

## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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## Newsletter—Week 7 of Term 3, August 25th 2022

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 Fairness Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: Being a Team Player
Awareness: Of What's Right / Rules
Action: Following the Rules

Special Welcome to our new Parish Priest Fr Jophin Joy

# Fathers and Grandfathers Day Breaky Next Friday, September 2 in the MacKillop Centre

We welcome Dads and Grandads from 8:15am for a breakfast of Bacon and Egg Muffins !!! This is also an opportunity for you all to walk through our school and to meet your child/ren's teacher/s.

"Every father should remember that one day his son will follow his example instead of his advice. Atnon"

## FATHERS DAY GIFTS STALL FRI 2 SEP THROUGHOUT THE MORNING

# Prep-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEXT FRIDAY, SEPT 2 FROM 9:15am

Our young students are introduced to the world of Track & Field with a rotation of Modified Events around our beautiful grounds. Kick off is pretty much straight after the Father's Day Breaky. Our Senior Aths Carnival is the following Friday, September 9.

BOOK WEEK NEXT WEEK; Stall in Library. Parade on Wednesday Morning (see full details attached)

## **First Communion and Confirmation**

Our six students celebrate their First Communion and are Confirmed in our Church next Friday, September 2 at 6:30pm. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers.

**TOMORROW FRIDAY 26th AUGUST PUPIL FREE DAY** 

Friday Aug 26

Friday Sept 16

Afternoon Assembly: Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Aug 29: Samuel B, Preston P & Isabella M; Mid N & O Sept 5: Jack K, Isabelle H & Hannah K; Mid M & H You can watch it live by tuning into our YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCChZRa2nKzF\_2muZ tn1eJqg

The link can also be found on our school website and is the same link for ALL Assemblies.

All Welcome!

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Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

<u>Dates to Remember</u> Pupil Free Day

Mon Aug 29- Thu Sept 1 Book Week & Book Fair

Wednesday, Aug 31 Book Parade Friday Sept 2 Schools Aths P-2

Father's & Grandpa's Breakfast

First Comm. & Confirmation

Friday Sept 9 Schools Aths 3-6

P & F Movie Night "Clifford the

Big Red Dog"
Footy Colours Day
Last Day of Term 3
2.15pm Finish

## Office News

## **PRIVACY POLICY**

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

## **SCHOOL FEES:**

Can Families please ensure Term 2-3 payments are made before the end of term.

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: 26<sup>th</sup> August & 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Monthly Debits 18<sup>th</sup> of each month.

A reminder that you can mark student absences on PAM.

The Term Planner can be viewed from the school website under news & events \ newsletters

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

## **Preps**

Our Preps have been having a wonderful time at school working each and every day to improve their Literacy and Numeracy knowledge and skills. They also really enjoyed many celebrations this Term such as our 100 Days at School and Assembly Prayer. Well done Preps!

### **Literacy & Inquiry**

In Literacy, we have been continuing our focus upon Fairy Tales. Our students have been learning about various fairy tales, and then transferring their learnt knowledge across to their writing tasks. In Writing, the students have been learning how to organise their thoughts and ideas and then use this plan to begin their writing. In Inquiry, the



students have been investigating Fairy Tales and exploring the structure and materials used to build things such as the Three Little Pigs' houses and the Billy Goats Gruff's bridge.









### **Numeracy**

In Numeracy, the students have been learning about 'Location.' They have been exploring ways to describe position and movement using language such as 'between', 'next to', 'forwards', 'backwards' etc. They have also been practicing following and giving simple directions by guiding a friend around an obstacle path and vice versa.

## Religion

In Religion, the students have been learning about 'Our Church.' They have developed their understanding of belonging as it relates to family, school, community and parish. We have identified the Church as a community of people who come together to celebrate faith and discussed that when we celebrate as a Church community, we feel like family.

## **Book Week**

Book Week is fast approaching! During this week the students will spend one whole week celebrating Australian books, authors and illustrators. The students will participate in many fun activities which highlight the importance of reading. As part of these activities the students are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Wednesday the 31st of August.

#### F-2 Athletics

The students have been practicing and preparing for the upcoming F-2 Athletics! They have been working on their fitness, stamina and learning different kinds of field sports. The event will take place on our school oval next Friday the 2nd of September from 9:15am. Stay tuned for further details via SeeSaw.

Thank you, Rach, Dave & Jane.















## **Juniors**

## Literacy

In Literacy we have been writing Recounts about our wonderful excursion to TwistED in Echuca. We are also starting Persuasive Writing whereby we are differentiating between fact and opinion. We are looking at the Comprehension Strategies of Visualising, Predicting and using our Reading texts to decide what is fact and what is opinion.

## **Nightly Reading Hints**

We ask that all students please read to an adult every night. Once completed please write the title and a small comment in their reader diary. Students will also be required to read every morning when they arrive at school before they go outside to play.



When reading at home together, before reading, predict the story, look through the illustrations using the language in the book, stop half way and share what you think might happen next and check your predictions at the end. Finally ask your child to retell the story to check comprehension.

## **SMART Spelling**

We are finding that many children are not completing their Spelling homework. We are only asking for children to do 2 nights a week. We check on Fridays. We congratulate those children who regularly

complete their work. We continue to challenge all children.



## **Numeracy**

In Numeracy, following on from our work on Addition over the past two weeks, we have begun to consolidate our previous learning in Subtraction. We are using a range of mental and written strategies to solve two and three digit sums. Students are enjoying challenging their knowledge and stepping outside their comfort zone. As teachers it is wonderful to see their 'aha moments'

#### Religion

In Religion, we are looking at Celebrations, focusing on the Sacraments. We are looking at The Last Supper and how we celebrate it at every Mass.

## **Inquiry - TwistED Science Excursion**

Last Friday the Juniors had a jam packed day of Science in Echuca at TwistED Science. Students participated in a 'Flash, Bang!' workshop that explored light and sound. All students were engaged in the experiments and thoroughly enjoyed wearing light diffraction glasses and discovering how to make sound using only a piece of string. Students were also given time to explore the PlayZone. The PlayZone had a range of Science related activities and experiments students could play with. A few highlight activities for students were the Dark Room, Plane Launcher and Air Pressure Wall.









#### **Specialist**

Students continue to have specialist classes on Wednesdays. Sport uniforms will also be needed on

# Fridays. Wednesdays.

Junior West: PE/Library Junior East: LOTE/ART

**Thursdays** 

Junior West: Music

**Fridays** 

Junior East: Sport

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. We continue to work together to provide the best learning environment for your child.

Jordyn, Joanie, Sara, Carolyn, Ally, Bern, Georgia and Sylvia.

## Middles

#### Marble Runs!!

We head into the final weeks of Term 3, full of enthusiasm and excitement as the chance to design and make our Marble Runs has arrived!!

## Why?

We are going through the design process and scientific method of design, make, predict and measure to apply what we have been learning about since the beginning of Term 3 in Inquiry / Science. We have focused our learning on forces such as; gravity, friction and magnetism. Building a Marble Run will allow everyone the opportunity to demonstrate what we have learnt in a fun and exciting way!

#### How?

Each student has the opportunity and choice to either work in pairs or independently.

The students have a design booklet, which details the journey from the initial ideas to construction. The booklet has sketches, planning, brainstorming, materials listing and any other information they need to be successful. The students cannot move to the next phase of the design process without thinking through and completing the previous phase. For example, they cannot move to construction, until they have a detailed plan with labels, materials and resources needed. They then need to source any materials they need!!

## When and Where?

Students will be working on their Marble Run at school only. This way, we can make it fair to all. Materials will be sourced from home and school. We have the opportunity to work on our Marble Runs two afternoons a week.

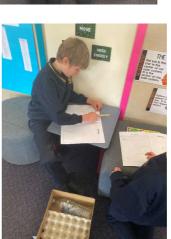
#### Celebrate

We will have an expo towards the end of Term 3 to celebrate the learning and success of the Marble Run journey!!



















## **Numeracy**

We continue to consolidate our core numeracy knowledge, skills and strategies. This is focused on identifying numbers, ordering / rearranging numbers to make them bigger or smaller, place value, number patterns, and addition and subtraction strategies. We focus on multiplication facts and quench our competitive thirst through "Shoot- Out"

This is part of our daily maths routine.

Our focus in Maths has been on Fractions. This is an area where we can link hands-on activities, through illustrating shapes and identifying and sorting collections.

In the Measurement strand, we have focused on "Time". We have begun to explore the many concepts of time, from years, months and days, to minutes and seconds. It is a great area to learn about, as many students bring real life connections to their learning.

### Literacy

Our focus in Reading is exploring informative texts; we have investigated the elements and structure of each text and can identify these in our reading. We have focused on text features such as; dot points, text boxes, pictures, diagrams, bold words and captions. We have discussed the purpose each of these features have in informative texts.

We have focused on comprehension strategies such as; locating important information, locating directly stated information, identifying specialized vocabulary and paraphrasing the important information. We continue using our Inquiry theme within our Reading and Writing, exposing students to texts connected to the Solar System.

Students have enjoyed researching the planets of the Solar System and all the wonderful new knowledge that comes with this.

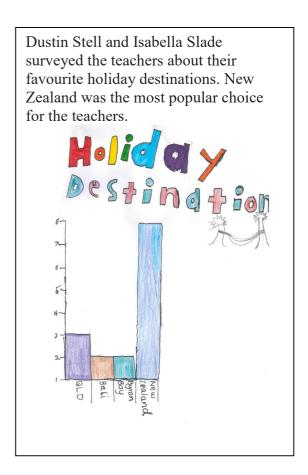
It is such an inquisitive area, where the "wonderings" of the students are only limited to their imagination!!

We use our whole school "Writing Process" to guide our work in writing, allowing for structured learning experiences. Other specific areas we have focused on are handwriting, grammar, punctuation and building vocabulary.

In the Middle School, we have a real focus on the values of St Mary MacKillop, which guide us in all aspects of our daily lives:

"NEVER SEE A NEED WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT"
At St Joseph's we..
Need to have a Positive Attitude
Need to be Active.
Need to take Action.

Mark, Kelly, Makayla, Ebony, Virginia, Deb, Amanda & Clayton



## **Seniors**

#### "We are the standard!"

As we continue in our daily living and learning routines, we look forward to longer days, warmer weather and opportunities to participate in a variety of extra activities. We expect our students to continue their high standard of behaviour and uniform in the Senior School and appreciate parent/family support!



## Lightning Premiership Wrap Up

The senior students represented our school proudly at the recent Lightning Premiership in Yarrawonga.

## Softball

Our softball team played well winning half of their games played, but unfortunately missing out on finals. We had some great help from several Grade 4s who joined for the day. The students demonstrated good fielding and teamwork skills. The batting line up hit well with some impressive home runs scored.



We had 4 teams representing our school, all teams played well and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to our Grade 5 blue team for winning their pool for the day.



Our football team showed the other schools the determination and courage of the St Joseph's Lions. All footballers played well and had a good crack on the day but missed out on the finals.

We are very proud of all who took part. You all had a go and did your very best, being humble in victory, gracious in defeat and representing our school in a most fantastic way.



Our soccer team had a brilliant day in Yarrawonga competing against a number of other schools. The day was packed full of constant movement between games and only a few breaks in between. The students did a brilliant job representing our school and had a fantastic day in the end. Special thanks to the Year 4 students who attended as well!

## **Production News**

Students who are involved in our Senior School production have been hard at work over the last few weeks, practising their lines and organising their costumes. For those students involved, be sure to practice at home the songs we are using, "Count on Me", "History".

We are excited to announce that we will be presenting our Production on the 15th of September, beginning around 2pm.



#### Science News

Students not involved in the Production have been taking part in a science unit with Mr Booth and Mr Tyndall. The topic of this unit is Volcanoes. The students have been researching how volcanoes erupt and have chosen one volcano to create a PowerPoint Presentation on. Over the next few weeks they will create a model replica out of paper mache and erupt these in Week 10.

## **Grade 5 St Mary of the Angels Transition**

Our Grade 5 students have been invited to St Mary of the Angels on Thursday the 1st of September for a transition day. The Grade 5 students will participate in a range of activities typical of a secondary college student. More information can be found on the permission note sent home on PAM.

### **Grade 6 Sandhurst Arts on Show**

Next Thursday 1st September, our Grade 6 students will head to Cobram to participate in Sandhurst Arts on Show. We have been practicing our singing and dancing and look forward to presenting. Parents and carers are welcome to the Josephium stadium at St Joseph's Cobram at 1.30pm.

More information can be found below and on the permission note sent home on PAM.



Thank you

Adam, Jez, Dom, Sue, Liam, Loreena, Ray, Karlene and Di.

## Sport News - Athletics Carnival

## Preps, Grade 1 & 2

The Sports Carnival for Prep through to Grade 2 will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September on the School Oval 9.15am.

## Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6

The Sports Carnival for Grade 3-6 will take place on Friday September  $9^{th}$  on the School Oval from **9.15am** – **3.00pm**.



Sports Uniform is to be worn with a dash of colour. eg. Ribbons, Zinc, Mascots etc. Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle.

Event times will be sent out with every student next week.

## **RE News**

Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and Friends of St Joseph's!
The RE team is currently updating our prayer table cloths! There are 4 colours and 16 classes requiring the cloths! That's a lot of sewing!! If you have an overlocker that will do a rolled hem I Would love a hand to get these sewn!!
With anticipation, Carol Lawless

Thank you to all for your generosity during Project Compassion. As a school we raised \$3255.25, which is an average of \$14 per student.





## Library

Next week, week 8, is our Bookweek celebration week.

A Book fair and a book character dress up day will be conducted as part of our celebrations. The Book fair will be set up in the library this year and will run from

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Books will be available to purchase before school (8.30-9) and after school (3.30-4) each day. If you wish, you are able to pay for books online and children collect them at school. Alternatively, books may be paid for at school. The school receives commission for the books sold and this commission is then used to purchase more books for our library.

Our book character dress up day will be

Wednesday, 31st August.

This is always an awesome day and this year we can once again welcome our parents/guardians back on site. The parade of characters will be held in the quadrangle and will commence at 9.15 a.m.

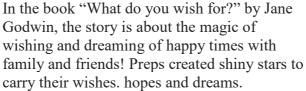
Everyone is welcome to attend both the Book Fair and the parade. Bookclub orders for issue #6 are due tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Mary



#### Art



Middle H and M made papier mache whales after reading the short listed CBCA book "Walk of the Whales" by Nick Bland.







Bindi is a book about 11 year old girl who lives in Gunduagurra country and how she explores climate, healing bushfires and planting She-oaks to help bring back the Black Cockatoo or Garrall. Middle H and M used their finger as a painting tool to create these paintings of the Black Garrall.



## Student of the Week

#### Sen S Erin McPherson

For continuing to develop her reading skills, particularly her fluency and expression. Excellent work Erin!

#### Harry Smyth

For his friendly and caring nature, and always being a positive influence in our classroom! Excellent work Haz!

## **Sen B** Isabelle Hangan

For her fantastic work ethic and dedication in preparing for her role in the production, keep it up Issy!

## Taylah Duggan

For her fantastic work researching and creating a poster about tornadoes, well done Taylah!

## **Sen K** Landon Muller

The effort he puts into his work and the positive way he takes on constructive feedback. Great work.

#### Nate Agnew

For working hard on your Explanation Writing about the life cycle of a galah. We can't wait to see the finished product!

## Sen T Sol Frost

For always being a fun, active member of Senior T. You are a pleasure to have in the class. Keep up the good work.

## Sophie Rosemeier

Working hard and being engaged in our reading time. Awesome effort Sophie, keep up the fantastic work.

#### Mid H Darcy Oswald

For his discussion, predictions and enthusiasm in our science experiments.

#### Ishaan Maharaj

For connecting his knowledge of multiplication facts with counting and the values money!!

## Mid M Xavier Hall

For composing interesting Solar System information into well constructed paragraphs. Super!

## Nicholas Hughes

For improving his decimal and fraction understanding, by seeking help when needed. Well done Nick!

## Mid N Ruby Laidlaw

For her positive approach she is displaying in Mathematics. It's great to see you willing to work hard at a problem. Well done!

#### Blake Button

For his exceptional work in Mathematics. Great work Blake!

## Mid O Eric Alexander

For taking his time in writing and trying to expand his sentences to make it more interesting!

## Tyler Burkitt

For working hard to catch up on his learning after being unwell. It is good to see you taking action.

## Jun S Max Boase

For his enthusiastic application to poetry writing this week. Well done Max.

## Stryder Voigt

For his enthusiastic participation and contributions in our 'Flash Bang!' workshop during our TwistED Science excursion.

## Jun A Harlen Few

For his friendly and thoughtful nature. Always aware of others and willing to give his time to those around him.

#### Violet Richardson

For taking risks to improve her reading and writing. You are growing in confidence and we are so proud of you.

#### Jun N Archer Harbor

For his outstanding commitment to improve in his reading. Congratulations Archer.

## Lola Feldtmann

For her inquisitive approach to all activities on our TwistED Science excursion.

## Jun W Maya Curtis

For always being an enthusiastic and productive member of our classroom, and for always demonstrating a kind and caring nature towards others. Well done Maya!.

### Avarni Peterson

For the enthusiasm and joy you brought to our TwistEd Science excursion.

## Prep M Leo Martin

For working hard in all learning tasks. Fantastic effort Leo!

## August Alston

For his excellent efforts in all writing tasks. Keep up the great work August!

## <u>Prep J</u> Sophie Caccianiga

For outstanding work during all learning tasks last week. Awesome effort Sophie and well done!

## Phoebe Mulcahy

For working hard to improve her writing skills. Awesome effort Phoebe and well done!

## **Principal's Award**

Term 3

Week 6: Sienna Lawless

Week 7: Jessica Osborne

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what they say and what they do.





## Triple A Social Skill Award

This is awarded to students in each class who display excellence in the Triple A Social Skill that we focus on each week. At St Joseph's we need to have a positive Attitude, need to have Awareness & need to take Action.

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 5

Patience: April Caccianiga, Ollie Mason, Billy Hicks, Zara Trimby, Henry Bau, Angelo Giunta, Sonny Dunstone, Chayse Maher, Ash Curtis, Elizabeth Trimble, Poppy Dobson, Castiel White, Jaiden McKellar and Tilly Schreenan.

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 6

Patience: Reuben Brown, Lola Keane, Kade Brennan, Oliver Tilley, Lexi Rees, Indi Rossborough, Axel Ramadge, Aiden Power, Dusty Newham, Nathanael Hubbard, Harrison Bannon, Matilda Bannon, Lilith Voigt and Blade Turvey.

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 7

Fairness: Tahlia Hampton-Dailey, Lewis Robertson, Zarliah Collins, Harry Mountney, Poppy Patching, Charlotte Farrant, Logan Jasper, Jess Green, Sophia McPherson, Tess McCracken, Hannah Kelly, Jamieson Shelton, Samuel Altoft and Bailey Harmer.

## Canteen

26th Pupil Free Day

29th Fiona McPherson

30<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

31st Helen Osborne

### **SEPTEMBER**

1st Sarah Burkitt

2<sup>nd</sup> Sheree Lawless

5<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

6<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

7<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

8<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

9th Helen Osborne

12th Fiona McPherson

13th Volunteer

14<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

15th Julia Campbell

16<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as a last resort let Marcella and Donna know in advance, so they are aware that they have no helper that day. If you are unable to commit to a permanent day each month but are available to help out when you see a volunteer required, please call Marcella 0409 622 589.

## Parents & Friends

The St Joseph's P&F have designed a new price list for their second hand uniform sales. The new price list is very affordable and makes it easy for parents and carers to understand the condition of the item they are purchasing.

Our second hand shop is located inside the St Mary MacKillop Centre, next to the canteen. The shop is open after our weekly School Assembly on Mondays until 3:30pm, or you can see Donna or Gayle at the office for other times that might suit better. Please note there are no EFTPOS facilities for purchases, CASH ONLY.

Please help St Joseph's Primary Schools commitment to recycling and sustainability. Your donations help our children understand that their once used items can have another life after they have outgrown them. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Saint Joseph's Primary School Parents And Friends Second Hand Uniform Price List

#### Winter Uniform

Item	Recommended Retail Price*	Condition	Discount	2nd Hand Price (round to nearest \$)
Polo T-Shirt	\$25.50	Very Good	50%	\$13
		Good	70%	\$8
		Fair	90%	\$3
		Very Good	50%	\$23
Windcheater	\$45.50	Good	70%	\$14
		Fair	90%	\$5
ALTERNATION OF THE PROPERTY OF		Very Good	50%	\$22
Winter Unisex Pant	\$43.99	Good	70%	\$13
		Fair	90%	\$4
Winter Skirt	\$68.99	Very Good	50%	\$34
		Good	70%	\$21
		Fair	90%	\$7
Winter Sports Track Pant	\$39.99	Very Good	50%	\$20
		Good	70%	\$12
		Fair	90%	\$4
Winter Hat Beanie	\$10.50	Very Good	50%	\$5
		Good	70%	\$3
		Fair	90%	\$1

\*R.R.P. from McPherson's Mensland as of 08-04-2022

Very Good Good

Near new condition.

Fair

Will have general wear and tear marks, including small stains or tears, fading or pulls, may have a missing button/s (replacement/s supplied) - please check to see if minor repairs are needed.

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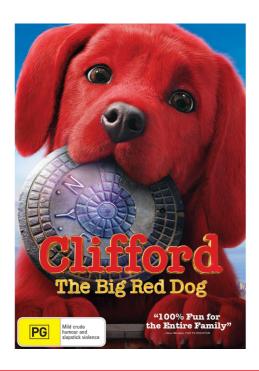
## St Johns Parish OSHC

Wow! Hasn't the term flown by! We have been busy with our usual activities of craft, baking, games, constructing and now that the weather is starting to warm up and the days longer, we can get outside for some games. The children are currently making gifts for their dads/carers/ grandparents ready for Father's Day next week. Bookings are now open via the My Family Lounge App for Vacation Care which again shall be running in the school holidays Tuesday to Thursday 8am -5pm. Children are to bring their own snacks, lunch & water bottle. Please see Donna in the office if you need any assistance with your booking.

The Before & After School Care program is certainly filling up so please make sure that you mark your child absent if they will be away so that the spot may be able to be filled. This also assists us with staff planning.

Thanks, Sue, Ash & Ally.

St Joseph's Parents & Friends Family Movie Night on Friday 9 September. More details to come.



## **Community Notices**

