

St. Joseph's School is a child safe school

Newsletter No 38

Thursday 25th November 2021


Prayer week 8



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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

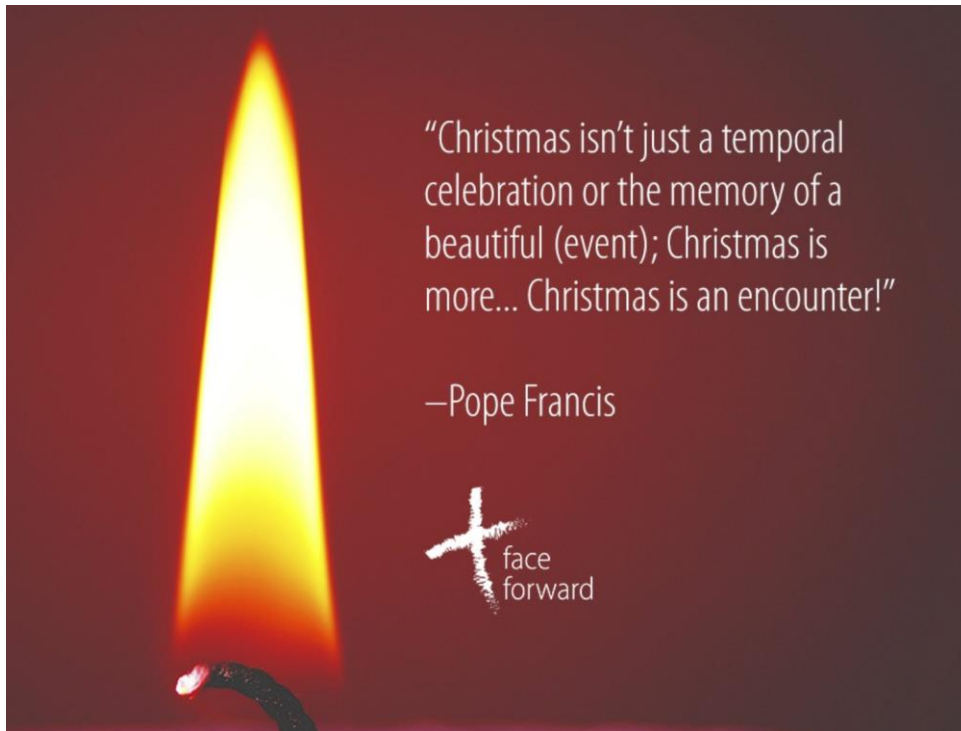


St Joseph's School acknowledges the Taungurung people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice

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

Welcome to the end of Week 8, Term 4

As you can see from our prayer for this week next Sunday, we begin the Advent Season. Advent marks the beginning of the Church new year and is the season of waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ.



Bus stop and front of School.

Over this year, I have been in contact with the Strathbogie Council with assistance from the Advisory Council to modify where we have the buses pick up and drop off and to free up more parking spaces at the front of the school. This all came about after a near miss with some children crossing the road and the accident earlier this year. The safety of our community is paramount. The proposal is to move the bus stop around the corner into Church Street, create a parking area in the front of the church, and have more drop off/pickup points in front of the school. To avoid having children needing to cross the side lane in front of the school I am asking that parents don't park in the middle between the side road and the main road, but use the Church grounds or Church Street for drop off and pickup. This may be a little inconvenient but our children's safety is the most important thing. Staff will be asked not to park in the middle as well. I am in contact with the Council to have this proposal prioritised. **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.



First Holy Communion Preparation.

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 Wilkshire, Ned Butler, Thomas Byers, Brodie Miller and Oliver Young in your prayers. They had a preparation day today. A big thankyou to Liz, Terri and Sally for the work they have done over the past weeks in preparing these children.

Outstanding Fees

As we approach the end of the school year, I kindly ask families to finalise their outstanding accounts. It is expected that all fees are paid each year and not carried forward to future years unless arrangements have been discussed with me. If you are paying direct debit, please check to see that your account will be paid in

full by the end of the school year. If not, please contact the office to amend your direct debit amount. As always, if fees create financial concern for you, I would encourage you to make an appointment with me to discuss how we can help. Any discussion regarding fees is strictly confidential.

End of Year Graduation and celebration.

An outline for the next 3 weeks will go home on Monday

Transition Program

It was great to have our transition students here again. They participated in lots of activities with their buddies. This will continue next week on Tuesday only and then on Orientation day on December the 7th.



Laptops for sale

We have 28 laptops for sale at the end of this year. If you wish to purchase one you need to give your name to Janelle and pay the full amount to have the laptop secured for you. The details are as follows:

MacBook Air

Price: \$850

Model: MacBook Air 13" 2017 ('older style' with USB-A ports and non-Retina screen)

- 128GB storage

- 1.8 GHz Dual-Core Intel Core i5

- 8 GB 1600 MHz DDR3

Age: Purchased in Feb 2020 - less than 2 years old.

Warranty: AppleCare+ until Feb 2023 (standard warranty plus accidental damage coverage)

St Vincent DePaul Christmas goods and fundraiser

We are participating in our annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas hamper and funds raiser. In each class will have a box that we ask our families to donate some non-perishable food items. These are collected and given to the society to distribute to those in need. We will also have some activities to raise money so we are able to give them some money as well.

Some ideas are a packet of pasta, pasta sauce, rice, long-life milk, fruit mince pies, can of tuna, a can of vegetables, two minute noodles to name a few.

Vaccinations

Please be aware that any adults who wish to come in the school buildings need to be double vaccinated and be able to show proof of their status. This is a state wide requirement.

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.

PHOTOS for Newsletter

Send them to smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au

All Student Absence Please TXT to 0417 489 577

St. Joseph's Calendar

November

29th Assembly 2.55

December

30th Rotations

2nd Fun Fields Day

5th First Holy Communion

5th Nagambie Carols 5pm

7th Statewide Orientation

8th End of Year Graduation Mass 12 noon

9th Chemical Capers Science day.

9th Reports go home.

15th End of Year celebration 6pm

16th Last day for Students

17th Last day for Staff.

17th Last day ever for Mr Jones!!!

January 2022

28th Teachers and staff back

31st Students back



Catholic Identity Report – by Liz Tang, REL.

The Beginning of Advent

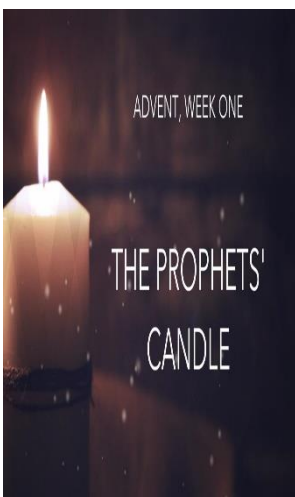
This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent for 2020.



Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Advent Sunday is the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. This is equivalent to the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day, 30 November, and the Sunday following the Feast of Christ the King. It can fall on any date between 27 November and 3 December.

The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolize eternal life. Four candles stand in the circle and each one represents one of the four Sundays of Advent. In the centre of the circle, there can be a fifth candle, the Christ Candle, which is lit on Christmas Day.



The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The purple candles represent/symbolise prayer and preparing. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday, representing Gaudete Sunday, and priests will wear a pink/rose coloured robe; this candle symbolizes joy.

Each week, you light another candle.

The first candle is the 'Prophet's Candle and it symbolizes hope.

Advent is a period of preparation and repentance represented by the colour purple.

Prayers for Advent, week 1, hope:

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what is important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Our Catholic Identity focus for the coming week is: to focus on the beginning of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of Christ.



Classroom News - Term 4, Week 8

Art Smocks

In recent weeks we have been tidying up our classrooms, particularly the art room and we have noticed that many of the art smocks that have been donated over the years have lived out their useful life. Please check your child has an art smock that fits them well (some have names but have clearly been outgrown). Each student will need their own art smock at school for the start of next year. An art smock doesn't have to be a professionally made art smock but an old business shirt or flannelette shirt, (buttons on the back make them easy to get on and off and sleeves protect uniforms more fully).

Planning Day

Staff had a very productive day on Monday planning for next year, lots of great ideas were shared and plans started for a year of learning.

End of Year Excursion

Information about our end of year excursion to FunFields was sent home last week, please return your permission forms ASAP. All students will need to bring their lunch and snacks for the day, their drink bottle, bathers and towels. We will be leaving at 9:00am and returning at 4:00pm.

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, 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 on 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.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

6. Pragmatics and Social skills



Focus: Describe the characteristics of respectful relationships and suggest ways that respectful relationships can be achieved.

Practice respectful and non-respectful ways of greeting people:

Encourage these 3 principles when greeting:

1. Look at the person (wait, check they are looking at you),
2. Say your greeting and their name; Hi Peter, Good afternoon Mr Peters
3. Wait for a response or question and respond accordingly.

Role play what it might look like if a person is not respectful when greeting or saying good-bye.

Each day when you pick your child up from school, use a different greeting or farewell e.g. Hi Harry, it's so great to see you, Good afternoon, Harry, Harry, I've missed you so much, etc. Hey Harry it looks like you had a great day.



Bulletin

28th November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR.

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

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We pray for all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially John Looby and John Nunn Sr. We pray also for those who have died alone, unloved, or forgotten. May they rest in peace.

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

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



ST JOHN'S EUROA - VIGIL MASS ROSTER

27/11

WELCOMER: Michael T
READER: Carmel S
COMMENTATOR: Anne W
EUCARISTIC MINISTER:
Joy V
SACRISTAN: Judy S

04/12

WELCOMER: Helen D
READER: Denise H
COMMENTATOR: Dan M
EUCARISTIC MINISTER:
Joy V
SACRISTAN: Ian S

ST MALACHY'S ROSTER

28/11 W&C

LEADER: Carol
WELCOME: Moz
READER: Sue T
SPECIAL MINISTER: Julie B
CLEANING: Julie B & Moz

05/12

1st Holy Communion Mass
ALTAR SETTER: Julie
WELCOME: Carol, Moz
READER: Terry & Families
SPECIAL MINISTER: Mel
CLEANING: Sue & Marie

2021 Schedule of Services

EUROA ST JOHN'S

Fridays 12:30pm Mass (*Please book for this Mass as vaccination status will not be checked.*)

Saturdays 6:00pm Vigil Mass

NAGAMBIE ST MALACHY'S

Mondays 10:30am Rosary

Wednesdays 12 noon Rosary

Wednesdays 12:30 Mass

1st and 3rd Sundays 9:00am Mass

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays 9:00am Word and Communion

AVENEL ST MARY'S

Every Sunday 10:30am Rosary

1st and 3rd Sundays 11:00am Mass

2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays 11:00am Word and Communion

LONGWOOD ST PATRICK'S

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays 9:00am Word and Communion

2nd and 4th Sundays 9:00am Mass

VIOLET TOWN ST ATTRACTA'S

1st and 3rd Sundays 11:00am Word and Communion

2nd and 4th Sundays 11:00 Mass

5th Sundays 10:00am Mass

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Please contact Fr Tony

PLEASE REMEMBER: WE ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION AT ALL MASSES EXCEPT FOR ST JOHN'S EUROA ON FRIDAY 12:30PM WHERE FACE MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED.

SANDPIPER

The latest edition of the Sandpiper is available by subscribing online at:

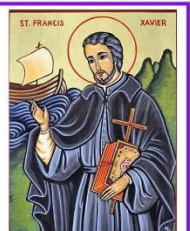
sandhurst.catholic.org.au

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 30th: St Andrew

Friday 3rd: St Francis Xavier

Saturday 4th: St John Damascene



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.
Contacts - Euroa: Mary Murphy 0457 847 056; Nagambie: Sally Fyfield 0408 141 969; Avenel: Grace Kenworthy 0405 125 963

ADVENT PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true Light that has come into our world. At the beginning of this Advent season, we ask you to bless this Advent Wreath which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your coming amongst us in grace and your final coming in glory. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption when you will come to reign as Universal King.

May this sprinkling of the waters of Baptism remind us of our first sharing in the life of grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming now and always.

The First Violet Candle is lit - this is called the "Prophet's Candle"

Cel. Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world, come that we may have life in its fullness.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Cel. Lord Jesus, you are the Flower from the Root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Cel. Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Above the clamour of our violence your Word of truth resounds, O God of majesty and power. Over nations enshrouded in despair your justice dawns.

Grant your household a discerning spirit and a watchful eye to perceive the hour in which we live. Hasten the advent of that Day when the weapons of war shall be banished, our deeds of darkness cast off, and all your scattered children gathered into one.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.



ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Advent discussion groups have begun in both Euroa and Nagambie. Copies of the booklet *New Life in Christ* is available whether or not you are able to attend a discussion group.

The booklet includes reflections for each day of Advent and the cost is \$5:00.



EUROA

The discussions are being held in St John's Church Narthex at 5:00pm on Wednesdays.

NAGAMBIE

Ecumenical discussions are being held on Thursdays at 11:00am for an hour in the church. We join with people from the Uniting and Anglican Churches to

discuss the Advent Sunday readings.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS @ ST MALACHY'S



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 who will make their First Holy Communion next **Sunday 5th December.**

GRANITE HILL RESIDENTS

The Christmas Ecumenical Prayer for the Granite Hill Residents is scheduled for Friday 17 December at 10:30am. St John's Catholic Parish are allowed to have only 2 parishioners representing us.

If you would like to be one of those 2 please give your name to **Mary B Murphy. 0457 847056**

POUR ~ NAGAMBIE

Nagambie's bi-monthly ecumenical POUR service will be held next **Friday 3rd December at 12 noon** in the St Malachy's church. It will be followed by a BYO lunch with a Christmas theme.



Thank you to Mrs Deane for coming in to judge our Water Winner flower pots . The theme was Water for Life. Well done to Oliver, Chanel and James.





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Please Note.

Any adult entering the school buildings need to show proof of being double vaccination for COVID 19.

Despite easing of restrictions, masks still need to worn in primary schools.



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St. Malacky's Nagambie
St. Joseph's School Nagambie*

Growing in the Spirit Together

