



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 17

27TH OCTOBER 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 4:

27th: Newsletter Day

Regional Basketball in Shepparton

Week 5:

30th: Grandparents Day
Morning Tea: 10.30am

1st: 2024 Foundation Transition

9.00am - 10.30am
FLC Skillzone

3rd: Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion

Week 6:

6th: **School Closure Day:**
No students at school

7th: **Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

8th: 2024 Foundation Transition
9.00am - 10.30am

FLC Skillzone

10th: Assembly: 9.00am
Newsletter Day

Week 7:

15th: 2024 Foundation Transition
9.00am - 10.30am
FLC Skillzone

17th: **School Closure Day:**
No students at school

To the Community of St Joseph's,

What a busy start to Term Four. This term, we warmly welcome Kye Roberts to the Wellbeing Team. Kye comes to us with a Bachelor of Psychological Science, majoring in Child and Family Studies. Tam and Kye are available to support you and your child with anything in the Wellbeing space.



WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2023: FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER ~ Our teachers inspire, empower and shape the future of our students. Let's take a moment to show our appreciation for our wonderful teachers for their tireless efforts, support and positive impact they make every day. Whether it is a kind gesture or simple message of gratitude your kindness means the world to them.

Thank you teachers for making the world a better place.

*Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers,
look upon our teachers with love.*

*Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds
and to never give up on us who fall behind.*

Bless their hearts for they rejoice when we succeed and encourage us when we fail.

Bless them with gentle patience for the path of learning is never easy.

*Kindle a spirit and passion in them,
it is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us*

Help them see the potential in each student as their belief in us means much.

*Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning
as it shows us to not fear new knowledge.*

Inspire them to touch the future

as they influence how big we dream for ourselves.

Bless our teachers who have come before for their work endures to this day.

*Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers
to build up with their words, to love with their mind and to share with their heart.
Amen.*

2024 TRANSITION PROGRAM ~ On Wednesday, we welcomed our 2024 Foundation students to school. It was an exciting day for them as they spent time completing activities and getting to know their way around the school. Some bounced through the door, while others took a little while to adjust to their new environment. These are very valuable days, giving our new enrolments the time they need to transition positively into school and be ready when the big day finally comes around.



FAMILY FEE STATEMENT ~ Payment of fees is to be finalised by the 30th 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.

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

Sarah Iddles

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Principal

'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.

St Joseph's Weekend Mass

Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.30am



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 “**Justice**” for weeks 1-3.

FKH: Ella Crisafulli, **FST:** Aiden O'Brien,

FMP: Nate Sim

1/2TA: Finn Liddell, **1/2HT:** Harriet Hughes,

1/2FC: Eloise Hourigan, **1/2MH:** Hannah Edwards

3/4TL: Phoebe Lewis, **3/4NB:** Jack Brown,

3/4NW: Hunter Verde, **3/4GK:** Gurpartaap (Garry) Gill

5SG: Hollie O'Loughlin, **5VO:** Chase Bourke

6KN: Benjamin Padman, **6SH:** Hope Goldsmith

Physical Education: Jack Corrin

Italian: Xavier Anastasio

The Arts: Tage Bye



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.



MHA CARE
The right care for you



REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Well done to 8 of our students, who competed in the Regional Athletics in Albury.

Congratulations to Annabel McQualter, who finished 1st in the 100m for her age group.

Annabel will be competing in the State Championships on Wednesday 1st November 2023. We wish her all the best.



WATER FAMILIARISATION PROGRAM

Students from Foundation and Grade 1/2 have enjoyed our Water Familiarisation Program, at Barooga Aquatic and Recreation Centre, over the past few weeks. This program creates an opportunity for students to develop their water safety skills. The Middle Learning Community will be participating in this program in week 8.

Thank you for encouraging your child to come to school organised each day with all they needed to participate. This was a great support to the teachers and ensured your child got the most from the program. Thank you also to the many parents who came along to help throughout the week. As always, we greatly appreciate your time and support.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ~ SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day is on Saturday 11th November. We invite families to join us at the service. This will commence at 10.45am at the Cobram War Memorial.

NAPLAN 2023 SURVEY

With NAPLAN moving from May to March this year and changes to reporting implemented, ACARA is keen to hear from parents and carers on these changes.

The feedback will be captured via a survey from 9th October to early December 2023.

A link to the survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRTZCHN>.



to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday from **Sunday 28th - Saturday 11th**

November: Joe Skoknic (29th), Leo Demaio, Audrey James (31st), Alivia De Palma, Anastasia Kerr-Wentworth (2nd), Harrison Mynard (3rd), Tawhiri Horne (4th), Robert Fraser (6th), Artie Murray (7th), Isla McPherson, Chayse Parry (9th), Robert Goodin, Nithish Jayarathne (10th).

FOUNDATION LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

FLC Excursion: We had a wonderful time on our excursion in Shepparton last week. The students really enjoyed the Pevan and Sarah Concert and had a fun time playing at KidsTown.

2024 Foundation Transition: On Wednesday, we welcomed the 2024 Foundation students for transition. Our current students should be proud of how flexible they have been during this time.

Reminder: As the weather is now warming up, please ensure that your child has their hat and drink bottle at school daily.

JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

Grade 2 Sleepover: On the 20th October, the Grade 2 students stayed overnight at school. The students participated in some games with Skillzone, had a quick run in the sprinklers, ate a sausage sizzle for dinner and watched a movie. All the students and teachers had a fantastic time.

Swimming: This week, JLC have been participating in the Water Familiarisation Program, where they have been learning about water safety and practicing their swimming skills. Students have enjoyed learning new skills and getting to have some fun in the pool.

Lost Property: We have 2 pairs of boys underwear, found after our Water Familiarisation Program and a black sock left from the sleepover. Please see Mrs Allen if they belong to you.

MIDDLE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

Water Familiarisation Program: The MLC students will be participating in our Water Familiarisation Program from Monday 20th November - Friday 24th 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

Placement Teacher: We welcome Georgia Nicholson to the Senior Learning Community. Georgia is working in Grade 5 as a Student Teacher. Georgia is in her final year of study and this is her final placement.

Prep photos: As the end of the year approaches, our Grade 6 Graduation preparation begins. One of the highly anticipated parts of Graduation is the Prep & Grade 6 photo slideshow. If your child did not complete Prep/Foundation at St Joseph's, can you please forward your child's prep photo to their child's teacher for scanning.

Canberra Camp: The excitement for our camp in Canberra is building. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Life Relationships: Thank you to the Grade 6 families who attended the 'Life Relationships' meeting last week.

Student Achievements: Students have worked hard this week to complete a variety of testing in readiness for our report writing. We would like to congratulate all students on their dedication and determination, and for their desire to grow and improve.

ST JOEY'S LOVE LITERACY

How does vocabulary contribute to reading success?

When children have a large 'spoken' vocabulary, meaning they use and understand lots of different words, they are well placed to recognise and understand those words when they see them when reading.

Oral language development plays a crucial role in a child's journey towards proficient reading and writing. It is the foundation upon which literacy skills are built.

What can you do at home to support your child's learning in oral language development?

- Become 'word aware' as you read aloud. One of the best places for children to hear new words used meaningfully is in great children's literature. Comment on words you know are new to your child. What do they sound like, what could they mean, what do they remind you of?
- Get your children to become 'word detectives' when out and about. Notice new and interesting words on street signs, at the zoo or museum, on menus or on pamphlets.
- Use a wide vocabulary when speaking to your child. Encourage children to ask the meanings of unfamiliar words and to use new words in their own spoken communication.

COBRAM AGRICULTURAL SHOW

If you are attending the Show this weekend, be sure to visit the Art/Craft Pavilion, to have a look at the amazing exhibits students have created throughout the year. The students have also written some awesome stories and poems, which will be displayed in the Writing Section. They get a buzz out of seeing their work on display; giving them a moment to shine and share their efforts with you.

Thank you to the teachers for their efforts in encouraging and providing the students with the opportunity to enter their work. We also thank the volunteers, who spend countless hours pre-show organising and displaying the exhibits. Thank you everyone and enjoy.





COLOUR FUN RUN

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

2PM

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP
DISTRIBUTE COLOURED SPRAY
THROUGHOUT THE COURSE, PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE.

2023 TRI STATE GAMES

12-17 NOVEMBER

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



>>> CINNAMON DONUT FUNDRAISER

RECESS -
TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS THE YEAR 6 GRADUATION
EXCURSION



\$2
each



PBIS WEEKLY BLITZ

Always Safe

No hat,
No play.



AUSTRALIAN SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION

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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.



SUN SAFETY RULES

- PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE SUN
SUMMER • 10AM - 3PM
WINTER • 11AM - 2PM
- WEAR A BROAD BRIMMED HAT
- WEAR SUNGLASSES
- WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
- USE + REAPPLY SUNSCREEN EVERY 2 HOURS
- SEEK SHADE

KNOW THE SKIN CANCER alphabet

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| 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