

St. Joseph's School is a child safe school

Newsletter No 34

Thursday 28th October 2021

Prayer for the 4th Week of term 4.

This coming Monday and Tuesday we celebrate 2 special feast days in the Churches calendar. On Monday the 1st of November it is All Saints Day.

We celebrate the feast of All Saints and we remember the many good men and women who followed Jesus' way by living lives of service. They cared for those in need and put others first before themselves. They lived the true message of the Gospel. The saints were people like us who knew and lived the Gospel in everyday life. They believed it wholeheartedly – in the depths of their being. Inspired by the example of the many Saints, we pray that we too, follow the life of Jesus and look to the needs of others first.

May the example of their lives bring us closer to God.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On Tuesday 2nd November, we remember All Souls Day. On this Feast of All Souls, we remember all who are part of the Church – those who have died and are with God, and those of us still here on earth. As a school community we will remember all those we know whom we have loved and who have died. We ask God to keep them close in our hearts and in our memories.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



St Joseph's School is a Catholic Community in the Josephite tradition where we learn and grow in the Spirit together



St Joseph's School acknowledges the Taungurng people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice

I am at my best when I am being Friendly, Respectful and a Positive Learner

Welcome to the end of Week 4, Term 4

Welcome to the end of the 4th week. It is so pleasing to have all the students back and to know the lockdowns are a thing of the past. As of Monday the 1st of November we can have visitors, go on excursions etc. See the list below.

The Victorian Government has announced the easing of restrictions given the early achievement of the 80 per cent vaccination target, from 6 pm Friday 29 October.

This means that all metropolitan Melbourne year levels will return to full-time onsite learning from Monday 1 November, joining regional Victorian students, who returned to full-time onsite learning on Friday 22 October.

All schools will be able to recommence a range of activities, consistent with community settings and school vaccination requirements. This means that from Monday 1 November schools will be able to:

- hold graduations, liturgies and other assemblies consistent with community density limits
- travel across Victoria for camps and excursions
- resume interschool activities such as sport and debating
- deliver the full range of curriculum programs, including music and performing arts
- conduct transition programs for kinder students beginning Prep in 2022 and Grade 6 students transitioning to Year 7 in 2022
- have a range of visitors onsite, including photographers and guest speakers.

Confirmation

Oliver Young is preparing for his Confirmation. He will make his Confirmation on Sunday the 7th of November at the 9am Mass in St Malachy's Church. Please keep Oliver in your prayers.

First Holy Communion Preparation.

The small groups for Holy Communion preparation will begin on the week starting the 8th of November. The celebration of their First Communion on Sunday the 5th of December at the 9am Mass in St Malachy's Church. Please keep Ayla Thompson, Ruby Gribbin, Emerson O'Brien, Flynn O'Brien, James McKeown, Brock Wilshire, Ned Butler, Thomas Byers, Brodie Miller and Oliver Young in your prayers.

Congratulations

It has been very remiss of me to congratulate Stacey and James Edmond on the birth of their second daughter, Mavis, another little sister for Harley. Stacey and baby came home yesterday.

St Joseph's Athletics Carnival

Next Thursday the 4th of November starting at 11.30.

Wood Raffle

Congratulations to the Coll family on winning. Second time around.

Crossing and pickup

Please remember if you park on the other side of the side road at the front of the school to have your child use the crossing to cross the road. We had a near miss last year and do not want another one.

Enrolments

We are taking enrolments now for 2022. If you have a child who is eligible, or you know of anyone who has a child ready for school, please encourage them to contact the school to have a conversation with me or one of the teachers.

Try School/Transition

We will commence our Try School/Transition program on the week beginning the 11th of November. Please see the poster attached to the newsletter.

St Joseph's Centenary Celebrations

Next year in March, it will be 100 years since the Sisters of St Joseph started teaching here on this site. I am asking for expressions of interest to form a committee to organise the celebrations for this special event. Please contact the school on 03 57942 608 if you are interested in being on the steering committee.



We are praying for:

- For Chris Hooper who currently on leave and is recovering
- Fr Tony and our Parish community, especially those who are unwell or receiving treatment.
- State and Commonwealth Leaders who are guiding us through the pandemic.



Pupil Free Days this Year

1. November 1st Report Writing Day

2. November 22nd (Planning Day)

PHOTOS for Newsletter

Send them to

smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au

All Student Absence Please

TXT to 0417 489 577



What do I miss out on when I am not at school?

Lots!

Class discussions with friends and teachers.

Information and work that you will have to catch up on.

You will also miss out on seeing your friends

St. Joseph's Calendar

November

1st Pupil Free Day.

2nd Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup)

3rd Spirit day. (For Confirmation Students)

4th St Joseph's Athletics

8th to the 12th Swimming

11th Remembrance Day

December

2nd Fun Fields Day

5th First Holy Communion

7th Statewide Orientation

8th End of Year Graduation Mass (to be confirmed)

9th Chemical Capers Science day.

15th End of Year celebration (to be confirmed)

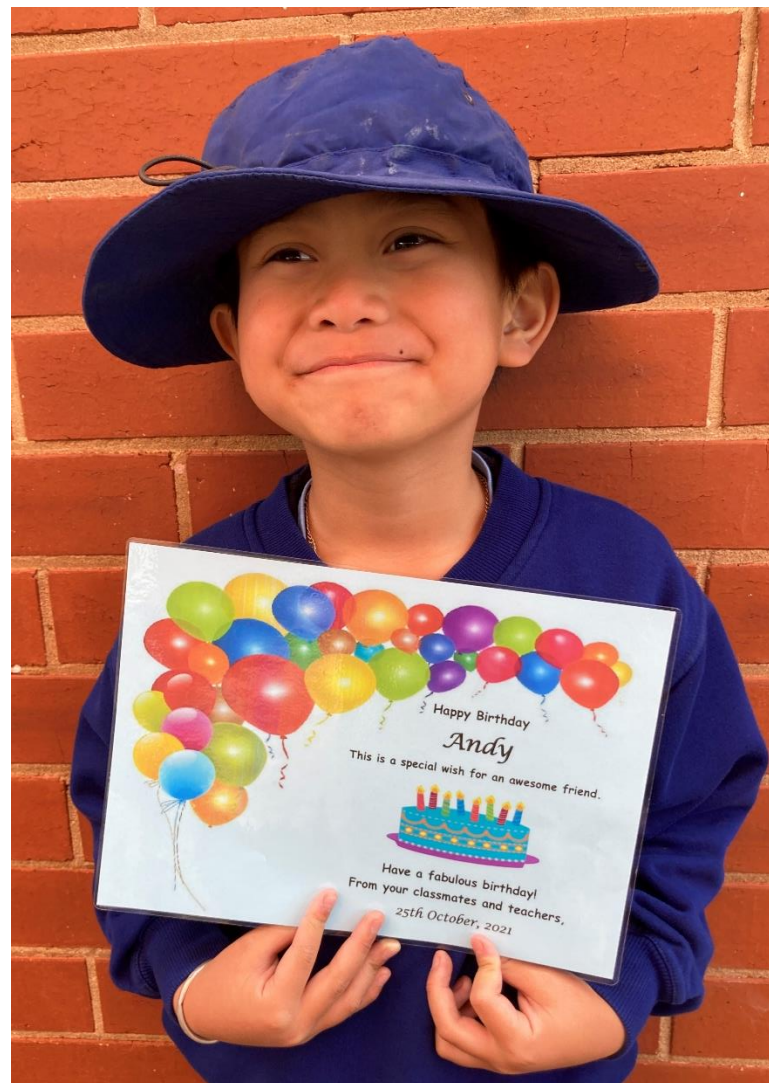
16th Last day for Students

17th Last day for Staff.

17th Last day ever for Mr Jones!!!



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Classroom News - Term 4, Week 4

Athletics

We will finally have our athletics next Thursday, the 4th of November, when we can have our parent helpers on site. Please come along to help out and cheer our students on. Students can wear their house colours on the day.

School Dojo

At the end of last term all families will have received an email inviting them to join our School Dojo, we will be using this program to communicate information and share photos of student work as well sending reminders about upcoming events.

Report Writing Day and Melbourne Cup Day

Next Monday the 1st of November is our report writing day, the teachers will spend the day working on end of year reports, this will be a pupil free day. Tuesday the 2nd of November is Melbourne Cup Day, this day will also be a pupil free day.

Health Reminder

It is important that we all continue to monitor our own and the health of our children, during this time. If you or your child develops any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath or a runny nose, please follow the advice below.

Stay at home and do not attend school.

Seek medical advice

If you or your child has a health condition or complex health needs, please discuss with your medical specialist.

Information about coronavirus (COVID19) is available in the DHHS website.

Our school is continuing to promote and implement on a daily basis both Covid-safe behaviours and practices across our school community.

Have a great week everyone!

Liz, Megan, Maddy, Gen, Sam D, Sam G, Chris & Tim.

Curriculum Report

Our Inquiry topic this term is Geographical Locations, our focus areas are listed below:

F/1:

- To develop the concept of place through a study of what places are like over time and how they are defined.
- To develop an introduction to location, including exploring where activities are located and the reasons for this.
- To develop the concept of environment as students study the daily and seasonal weather patterns and natural features of their place and of other places, including how seasonal change is perceived by different cultures.

2/3/4:

- To develop students' mental map of the world and their understanding of place through examining the major characteristics of Australia, Australia's neighbouring countries and Africa and South America.



- Students consider the significance of places and environments. They explore how feelings and perceptions form the basis of actions to protect places and environments that are of special significance.

5/6:

- To develop students' ability to respond to questions in a geographically distinctive way, to collect, evaluate, analyse and interpret information, and suggest responses to what they have learned. They conduct fieldwork, map and interpret data and spatial distributions, and use spatial technologies. These skills can be applied in everyday life and at work.



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

3. Pragmatics and Social skills

Focus: Conflict resolution

Conflict can arise for any number of reasons. As adults we can model and guide our children to solve conflicts in the most effective way possible. Don't forget not all conflicts can be resolved and we simply need to just agree to disagree. However it is important to agree/disagree in a respectful manner.

Here are some comments you might like to promote around your house when not everybody is on the same page.

Agree: "I think that's a great idea, let's go with it!"

Disagree: "I can see what you're saying, but I think this because..."

"That's a good idea but how about?"

"I can sort of see your point of view, but we're going to have to agree to disagree"

Have these phrases written and placed around the house for reminders

Here's some conflict resolution topics you might like to discuss as a family (remember no put-downs);

- dogs are better than cats
- children should make their beds everyday
- children should go to bed by 8 o'clock
- children should only have 1 hour of tv each night
- Collingwood is the best football team.

Don't forget to praise your child/children when you hear them agree/disagree in a respectful manner.



Student of the Week - T4, W4
Date: Monday, the 25th of October

F/1

Presented To: Morgan

For his work on understanding fractions and his wonderful leadership skills. Well done!

2/3/4

Presented To: Oliver M

For being a respectful member of our class and working hard on all tasks. Well done!



2/3/4

Presented To: Tatum

For the great effort he has been putting into his handwriting. Well done!



5/6

Presented To: **Walter**

For being a great reader leader
and sharing his technology skills. Well done!



2/3/4

Presented To: **Michaela**

For a fantastic start to school at St Joseph's. Well done!

F/1

Presented To: **Noah**

For always being ready to learn. Well Done



ATHLETIC DAY THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 11:30 – 3.20

PARENTS WELCOME & NEEDED !

COME AND CHEER OUR CHILDREN ON

Catholic Identity Report – by Liz Tang, REC.

All Saints Day

Next Monday, the 1st November, we celebrate All Saints Day.

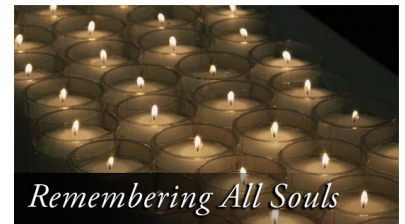


All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church which is celebrated annually on November the 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

All Saints' Day was a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, but is no longer one.



The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven, and the living.



Sacraments:



On Tuesday, we had our parent information meeting for the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We will celebrate this Sacrament, on Sunday the 5th December at the 9:00 am parish Mass. Please keep Ayla, Ruby, Emerson, Flynn, James, Brock, Ned, Thomas, Brodie & Oliver in your prayers as they begin their preparation. Please also keep Oliver in your prayers as he prepares for the Sacrament of Confirmation that will be celebrated on Sunday the 7th November at the 9:00 a.m. parish Mass. He has already begun his preparation.

Our Catholic Identity focus for the coming week is: to focus on All Saints Day.

On November, the 1st, we celebrate All Saints Day. This is a day to reflect on all those Christians who lived a life dedicated to God and to doing what was right, which then enabled them to become saints.

The following day is All Soul's Day, where we remember all of our loved ones who have died.



Bulletin

31st October 2021

THIRTIETH-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B
YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD.

for the Catholic parishes of
St John the Evangelist
Euroa, Violet Town, Longwood
St Malachy's
Nagambie, Avenel

PARISH PRIEST: FR TONY HILL

Presbytery: 91 Binney St, Euroa
03 5795 3048 or 0439 033 029

Secretary: Mrs Karen Malloch will be working from home for the foreseeable future, and will not be in the Parish Office at St John's Presbytery, Euroa. Fr Tony will take all calls. Please leave a message if the phone isn't answered. Fr Tony is often out. He will return calls as soon as possible. He can access the Presbytery phone message bank on his mobile phone. Alternatively call him on the Parish mobile phone: 0439 033 029.

Pastoral Associate Euroa:

Mrs Mary Murphy 0457 847 056

Parish Contact Nagambie: 0400 476 416

Email Nagambie: srfyfield@bigpond.com

Parish Email: euroa@cdos.org.au

St Joseph's School Nagambie Principal:

Mr Leo Jones 03 5794 2608

St John's School Euroa Principal:

Mrs Libby Hamilton 03 5795 2937

We pray for: all who have died recently, especially Pat Dodd, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and for those who have died alone, unloved, or forgotten. May they rest in peace.

We pray for: Brian Tehan, Celia Clifford, Dan Kennedy, Frank Boyer, Lorraine Davidson-Saxon, Dina Van Dyk, Benjamin Playford, Ollie Bodiam, Ciara Ryan, Sian Pasqual, Helen Perry, Patrick Cahill, Alice Cahill, Ted Palling, Max Perry, Sr Frances Kennedy, and for all those in our community and beyond who are ill.

Please contact Fr Tony or your parish contact if you would like a name added to the prayer list.

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ KEEP COVID SAFE

Remember:

- fitted face mask
- hand sanitiser
- QR code or written details
- social distancing
- no contact for sign of peace
- communion received in the hands

IN OUR CHURCHES ~ NOTE CHANGES

EUROA ST JOHN'S

Fridays 12:30pm Sunday Mass

Saturdays 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 2nd November 12:30pm Mass for the "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed"

NAGAMBIE ST MALACHY'S

Sunday 31st 6:00pm Mass

Mondays 10:30am Rosary

Wednesdays 12:00pm Rosary

Wednesday 3rd Nov 12:30pm Mass for the "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed"

Sunday 7th Nov 9:00am Mass & Confirmation

AVENEL ST MARY'S

Sundays 10:30am Rosary

Sunday 31st 11:00am W&C

Sunday 7th Nov 11:00am Mass

LONGWOOD ST PATRICK'S

Sunday 31st 9:00am W&C

Sunday 7th Nov 9:00am W&C

VIOLET TOWN ST ATTRACTA'S

Sunday 31st 10:00am Mass followed by the traditional "Fifth Sunday of the month" Ecumenical Service at Violet Town Uniting Church including light lunch and fellowship. Sunday 7th 11:00am W&C

For Baptisms and Weddings in our parishes please contact Fr Tony or the Euroa Parish Office:
03 5795 3048 or 0439 033 029

Now that Victoria has reached 80% double dose vaccination, restrictions have eased and we can now welcome fully vaccinated parishioners to the density quotient of 1 to 4m². We are all required to show proof of vaccination certificates as we enter the church or our numbers revert to a maximum of 30 per church.

NOVEMBER ~ MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

During the month of November the names of recently deceased are placed near the altar and are prayed for throughout the month.

Euroa: You are invited to write the names of recently deceased in the folders available.

Nagambie: You are invited to add the names of recently deceased to the Remembrance Book which will be placed near the lectern during November.

St John's and St Malachy's are safe parishes where children and vulnerable adults are respected and protected from harm.

Children going to the toilet from the churches must be accompanied by an adult family member.

Child Safety Officer in Avenel/Nagambie Grace Kenworthy 0405 125 963 and in Euroa Mary Murphy 0457 847 056

If we took the two commandments of the Gospel totally to heart, firstly to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength and, secondly, to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, we would, like the scribe who spoke to Jesus, be very near to the kingdom.



I find that loving God is easy enough, but loving my neighbours isn't quite the same. I don't think I actually hate anyone, but through simply being human, there are people I don't like much or who I avoid if I can.

Fr. Kevin Mogg was the Rector of the Seminary when I first entered. Fr. Kevin was a psychologist and, actually a criminologist – an interesting choice for a seminary Rector. But that's neither here nor there. He had a great mind, and he once said to us that the opposite of love is not hate, but rather, fear.

I often think of that when I'm up against someone I'd say I don't like particularly, and more often than not, it's not so much a case of disliking or hating, as it is a case of fearing others.

Historically, down through the ages, there are countless examples where we say a particular ethnic group hated another, where a particular religion hated another, and so on. But if we look closer it's usually a case of one group fearing another. And the fear is borne of the possibility that the other group will hold sway or become more powerful and overwhelm the other. The bottom line is that most groups of people want their own independence.

The only way to overcome such fear is by being open to others. And this takes time. Again, historically it takes ages for races and religions to open themselves to each other.

Even in our own interpersonal relationships it takes time to lose the fear we have of others and embrace them with the Christian love with which Jesus challenges.

Someone once said that the best way of learning to love our neighbours, particularly those we

maybe don't get along so well with, is to pray for them. Eventually our prayer will open us up to them and the barriers of fear or even dislike will begin to crumble.

Perhaps in our prayer this week we might think about someone we find hard to get along with and pray for that person and be open to the possibility of loving our neighbours as we love ourselves.

For Pastoral Care at the Euroa hospital:
Phone the Parish Office: 5795 3048,
Fr Tony: 0439 033 029, or
Mary Murphy: 0457 847 056



ST JOHN'S EUROA - VIGIL MASS ROSTER

30/10	6/11
WELCOMER: Jack W	WELCOMER: Helen D
READER: Lynette C	READER: Kathy A
COMMENTATOR: Cathy B	COMMENTATOR: Cathy B
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Carmel S	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Lorraine D-S
SACRISTAN: Judy S	SACRISTAN: Ian S

ST MALACHY'S ROSTER

31/10 MASS 6PM	7/11 Confirmation Mass 9am
WELCOME: Carol	ALTAR SETTER: Julie
READER: Marg StL	WELCOME: Moz
SPECIAL MINISTER: Deane	READER: Tim
CLEANING: Julie & Moz	SPECIAL MINISTER: Wendy
	CLEANING: Mel & Carol

ST MALACHY'S SACRAMENTS

Oliver Young will be confirmed at Mass on Sunday 7th November. We will have a morning tea after Mass at the back of the church. **W**e also have 10 children who will begin their preparation for First Holy Communion on Monday 1st November. Their special day will be on Sunday 21st November. Please pray for: Ayla Thompson, Ruby Gribbin, Emerson O'Brien, Flynn O'Brien, James McKeown, Brock Wilkshire, Ned Butler, Thomas Byers, Brodie Miller, and Oliver Young.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Monday 1st: All Saints
Tuesday 2nd: All Souls Day
Thursday 4th St Charles Borromeo



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NAGAMBIE



Growing in the Spirit Together

2021 TRY SCHOOL/ TRANSITION PROGRAM

TERM 4

**STARTING ON THE 9TH OF
NOVEMBER**

TUESDAY 9AM - 11:30
THURSDAY 9AM - 11:30

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED! FOR MORE
INFO CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON
5794 2608

SO WHY DON'T YOU COME SEE US?