



# St. Joseph's School is a child safe school

# Newsletter No 28

# Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Prayer for week 8.

A prayer for all Fathers. God our Father.

We give thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but live in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Lord bless all fathers with wisdom and humility. Give them the strength to do well by their children and You.



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# I am at my best when I am being Friendly, Respectful and a Positive Learner Welcome to the end of Week 8, Term 3

Hopefully I will be back on deck on Monday. I have my day 13 test today and so with the correct results I will come out of quarantine at 11.59 Friday night.

As outlined yesterday by the Premier, remote learning will continue into next week. We may be able to have the students back for the last week of term. This will become clearer next week.

Thank you to the staff for all the work they have done with continuing the remote learning.

This Sunday is Fathers Day. We wish all our Dads a special day and pray that they continue to be a great role model to their children. May they be spoiled on Sunday.

As we work through this latest lock down here is a site with some great ideas to do to help break the tensions of being in lockdown.

https://www.abc.net.au/everyday/things-to-do-help-mental-health-during-covid-

lockdown/100388366?utm\_campaign=abc\_everyday&utm\_content=facebook&utm\_medium=content\_share\_d&utm\_source=abc\_everyday&fbclid=IwAR2lXusn8-GL\_CTry8k0rUn3PoTDA-

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NAPLAN results have arrived this week. These are usually collected from and discussed with your classroom teacher. At the moment this is not available so they will included with your childs learning pack or they will be mailed to you. If you have any questions regarding your child's results, please discuss these with your child's teacher.

# St Joseph's Athletics Carnival

With the current Lockdown in place we will reassess the situation when we have more details possible ending of lockdown restrictions.

# **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.



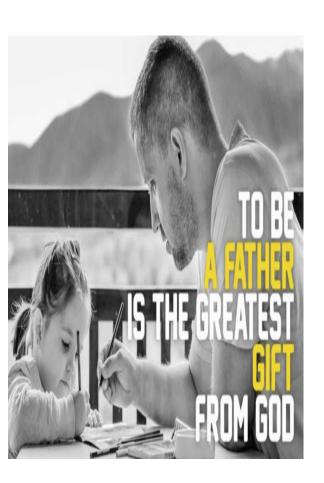
Yesterday was National Wattle Day

# **Pupil Free Days this Year**

- 1. November 1st Report Writing Day
- 2. November 22nd (Planning Day)



PHOTOS for Newsletter Send them to <a href="mailto:smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au">smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au</a>
All Student Absence Please TXT to 0417 489 577



# St. Joseph's Calendar

# September.

15th Family Bush Dance.(Not sure if this will go ahead) 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)
4th Science show- Chemistry Capers.
8th to the 12th Swimming
11th Remembrance Day

# **December**

2nd Fun Fields Day 7th Statewide Orientation

# Classroom News - Term 3, Week 8

### **Book Week and Book Fair:**

Our online Book Fair was a great success. Thank you to those who participated and purchased items from the Book Fair, we have until the end of this week to finalise the sales, please get in contact if you would like to make a purchase.

# **TA Meetings**

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.

# **Athletics**

Our athletics were to take place today, this has been put on hold at the moment. We will advise of the new date when we are able to reschedule.

# **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.









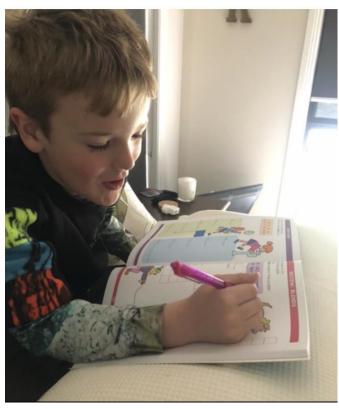












Fantastic effort working hard from home with beautiful smiles!









# HOME SCHOOLING



# **Bulletin**

5th September 2021 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B He makes the deaf hear!

PARISH PRIEST: FR TONY HILL
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Thursday 9:00am - 4:30pm 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 Theresa Hall, Fr Paul Purcell, and Aivars Kupcis, 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: Lorna Palmer, 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 NOTICE**

Special Ministers of the Eucharist - the Parish has about 14 pyxes circulating for taking Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound. Presently there is only one left in St John's Church. If you have one could you please return it to the Presbytery? for the Catholic parishes of

St John the Evangelist Euroa, Violet Town, Longwood St Malachy's Nagambie, Avenel

# No Masses or services in our churches

THIS SUNDAY
Mass on TV

Mass for you at Home Channel 10 every Sunday at 6:00am

### Mass online

from St Kilian's with Bishop Shane at 10:00am: sandhurst.catholic.org.au

#### SANDPIPER

he latest edition of the Sandpiper is available now and can be accessed by subscribing online at:

sandhurst.catholic.org.au

# **AFGHANISTAN CRISIS**

A couple of people have asked about the possibility of a collection for the people of Afghanistan. There isn't one and there isn't really anywhere to channel funds. Caritas does not appear to have any representation there, and it's probably even less likely under the rule of the Taliban. However, I think it's our duty as Christians to do all we can to make all refugees and asylum seekers welcome.

# 2022 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDAR \$10:00

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

ST MALACHY'S NAGAMBIE - Please place your order with Sally this week. 0408141969



### NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

If you have something for the bulletin please give it to Fr Tony or Sally via email. Hopefully then we will get it correct and it will actually find its spot in the bulletin.

Due Tuesday evening

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

Years ago, as a seminarian, I worked at Villa O'Neill, a retirement home for the blind. Each week a couple of us would go along for a few hours and talk to the residents. All of them were pretty much unable to see. I was amazed at what I saw there. I met a group of residents one day who were making the Stations of the Cross, and I thought to myself, how could they do them without being able to see? Then I realised the actual Stations were at shoulder level and hand carved, so the residents could go through the series by feeling them.

At one stage, one of the supervisors sent me to talk to an old man in a corner, warning me that he was totally blind and totally deaf. Here was a challenge. How could I talk to a blind and deaf man? The supervisor said simply, "Take his hand and write on the palm." So, patiently, I would sit with him for an hour or so writing with my finger on the palm of his hand. It was amazing. Eventually I started telling him jokes. He'd concentrate on what I was writing on his hand, then pause, and suddenly start laughing.



Ephatha - be opened!

He was able to speak, but it was often difficult to understand him because he'd never heard anyone speak.

In the Ritual of Baptism there is a prayer prayed over the ears and mouth of an infant being baptised. It's called the "Ephphetha" or the Prayer over the Ears and Mouth.

It happens shortly after the pouring of water in the Baptism.

Touching the child's ears and mouth, the priest says, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his Word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father." "Ephphetha" is basically the word that Jesus used to open the ears and tongue of the man born deaf and who had a speech impediment.

All of us who have been baptised would have had that prayer prayed over our ears and mouths at our baptism.

My friend at Villa Madonna never heard as we hear, but through touch he heard with his hand. It's a bit similar for us. We don't hear God so much through our ears, and perhaps we don't proclaim his faith with our mouths so much, but we do hear God speaking in hundreds of ways in and through the actions of others, and we do proclaim God's faith in the way we live our lives and try to be the best of disciples.

To be able to do so we must be both receptive and outgoing: receptive to hear God as he speaks to our hearts, and outgoing in telling the message by what we say and do.

Perhaps this week, in our prayer, we might try to hear as God as speaks in and through others to us, and in our lives we might try to express that love God tells us of.

# Masses, Meetings, and Lockdowns

We remain hopeful that Masses will go ahead in regional Victoria soon although I suspect we'll remain closed for a while yet. Keep an eye on the news nonetheless. Any changes I'll notify by email or on the bush telegraph.

Any scheduled meetings have been cancelled, postponed, or transferred to

Fr Tony will notify of any meetings being held virtually.

## NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

rom the Director of Education in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Mr Paul Desmond:
I write to advise that the principal selection process for St Joseph's, Nagambie, has now concluded. Accordingly, I am pleased to announce Mrs Maree Findlay as the incoming Principal for St Joseph's from the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads, both with us and gone to God.

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A FREE seven session program for fathers of 2 -12 year old children

Dads Tuning in to Kids teaches you how to help your child understand and manage feelings ('emotional intelligence').

Children with good emotional intelligence:

- have better concentration at school
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry

Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm starting 12 October - 18 November 2021 Online

Call FamilyCare's Central Intake 1800 161 306 to register your place or register online here



This workshop is for parents and/or carers in the Goulburn Region (Greater Shepparton, Moira, Strathbogie, Mitchell and Murrindindi)