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Newsletter—Week 9 of Term 2, June 11 2020

Saint Mary MacKillop said,
"Never See a Need Without Doing Something About It !"

At St Joseph's We: Need to have a **Positive Attitude**

Need to be **Aware** and Need to Take **Action**.

Our next fortnight's Triple A Social Skill is **Listening**

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude : Showing Respect for others when they are speaking

Awareness : Of what a Good Listener is & Looks Like.

Action : Listening Well

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week we return to some normality as we restore the security of Living and Learning at St Joseph's. We gently celebrated us all being together again on Tuesday. Our playground was abuzz with youthful activity that reflected the freedom and togetherness that the children so dearly missed. The classrooms were back in business!!!

Trusting restrictions continue to lessen, it now offers us a time of reflection and learning on many personal and professional levels. For us at school we ask what did we learn, what worked well, what can make school an even better place to be for our children. ???

As a parent or carer, I'm sure an opportunity for reflection might present as well.



I also ask any families experiencing difficulties to let us know, whether it be financial hardship, kids struggling to get back to routine, difficulties at home Please let us know.

Friday, June 26 Last Day of Term 2 – 2:15pm finish

School Assembly continues On-line from Monday



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PRIVACY POLICY

For access please visit our website. www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au.

SCHOOL FEES:

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

Next Fortnightly Debits: 12th & 26th June.

Monthly Debits take place on the **18th of each month** up to and including November.

If you have unexpected circumstances for the fortnight or month and need to stop a Direct Debit please note they are processed two days before the due date and so you will need to contact us prior to that, to put a stop on them.

EFTPOS and **CENTREPAY** are now a payment option. Please enquire at the office.

CSEF

If your circumstances have changed, and you now have a health care card and are eligible for the **Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)** please see the office for a CSEF Application form by the **15th June**. Eligibility requirements & explanations are listed on the back of the form.

If you have any queries or concerns about your payment commitments please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Paul. If you are wanting to amend your payment options please do so ASAP.

If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Donna at the office on 5862 1804

As of Term 3, we shall be sending our Bulletins and Newsletters via email. A printed copy shall also be available at the school office for collection. To ensure we have the correct details, please send an email to the address below before the 26th June.

dmurfett@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au

Reconciliation Week

We celebrated National Reconciliation Week, 27th May to the 3rd June 2020.

Chief Executive Officer, Karen Mundine, said that Australia's ability to move forward as a nation relies on individuals, organisations and communities coming together in the spirit of reconciliation.

"The National Reconciliation Week 2020 theme reinforces that we all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures," she said.

"When we come together to build mutual respect and understanding, we shape a better future for all Australians".

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2020 was celebrated entirely online, a way of life we have all become very familiar with in the past couple of months.



Preps

This term will stay in our memories for a very long time. We congratulate all children and parents for the way they supported each other during this extraordinary time. Also we thank our parents for the communication and support you gave us as teachers. Now we are all back together again and looking forward to living and learning in the spirit we are accustomed to.



Literacy / Before School Reading

Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot ask for assistance with before school reading. We endeavour to hear your child read regularly. It is very important that children read and complete a Smart Spelling activity each night. Comments you make in the diary are very useful and we appreciate them. Please return the diary daily.

Maths

Since returning to school we have covered the topic of Time and now we are looking at Chance and Data. Ask your child questions like- Do you think it will rain today? Will we go out on the weekend? Will you have a birthday this year? Will you see a bird today? Our next topic is Length. Have fun measuring objects using different materials, such as, blocks, pegs, buttons.

Religion

We are looking at ways we can talk to God and we are stressing that you can talk to God at anytime and anywhere through means such as formal and informal prayers, songs and meditation.

Inquiry

We are having fun discovering important places. We have looked at our homes, our classrooms, our school, our community and our capital city. We are very lucky to live where we do!

Seesaw

Seesaw has been a wonderful tool throughout this term in particular. It has enabled us to keep up to date with the progress of your child as well as provide the opportunity to support each other. We will continue to use it in this way.

Things/Dates to remember

Sport/Art/Library – Tuesday (sport uniform)
Brain Gym-Thursday (sport uniform)
Music-Friday

Drink bottles

Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school, as our bubblers are out of action.



Thank you for your support this Term and we look forward to continuing working with you to ensure your child is a happy learner.

Joanie, Tanya, Grace and Jane

Juniors

Welcome back everyone!

As a Junior Team we would like to thank all our families for their ongoing support throughout our period of Remote Learning. We are pleased to be back in the classroom and beginning this next chapter of Living and Learning together. We congratulate all students on the responsible and positive manner in which they have returned to school.

Writing

In Writing, students are learning to write 'Letters.' We are exploring the different types of letters we compose. Students are enjoying the challenge of writing their own letter to a family member this week.

Reading/Homework

As we return to normal schooling we continue to uphold the expectation with home readers, diaries and spelling homework. We ask that students read each night, have their diary signed at home and return their reader folder to school each day. As some children are reading longer books they may only read a chapter or a few pages each night. Their spelling sheet is optional as an extra opportunity to practise for their spelling test on Friday.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have enjoyed our learning around Fractions and are now moving on to Multiplication and Division. In Multiplication, we are learning equal groups, repeated addition, arrays, number problems, and word problems. In Division, we are learning equal groups, counting back, relating halving facts to get doubles, repeated subtraction and rearranging known facts.

Religion

During our Term 2 Religion explorations, we continue to focus on the topic 'Growing in God's Love'. Our students have been learning about why their friends think they are special, how we are unique and also why Jesus loves each of us in a special way. Some of our activities over the past few weeks have included Belonging Chains, imagining what Jesus would do on the playground and how our families help us feel special. Next week, we are looking forward to making a class picture storybook titled 'I am special because...' and discussing the book 'Love Makes a Family'.

Inquiry

We continue enjoying our topic of 'Our Community' and finding out about our street, town, state and country of Australia. Students have been carrying out mini research projects in groups on Australian animals and Landmarks. We look forward to engaging in a Kahoot Quiz (quiz based app) from our projects and finishing off with a flip booklet to show our understanding of this topic.



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Specialist

Students have returned to their usual specialist classes on Wednesday's. The children need to continue to wear their sports uniform every Wednesday and Friday. They also need to bring their Library bag each Wednesday.

Weeks 10 & 11 (Wednesday)

Junior West: PE/LIBRARY

Junior East: LOTE/ART

Drink bottles

Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school, as our bubblers are out of action.

Please send your child's teacher a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns.

Rach, Jordyn, Dee, Alli, Kelly, Virginia, Karlene, Bern and Naomi.

Middles

This week we welcomed back all of our students to full time onsite learning. We are so proud of them and their families as all students have come back to school positive, enthusiastic and looking forward to finishing off Term 2.

Relationships

Our main focus for the remainder of Term 2 is centred around relationships. These are the most important aspects of any student's learning experience. During the Remote Learning experience, students were not able to develop and maintain relationships in the same way they normally would in their day to day social interactions. These interactions are obviously through play and break times at school, but they are also critical in the classroom. This is done through sharing ideas and understandings, asking questions and contributing to class and group discussion. We have a number of activities throughout the remainder of Term 2 to specifically address relationship building and social interactions, but we also understand that this focus will evolve during the next three weeks at students own pace and what they are comfortable with.



Teaching & Learning

We have planned to revise, refresh and build upon the concepts and Learning Areas covered in Remote Learning. Each student had their own experience and routine during Remote Learning, thus our aim is to get everyone back on an equal and fair playing field heading into Term 3. The explicit nature of classroom teaching / learning was also something that Remote Learning could not produce. Revising these concepts in the classroom setting and in a way we would normally deliver teaching / learning to the students is also a major factor in ensuring each student moves forward. Consolidating the Multiplication and Subtraction concepts is the focus for Mathematics. For consistency, we have continued groupings from Remote Learning and we can see students have responded positively already.

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Our continued focus in Literacy: Reading - Main Idea, Facts/Details, Sequencing.
Writing - Persuasive, Information Report, Narrative

Routines

A significant part of settling in and adjusting back to regular school / classroom life is jumping back into our routines. Our morning reading, diary signing and spelling / reading homework routine is what we have spent time on this week. The students have seamlessly moved back into their routines and beginning to familiarise themselves with life in the classroom again!!

Seesaw

We have found SeeSaw to be such a simple, yet effective app to communicate and celebrate achievement over the course of Remote Learning. We will continue to use it, to showcase the individual and classroom achievements.

Drink bottles

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Once again thank you for all your hard work and effort during Remote Learning. It really was a team effort!!
Mark, Makayla, Jen, Sara, Deb, Amanda and Amy.

Seniors

Thank You

To begin with, we would like to thank each and every one of our Families and Students for their understanding, patience and perseverance during a unique time of home-learning. We would not have been able to do all of this without your assistance.

Welcome Back

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our Year 5 and Year 6 students this week. It has been great to see them all again, without having to look at a computer screen! We congratulate all of the students for the way that they have settled back into the living and learning routines of our Senior School.

We would also like to welcome back Mrs Ebony Morrison who will take over Sue's three days, allowing Sue to move into a Literacy Support Role.

Production:

It's that time again! We are all gearing up for our Senior Production, which we will be having auditions for at school next Tuesday afternoon (16th June). Students will be given scripts this week if they would like to have a go and practise over the weekend. A quick reminder, that while Year 6s are given priority for main roles, we encourage Year 5s to have a go and show us their talents, there are roles for everyone including cast and crewmembers. We are aiming to prepare and rehearse during Term 3, before our performances at the end of term.



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Reminders:

Uniform: As leaders of our school, the Seniors are role models to all of the other students and it is very important that they are consistently wearing the correct Winter uniform. This includes wearing a school jumper or jacket outside, especially on these foggy and frosty mornings. As usual, we understand that things can cause this to be difficult, and if, for any reason, a student needs to be out of uniform please make sure that you send a signed note with them explaining why. This term, students will need to wear Sports Uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Nightly Reading: Please make sure that your child continues to read each night, we understand that things can get busy in the afternoons with other family commitments. But reading for just ten or fifteen minutes each night has been shown to be very beneficial for a student's learning.

Diary signing: Please also remember to sign your child's diary each night. The school diary is the key method of communication between a parent and teacher.

Drink bottles: Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school, as our bubblers are out of action.

Thank you,

Senior School Staff

Adam, Liam, Kim, Sue, Ebony, Louise, Di and Ray

Library



It's been fantastic having all the children back at school. I would like to remind everyone to please return any overdue library books as soon as possible.

Thank You
Mary

LOST PROPERTY

Lots of jumpers, drink bottles & containers etc **still** in lost property. Please come & check for any lost items by Friday 28th June. At the end of the term any containers still in lost property shall be donated to Vinnies.

REMINDER – please label your child's jumper and containers so that they can be returned. This includes updating names on second hand items Thanks



Photo Gallery

