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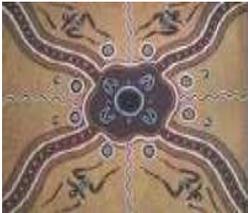
This coming Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. We light the third candle. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy.

**A PRAYER FOR THE
Third Sunday of Advent**

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
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 10, Term 4

No Newsletter next week.

This is probably my last newsletter piece that I will write. I would like to start by expressing my gratitude for the opportunity and honour to be the principal of St Joseph's School Nagambie. I started here at the beginning of the school year in 2009. There have been many students and staff that have passed through the school in that time. I have enjoyed every minute of the time I have been here. The best part of being a principal is witnessing the students grow from their first day to their last day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their work and friendship. I would like to thank the school community for their support and to wish all the families of our school a safe and Holy Christmas, a restful holiday and that 2022 is a fruitful year for all.

Orientation Day

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.



First Holy Communion

We had a beautiful celebration last Sunday with the students from the parish receiving their first Holy Communion. Well done to the students on how they conducted themselves.



End of Year Celebration

Our end of year celebration is next Wednesday start at 6pm. Sausages and hamburgers and salad in bread are supplied. You need to bring your own drinks and chairs. If you would like your meal on a plate, you need to bring your own. We will have Christmas carols from the children and a whole school song, the year 6 movie and farewell to those who are leaving.

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.

St Vincent DePaul Christmas goods and fundraiser

Thank you to all who contributed to our hamper collection for St Vincent DePaul. It was a great effort by all.

Thank You!



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 don't want another one.

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

December

9th Chemical Capers Science day.

9th Reports go home

13th Grade 6 special day

15th End of Year celebration 6pm

16th Last day for Students. Assembly at 2.45 in the 2/3/4 room

17th Last day for Staff.

17th Last day ever for Mr Jones!!!

January 2022

28th Teachers and staff back

31st Students back



St Joseph's school perform the Little Drummer boy.

Classroom News - Term 4, Week 10

Transition Day

We had a great day on Tuesday working with our class groupings for next year. Remy, Scout, Delilah, Maysie, and Ruby have settled into the Foundation/One room very well.

Graduation Mass

Our Graduation Mass was held yesterday, all students received their certificates and we celebrated the achievements of Bryce, Eoin, Maddie and Jordan. We wish them well for next year.

End of Year

Next Wednesday we will have our end of year gathering on the courts, please see the note that went home of more information. On Thursday the students will exchange their K.K gifts before the final assembly at 2:45 in the two/three/four room. We say farewell and good luck to Leo, Chris and Damian and thank them for their hard work in the time they have been with us.

Have a great week everyone!

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



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

8. Pragmatics and Social skills

Focus: Students recognise and appreciate the uniqueness of all people.

*Play the **Same and Different** game in the car with your child. Take turns to name any 2 people in the world (they can be friends or famous people you are both familiar with).*

Discuss 2 characteristics of how those people are similar then 2 differences ie: what makes them unique.

This could be their likes/dislikes, race, gender, religion etc. Talk about how we are lucky that everyone is a little bit different, we can learn from each other. How people from different cultures etc contribute positively to our world.

For example: Justin Bieber & Beyonce. Similar = Entertainers, American eg. Differences: gender & race

"Toppling" by Sally Murphy is an excellent, easy read that covers issues such as accepting others differences, building relationships and dealing with hardship



Catholic Identity Report – by Liz Tang, REL.

The 2nd Week of Advent

Last weekend, we lit the second candle on the second Sunday of Advent along with the first candle. For this following six days, we light the first and second candle. The increase in light from week to week is meant to symbolize the coming of the light of the world, Jesus. The second candle is said to represent **peace** and the **prophecies** of a coming Saviour.



Father in heaven, during this second week of Advent, help us see clearly the times when we have sinned. Accept our sorrow for having pulled away from you, and give us firm resolve to stay close to you.

God above, help us conduct ourselves in holiness. We long to be the people you expect us to be. Help us as we strive to make our souls spotless and our hearts and minds at peace.

Help us, Lord, to remember that we were baptized for a reason. Help us realize our baptismal call to live as children of God.

And dear God, don't let us miss chances this week to be welcoming to other people and to work in harmony with everyone. Help us as we try to change our ways so that we are good examples of people who love and follow the Lord.

Prayers for Advent, week 2, peace:

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



First Holy Communion

Last Sunday we celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a lovely celebration and we congratulate the children, Ned, Thomas, Ruby, James, Brodie, Emerson, Flynn, Ayla, Brock & Oliver, on the reverent way that they participated in the mass. We also thank Fr. Tony who celebrated the mass with the children and Terry & Sally who helped to prepare the children, you the parents and families who helped your children to prepare as well, the St. Joseph's staff who helped with the celebration and preparation of the children and the parishioners who celebrated with the children.

After mass we enjoyed a cuppa, morning tea and a conversation with each other. At the end of the celebration there was a stone like plate left behind. This can be collected from the office at St. Joseph's School, during school hours.

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



**Student of the Week -
T4, W10
Date: Monday, the 6th
of December**

F/1

Presented To: **Millee**

For her fantastic work on learning the capital letters and for always trying her hardest with her work. Well done!

Presented To: **Andy**

For his wonderful Mathematics work and for always trying his hardest to learn new concepts. Well done!

2/3/4

Presented To: **Brody**

For the fantastic effort he has put into sounding out words when writing. Well done!



Holiday Program

29th December - 31st January



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BIG Summer Read

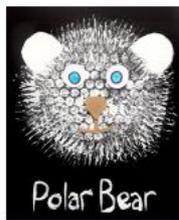
School Holiday Activities

Nagambie Library

Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Wild Printmaking

Tuesday 18th Jan, 2:00pm



Bookings are essential as places are limited at all sessions.

Phone 1300 374 765 and follow the prompts to book a spot at your library.

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Libraries
Change Lives



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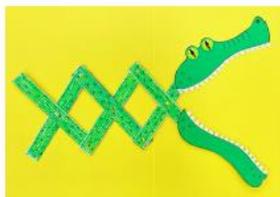
School Holiday Activities

Violet Town Library

Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Snappy Extendable Croc

Friday 21st Jan, 3:00pm



#TakeHome Craft
or
Craft on Tap
4 craft activities to make



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BIG Summer Read

School Holiday Activities

Euroa Library

Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Wild Animal Masks

Tuesday 18th Jan, 10:30am



#TakeHome Craft
or
Craft on Tap
4 craft activities to make



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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE 2022

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited (CES Ltd) are seeking applications from passionate artists experienced in Media, Visual Arts or Performing Arts to become part of our preferred suppliers for the Artist in Residence Program in our schools.

- inspire students to engage in processes of art-thinking and art-making
- develop the capacity of school based Arts teachers
- foster a generation of art makers and consumers
- share artmaking skills and techniques

As a contractor:

- you will be engaged directly by the school to work with our students as required
- have experience working with children and demonstrate an understanding of child safety obligations
- demonstrate exceptional communication skills
- hold or be willing to acquire a Working with Children Check
- demonstrate a commitment to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children
- have their own ABN and ability to invoice
- hold professional indemnity and public liability insurance

Contractors will be paid a generous daily amount to compensate artists for their class time, accommodation, transport and meals.

The artist will collaborate with the school prior to attending to ensure the relevant materials are provided for the project.

HOW TO APPLY

Please provide a copy of your CV with examples of your artistic work to applications@cesand.catholic.edu.au by Friday 25 February 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CLAIRE SPINELLI
Education Officer: The Arts
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E: cspinelli@cesand.catholic.edu.au

Sandhurst schools are committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children. CES Ltd embrace diversity and social inclusion and encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply.



JOIN. BORROW. PLAY. WIN!

A VICTORIAN STATEWIDE READING PROGRAM 1 DECEMBER 2021 – 31 JANUARY 2022

I am pleased to announce the Big Summer Read is taking place at Goulburn Valley Regional Libraries these summer holidays!

The Big Summer Read aims to arrest the 'summer slide' by engaging children and their families in a fun and dynamic campaign through public libraries, supported with resources such as a user-friendly website, posters, downloadable activity sheets, stickers, badges—real and virtual. A competitive element with locally sourced prizes provides added incentive for participation. Distinctive state-wide branding encourages participation in the program, whether children are at home or on holidays elsewhere in Victoria.



The Big Summer Read runs from 1 December 2021 until 31 January 2022.

Register and participate for free at <https://plv.beanstack.org>

Drop in to any Goulburn Valley Library from Wednesday 1 December and pick up a registration pack.

Registration packs will contain a printed copy of the reading record and activities for those who don't wish to register online.

For BIG Summer Read details go to our website

www.gvlibraries.com.au/big-summer-read

childlib@gvrlc.vic.gov.au Tel: 1300 374 765







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Bulletin

12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

REJOICE IN THE LORD!

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

PARISH PRIEST: FR TONY HILL

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Leo Jones 03 5794 2608

St John's School Euroa Principal:

Libby Hamilton 03 5795 2937

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Nola Clifton and Mary Quinn, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray also for those who have died alone, unloved, or forgotten. May they rest in peace.

We pray for: 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.

EUROA PARISH NOTICES

Columban Calendars available in St. John's Church after the Vigil Mass (a good Christmas gift).

St. John's Church Nativity Scene: If you would like to be involved in putting the Scene together in the Narthex, please come along on Friday 17th December at 3:00pm. Volunteers who could help to get the figures down from the high cupboards in the Sacristy after the Vigil Mass this weekend would be very welcome. It takes a few people, including one on a ladder.

St. John's School Graduation Mass: Tuesday 12th December at 12:00pm in the Mercy

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 BOOKINGS AND FACE MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED.

Centre. Parishioners are welcome to attend but must observe COVID Safe Practice (including wearing a Mask).

St John's End School of Year Concert: on the school oval on Monday the 13th December beginning at 6:00pm. Please BYO chairs, drinks (strictly no alcohol) and dinner if you would like. All adults who wish to attend this event must show proof of being fully vaccinated, sanitize hands on entry, QR code check in, and observe COVID safe practices.

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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. In this Advent Season we ask you to bless all who gather around this 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.

The Rose Coloured Candle is lit - this is called the "Shepherd's Candle".

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows his flock and calls each one by name.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd ready to search out and look for the lost sheep.

All: God of glory and splendour, at your touch the wilderness blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and frightened hearts rejoice in new strength.

Open our eyes to your hidden presence and loosen our tongues for songs of praise. To all who long for your Son's return grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the Good News of the kingdom.

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.



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ST JOHN'S EUROA - VIGIL MASS ROSTER

11/12	18/12
WELCOMER: JUDY S	WELCOMER: Marina V-M
READER: Lynette C	READER: Carmel S
COMMENTATOR: Roma O	COMMENTATOR: Mary M
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Michael T	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Peter V
SACRISTAN: Carmel S	SACRISTAN: Carmel S

ST MALACHY'S ROSTER

12/12 W&C	19/12
LEADER: Mel	ALTAR SETTER: Marianna
WELCOME: Moz, Loretta	WELCOME: Moz
READER: Tim	READER: Marg St L
SPECIAL MINISTER: Wendy	SPECIAL MINISTER: Deane
CLEANING: Carol & Mel	CLEANING: Deane & Marianna

EUROA ~ RECONCILIATION AND ANNOINTING

ST JOHN'S EUROA:

Thursday 16th December 6:00pm Celebration of Reconciliation

Tuesday 21st December 11:00am Mass of Anointing

NAGAMBIE ~ RECONCILIATION AND ANNOINTING

ST MALACHY'S NAGAMBIE:

Wednesday 15th December 6:00pm Celebration of Reconciliation (No 12:30 Mass this day)

Wednesday 22nd December 12:30pm Mass of Anointing

NAGAMBIE PARISH NOTICES

Fr Jake Mudge, who is helping out at Christmas, will be staying in Avenel throughout his time in the Parish. We are very grateful that Fr Jake is able to help out in what would have been an onerous job for one priest over such a busy weekend. Thanks be to God, Christmas 2022 will be on a Sunday! (Though I might book Fr Jake early.... Fr T)

NAGAMBIE ADVENT DISCUSSIONS

Our final Ecumenical discussion will be held on Thursday 16th at 11:00am in St Malachy's church. Discussions have been vibrant and respectful. It has been inspiring to join with people from three other denominations in our spiritual preparation for Christmas. All welcome.

There are still 2 copies of the booklet available.

