



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

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24TH NOVEMBER 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 9: November - December

28th - PSG Interviews

1st:

28th: SMOTA Year 7 Information Night

29th: 2024 Foundation Transition Day: 9.00am - 10.30am

Grade 5 Caritas Leadership Day

30th: FLC Liturgy at 9.10am

1st: Assembly at 9.00am

Week 10: December

4th: PSG Interviews

5th: SMOTA Year 7 Orientation Day

Reports go home

6th: 2024 Foundation Transition Day: 9.00am - 1.30pm

3 Way Chats: 1.00pm - 6.00pm

8th: End Of Year Mass at 12.00pm

Newsletter Day

Week 11:

11th - Dental Van Visiting

15th:

11th: End of Year Awards Ceremony at 9.00am

12th: Whole School Orientation
CSC Orientation Day

To the Community of St Joseph's,

We have had quite a topsy turvy week here at St Joseph's. Thank you to the teachers and students for their flexibility, open mindedness and generosity. Teachers have supported each other by blending classes and lessons or teaching subjects that are not on their regular timetable.

The students have been flexible and open-minded to having their specialist subjects at different times and welcomed different teachers into their learning spaces. This all meant that no one missed out on any part of their learning, including going on their camp. It's weeks like this that make me very proud to be a 'Joey'.

CANBERRA CAMP - PACER REBATE ~ Students from our school have undertaken an educational tour of the national capital this week. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the camp the Australian Government contributed funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the camp.

PSG INTERVIEWS ~ PSG Interviews will be held from Tuesday 28th November to Monday 4th December 2023. Google Meet invites have been emailed to the relevant families or parents can choose to attend on site.

3 WAY CHATS ~ 3 Way Chats will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2023, between 1.00pm - 6.00pm. A letter will be emailed next week with more information.



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.



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



to the following students who will be celebrating a birthday from **Sunday 26th - Saturday 9th**

December: Sofia De Palma (26th), Amelia Siciliano (28th), Maddison Weiss (28th), Talia Mancini (29th), Harrison McKenzie, Tilly Perkins (30th), Alexandro Russo (8th), Sibella Russo (8th), Avacyn Taylor (9th).

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE Book Fair!

Our Book Fair will commence next Tuesday, 28th November.

The Fair will be set up in the Italian room.

PLEASE NOTE IT WILL ONLY RUN FOR ONE WEEK

TIMES: Before & After school each day till 4:00pm

Saturday: 9:00-12:00pm

This FAIR is the 'BUY ONE GET ONE FREE', meaning you can purchase one book and receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE.

Great for Christmas GIFT-GIVING and encouraging your child's reading.

Enquires to Mrs Natale: carmelnatale@sjcobram.catholic.edu.au

FOUNDATION LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

We have been learning about the needs of living things and were delighted to have baby chicks in the classroom to look after. The chicks have now safely gone to the Iddles' farm. Thank you Mr and Mrs Iddles for making this happen.

During Religion, students began learning about Advent. They understand that it is a special time to wait for the birth of Jesus. We look forward to attending our FLC Liturgy at the Church on Thursday 30th November at 9.10am. The students have been working hard on their special parts of the Liturgy and would like to extend an invitation for parents to come along.

As we begin to near the end of the school year, we would like to remind families to have a look for any readers and library books that need to be returned to school in the coming weeks.

MIDDLE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

Water Familiarisation Program: The MLC had a terrific week at BARC participating in their Water Familiarisation Program. We thank all the teachers and parent helpers for running the groups and making our program possible.

Items for Art: The students will be needing cardboard cereal boxes for their upcoming art projects. If families could please send any spare boxes into their child's classroom, it would be greatly appreciated.

SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

Grade 5 Caritas Leadership Day: On Wednesday 29th November, 10 Grade 5 students will be attending the Caritas Leadership Day in Wangaratta. The purpose of this day, is to encourage and enable students to be actively involved in challenging injustice and to develop the leadership qualities necessary to encourage others to do the same.

Grade 6 Important Dates:

5th December: Year 7 St Mary's Transition Day

12th December: Year 7 Cobram Secondary College Transition Day

13th December: Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

14th December: Grade 6 Graduation Excursion

ST JOEY'S LOVE LITERACY

Comprehension

How does comprehension contribute to reading success?

Comprehension or understanding what we read is the whole aim of reading. Good readers comprehend in different ways depending on the book, article or website they are reading. Some of the ways readers comprehend include:

- Predicting before reading and as they read
- Making connections between what is being read and the reader's past experience of books, life and the world
- Asking questions about what is 'being read'. What is the character going to do in this situation? Why did that character do that?
- Monitoring meaning, checking predications, confirming them, correcting them, re-predicting and re-reading
- Creating a mental summary of key parts of the story or information
- Creating a mental picture of the characters and setting
- Inferring, interpreting and reading 'between the lines'
- Considering the text's purpose. Why did the author write this book?

How can families encourage comprehension at home?

To help children to see that the aim of reading is meaning, to make reading together for lots of different purposes then discuss and reflect on the things you read together. Comprehension shouldn't be forced, it should come naturally from reading.

- Share your response to a book read together with your child, for example: I liked the part when... What did you like? I was surprised by the part when... What surprised you?
- Talk about other books or experiences that you are reminded of when reading aloud. You could say: This is like that other book we read about... That part of the story reminded me of when we went to visit Grandma.
- Pause and predict at interesting points in a story, when reading aloud, for example: Oh, that's an interesting situation, I wonder what the character is going to do now? How do you think that character is feeling right now? What might happen next?



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

MAKERS MARKET

....Christmas Twilight Market....

@ St Joseph's Hall

Cnr William & Broadway St

COBRAM Vic

Friday December 8th 4 -8pm

Inside and Outside Stalls

