



## St Joseph's School

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### Term 1 Week 2

Dear St Joseph's Families,

Welcome to 2025!

What a wonderful start to the year we have had! The children are happy, settled and ready to learn and we want to thank you for preparing them so well for the return to school.

This year, we welcome new staff, Miss Rania Tadros, our Year 1/2 teacher, Miss Rachael Ramsay, our Year 1/2 Learning Support Officer, Mrs Robyn Brownnett in a new role which will focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Miss Cate O'Brien our Year 4/5 Learning Support Officer and Mrs Daphne Ward who is teaching Auslan across the school. We also welcome back Miss Nicole Kennedy who will be providing targeted oral language support, Mrs Natasha Kuyer who is teaching Year 3/4 and Mrs Karen Sandman who is joining Mrs Rachael Mullin in Year 5/6.

We have had many new families join our school community this year too and it has been lovely to see how easily everyone is finding their place in our school.

Yesterday, our Year 3 - 6 students participated in the swimming carnival at Korumburra pool. So many children stepped out of their comfort zones and just had a go...and we are so proud of them. It's actually not about winning, or being THE best; it's just about giving YOUR best and our children certainly did that! A big thank you to our PE teacher, Ms Hannah Taylor and to all of our very generous helpers who made it the great day that it was.

Today, we celebrated our beginning of school year Mass at the Church. Thank you to everyone who joined us as we prayed for God's Blessings on our school. At the end of Mass, we surprised Father Stanly with birthday cards and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.

This year is a special year in the Church's calendar. It is known as the Jubilee Year and it is celebrated every 25 years. The theme this year is Pilgrims of Hope. Our Religious Education Leader, Mrs Catherine Riseley has provided more information about the year.

Next Friday, we will come together for our first assembly. We hope you might be able to join us at 9am in the library.

With Blessings

Sharon



## ***What is Jubilee 2025?***

Every 25 years since 1300, the Catholic Church holds a special celebration called the Jubilee Year. This is a time of reset, where the land and the people rest and we focus on our relationships with others and with God.

### ***The Jubilee 2025 logo***



The most striking part of the logo for this jubilee is the cross: bending towards humanity and forming an anchor, it depicts the cross as something to cling to, especially in rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff' on an old biblical image. The letter to the Hebrews describes the hope we have in Jesus as 'an anchor of the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19). The cross is not a dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's unfathomable love, and one that carries us together in pilgrimage towards heaven.

The word 'Jubilee' comes from the Hebrew word for a ram's horn, which was blown to announce the start of a Jubilee year in the Bible.

In the Old Testament, the Jubilee Year was a time of renewal and celebration, every fifty years. Debts were cancelled, people could rest, and because crops weren't planted, even the land was able to rest.

It was also a time of freedom: prisoners and slaves were freed, and land was given to those who didn't have any. It was known as the year of the Lord's favour.

Pope Francis invites us to become 'Pilgrims of Hope,' - to embark on a journey *filled with hope* that is felt by us, recognised by others and spreads throughout our world.

## **2025 Sacramental Program for St Joseph's & St Laurence's Parishes**

Each year St Joseph's and St Laurence's Schools provide a Sacramental Program which all families are invited to be a part of. The Sacramental Program prepares students who have been baptised to take the next steps in their Catholic faith journey. Families are invited to support their children in making the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist (otherwise known as First Communion) and Confirmation.

The Sacramental Programs are offered for families who have a student in the following grades:

- Reconciliation is offered to grade 3 students.
- Eucharist is offered to grade 4 students.
- Confirmation is offered to grade 6 students.

To prepare students in making their sacrament, religious education classes focusing on the sacrament are provided during the school day and a sacramental activity resource will be sent home for families to work through with their child in a way that works for the family. The discussion around the sacrament is the most important outcome of this activity book. Families are required to attend one Parent and Child Workshop, and of course the liturgy where their child receives and celebrates the sacrament for the first time. A child will not be able to receive a sacrament without undertaking the full preparations, as every sacrament requires the necessary preparation from the recipient.

We also strongly encourage you to attend the Sunday Masses in the churches closest to you or your weekend activities, leading up to the actual celebration of the sacrament. Participation in the Eucharist provides the child and the family with due spiritual preparation.

St Laurence's and St Joseph'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. Therefore, all families from St Laurence's and St Joseph's Primary Schools who choose for their child/children to make their sacraments will require a commitment to attend Korumburra for both the Parent & Child Workshop and the Sacrament Mass (although Eucharist celebration masses will be offered in Leongatha). Students who attend other schools in the local area are also invited to join in.

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. If your child is not baptised and expresses an interest in being baptised, or you would like to have them baptised, please feel welcome to contact one of us to discuss this further. This, of course, applies to any member in your family who wants to become part of the sacramental life of the Church. Everyone is welcome in our Church and their presence would be a great gift to our Church family.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Stanly Devasia, Catherine Riseley, Sharon Anderson & Liz O'Loughlin

**Korumburra Parish to host workshops and sacramental Masses**

**\*\*\*\* Note: Date changes to masses for First Eucharist**

<b>Sacrament</b>	<b>Minimum Year Level</b>	<b>Parent &amp; Child Workshop held at St Joseph's Primary School</b>	<b>Sacramental Masses</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Grade 3	Thursday, 13 February 2025 5:30 pm	St Joseph's, Korumburra - Thursday, 13 March 2025 5:00 pm
<b>First Eucharist</b>	Grade 4	Thursday, 29 May 2025 5:30 pm	St Laurence Church - Saturday, 26 July, at 5:30 OR St Joseph's, Korumburra - Sunday, 27 July at 9:30 am OR St Laurence's, Leongatha Sunday, 27 July at 11:30 am
<b>Confirmation</b>	Grade 6	Thursday, 24 July 2025 5:30 pm	St Joseph's, Korumburra - <b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b> 5pm

**Reconciliation Workshop for Parents and Children**

Our Sacramental Program will commence with a Parent and Child Workshop for children who are making their sacrament of Reconciliation Thursday, February 13 at 5:30 pm in the St Joseph's library. Families are required to attend the workshop as part of the preparation for their child receiving this sacrament.

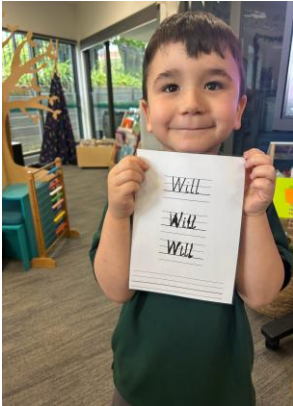
Directions: Park outside St Joseph's School, on Bridge Road. Walk through the gate and straight ahead down the stairs to the basketball court. The library is on the other side of the court.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS HAVE HAD A FANTASTIC START!



**Wow!** What a fantastic start to the year! Our foundation students are settled and ready to learn. The buzz and excitement for learning are already apparent, and the preppies are loving every bit of their “*funtastic*” day!

( Look at them go!)



## ROBOT BUILDING IN GRADE 4/5 & 5/6

To start off this terms Novel Study - The Wild Robot by Peter Brown - Grade 4/5 & 5/6 have been very busy building robots together. It has been a wonderful opportunity for them to practice team-building skills and working collaboratively with others. They all loved it - just take a look at some of their comments:

“I loved it because I got to meet new people” by Dylan R

‘I loved this robot building activity. I would definitely do this again’ by Ted

‘It was so fun building a robot - I loved all people’s robots and I liked mine!’ by Zoe



‘I loved building robots because I got to spend time with my friends from the other class’ by Serayah

‘I loved it because I had great team mates!’ by Ava K

‘I loved it because we did a lot of teamwork and problem solving’ by Arden

‘I loved making the robots. It was fun - very different to some other stuff we do!’ by Penelope

‘The robots were fun and good! By Joe

‘The robots were so fun and I got Jow - win-win!’ by Benny

‘It is cool!’ by Cooper T

‘Our robot is amazing - it is like a remote control car - it is cool!’ by Jed

‘We all worked really good!’ by Harry

‘The robots are and were fun!’ by Liam



## Senior Swimming Carnival

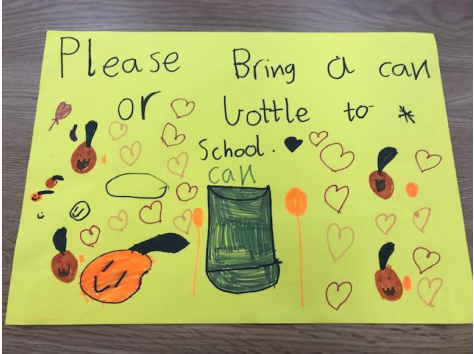
On Thursday 6th February, the Grade 3-6 Students walked down to the Korumburra Outdoor Pool and had a lot of fun in the pool with St Laurence O' Toole and Chairo Christian College engaging in the Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival. It was a very hot day - but everyone had loads of fun and showed bravery and courage to have a go at as many events as they were comfortable with! Well done to Gold House for winning the overall House Points competition and the House Chants!

Thank you so much to Ms Taylor for all her work and to the amazing parents for all of your work - without you we just could not do it!





**Collecting Cans and Bottles for our Garden**



This year we will continue to collect drink cans and plastic bottles to buy plants for our garden. Tetra juice bottles and flavoured milk also count.

Please No milk bottles. COMING SOON DONATE AT THE CONTAINER DEPOT

**Look how our garden is growing!**



## NOTICES



**2025**  
129TH ANNUAL  
KORUMBURRA & DISTRICT A & P SOCIETY INC  
**KORUMBURRA SHOW**  
ANNOUNCING  
OUR VERY *FIRST*

**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

FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS OR VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

  Korumburra Showgrounds  [www.korumburra.showgrounds.com.au](http://www.korumburra.showgrounds.com.au)

Saturday March 1, 11 am - 1 pm

Korumburra Community Hub Grounds and Boston Place

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT  
COMMUNITY EVENT TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE A  
SAFER, MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY**

- **Meet** local emergency organisations; CFA, Red Cross, SES, Salvation Army, Ambulance Victoria, Vic Police & AusNet
- Learn how to **develop an emergency plan** right for you and your family
- Learn how to **get accurate information**
- **Know how to prepare** for emergencies
- **Provide feedback** on the draft Korumburra Community Emergency Plan
- **Children's activities** - bring the family



All are welcome, enjoy a  
**FREE FOOD & DONUT**

This event is powered through the collaboration of Community for Community with support by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal.

Keep up to date with what's happening in Korumburra via the Korumburra Website:  
[www.korumburra3950.com.au](http://www.korumburra3950.com.au)



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**Korumburra Be Prepared - YOUR safety is YOUR responsibility**

**Pack your  
emergency kit**

- Being prepared includes having your own food, water, medication and other essential supplies to be able to look after yourself and your family for at least 72 hours.
- A collection of items your household may need for survival during the emergency and items to help you recover after an emergency. An emergency kit must be prepared to suit your family's individual needs.
- More information visit <https://www.emergencyprepare.com.au/kit/start-packing-your-emergency-kit/>



Emergency plan, important contacts, documents & ID



Radio and torches, batteries & cash



Medical aids & Medication  
First aid Kit



Mobile phone  
& Charger



Personal & Protective clothing & toiletries



Food & water

Emergency Relief Centres (ERC) do not open for every event. If you are relocating during an emergency, you are encouraged to go to family and friends in a location well away from the emergency area. In the event an ERC is established the location will be announced via Vic Emergency and the Emergency Broadcasters.



Miscellaneous personal items



Items for children & pets.

**Important Apps and contacts**

**To install an app on your phone, you need to:**

1. Open the app store on your phone (PlayStore, App Store)
2. Search for the app you want to install
3. Select the app from the search results
4. Tap **INSTALL** (these are all **FREE** app's)
5. Wait for the app to finish installing.
6. Tap **OPEN** to launch the app from the app store, or tap the app's icon in your app list

**Recommended apps to download:**

*Vic Emergency, BOM (Bureau of Meteorology), Emergency Plus, and ABC Listen: Radio*



**Vic Emergency**  
Emergency Information and Alerts

VicEmergency Hotline - 1800 226 226  
VicEmergency Website - [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)  
Social Media: Follow [facebook.com/vicemergency](https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)  
Twitter: @vicemergency



Visit [www.emergencyprepare.com.au](http://www.emergencyprepare.com.au) to learn more about preparing for emergencies



**Fire, Police, Ambulance**  
Dial 000 (166 TTY)



**Flood & Storm Damage**  
Dial 132 500 (SES)



**Can't attend & need help to download app's or do your Emergency Plan?**  
Contact Milpara Community House for their next session 5655 2524

**KORUMBURRA Staying Strong - Community Event**

## DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 1

Fri, 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Assembly @ 9am (sign in at office beforehand)
Tues, 18 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photos Parent Teacher Conversations
Wed, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	District Swimming Foundation Rest Day Parent Teacher Conversations
Mon, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Senior Camp – Phillip Island
Wed, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Foundation Rest Day
Fri, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Assembly @ 9am (sign in at office beforehand) Division Swimming Sports
Wed, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation Rest Day
Thurs, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Denis Huffer Athletics
<b>Mon, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Thurs, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Denis Huffer Athletics Regional Swimming Sale
Fri, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly @ 9am (sign in at office beforehand)
Mon, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Senior Swimming Lessons (Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6) Begins
Thurs, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Denis Huffer Athletics
Fri, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly @ 9am (sign in at office beforehand) Combined Athletics
Fri, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Easter Assembly <b>Last day of Term 1 – early school finish for students at 2.30 pm (buses will depart at this time)</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 Safety 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 a meaningful, relevant and challenging learning experiences.

If at the time you have any issues or concerns you feel you need to raise, please contact our Principal Sharon Anderson or our Child Safety Officer Robyn Brownnett on 5655 2040.