



## 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 18**

**10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Week 7:

13<sup>th</sup>: Tri State Games Parade & Opening Ceremony  
9.15am (Whole school)  
  
SLC Tri State Games Volunteering (selected students)

14<sup>th</sup>: Donut Day Fundraiser  
  
2024 Fete Meeting at 5.00pm

15<sup>th</sup>: 2024 Foundation Transition  
9.00am - 10.30am  
  
FLC Skillzone  
  
Catholic Identity Review

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

#### Week 8:

20<sup>th</sup> - MLC Water Familiarisation Program  
24<sup>th</sup>:

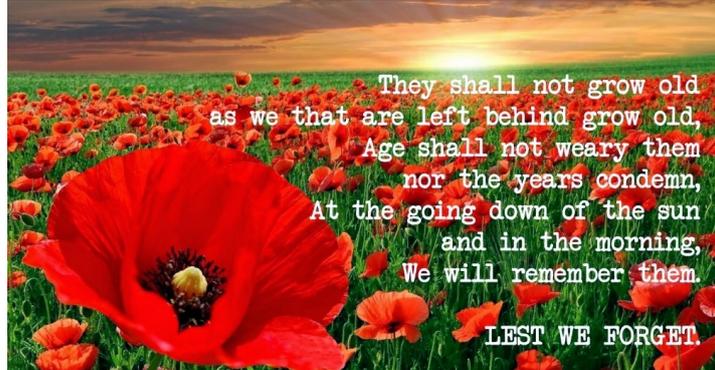
20<sup>th</sup>: School Advisory Council Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> - SLC Canberra Camp  
24<sup>th</sup>:

22<sup>nd</sup>: FLC Skillzone  
  
2024 Foundation Transition  
9.00am - 10.30am

24<sup>th</sup>: FLC & JLC Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion  
  
Newsletter Day

To the Community of St Joseph's,



**2024 CLASS STRUCTURE** ~ I would like to inform the school community of some exciting news regarding a change at St. Joseph's Cobram, that will positively impact the educational experience of our students.

We have had, straight Foundation, Year 5 and Year 6 for the past few years, with our One/Two and Three/Four being composite classes. Commencing in 2024, St. Joseph's will be operating in single stream classrooms for all students from Foundation to Year 6. This decision has been made after careful consideration for the operational needs of the school and is in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the new Catholic Education Multi Employer Agreement.

I want to assure you that this decision was not taken lightly, and it was made after thorough consultation and careful consideration of the needs of our students. I believe that this change will have a positive impact on our school's overall operations and will help us maintain a high standard of education.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and wellbeing of your children. We are excited about the positive impact this change will bring to our community.

**CATHOLIC IDENTITY REVIEW** ~ On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we are having a Catholic Identity Review. This comprises of a panel of three people from Catholic Education Sandhurst, David Walker, Paul Bissinella, and Dolly Gerges, who will spend the day talking with staff, students, and parents.

The Religious Education curriculum to be taught in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sandhurst is Source of Life, as promulgated by the Bishop of Sandhurst, as the mandated curriculum. Religious Education leadership is crucial in animating the Catholic Identity of the school.

The Principal and others have the responsibility for religious leadership in the school. We look forward to showcasing all the wonderful aspects of Catholic Identity at St. Joseph's. A huge thank you to Francesca Crea, Teresa Allen, and all the staff who have contributed to gathering the evidence we need to show the panel. We look forward to hearing commendations and recommendations to move forward into 2024, to make St. Joseph's even stronger.

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.



# HOSPITALITY



Our Mercy Value and Sr Austin award focus this week is **HOSPITALITY**. Sr Mary Austin was a Sister of Mercy and a very special person to the school community here at St Joseph's. She was someone who was very hospitable, she was friendly and always welcoming others into our church and her home.

*We can be just like Sr Austin and be hospitable too. Some ways we can show **HOSPITALITY** here at St Joseph's are:*

- welcome visitors into our school and learning spaces
- greet people (good morning, good afternoon)
- share your knowledge with others
- hold open doors for people coming into a room
- start conversations with people
- share belonging and resources to help others

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



Let's all try and be more hospitable today.

## SISTER AUSTIN MERCY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sr Austin Award for "**Service**" for weeks 4 - 6.



**FKH:** Chayse Parry, **FST:** Alex Grasso,  
**FMP:** Liana Raco

**1/2TA:** Asha Downie, **1/2HT:** Robert Fraser,  
**1/2FC:** Lynique Oosthuizen, **1/2MH:** Luca Raco

**3/4TL:** Airlie Jackson, **3/4NB:** Isabelle Hourigan,  
**3/4NW:** Matilda Doyle, **3/4GK:** Adam Stronge

**5SG:** Miley Eddy-Harbrow, **5VO:** Charlotte James

**6KN:** Ada Kennedy, **6SH:** Demi Gemmill

**Physical Education:** Evie Aldridge

**Italian:** Benjamin Padman

**The Arts:** Ruby Florance

## TRI STATE GAMES PARADE & OPENING CEREMONY

The whole school will be attending the Tri State Games parade and opening ceremony at Mivo Park on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We will be walking to Mivo Park at 9.15am and returning to school by 10.30am.

## RUN 4 FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION

What a wonderful display of colour last Friday. The students had a great time getting splashed with colour. Thank you to parents who volunteered to squirt the colour on the students and to the families for their fundraising efforts. Thank you to Felicity North for organising our event.

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION DATES

End of Year Mass and Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 12.00pm

End of Year Awards Ceremony: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.00am.



# 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*

## FR. CORCORAN'S FAREWELL LUNCH

Everyone is invited to celebrate Mass with Fr Corcoran on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am, followed by lunch at the Italian Social Club at 12.00pm. A 2-course meal will be served at \$20 per head. Drinks can be purchased at bar prices. RSVP to Veronica Perra by the 8<sup>th</sup> December - 0407525088. With limited seating we suggest you **BOOK EARLY**. Due to limited seats, payment is due when booking by sending money into the school office in an envelope marked Fr Corcoran's Farewell Lunch with names of attendees and a contact number.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ~ SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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



to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday from **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Ava Demaio (14<sup>th</sup>), Sebastian Mancini, Lydia Noonan (15<sup>th</sup>), Madison Rodgers, Domenico Siciliano (17<sup>th</sup>), Ameliah Vyner (20<sup>th</sup>), Claudia Grasso, Luca Santoro (25<sup>th</sup>).

## JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Lost Property:** We have 2 pairs of boys underwear, found after our Water Familiarisation Program. 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 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

**Tri State Games:** On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, twenty SLC students have been chosen to help out with the running of the Tri State Games. These students are looking forward with anticipation to this event. A letter was emailed to these parents on Wednesday.

**SLC Canberra Camp:** A final camp letter was emailed to parents and also sent home as a hard copy on Wednesday. This is an extremely important letter and we ask that all parents read it carefully.

## ST JOEY'S LOVE LITERACY

### Fluency

#### How does fluency contribute to reading success?

Reading fluency refers to the ease with which children read. When reading aloud, fluency is affected by accuracy, rate and expression. To assist children to practise reading fluently in the early years of school, teachers often ask them to read aloud, easier or familiar books. This lets children read confidently as they automatically and accurately recognise words, read at a rate that sounds more like spoken language, and use a range of expression, intonation, pauses and rhythm.

Fluency makes oral reading lively and allows the author's message to be communicated clearly. Reading fluently gives young readers confidence in their own ability as readers and helps them to be interested and motivated, and to enjoy reading.

#### How can families encourage fluency at home?

The best thing parents and caregivers can do to encourage fluency at home is to demonstrate it.

- Read and reread favourite books.
- Read aloud with emotion in English or your first language.
- Invent sound effects when reading.
- Use different voices to indicate the characters and narrator.
- Change your volume, tone and pace as you read different parts of a book; perhaps slow down at a scary bit or speed up at a tense point.
- Have fun and enjoy yourself and your child will enjoy themselves too.
- Listen to audio books together with your child. Many children's books can be downloaded in audio form from your local library.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Asha Mustica, who won best overall poem at the Cobram Show. Her poem was judged best poem overall, out of every poem from every school in every year level. An amazing achievement. You can read her poem below.

### THE BRIDGE

*As I peak out the window,  
In shines the moonlight.  
Sending a shiver up my spine,  
It gleams on the dark and gloomy night.*

*The light hits a figure in the distance,  
His deflated swag sways slightly.  
Rumour have it he was an extreme explorer,  
He lays in the bitter cold curled up tightly.*

*The stream trickles under the bridge.  
He cupped his hand ready to pray,  
I get a whiff of his stench.  
The locals say hide hide hide away!!!*

*These days he is always there under the bridge,  
Days come and go.  
Time ticks by and calendar pages flip,  
As I cross over the bridge I see him down below.*

*At that moment I realized,  
That's all he's got, that bridge is his home.  
That's his life,  
But surely he shouldn't have to face this alone.*

*How can we create change?  
What can we do?  
Where do we start?  
Well that's up to you.*

**by Asha Mustica (Grade 6)**



# CINNAMON DONUT

FUNDRAISER

RECESS -  
TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO  
TOWARDS THE YEAR 6 GRADUATION  
EXCURSION



\$2  
each



# 2023 TRI STATE GAMES

## 12-17 NOVEMBER

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## Celebration of the

**IMMACOLATA FESTA**

**Procession at 10:00am**

**Mass at 10:30am**

**St Joseph's Church, Cobram**

**Sunday 3rd December 2023**

followed by

**3 Course Lunch**

**Music by Rick Brun**

**Cobram Italian Social Club.**

**Bookings Veronica Perra**

**RSVP 20th November**

**(NO REFUNDS AFTER 20TH NOVEMBER)**

**Adult: \$50.00 Children 5-12yrs: \$15.00**



## YARN-UPS at Cobram

**Many Mobs Indigenous Corporation and NCN Health invite the community to join our Yarn-Ups.**

*Our vision is to bring everyone together. We want to share culture, knowledge, stories, traditions and connect individuals to relevant services.*

*We welcome anyone regardless of what mob you're from. Come along and have a cuppa with us and a yarn. The group is hosted by local indigenous peoples, for all people.*

**NCN Health Cobram Training Room (via main entrance) 11am – 1pm.**

Yarn-Ups held monthly, third Monday of the month:

Monday 15th May 2023	Monday 18th September 2023
Monday 19th June 2023	Monday 16th October 2023
Monday 17th July 2023	Monday 20th November 2023
Monday 21st August 2023	



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