



## 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 16

13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### Week 2:

12<sup>th</sup> - MLC Swan Hill Pioneer  
13<sup>th</sup>: Settlement Camp

13<sup>th</sup>: Newsletter Day

##### Week 3:

16<sup>th</sup>: Grade 6 Life Relationships  
Parent/Student  
Information Evening

16<sup>th</sup> - Healthy Harold Life  
20<sup>th</sup>: Education Van

19<sup>th</sup>: FLC Pevan & Sarah  
Excursion

20<sup>th</sup>: Assembly at 9.00am  
Grade 2 Outdoor  
Education Program &  
Sleepover

##### Week 4:

23<sup>rd</sup> - JLC Water Familiarisation  
27<sup>th</sup>: Program

23<sup>rd</sup>: Grade 5 Values 4 Life

25<sup>th</sup>: 2024 Foundation  
Transition  
9.00am - 10.30am

27<sup>th</sup>: Newsletter Day

##### Week 5:

30<sup>th</sup>: Grandparents Day  
Morning Tea: 10.30am

1<sup>st</sup>: 2024 Foundation  
Transition  
9.00am - 10.30am

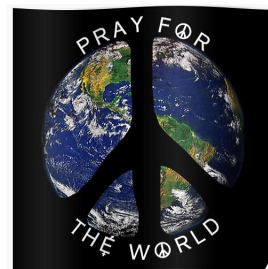
To the Community of St Joseph's,

It's great to be here for Term 4. Whether you're a student, teacher, or parent, I hope you have a productive and successful term ahead. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything related to school, feel free to ask. Let's make this term a fantastic one.

*To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror,  
especially the frightened children,  
be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.*

*And to those who have already lost their lives  
as victims of human cruelty,  
open wide your arms and enfold them all  
in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.*

*Grant this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Amen.*



**PARISH PRIEST** ~ Fr Junjun Amaya will be starting as our parish priest on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023. He will be sharing the Cobram and Yarrawonga parishes. Fr Junjun comes across from Wodonga. To read more about Fr Junjun:

<https://wodongacatholicparish.com.au/about-us/our-people/our-parish-priest/>

**CATHOLIC IDENTITY REVIEW** ~ In Week 7, we will undertake a Catholic Identity Review. This will support our recently completed NSIT review in Term 3, in developing our priorities and goals for the next 3 to 5 years.

**FAMILY FEE STATEMENT** ~ Family fee statements have been sent home this week. Payment of fees are to be finalised by the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (except those on direct debit, Centrepay or other arrangement). If you have any concerns about your fees, please make a time to see me.

**100 YEARS PAVERS UPDATE** ~ The pavers should arrive any day now. They will be laid along side the main entrance pathway into the school. We will provide photos as soon as these are done. Thank you again to everyone who purchased a paver to support our beautiful school turning 100, in 2022.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS** ~ The following days are school closure days: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November (day before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday) - Report Writing Day and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Victorian Curriculum Domain Mapping.

A letter will be emailed on Monday, in regards to the YMCA OSHC running a program on these days and the steps for enrolling. Stephanie Anderson from the YMCA will be onsite to support this process. More details will follow.

#### TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** School Closure Day - Report Writing. No students at school.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. No students at school.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** School Closure Day. No students at school.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

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

*Sarah Iddles*

Sarah Iddles

Principal

#### St Joseph's Weekend Mass

Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.30am

#### '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.



# SERVICE



Our Mercy Value and Sr Austin award focus this week is **SERVICE**. Sr Mary Austin was a Sister of Mercy and a very special person to the school community here at St Joseph's. She gave service to many people in need - visiting them, baking for them and praying for them.

*We can be just like Sr Austin and show service too.*

Some ways we can show **SERVICE** here at St Joseph's are:

- using helping hands, caring actions and kind words
- taking care of our environment (our common home)
- offering to do jobs for others
- being a good friend
- helping those in need when they need it most

What are some other ways you think you can show service this week?

Let's all try and show service to others today.



## SISTER AUSTIN MERCY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sr Austin Award for "**Respect**" in Term 3.

**FKH:** Oliver Wilson, **FST:** Domenico Siciliano, **FMP:** Owen Roache

**1/2TA:** Anna Hickey, **1/2HT:** Annabelle Haberfield, **1/2FC:** Talia Mancini, **1/2MH:** Evelyn Locke

**3/4TL:** Bailey Vegter, **3/4NB:** Emma James, **3/4NW:** Sofia De Palma, **3/4GK:** Sophia Nicosia

**5SG:** James Hickey, **5VO:** Alexandro Russo

**6KN:** Ruby Berry, **6SH:** Isla Startari

**Physical Education:** Johnathan Conti

**Italian:** Pippa Kneebone

**The Arts:** Vienna Verduci



## RESILIENCE, RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (RRRR)

MLC and SLC will be covering Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) over the coming months. These modules are informative and the teachers will cover topics from positive gender relationships to gender and identity. These modules can leave children with questions that they may come home with. If you would like further information please email the specialist team.

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to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday from **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**October:** Maeve Bamford, Ty Madgwick (16<sup>th</sup>), Antonio Raco (17<sup>th</sup>), Isabelle Foster (18<sup>th</sup>), Esme Adnams (19<sup>th</sup>), Jordan England, Joshua England (20<sup>th</sup>), Giovanni De Palma (22<sup>nd</sup>), Valentina Sicilano (23<sup>rd</sup>), Lleyton Ryan (24<sup>th</sup>), Oliver Edwards (25<sup>th</sup>), Evelyn Locke (26<sup>th</sup>), Tamaiti Miller-Horne (27<sup>th</sup>).



# OUR MISSION

This term, our students are developing an understanding and appreciation of **mission** and the call to mission through Scripture, story and the study of contemporary lives.

Students are invited to develop and implement ways to continue the mission of Jesus in the school and community.

**IN 2022, WE DONATED OVER 700 ITEMS! EACH OF OUR SCHOOL HOUSE TEAMS WILL ONCE AGAIN, RACE TO COLLECT 100 FOOD ITEMS!**

- We will be donating to Cobram Food Share
- Please bring in a non-perishable food item to donate
- Collection will begin next week and run until the end of Week 9
- We would love to donate these by the end of term, to support families in our community before Christmas

**The first HOUSE to collect 100 items will receive 1000 house point to the house total.**



## REMINDERS

**No Hat, No Play:** All students must wear their school hat at recess and lunch time in Term 4, in accordance with the SunSmart Policy. Please ensure their name is on their hat. Hats are available for purchase from Worklocker.

**Water Bottles:** Students are to bring a water bottle to school each day.

Please ensure that your child has these important items at school each day, especially as the days are getting warmer.

**Ventolin:** Please ensure your child has their Ventolin with them at all times. If your child medical condition has changed, please contact the office.

**School Uniforms:** School uniforms are available for purchase from Worklocker.

## PBIS WEEKLY BLITZ



**Always Safe**



**No hat,  
No play.**





## FOUNDATION LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Water Familiarisation Program:** We have had a great week at our Water Familiarisation Program. We are very proud of the students' willingness to challenge themselves and have seen great progress over the week. Thank you to our parent volunteers, who helped with the running of the program. Without your help, we would not have been able to go ahead.

**Pevan & Sarah Excursion:** We look forward to our excursion on Thursday in Shepparton to watch the 'Pevan and Sarah' concert and to explore the KidsTown Adventure Playground. Please ensure you have read over the excursion information and given permission on PAM. A reminder letter will be emailed on Monday.

**Literacy & Inquiry:** We are very excited to be hatching baby chicks as part of our Literacy and Inquiry units. We are focusing on the book, 'Rosie's Walk' and are learning about Living Things during Inquiry.

**Assembly:** We invite families to come and join us as we lead Prayer at Assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Grade 2 Sleepover:** Our Grade 2 Sleepover is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Students will stay after school on Friday and be picked up by a parent on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023, at 7.30am. A reminder letter will be emailed on Monday with a list of items to bring. Bags are to be dropped off to Room 3. If your child is on any medication, please contact the office for a Medication Form. Medication is to be given to your child's teacher on Friday morning.

**Water Familiarisation Program:** The JLC students will be participating in their Water Familiarisation Program, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please ensure you have completed the consent form on PAM.

We require at least 4 volunteers each day, for this program to run. If you are able to help and have a current Working with Children Check, or willing to apply for one, please contact the office.

## MIDDLE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Camp:** Our MLC students headed off to Swan Hill Thursday morning for their camp, at Pioneer Settlement. We have had a great first day, participating in lots of different activities.

We are expected to arrive back at school by 3.30pm. If this is any different, a text message will be sent to parents.

**Water Familiarisation Program:** The MLC students will be participating in our Water Familiarisation Program from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We will require at least 4 parent volunteers each day, for this program to run. If you are able to help and have a current Working with Children Check, or are willing to apply for one, please contact the office.

## SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

What a frenetic start back into Term 4. We started the term with our Water Familiarisation Program. Thank you to our parent helpers who volunteered during the week and a special thank you to Mr. Powell for being there at every session.

The literacy text we are studying this term is C.S. Lewis' 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'. The students are loving reading and being read the text. We are really looking forward to where this book will take us over the next few weeks.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 of Book Club was sent home last week. Orders can be placed online or sent to school in an envelope with payment up until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Details explaining how to order online are on the back page of the catalogue. If using the online LOOP system to order, please ensure you enter your child's class from the selected menu using capital letters and no spaces. e.g. FST, 1/2FC, 3/4NB, 5VO and 6KN.

Books always make great gifts for birthdays and other special occasions; remembering Christmas is just around the corner. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Natale at [carmelnatale@sjcobram.catholic.edu.au](mailto:carmelnatale@sjcobram.catholic.edu.au)

## DIVISION ATHLETICS

36 students represented St Joseph's School at the Division Athletics in Shepparton on Monday. The behaviour, sportsmanship and endeavour shown by all our students was admirable. 7 students are competing in the Regional Athletics in Albury today. We wish the following students the best of luck in their events today: Alec Corso (100m & High Jump), Isabelle Hourigan (High Jump), Hollie Shead (100m), Ben Padman (100m), Annabel McQualter (100m), Mia Lindhe (800m) and Ruby Berry (1500m).

## COBRAM AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The students are working hard on their final copies of story writing, poems and handwriting and choosing their artwork for the Cobram Show. Please make the time to go and check out all our beautiful artwork that will be displayed on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October at the showgrounds.





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OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE  
SUPPORT, EDUCATION, FUND  
RESEARCH AND DRIVE ADVOCACY  
FOR MELANOMA AND  
NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCERS.

MATT SMITH VAUGHAN SADLY  
PASSED AWAY TO MELANOMA  
AND HIS LEGACY WAS TO  
ENSURE EVERYONE LIVES A SUN  
SMART LIFESTYLE.



### follow SUN SAFETY RULES



### KNOW THE SKIN CANCER alphabet

- A** **Asymmetry:** Moles that have asymmetrical appearance
- B** **Border:** Uneven, scalloped, jagged or notched borders
- C** **Colour:** A mole with more than one colour
- D** **Diameter:** The diameter of mole is usually larger than a pencil eraser,
- E** **Evolution:** Moles that evolve suddenly in size, shape, colour, crusting, itching or other traits.

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH YOUR SKIN SO  
THAT YOU'LL NOTICE CHANGES

To help promote the importance of applying sunscreen during the day, we would like you to talk to your child/children at home and ensure your child has roll on sunscreen in their bag for them to use at school. As a school, we will encourage students to wear sunscreen, talk about it at assemblies and promote it through the newsletter and social media.



### Jay's Mission Melanoma Walk

1 Episodes  
Documentary

Watch on




# 2023 TRI STATE GAMES

## 12-17 NOVEMBER

Promoting active participation, friendly competition and positive social interaction to people with disabilities.




MULWALA PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

# MULWALA KITE FEST

KITE DEMONSTRATIONS, KITE SALES, FOOD TRUCKS  
MARKET STALLS, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & MORE

22ND OCTOBER 2023  
9AM - 1PM  
@ LONSDALE RECREATION  
RESERVE  
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