



## 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 2, VOLUME 9

2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2023

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### Week 7:

##### June:

5<sup>th</sup> - 3 Way Chats - Mr Gemmill  
 7<sup>th</sup>: only: 3.15pm - 5.00pm

5<sup>th</sup>: Advisory Council Meeting

6<sup>th</sup>: Cobram Secondary  
 College Taster Day

7<sup>th</sup>: FLC Mansfield Zoo  
 Excursion

8<sup>th</sup>: MLC Skillzone  
 Playgroup  
 8.45am - 10.30am

9<sup>th</sup>: Assessment Reports  
 available on PAM

##### Week 8:

12<sup>th</sup>: **Monarch's Birthday  
 Public Holiday**

13<sup>th</sup>: 3 Way Chats  
 12.30pm - 6.00pm  
 2024 Fete Meeting  
 6.00pm

13<sup>th</sup> - PSG Interviews  
 15<sup>th</sup>:

15<sup>th</sup>: MLC Skillzone  
 Playgroup  
 8.45am - 10.30am

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

##### Week 9:

19<sup>th</sup> - PSG Interviews  
 20<sup>th</sup>:

22<sup>nd</sup>: MLC Skillzone

**St Joseph's Weekend Mass**  
 Saturday at 6.00pm  
 Sunday at 10.30am

To the Community of St Joseph's,

**SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION** ~ 24 students celebrated and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on the weekend. It was wonderful to see so many of our staff, students and their families gather and celebrate with our wider community and parish. Thank you to all involved and congratulations to the students on this very special time in their faith journey. A special thank you to our Sacramental Group Leaders for running the sessions every week: Francesca Crea, Carmel Natale, Veronica Perra, Vita Janssens and Trish Seccull.

*Let us pray as a school community to God the almighty Father, for our sacramental candidates. That you may graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with abundant gifts. Give them the spirit of **Wisdom** and **Understanding**, the spirit of **Knowledge** and **Reverence**, the spirit of **Courage** and **Right Judgment**; fill them with the spirit of **Wonder and Awe**. Amen.*



**3 WAY CHATS: TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** ~ 3 Way Chats are a 15 minute, Parent/s, Student, Teacher conversation about your child's progress and assessment report. This allows parents and students to meet with their classroom teacher to discuss their educational journey, here at St. Joseph's. We believe that having positive partnerships and working with our parents will provide our students with the best catholic education possible.

The expectations around 3 Way Chats on teachers are:

- To complete a written assessment report for your child
- Be available to meet with you and your child at 3 Way chats between 12:30pm - 6:00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Be prepared, have work books present
- Assist with setting a learning goal

Your expectations as a parent are:

- To book a 3 Way chat (on PAM) or call the office if you require assistance
- Bring your child to the meeting
- Be on time

Please take the time to make a 15 minute appointment on PAM. If you are having any trouble with bookings please contact the office on (03) 5872 1573.

If in extreme circumstances you are unable to attend your child's 3 Way chat, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to make other arrangements.

Note: If you have a PSG interview with Mrs Crawford and your child's teacher - you **DO NOT** need to make a 3 Way Chat interview.

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

*Sarah Iddles*

Sarah Iddles  
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.

## FAMILY FEE PAYMENTS

As we are approaching the middle of 2023, if you have any concerns meeting your school fee payments, please contact the office to make a confidential meeting with myself.

## 2024 SIBLING ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child starting Foundation in 2024? Enrolments will open in Term 3. Please contact the office to register for an enrolment form.

## EMAIL SPOOFING

We've had a few incidents of staff and parents receiving dodgy emails that are seemingly from teachers. They usually have a sentence about tagging photos and a hyperlink. We have contacted our IT service provider, who have determined that our school accounts have not been compromised, but an outside spam setup mirroring names and sending it. If in doubt, make sure you ask the alleged "sender" of the email. If you have any concerns about this, please contact the school.

## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to everyone who supported our Biggest Morning Tea last week. We raised \$487.85 for the Cancer Council.

## MONARCH'S PUBLIC HOLIDAY: MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June is the Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday. There is no school or OSHC on this day.

## KINDERGARTEN VISITS

Over the coming weeks, we will welcome the Kindergartens from around the district to the Foundation Learning Community to join in on the fun and activities.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Stacey for her invaluable contribution to the Senior Learning Community over the past four weeks. Having her as part of our team has been an absolute delight, and we are grateful for your presence and dedication.

## WELCOME BACK

We are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Nye, who recently embarked on an incredible four week journey to Africa. We look forward to hearing about her adventures and the experiences that have undoubtedly left a lasting impact.

## LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of Term 2 is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

First day of Term 3: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

School Closure Day: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

School Closure Day: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023



to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday from **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**: Rafael Pardo (7<sup>th</sup>), Ava Mathers, Thomas McKenzie (10<sup>th</sup>), Charlee Theodoulou (11<sup>th</sup>), Jackson Carroll (12<sup>th</sup>), Violet Ventre (14<sup>th</sup>), Chloe Sim, Maggie Vernon (17<sup>th</sup>).



# 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**"

**FKH:** Harlo Jack, **FST:** Gemma McKay,  
**FMP:** Giovanni De Palma

**1/2TA:** Lawson Kennedy, **1/2HT:** Ayla Mittner,  
**1/2MH:** Pippa Kneebone, **1/2FC:** Vienna Verduci

**3/4TL:** Milla Latessa, **3/4NB:** Ella Orsida,  
**3/4NW:** Xavier Kennedy, **3/4GK:** Jack Corrin

**5SG:** Jacoba Harris, **5VO:** Sage Van Every

**6KN:** Evie Aldridge, **6SH:** Ava Mathers

**Physical Education:** Deegan Wilson

**Italian:** Olivia Spataro

**The Arts:** Milla Latessa



## INDIGENOUS GOOGABINJ INCURSION

On Thursday, we had the incredible opportunity to engage in an indigenous incursion, where our students wholeheartedly participated. It was truly inspiring to witness their active involvement and appreciation for indigenous culture.





## FOUNDATION LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mansfield Zoo:** We are looking forward to our excursion to the Mansfield Zoo next Wednesday. Please ensure you have read the letter in regard to what your child will need to bring on the day. Students are to be at school at 8.00am.

**Milo's Birthday Surprise:** We have Milo's Birthday Surprise on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We will send out an email regarding details for the day.

## JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Maths:** In the past few weeks we have been looking at Patterns and Algebra. This week, the students have experimented making their own repeated patterns and growing patterns using various materials from the classroom.



**History Unit:** This week we revealed our baby photos. The students have enjoyed sharing their baby photos with their peers. Thank you to all the parents who sent in their child's photo. Next week, we are planning a guest speaker to share how their life has changed over time.

## MIDDLE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Sacraments:** Congratulations to the students who completed their Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist over the weekend. We enjoyed celebrating with you.

**Lions Club Junior Public Speaking:** A number of students have chosen to participate in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking. Next week, they will share their speeches with the Grade 3/4 students. During this time, we will narrow down the group to a top 5. These students will then share their speeches with the students from Grades 3 - 6. A final 3 will be selected from this to present at the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking. We look forward to listening to your speeches.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 was sent home last week. Orders can be placed online or money and order sent to school. Orders close next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June to ensure delivery before the end of the term.

## SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

**Dreamtime Round:** Our students showcased their sporting skills at the Dreamtime Round at St Joseph's Numurkah on Thursday. It was an exhilarating day of football, netball, soccer, and softball. Collaborating with another school made this event even more special, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared enthusiasm.

**Festival of the Sacred:** The students have been fully immersed in the preparations for the upcoming 'Festival of the Sacred.' Through dance, song, and various performances, our talented students have been shining bright. These sessions have not only been enjoyable but have also allowed us to celebrate the remarkable talent within our community. The grand performance will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June in The Josephinum, Free tickets are available, but must be booked online. Please ensure to return the photo permission form, which was sent home this week.

**Taster Day:** On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, the Grade 6 students will attend their second taster day at Cobram Secondary College. This day promises to be filled with exploration, discovery, and the opportunity to experience a taste of what Cobram Secondary College has to offer.

## HEALTH SPECIALIST CLASSES

Over the next couple of weeks, the Junior Learning Community will be learning about the human body. As part of Victorian Curriculum we are looking at the following descriptors:

***Name parts of the body and describe how their body is growing and changing.***

This descriptor elaborates on the following:

- Recognising how bodies grow and change over time
- Identifying and labelling private parts of the body and understanding the contexts in which body parts should be kept private

If you have any concerns or questions please contact your child's specialist teacher.



**Prioritise Learning Time -  
Appointments are not  
an excuse**

- non-urgent appointments made before/after school or during holidays
- disrupted learning time disrupts learning



*Festival of the  
Sacred*  
**This is NOT a ticket**

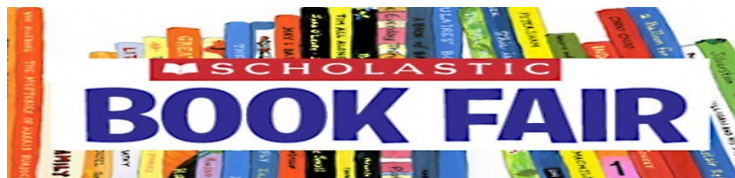
**Friday 16 June 2023, 1pm**  
**St Joseph's Primary School – The Josephinum**

**Featuring Grade 5 and 6 students from**  
St Francis' PS Nathalia; St Joseph's PS Cobram & St Joseph's PS, Numurkah  
Secondary performance from St Mary of the Angels College Nathalia

**This is a FREE event for all families and friends  
of our school communities.**

Bookings essential: [trybooking.com/CHWRB](https://trybooking.com/CHWRB) (or scan QR code).  
Please allow time to locate parking.





**COMMENCING FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2023**

**Monday - Friday  
Before School & Lunchtime**

**Monday - Friday  
After School  
until 4.00pm (3.30pm on Friday)**

**Saturday  
9.00am - 1.00pm**

**In the Italian Room  
Enter via Hay Avenue gate**

Great for encouraging reading and gift giving

### **WORLD MILK DAY**

Thank you Saputo Dairy Cobram, for kindly donating milk and cheese for the students today on #WorldMilkDay.



In 2001, World Milk Day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations to recognise the importance of milk as a global food and to celebrate the dairy sector. Every year since, the benefits of milk and dairy products have been actively promoted around the world, including how dairy supports the livelihoods of one billion people.

In 2023, World Milk Day will focus on showcasing how dairy is reducing its environmental footprint, while also providing nutritious foods and livelihoods. Together, we will drive an active narrative that integrates the environmental, nutritional, and societal impacts of the sector.



Attendance goal for all students.....

**95%**

Chat to your child's teacher.  
We are eager to work together on this.



## **MEET THE OSHC TEAM**

**YMCA Outside School Hours Care** is proud to introduce a new member of our team at **St Josephs Cobram**.

**Lara** has accepted the role of **OSHC Coordinator** and will start at the service on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Lara will lead our educator team and organise engaging activities that will spark your child's interest.

### **Fun facts about Lara!**

- I have 3 teen children!
- I have travelled to 17 countries!
- I love swimming and Reading
- My favourite animal is a Panda!
- I have been to 3 different Disneyland Parks



We invite you to stop by our OSHC space to meet Lara and discuss your family's care needs.

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