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Newsletter—Week 11 of Term 2, June 27 2024

A Glimpse into the Past

Last Friday, our Senior Students visited the Catholic Cathedral in Bendigo, particularly the statue of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The statue was commissioned in 2010 to celebrate the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, as Australia's first and only Saint. Mary and her Josephite Sisters hold a very special place in our History and our Hearts as she opened our school in 1890, being the first Josephite School in Victoria.

What makes this statue even more significant and forever connected to the community of St Joseph's is the photo etched into the back of it. The photo captures the class of 1924 taken outside rooms 5 and 6. Some things haven't changed !

Please come and enjoy the display on the foyer.



Tomorrow Friday 28th June
Last Day of
Term 2
2.15pm finish



St Joseph's School - Newsletter



Division / State Champions

Aiden Power, Jasper Brown and Zarli Burkitt took on the best in North West Victoria at the Division Cross Country held in Benalla last Friday. Conditions were ideal for the children and the results reflected this. Zarli ran her 2km course strongly and will be better for the experience, coming in 21st. Jasper and Aiden had the arduous 3km run and both pulled off State Level placings. Jasper ran 10th with a 30 second personal best time while Aiden came an incredible 2nd place with a time of 11minutes and 20 seconds. Jasper and Aiden head to the State Finals in Melbourne on July 18.

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

**STUDENT
REPORTS
AVAILABLE
ON PAM**

And now it's time for a break ! I continue to marvel at the dedication and plain hard work of our staff and all of our families. We have toiled our way through 11 weeks of Living and Learning, managing freezing mornings and the shortest days so please, take some time to rest and enjoy some time away from our routines. See you all next term.

First Day of Term 2 - Monday 15th July



Today we conducted the finals of the Lions Club Public Speaking Event.

The categories were Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. The standard of presentation was amazing. Congratulations to all our participants.

Year 3/4 Winners

Jack Robertson & Mikayla Penny

Year 5/6

Jasper Brown & Sophia McPherson



Office News

SCHOOL FEES:

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time! Centrepay is also an option.

Next Fortnightly Debits: 28th June & 12th July.

Monthly Debits 18th of each month.

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

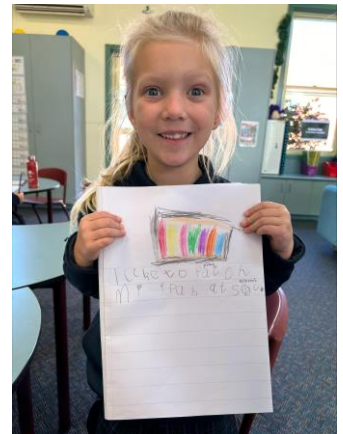
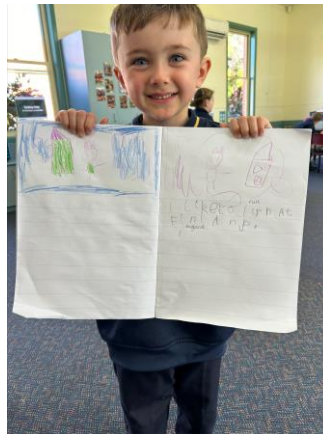
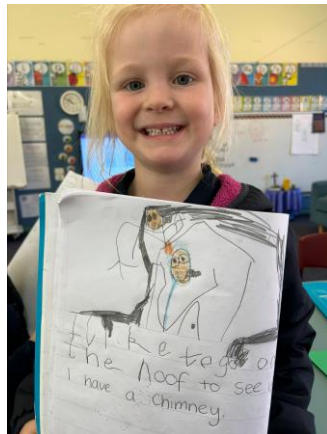
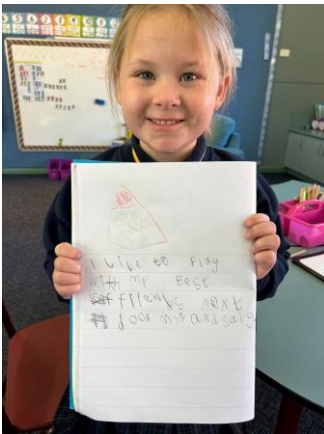
If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Donna at the office on 5862 1804

Preps

Congratulations to everyone for making it through Term 2. It has been a huge term! We can see the children are all looking forward to having 2 weeks' holiday.

Literacy

In Literacy this term the children have worked hard to participate in our Sounds Write program. They have practiced decoding words and writing sentences. We are so proud of how far the children have come and how much they have learnt. In the holidays we encourage the children to continue daily reading. We are sending home a booklet with sounds the children have been working on. The children can work through the booklet at their own pace.



Numeracy

Last week in Numeracy we were looking at collecting data and representing data on a simple graph. This was a fun topic and the children enjoyed exploring and answering different questions.

This week we are using math games to revisit the skills we have learnt so far this Term.

Religion

In Religion, students have been focusing on the unit 'God knows us and loves us. Students have been exploring the ways in which God loves us and understanding that God's love can be revealed through our families, friends and creation.

Inquiry

Next Term we will be exploring and learning all about the Olympics. It will be exciting to watch, support and cheer Australia in all the different sports as well as learn a little bit of history about the Olympics.

100 Day Celebration

Our 100 Day Celebration will be taking place on Friday 2nd of August. This year we will be encouraging the children to come dressed as a 100-year-old person.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
The Prep Team.

Juniors

A step back in History!

We have really enjoyed exploring History this term with the chance to look at how technology has changed the way humans live. Students have selected an item that we have learnt about to explore further and create past, present and future posters. They are excited about their ideas for future tv's, computers, vacuums, skateboards, cars, communication and dolls and can't wait to share these with peers. Keep your eyes peeled for these coming home at the end of the week!!

Persuasive Writing

We have seen some real passion during this writing topic as students have been looking at persuasive writing.

The Grade 2 students working with Mrs Arnel had fun reading their persuasive writing to the Grade 1s on 'Why grade Twos are the best year level in the school!' Here are some of their reasons:

- "Year Twos are role models. Preps and Year One students know they can look up to Year Twos and seek help when needed.
- "The Year Twos are brave. They come to the Year Two sleepover. That night gives them the opportunities to make memories.
- "I strongly believe Grade Two students are more independent as they can work on their own."
- "Firstly, Year Twos are responsible. Some Preps get overwhelmed because their buddies are too big so the Grade Twos should be buddies because we are similar height."
- "Year Two students set the standard for the Year Ones and Preps. Every Monday afternoon we have assembly, and Year Two students are very respectful"



When told the teachers were considering cancelling developmental play, students informed us of some great reasons why it is so important.

- “You get to exercise in developmental play because you are running, moving fingers, legs and arms.”
- “In developmental play you get to practice the Triple A’s and work with new friends”
- “You learn to build and make new things”
- “You can practice skills for a job like being a vet or a teacher”
- “We learn to solve problems and work together”
- “You get to have fun with your friends and teachers”

How to catch a Star Recount

By August A

Last Thursday the Juniors went to Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre because we were reading about the book ‘How to Catch a Star’ by Oliver Jeffers.

Firstly, I hopped on the bus with my friend Joel. The trip felt like hours! I was reading the whole time.

When we got there, we went to a park to eat our snack. I played a little bit of tag with my friends. Once we finished, we walked up the stairs and went to the Performing Arts Centre. We climbed up thousands of stairs to get to our seats. I did not expect that there would only be one character in the performance. It was amazing! After the actor said that he had to go and get fuel for his rocket we got to speak to the string quartette (the 4 string instrument group).

After the show we went to the park again to eat our lunch. When we finished eating, we played on the playground.

Finally, we strolled over to the bus. It was hilarious because my friend and I were making jokes. We were lucky because we were able to watch the ‘Paw Patrol’ movie.

I really enjoyed the day, and I will remember it for a long time!



By Dylan M

On Thursday the Juniors went to Wangaratta to see a play!

We went on the bus. I sat next to Skylar. We played rock, paper, scissors and I read a book called “The lost Bunny”. I was excited because there was no school work and we got to go and watch the book we had been reading “How to catch a star”.

We arrived and walked to the park to have a snack on the green grass. We walked to the play. It was called “How to catch a star”. I thought the play was funny. I also liked the musical instruments. Before we went back to school, we had lunch and a little play. Then the bus driver showed us the silo art.





By Caleb M

On a sunny Thursday morning the Juniors hopped on the bus. I sat next to Mac O.

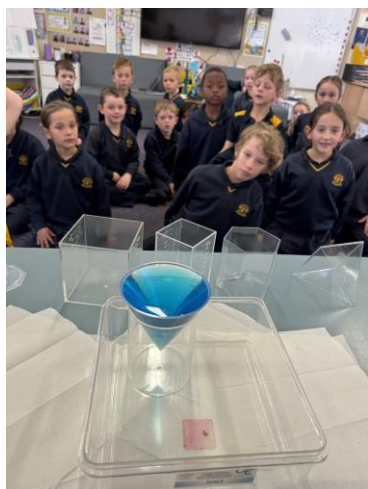
At the park Mac and I ran around to have some fun before we went to the show.

Then we walked in and sat at the top of the theatre.

My favourite part was when the boy caught a star.

There was one actor and four musicians. They were all string instruments. My favourite was the cello that made the noise of the seagull.

After the show we ate lunch at the park. I played on the swings. Then we got on the bus and watched paw patrol on the way back to school.



Numeracy

Our daily warmups in Numeracy focus on essential counting and place value skills. Students are getting more confident to take chances with skip counting patterns and identifying the value of digits within numbers.

The last few weeks have seen us measuring in lots of ways, both formally and informally. This topic has been a lot of fun with estimation and inquiry into hefting, length, and capacity.

Mrs Arnel has caused a lot of controversy with the question: What weighs more 1tonne of feathers or 1tonne of bricks. 😊 Who can you trick with this?

Homework (Routine continues)

Phonics A reminder that children have a phonics book with weekly focus words for children to practice at home. We encourage children to write these words at least twice a week.

Reading Logs 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.

Ideas for 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, check your predictions at the end. Finally ask your child to retell the story checking comprehension.

This year our Reading Logs have daily questions related to The Resilience Project. We love reading little notes left around the Daily GEM chat topic.

Some of our students are loving the Reward system tracking for the number of nights reading.



Specialist for Term 3

Students have specialist classes on **Wednesdays**. Children need to continue to wear their **sports uniform** every Wednesday and Friday. They also need to bring their Library bag each Wednesday.

Wednesday WEEKS 1-5

Junior West: *LOTE* and Art

Junior East: PE/LIBRARY

Friday WEEKS 1-5

Junior West: PE

Junior East: MUSIC

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Makayla, Jai, Sara, James, Joanie, Anna, Ally, Bern and Jane.

Middles

What a fantastic 11-week block we have had in the Middles! Term 2 was filled with incursions, artifact boxes, virtual excursions, and assemblies, all while building on our core and specialist subjects. I am pleased to say that our students and teachers alike have earned a well-deserved break as we continue through the winter grind, looking forward to Spring.

Our Literacy block has been action-packed, with our dynamic Sounds-Write groups continuing to build their phonics knowledge and responding to the text 'Danny, Champion of The World.' Students have deeply engaged in creating interesting narratives using the writing process and studying different fairytales. Our term culminates with the Junior Public Speaking Competition, hosted by the Numurkah Rotary Club. Students will deliver their speeches during Week 11, with the Grand Final on Thursday, June 27th. A few lucky students will be chosen to represent the school on stage in Term 3.

Our students have truly enjoyed challenging themselves through our Numeracy Groups, where they are tested before every unit to ensure they are engaged every lesson. This term, we have covered multiplication and division, time, length and area, and addition and subtraction. Students have loved moving their Maths Ninja through the levels as they master their multiplication number fact goals.



Throughout our Term 2 inquiry unit on Australian History, students worked hard to develop their research skills. We enjoyed a virtual excursion to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and researched information about genuine World War 1 and World War 2 artifacts. Our term will come to a crescendo with our Inquiry Project Expo, which will take place in your child's classroom on Friday morning.

Students have also been busy learning about the 7 Sacraments of the Church. It will be a very special time for those students undergoing the sacrament of Reconciliation, in preparation for their First Communion in Term 3.

Have a very well-deserved break, and we can't wait to see you for the second half of the year in Term 3!

Tim, Bre, Liam, Loreena, Sue, Amanda, Laura, Taylor & Kloe.

Seniors

As term two draws to a close, the Senior students are ready for a well-earned break. They have done well to maintain a positive standard of behaviour and represent themselves respectfully all the way through week 11. We hope the students have a great holiday and enjoy some time off.

Numeracy

We finished off the Units of Measurement sections of our curriculum with some fun activities, such as exploring Google Earth and searching for the perimeters and areas of different monuments around the world. We moved onto Time and explored the use of clocks, timetables, and 24-hour time. These are all valuable skills to learn and must be applied in day-to-day tasks.

Literacy

As the class novel "Wonder" concluded, it was evident that the students enjoyed the story and could take away important life lessons such as kindness, empathy, and respect. It was pleasing to see the students engaged and open to sharing their thoughts and opinions. We moved onto our public speaking unit, which saw the students write about an influential person in their lives. They did a terrific job preparing and presenting the speeches.

Inquiry

From weeks 8 to 11, we began exploring everything gold. The history of the Gold Rush is interesting as it took place quite close to our local area. The Seniors had the opportunity to travel to Bendigo, explore the goldfields, and head down into the mines. The Seniors learnt loads of information about the conditions, machines, and tools the miners had endured and used during that time. It was a great excursion that all the students enjoyed.



Winter Sports

The students have done a fantastic job participating in our winter sports program. This has recently involved playing Nathalia, Strathmerton and St Joseph's Cobram. In typical fashion, our students proudly represented the school and played with determination and spirit. Both the football and netball teams experienced some great wins. Next term, all Seniors will prepare to play in the Lighting Premiership in Yarrawonga.

Homework

Homework will be handed out each Friday and collected the following Friday. If students need help with their homework, there will be a Homework Club run each Wednesday lunchtime in the Senior North (S/DH) classroom.

If a student is away when homework is handed out, it is their responsibility to collect it.

In the Senior School our homework expectations are:

Reading / Diary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nightly reading for 15 minutes • Daily GEM task in diary • Parent / carer signature <p>Collected each morning.</p>	Maths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated worksheet • Continued practice of times-tables <p>Collected Fridays</p>	Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwriting or reading comprehension practice worksheet <p>Collected Fridays</p>
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Thank you,

Senior School Staff

Adam, Alli, Jody, Jeremy, Trevor, Di, Sam, Karlene and Ray.

Student of the Week

Sen S

Jemma Davies

For approaching her school days with a conscientious and enthusiastic attitude. We appreciate your efforts Jemma!

Indi Rodda

For striving for excellence in her class work. You have tremendous potential Indi, and we love to see you reach your goals!

Sen T/H

Mia Muller

For being a motivated and confident student with a great love of learning. We appreciate your positive and engaged attitude Mia!

Romeo Presland

In recognition of his diligent and respectful attitude as a school leader. You're an excellent role model Romeo!

Sen T

Blake Button

For working hard to improve his writing skills. Each week we can see your hard work is paying off. Keep it up mate.

Jasper Brown

For his incredible effort at the regional Cross-Country. We all know how hard you worked. Good luck at State!

Sen M

Everly Smyth

For being a dedicated student over the first semester. Your growth in maturity and confidence has been a great example for our class.

Axel Ramadge

For participating brilliantly on our excursion to Bendigo. Axel you asked and answered questions throughout our tour of the underground mine.

Mid A

Eden Doncon

For treating others the way that she would want to be treated. Well done Eden!

Harlow Bale

For being a good friend and treating others the way that she would want to be treated. Well done Harlow!

Mid L

Wil Foulstone

The effort he has been putting into writing his speech. Wil has been adding more detail to his writing and taking time to edit his work. Keep up the great work Wil!

Theo Harber

An awesome term of living and learning at St Joseph's. We are incredibly proud of how Theo has taken responsibility for his learning and shown significant growth in his maturity and leadership within the Middle North classroom. Well done Theo!

Mid B Max Boase

For always setting a wonderful standard in our classroom and his determination in writing at the moment, keep it up Max!

Flynn Keane

For his excellent work in preparing and delivering his speech about the Gingerbread Man. It was very entertaining, Well done Flynn

Mid K Caleb Campbell

For your hard work and dedication to learning, especially in Sounds Write sessions. Keep it up Caleb!

Charlotte Farrant

For doing such an amazing job presenting her public speaking today. You should be proud, Well done Charlotte!

Jun O Evie Van de Berg

For her improvement across all areas. You are becoming a strong, independent learner and should be very proud of yourself!

Mac O'Callaghan

For the excellent work he is doing in Sounds Write and trying so hard with his reading at school and home. Well done Mac!

Jun M Heath Ireland

For showing great understanding during our mathematics topic of length and demonstrating ways it is used. Awesome stuff Heath!

Derrick Waruingi

For the hard work he has put into his recount of our excursion to Wangaratta. Your writing and spelling are making great progress, well done Derrick.

Jun P Lola Keane

For consistently demonstrating our classroom standards and leading by example. Well done Lola

Tahlia Dailey

For her excellent work during our writing block. It has been wonderful to see you including extra detail to improve the quality of your work. Well done Tahlia!

Jun W Mason Green

For the excellent effort he has been putting into his work during our literacy block. Keep up the good work Mason.

Brydie Lawless

For always trying her best in all that she does and for always setting an excellent standard in the classroom. You are an asset to our classroom Brydie!

Prep N Rhett Wilson

For making great choices towards his learning and joining in group discussions, well done Rhett.

Addi Shannon

For a wonderful term of living and learning at St Joseph's. Well done for always doing your best and being a kind friend.

Prep J Sienna Sprunt

For working hard to improve her reading and writing skills this Term. Awesome effort Sienna!

Genevieve Sargent

For her improvement across all areas of the curriculum. You are becoming a strong, independent learner which is wonderful to see. Awesome effort Gigi!

Triple A

*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 Term 2:

Week 11 Listening: Toby McPherson, Jemma Lawless, Darcy Trimby, Tanisha Maharaj, Evie Clurey, Harper Gledhill, Indi Rossborough, Koby Boxel, Zara Trimby, Bella Curtis, All of Senior M, Noah Watson, Ella Mionnet and Emily Osborne.

LOST PROPERTY

There is still an abundance of school jumpers, drink bottles, lunch boxes and various containers in lost property. If you are missing items, please call in to see if they belong to you. At the end of the term, any unclaimed items shall be donated to Vinnies.

REMINDER – please label your child's jumper and containers so that they can be returned.

Thanks



Principal's Award

Term 2

Week 10 : Lenny Gledhill

Week 11 : Adien Power

*Living out the values of
Saint Mary MacKillop
through what they say and what they do.*



Canteen

June

28th

COMMUNITY NOTICES

July

15th **CLOSED**

16th **CLOSED**

17th **Volunteer**

18th *Gayle Morgan*

19th *Crystal Trimby*

22nd **CLOSED**

23rd **CLOSED**

24th **Volunteer**

25th *Elodie Aldridge*

26th *Tammie Rees*

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as last resort let Marcella know in advance, so she is aware that she has no helper that day.

OSHC News

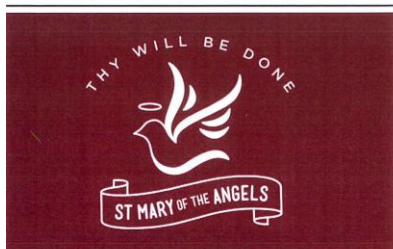
VACATION CARE

This term in Vacation Care, we are giving the children the opportunity to learn to sew. Also the children will have the opportunity to cook, craft including scrap booking, play games, nature walks and more exciting things to come. Stay Tuned! Make sure your children bring a coat, beanie to rug up for the many adventures to be had. Bookings are now open for Vacation Care, which shall be running again during the school holidays Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 8am to 5pm. The cost shall remain the same, \$60.00 per day with Child Care subsidies also provided. Children will need to bring their own lunch, snacks and water bottle.

If your child is already enrolled in the Before & After School Care Program, then you can book via the My Family Lounge App just like Before and After School Care, just make sure you select Vacation Care.

Looking forward to seeing you in Before, After or Vacation Care.

Sue, Shannon, Tash & James.



Come and explore your opportunities

Enrolments Close

Friday, 28th June 2024

For enrolment information please contact:
Ph: 03 5866 2222 or visit www.smota.vic.edu.au

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World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2024 Celebration

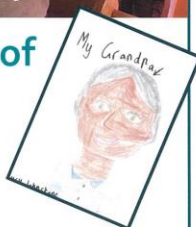
ON: SUNDAY 28th JULY AT: St John's Church



Grandparents Day 2023

Art Exhibition by the children of St Joseph's School featuring 'GRANDPARENTS'

Begins with **Mass at 10.30am**
(Children's Liturgy & Blessing of Grandparents)
Followed by **Special Morning Tea & Art Exhibition**
GRANDPARENTS are invited to bring a grandchild!
CHILDREN are invited to bring a grandparent !
(or elderly friend)



Winter Colouring Fun

Ritchies are running a Winter Holiday Colouring Competition. Entry forms available from Numurkah Ritchies or the school office.

Please hand all entries into your local Ritchie store by Tuesday 23rd July.

