



## THE WORD FROM ST. JOSEPH'S

*Always faithful to God, ourselves and others in the Spirit of the Mercy Tradition*

*St Joseph's promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children*

### TERM 4, VOLUME 20

8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### Week 10: December

8<sup>th</sup>: End Of Year Mass at  
12.00pm

##### Week 11:

11<sup>th</sup> - Dental Van Visiting

15<sup>th</sup>:

11<sup>th</sup>: End of Year Awards  
Ceremony at 9.00am

12<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Orientation  
CSC Orientation Day

13<sup>th</sup>: FLC walk to Post Office &  
Federation Park

Grade 6 Graduation  
Ceremony

14<sup>th</sup>: Grade 6 Graduation  
Excursion

15<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Term 4 for  
students

##### Week 12:

20<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Term for staff

#### 2024

##### Week 1: January - February

29<sup>th</sup>: First day of Term for staff.  
Office will be open 9.00am  
- 3.00pm

30<sup>th</sup>: School Closure Day

31<sup>st</sup>: First day of Term for all  
students

#### St Joseph's Weekend Mass

Saturday at 6.00pm  
Sunday at 10.30am

#### New Mass Times Commencing

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December

Saturday at 6.30pm  
Sunday at 11.00am

To the Community of St Joseph's,

As we approach the end of this remarkable year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we've shared as a school community. The final newsletter of the year is not just a farewell but a celebration of the bonds we've formed and the memories we've created together.

To those who are moving on to new adventures and challenges, whether it be in a different grade, school, or city, we bid you a fond farewell. Your presence has enriched our school family, and though you may be leaving the physical space, your spirit will always remain a part of St Joseph's. We wish you all the success and happiness in your future endeavors.

As we embark on the festive season, we want to extend our warmest wishes to each and every family in our St Joseph's community. May this holiday season bring you joy, peace and cherished moments with your loved ones. Let the spirit of togetherness and gratitude fill your homes with warmth.

On behalf of the entire school staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the upcoming year be filled with exciting opportunities, growth and continued success for both our students and their families.

As we close this chapter and open a new one, let's carry forward the friendships, lessons learned and the collective spirit that makes St. Joseph's a special place. Thank you for being an integral part of our school family.

**FAREWELL** ~ Earlier this year, CES People and Culture Team reviewed the Administration function for St Joseph's. This review was important to ensure that the service being provided to our School Community was meeting our needs both now and into the future. As a result of the recommendations from this review, I made the decision to reorganise the duties assigned within the Administration team and move from two positions to three, each with a dedicated area of support. This new structure also provides greater scope for supporting others during periods of high demand and periods of leave.

After consideration, Lisa Germani has decided to finish at St. Joseph's, with her last day of work being the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We would like to thank Lisa for her dedication and contribution to the St Joseph's School Community over the past 9 years and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

May God bless you and hold you in His loving care,

*Sarah Iddles*

Sarah Iddles  
Principal

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.00pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023: 9.00am at Katamatite  
: 10.30am at Cobram



#### 'Acknowledgement of Country'

We acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the land of the clans of the Yorta Yorta Nation.

## End of School Year Prayer

*As we come to the end of this school year, we thank you for your faithfulness and provision. We thank you for guiding us through the challenges and obstacles we faced, and for helping us to grow in knowledge and character. We thank you for the teachers and classmates who have supported and encouraged us along the way.*

*As we look back on the past year, we recognise our achievements and our failures. We pray that you would help us to learn from our mistakes and to continue to grow in wisdom and understanding. We pray that the lessons we have learned will stay with us and guide us in the future.*

*As we prepare to move on to the next phase of our academic or personal journey, we ask for your blessings and guidance. We pray that you would help us to discern your will and to follow your path, trusting in your provision and protection.*

*We ask for your blessings upon our teachers and classmates, as well. We pray that you would guide and direct them in the next steps of their lives and that they would continue to grow in knowledge and faith.*

*Finally, we offer our thanks and praise to you for all that you have done and all that you will do. May your love and grace be with us always.*

*In your holy name we pray,  
Amen.*



## RACE TO 100 FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all of the families who donated nonperishable food items for Cobram Food Share. On Tuesday morning, they picked up the **428** food items which were collected over the last few weeks and were so grateful for the generous donations from all.

Well done to our Grade 6 house captains for keeping track and motivating their peers to think of those in need at this particularly difficult time of year for many families in our community.

## FALLONS 2024 TOWN BUS FARE

The fare for town bus travel will increase in 2024. The cost is as follows:

One way:	\$1.40
Return:	\$2.80
Weekly:	\$14.00
Term:	
One way:	\$71.05
Return:	\$142.10

## FOUNDATION LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

As we near the end of another busy school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the FLC families for your ongoing support towards your child's learning this year. There have been many highlights to our year including; Teddy Bear's Picnic, Milo's Birthday Surprise, 100 Days of School and our Pevan and Sarah Excursion. We hope these memories will last a lifetime for the students.

Some reminders for the next week:

- We ask that any readers and library books are returned to school.
- Your child will be bringing home art work and books- please empty out their bag each day so that they don't get too heavy.
- We will be walking to the Post Office and Federation Park on Wednesday morning.

## JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

The JLC teachers would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our parents for the support that they have given us throughout 2023. We have had a wonderful year, sharing lots of learning and friendships with your children. The students have given us heaps of fun times while being challenged with new ideas and learning.

**Blue Folder:** Please return blue reading folders to school ASAP; the folders will be used again next year.

**Plastic Bags:** Please send along a plastic or reusable bag with your child to school. The students will be cleaning out their tubs early in Week 11; the bag will make it easier for the students to take their books home.

## MIDDLE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

We will be watching a movie on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, called Arthur Christmas. This movie is rated G.

**Assembly Prayer:** 3/4GK & 3/4NW are on prayer at the End of Year Awards Assembly, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.00am.

Thank you to our MLC families for a great year.

## SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

It was lovely meeting with you during the 3 way chats to celebrate the achievements of our students by sharing and discussing their end of year school report.

**Grade 6 Graduation Events:** A reminder that the Grade 6 Graduation is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. We ask that all Grade 6 students assemble at the barbeque by 5.45pm. Students are to wear their school uniform. We look forward to celebrating the conclusion of the students' Primary Education. The celebrations will continue on Thursday with their Graduation excursion. Please refer to previous correspondence about this day.

What an amazing year of friendship, learning and amazing experiences. A very busy year which has seen the students work together for the Festival of the Sacred, School Production - Rock Bottom and our camp to Canberra. The students have so much to be proud of and we, the staff of SLC are super proud of them also.

We wish all families a happy and safe Christmas and holidays and thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year.

## 2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



**Patrick  
Berry**



**Mia  
Lindhe**



**Amelia  
Siciliano**



**Jock  
McCormick**

## 2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS

### McCAULEY



**Hollie  
O'Loughlin**



**Mia  
Florance**



**Sadie  
Nye**



**Harrison  
McKenzie**

### AUSTIN

### MERCY



**Ayva  
Gumbleton**



**Harvey  
Boake**

### ELLIS



**Miley  
Eddy-Harbrow**



**Alivia  
De Palma**



to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday from **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**: Max Goodin, Brayden Lenssen (11<sup>th</sup>), Milana Vourgaslis (12<sup>th</sup>), Nixon Hendry (13<sup>th</sup>), Aiden O'Brien (14<sup>th</sup>), Charles Stronge (17<sup>th</sup>), Tyra Magee, Matilda Taylor (18<sup>th</sup>), Hamish Dunbar (19<sup>th</sup>), James Hickey, Ayla Sim (20<sup>th</sup>), Alexis Good, Tanner Hill (21<sup>st</sup>), Sebastian Santoro (24<sup>th</sup>), Zara Harwood (28<sup>th</sup>), Lachlan Weiss (29<sup>th</sup>), Finn Liddell, Adelyn Myles (30<sup>th</sup>).

Blake Power (1<sup>st</sup>), Aisha Demaio (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ayla Aksionov, Spencer Hay (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jett Bye, Tage Bye (6<sup>th</sup>), Phoebe Lewis, Allegra O'Dwyer, Charlotte O'Dwyer (10<sup>th</sup>), Ayva Gumbleton, Jax Zito-Brooks (11<sup>th</sup>), Nirvair Dhillon, Eloise Hourigan (12<sup>th</sup>), Jack Downie, Luca Perri, Chloe Wilson (13<sup>th</sup>), Mia Boru (14<sup>th</sup>), Bailey Aksionov, Johnathan Conti, Callum Kelf (15<sup>th</sup>), Ayla Mittner (17<sup>th</sup>), Frankie Mancini (18<sup>th</sup>), Banjo Boake, Harrison Fraser, Vincent Grasso, Grace Patterson (23<sup>rd</sup>), Alby Greatorex, Luca Raco (24<sup>th</sup>), Stella Padman (26<sup>th</sup>), Mitchel Good, Antonio Perri (27<sup>th</sup>), Maddison Welch (29<sup>th</sup>), Derek Muckenthaler, Arianna Siciliano (30<sup>th</sup>).

Luisa Raco (1<sup>st</sup>), Benjamin Padman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ella Crisafulli, Sienna Lenssen (3<sup>rd</sup>), Austin Chapman (4<sup>th</sup>), Louie Barber, Olivia Spataro (6<sup>th</sup>).

## COBRAM HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join the Skillzone team for an action packed Multi-Sports school holiday program. Participants will work in groups of 15 per coach and with children of similar age.. Dont forget to pack lunch & water bottle.

**Dates & Times**

**Dec:** 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th, 29th

**Jan:** 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 29th

8.00am - 4.00pm

**fee's**

\$35.00 single day booking  
\$149.00 full 5 day week booking

**BOYS & GIRLS**  
5-14 Years old

**SKILLZONE**

Register via website  
www.skillzonesports.com  
0400 615 145

**Cobram Sports Stadium**

# MAKERS MARKET

....Christmas Twilight Market....

@ St Joseph's Hall

Cnr William & Broadway St  
COBRAM Vic

**Friday December 8th 4 -8pm**

*Inside and Outside Stalls*

**Our Vibrant Christmas Makers Market brings beautifully crafted & unique products to fill your Christmas Stockings.**

**Moira Creative Arts Hubs**  
ARTS FOR ALL COBRAM

**5-DAY PROGRAM \$120**  
INCLUDES RASHIE & SWIM CAP

## Bush Nippers

**WHAT IS BUSH NIPPERS?**

Developed by LSV in response to the Victorian Government's emphasis on swimming and water safety curriculum, Bush Nippers aims to extend it's reach to children residing away from the coast. The program provides a unique educational experience, fostering lifesaving and water safety skills tailored to open water environments, including rivers. The program teaches essential water safety and lifesaving skills through enjoyable and interactive activities.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**Dates:** Mon 15 Jan to Fri 19 Jan 2024  
**Duration:** 5-day program  
**Location:** Thompsons Beach Cobram  
**Session Times:**

- Session 1 - 8:30am to 10:00am
- Session 2 - 10:30am to 12:00pm

**Participants:** Up to 40 per program

- Ages 5 to 13
- Parents are required to stay for the entire session, providing supervision
- LSV provide all equipment on the day
- \$120 (5 days) includes a rashie and swim cap

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