

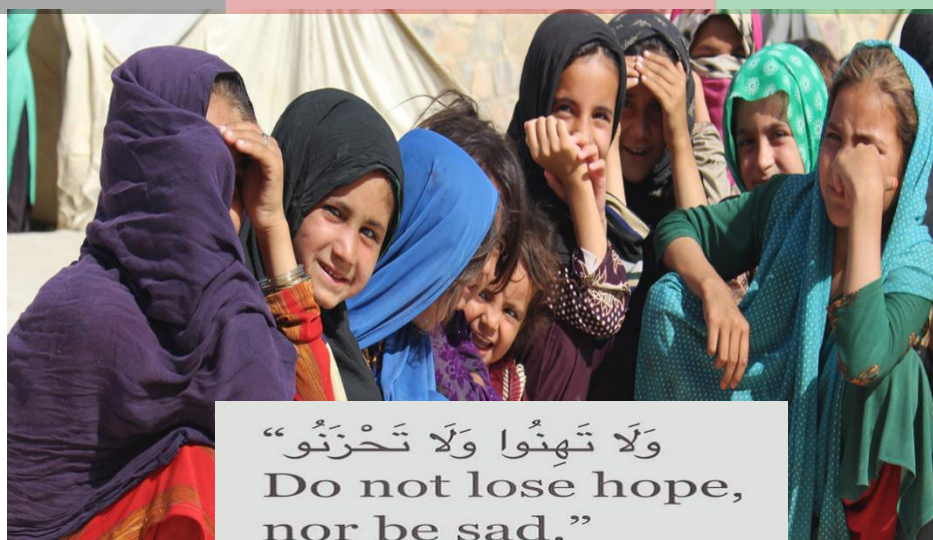
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Newsletter No 26

Thursday 19th August 2021

This week we offer our prayers for the people of Afghanistan. Here in Australia we are a little put out by the restrictions in place, due to COVID. We need to put that in perspective, when we consider the uncertain times the Afghan people are going through, with the Taliban taking control of the country. It must be so frightening being a woman in that country, knowing the Taliban's past record.

Lord,
We lift up the people of
Afghanistan to you right now.
We pray that you would take hold of them
and help them walk through this fearful time.
Protect them under your wing
and help them feel the comfort
and peace that only comes
from your powerful presence.
Amen .



وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا
Do not lose hope,
nor be sad."

— Qur'an 3:139.

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 6, Term 3

Welcome to the sixth week of Term 3.

What a special visitor we had on Monday. Lucy Stephans, a Gold medal winner in rowing at Tokyo. We were privileged to have her at school with her gold medal. She spoke with the children for over half an hour, answering their well thought out questions. A couple of things I heard Lucy say was “set yourself small goals that you can achieve” and “any child here at St Joseph’s can make it to the Olympic games”



TA meetings.

Thank you to all the families for being available to have your TA meetings. These are an important part of our communication with families on the progress of our students. If you have not been able to meet please make sure you make time to have a discussion with your child and the teacher. We will have the F/1 meetings when Liz Tang is back at school.

Update on Liz Tang

I spoke with Liz’s husband, Mark yesterday. He said Liz is slowly recovering. She had a scan yesterday and are waiting on results. They are meeting with specialists in the next week or so. She will be away from school for the next few weeks. I’m very grateful to have Colleen O’Donnell filling in and being available to take the F/1 class.

St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival is approaching quickly. It will be held on the 2nd of September. This is a fantastic fun day, it also gives the students an opportunity to do their best and represent their school. The following week will be the district athletics on the 8th of September held in Shepparton. Parents helpers on the day will be needed to help our athletics to operate. Our athletics will start at 11.30 am.

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

We will commence our Try School program when the restrictions are eased.

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
- For Liz Tang, who is currently on leave and 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

November 1st Report Writing Day

November 22nd (Planning Day)

PHOTOS for Newsletter

Send them to

smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au

All Student Absence Please TXT to 0417 489 577

St. Joseph's Calendar

August

23rd Book Week.

25th Book week Parade

30th Science show- Chemistry Capers.

September.

1st Advisory Council

2nd St Joseph's Athletics Day.

8th District Athletics in Shepparton

14th Montessori Adolescent Program at

Templestowe College Theatre performance

15th Family Bush Dance.

18th End of Term

25th AFL Grand Final

October

3rd Daylight savings starts.

4th Start term 4

5th Division Athletics in Epping.

13th to the 15th 2/3/4 camp at Nillahcootie

20th Advisory Council

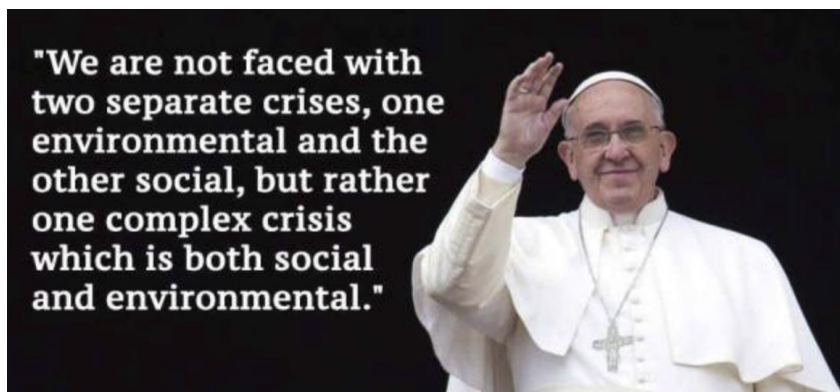
November

1st Pupil Free Day.

2nd Public Holiday(Melbourne Cup)

3rd Spirit day. (For Confirmation Students)

11th Remembrance Day



Shaharзад Akbar

Will we be raising our future generations in a society that is equal, that is tolerant, that is democratic? Or will we be raising future generations in a society that is paralyzed by fear and inequality? Women's participation can make a difference in what Afghanistan can look like; in what kind of future we want for our children.

Chairperson for Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leo Jones".

Leo Jones

Catholic Identity Report – by Liz Tang, REL.

On Sunday, August the 22nd, we celebrate the Queenship of Mary.

What is the Queenship of Mary?

August contains two special days to honor the Blessed Mother, the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary. At the end of Mary's earthly life, she was assumed into heaven and upon entering she became Queen of Heaven. By looking into the Scriptures, how can we deduce these things? First, it would be hard to deny that Mary was the most faithful follower of Jesus. Second, it is completely undeniable that Mary is the mother of Jesus, the King of Kings, and therefore the queen mother. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954.



Our **Catholic Identity Focus** for the coming week is: to focus on the Queenship of Mary and her devotion to God. Mary became the chosen mother of Jesus and therefore the queen of heaven.

This is a prayer we used last year during the Covid outbreak. I will include it again as a prayer for us to use, as we are still dealing with this pandemic!

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.

(Pray for your own particular concerns now)

Take care everyone and stay well!

Classroom News - Term 3, Week 6



Wood Raffle

Tickets for the latest wood raffle were sent home this week. Please try to sell as many as you can, the money will go towards the science day we have booked for later in the term.

Book Week and Book Fair:

Our dress up day for book week will take place on the 25th of August, more information was sent home earlier this week. Also during this week, we will have our book fair open and available for students to make purchases, students will have an opportunity to browse the book fair the week before sales open to create their wish list.

TA Meetings

Our TA meetings took place on Tuesday, thank you to those families who attended.

As Liz is still unwell, meetings for the F/1 students are not able to take place at the moment, information will be sent home when Liz is able to conduct these meetings.

Seeking Donations

We are looking for donations of large catering sized buckets for a future project. If you are able to assist please contact the school or bring any donations into the office. We would appreciate donations to assist our students' learning.

Have a great week everyone!

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

Curriculum Report



Why do we need to know our times tables?

Learning one table makes it easier to learn others

By starting with basic tables and building up, children can learn number rules which will make learning other tables easier. For example, once you know your 2 times table, you can learn your 4 times table simply by doubling the answers!

Tables help with mental arithmetic

Memorising tables makes it far quicker and easier for children to work out maths problems in their heads. It can also help to develop the ability to internally add, subtract and divide!

Tables can help you understand other mathematical concepts

Knowing their times tables can also help your child more readily grasp other important aspects of maths, such as fractions, division and percentages.

Knowing your times tables increases confidence!

Perhaps most importantly, memorising their tables will give your child confidence in their own skills – there's nothing more 'grown up' than not having to use your fingers to work out an answer! This confidence will help them in other assessments, and ultimately, ease their move into secondary education.

We start to teach times tables at grade two, with the expectation that the students will know all of their times tables at the end of grade four. Families can help this process by encouraging students to practice their times tables whenever they can and use their homework tasks to guide their practice. Please speak to your child's teacher if you require further information about this process.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Focus: Story grammar, telling narratives.



Ten activities will be provided over term four targeting your child's knowledge of story grammar. It is important for children to learn that stories generally have parts or a sequence to follow. Knowledge of this will improve your child's reading comprehension and narrative writing.

A story needs to have:

A setting: 'who' the story is about, 'where' the story is taking place and 'when' the story is taking place,

A problem which arises in the story,

Feelings: how the character feels about the problem,

A plan to fix the problem,

The action,

A solution to the problem.

An ending.





**OLYMPIC GOLD MEDEL
AT ST JOSEPHS**





Student of the Week - T3, W6

Date: Monday, the 16th of August

F/1

Presented To: **Sebastian**
For being a positive, respectful learner.
Well done!

2/3/4

Presented To: **Jackson**
For his great participation in class
discussions and sharing his ideas
respectfully. Well done!

5/6

Presented To: **Ruby**
For being an amazing leader and role
model when working with your bubby.
Keep up the positive attitude. Well done
Ruby!

Principal's Award

Presented To: **Sebastian Garrett**
For A Very Positive Attitude



Week 4 & 5 Attendance Ladder

Grade F/1	97%
Grade 2/3/4	92%
Grade 5/6	96%

Bulletin

22nd August 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

The Holy one of God

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

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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, 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: Baby Brody Rosen, Theresa Hall, Dina Van Dyk, June Mulally, Billy O'Connor, Benjamin Playford, Ollie Bodiam, Ciara Ryan, Sian Pasqual, Helen Perry, Patrick Cahill, Alice Cahill, Frank Boyer, 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.



EUROA NOTICES

The next PARISH COUNCIL meeting will be held on **Thursday 2nd September at 6:00pm** in St John's Hall on Wednesday 18th August.

The next PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting will be held on **Tuesday 31st August at 6:00pm** in the Staff Room at St. John's School

St John's School, Euroa, Centenary Celebration has been postponed until 2022 because of the uncertainty of the spread of the Delta variant of Covid-19 and the possibility of further lockdowns.

2021 Schedule of Services

EUROA ST JOHN'S

Fridays 12:30pm Mass

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

1st and 3rd Sundays 10:30am Rosary

1st and 3rd Sundays 11:00am Mass

2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays 10:30am Rosary

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 TO MAINTAIN DISTANCE AND WEAR A FITTED FACE MASK.

ST JOHN'S EUROA - VIGIL MASS ROSTER

21/8

WELCOMER: Jenny Tehan

READER: Carmel Simmons

COMMENTATOR: Mary

Murphy

EUCARISTIC MINISTER:

Margaret Brodie

SACRISTAN: Carmel Simmons

28/8

WELCOMER: Marina Van Maanen

READER: Michael Tehan

COMMENTATOR: Therese

Hamill

EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Judy

South

SACRISTAN: Therese Hamill

ST MALACHY'S ROSTER

22/8

LEADER: Mel

WELCOME: Loretta, Moz

READER: Sue

SPECIAL MINISTER: Rhonda

CLEANING: Deane &

Marianna

29/8

LEADER: Mel

WELCOME: Moz, Wendy

READER: Terry

SPECIAL MINISTER: Deane

CLEANING: Sue T & Jenny

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

FROM FR TONY

On or near the Feast of the Assumption I often talk to children at a School Mass, and I try to get them to understand as well as they can that the Feast Day celebrates our belief that Our Lady was assumed body and soul into heaven. In the end I might say to them, more or less, that it's like much of what we believe - a mystery. With a mystery we believe something to be so without really understanding it, but accepting that it is so through faith.

In our beliefs there are many mysteries we accept with faith. We don't understand them all but we accept them nonetheless.

Some people simply can't accept what can't be proved, and they reject it utterly.

In today's Gospel we have the two types of people - some of Jesus' disciples who can't accept his teaching; as Jesus says, "there are some of you who don't believe." The other people are the disciples who don't necessarily understand completely, but still believe in Jesus because of the signs he gave them. As Simon Peter says so beautifully, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe."

Simon Peter's words speak of loyalty and faithfulness, two of the highest qualities of being human and being Christian.

Loyalty and faithfulness are the essential building blocks of marriage, family life, priesthood, and beyond into our world. They are essential to community life, to good government, to just about everything. Where there is no loyalty or faithfulness there is chaos.

They are often loyalty and faithfulness to an ideal or a belief or a set of rules. The people of AA would say it is the idea of the Higher Power; something greater than ourselves in whom we trust. Like so much that is in Sacred Scripture it comes down to being fully committed wherever our treasure lies.

Our treasure lies with the Lord Jesus and to have him we will give up everything; he it is to whom we are fully committed. In St. Matthew's Gospel we hear of the parable of the treasure in the field. "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field which a man found and hid. In his joy, he goes and sells all that he has, and buys the whole field."

We are still the disciples who ask, "Lord, to whom would we go?" and we respond, like Simon Peter, "You have the message of eternal life, and we believe."

Perhaps in our prayer this week we might consider the great treasure we do indeed possess.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Shane has given all the priests of the Diocese the faculty to celebrate Confirmation. EUROA has quite a few candidates so we'll "stagger" those celebrations over a few weekends to maintain social distancing. We'll also have to limit the number of candidates' guests, and not allow people from Melbourne to attend unless their lockdown eases. The large number is because we couldn't have Confirmation in 2020.

Confirmation in NAGAMBIE will go ahead in November with a much smaller number of candidates during a Sunday Mass.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY ~ 29TH AUGUST

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on 29th August. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Annual Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth; Cry of the Poor, to be highlighted on this day, can be read online at: socialjustice.catholic.org.au Printed copies will be available next weekend.

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ KEEP COVID SAFE

Help keep our parishes Covid safe by using QR codes, distancing during Mass, wearing a fitted face mask, and using hand sanitiser.

PLENARY COUNCIL ~ SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on MONDAY 30th August 7.30 - 9pm (meals from 6pm optional). The Plenary Council's First Assembly is in October. The Agenda has been announced and the delegates (members) are in the final stages of preparation. What are the priorities for the Plenary from your perspective? Sandhurst delegates, Ruth Lawlor & Cathy Jenkins, are coming to listen. Come & join this opportunity to reflect together in the lead-up to the Plenary Council. (Venue capacity during COVID is 60 so plenty of room!)

Enquiries:

Kerry 0408 579 904

Frank 0407 587 527

Fran 0409 012 228

More information about the Plenary Council is available online at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



2022 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDAR \$10:00

ST JOHN'S EUROA - Calendars are now available. Please see June Lomer

ST MALACHY'S NAGAMBIE - Please place your order with Sally by Sunday 5th September. 0408141969



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