG HAIR & BEAUTY VOUCHER**

**POOWONG POST OFFICE VOUCHER**

**THE BICYCLE FITTING STORE - BIKE PUMP, TYRE TUBE, DRINK BOTTLE HOLDER  
& HANDLEBAR GRIPS**

**KORUMBURRA POST OFFICE - \$50 GIFT CARD**

**KORUMBURRA GARDEN SUPPLIES - \$25 VOUCHER**

**LUCIOUS CAFE - \$20 VOUCHER**

**KORUMBURRA CHEMIST - OM SHE AROMATHERAPY TRAVEL BAG WITH WELLNESS BATH  
SALTS & MANUKA HONEY DAY & NIGHT CREAMS**

**FIRE PIT - DONATED BY LEVEY ENGINEERING**

**LUNA PARK FAMILY PASS VALUED AT \$170**

**ONE STOP DISCOUNT SHOP, KORUMBURRA - PLANT POTS**

**UMART, WARRAGUL - CHRISTMAS ANGEL DISPLAY LIGHT**

**SOUTH EAST CUSTOM WELDING PTY - 2 X HAMPERS VALUED AT \$50 EACH**

**BIG 4 - 2 YEAR BIG 4 HOLIDAY PARKS AND PERKS MEMBERSHIP VALUED AT \$50**

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4	
Tues, 3 Dec	Mary Mackillop Orientation Day   Grade 6
Wed, 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jnr Tabloid Sports   F1 and Grade 2
Fri, 6 Dec	Assembly @ 9am P&F Student Colour Run Day
Mon, 9 Dec	Christmas Letterbox Drop
Tues, 10 Dec	Foundation Final Transition Morning State Wide Transition Day   Grade 6
Fri, 13 Dec	Bike Hike Grade 5/6
Mon, 16 Dec	Whole School Movie Excursion at Leongatha   Moana 2
Tues, 17 Dec	Graduation Day Whole School Graduation Mass 2 – 3pm
<b>Wed, 18 Dec</b>	<b>Assembly at 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm</b> <b>Students Final Day at 3.20 pm</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.



## NOTICES



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**COME JOIN NOW!**

 10 JANUARY, 2025

 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
AGES 7-12

 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
AGES 13-16

**REGISTRATION**

 [www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/59f657](http://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/59f657)



The Poowong & District Amateur Basketball Association is thrilled to announce an upcoming **Basketball Skills Camp** with none other than **Riley Parkinson**, founder and head coach of Parkoball Training!

This camp offers an incredible opportunity for students to develop their basketball skills, whether they're just starting out or aiming to refine their techniques for competitive play.

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** January 10th, 2025
- **Ages 7-12:** 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Ages 13-16:** 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- **Cost:** \$40 per session
- **Special Offer:** All participants will receive a **\$30 discount** on junior domestic registration at Poowong for the coming season.

### **What to Expect:**

- Expert coaching from Riley Parkinson, who has trained players ranging from beginners to NBA prospects.
- A focus on skill development, efficient scoring techniques, and plenty of fun!
- Engaging, tailored sessions to suit players of all levels.

**Registration is limited, so encourage your students to sign up early!**

 Register here: <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/59f657>