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St. Joseph's School is a child safe school

Newsletter No 37

Thursday 18th November 2021

Prayer for week 7.

Prepare me for the coming week.

Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me this week that You and I together can't handle. Take away my fears, doubts and worries, and replace them with strength, hope and faith.

If I feel stuck or if I feel like I'm not getting where I need to be fast enough, remind me that I may be delayed because there's a storm where I'm headed and that storm isn't meant for me.


I am grateful for my family, friends and community. Thank you for this Beautiful Life and forgive me if I sometimes don't love it enough.

In Your name, I pray.

Amen.

Charity M. Richey-Bentley

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



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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 7, Term 4

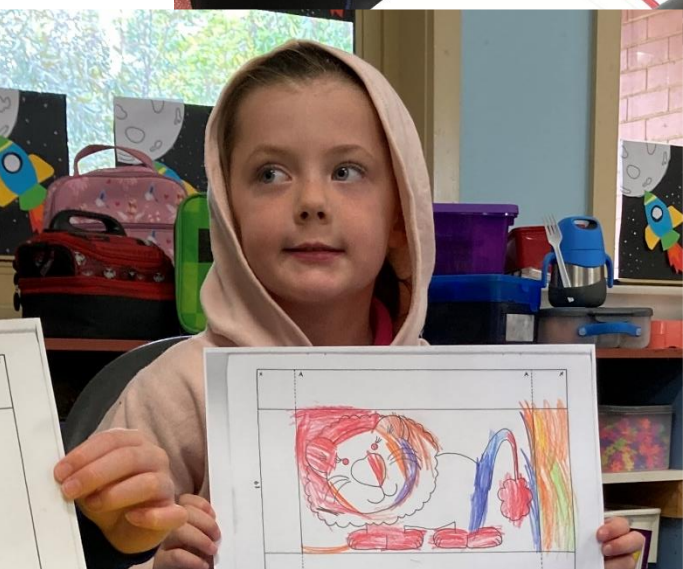
Opening of the Nagambie Active Space

Last Thursday I took Laura Fearn and Alya Thompson to the official opening. We had intended to take all the 5/6 class but due to the weather on the day the opening had been moved to the Recreation reserve. Both Laura and Alya spoke very well about the benefits of the active space. They then were involved in the official opening and unveiling of the plaque with the dignitaries that attended.



Transition Program

It was great to have our transition students here again. They participated in lots of activities with their buddies. This will continue for the rest of the term up until Orientation day on December the 7th.





First Holy Communion Preparation.

The celebration First Communion will be 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 will have a preparation day on Wednesday the 24th of November

End of Year Graduation and celebration

Our graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday the 8th of December at 12noon. At the end of this Mass each child will be presented with their certificate and we will have our awards for our year 6 students. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Then on Wednesday the 15th of December, we will have our end of year celebration. It will start at 6pm on the courts. Tea will be provided. The children will do their special Christmas performance and we will watch the year 6 movie. Please put these events into your diary.

Laptops for sale

We will 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.

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 on the school site need to be double vaccinated and be able to show proof of their status.

This is a statewide requirement.

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



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.



Pupil Free Days this Year

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

November

15th to 19th Swimming

22nd Pupil Free day - Planning for staff.

24th Advisory Council

December

2nd Fun Fields Day

5th First Holy Communion

7th Statewide Orientation

8th End of Year Graduation Mass 12 noon

9th Chemical Capers Science day.

15th End of Year celebration

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



Classroom News - Term 4, Week 7

Swimming Program

Well done to everyone on their fantastic participation in our swimming program this week. We are looking forward to our last lesson tomorrow.

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 will spend the day on Monday 22nd planning for next year, so it will be a pupil free day.

End of Year Excursion

Information about our end of year excursion to FunFields sent home this week; please return your permission forms ASAP.

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 develop 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

5. Pragmatics and Social skills



Focus: self awareness- identifying personal strengths and skill sets,

Encourage each member of the household to develop an “**About Me**” book or card to share with each other. This could be on a computer, Ipad or a scrapbook hard copy. Include

information on their personal, family and friendship details, likes/dislikes, strengths (what they're good at), challenges or what they'd like to be good at. Really you can include any information that's important to you and your child.

Make sure you include pictures and/or photos.

Go through this book on a weekly basis, update the details and comment or ask each other questions such as; Why do you like.....? How are you going with this challenge. It's great for your child to see that everyone has challenges and are working hard to improve themselves.

If you don't have time to make an About Me book, go through the family photo album regularly with your child. Talk about what they were doing in the photo, what they were thinking, feeling. Focus on something in the photo that demonstrates your child's skills eg; making a sandcastle, painting a picture, going down a slide. Would they like to do it again, why?



Catholic Identity Report – by Liz Tang, REL.

On Sunday, the 21st November, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is the final Sunday of the liturgical calendar – the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. The season of Advent begins the following Sunday.



The purpose of this feast is to draw our minds and hearts closer to acknowledging the authority and sovereignty of Christ in a society that often forgets or denies His power and kingship. The reign of Christ does not refer to an earthly power but a divine one. There are many references to Christ as King in the Bible. In Revelation (19:16) Jesus is referred to as “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.” In John 18:33, 36-37 the divine authority of Christ is made clear.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a newer feast in the Catholic Church because Pope Pius XI following World War I established it in 1925.



Commemorating the Solemnity of Christ the King

The tallest statue of Jesus in the world is the Christ the King statue in Poland which is even larger than the statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He Shall Reign Forever

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, it is important to remember, that Christ is King not only of the universe but also of our hearts and homes. He is a just King, but He is also loving and merciful and will be with us until the end of time. Jesus is the king that came to save us from our sins. During Advent, we await the coming of the infant King – the son of God born in

Bethlehem to free us from our sins. He is a king of love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness who comes to lead us to the truth and to eternal life. Jesus is a King who teaches us to serve with humility and gentleness – “For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:42-45).

The Solemnity of Christ the King helps us to focus on recognizing that Jesus is the king of the world as well as the kingdom of Heaven. Christ cares for us, loves us, and even serves us. He rules over us with love and justice. Jesus is our leader, and He wants us to follow His example of leadership by caring, loving, and serving one another.

Our Catholic Identity focus for the coming week is: to focus on the Solemnity of Christ the King. We need to follow His leadership by caring, loving and serving one another.



Bulletin

21st November 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B
BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH.

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. We pray also 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.



ST JOHN'S EUROA - VIGIL MASS ROSTER

20/11

WELCOMER: Marina VM

READER: Lynette C

COMMENTATOR: Therese H

EUCARISTIC MINISTER:
Margaret B

SACRISTAN: Therese H

27/11

WELCOMER: Michael T

READER: Carmel S

COMMENTATOR: Anne W

EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Joy V

SACRISTAN: Judy S

ST MALACHY'S ROSTER

21/11 Mass

ALTAR SETTER: Marianna

WELCOME: Moz, Loretta

READER: Carol

SPECIAL MINISTER: Terry

CLEANING: Sue & Jenny

28/11 W&C

LEADER: Carol

WELCOME: Moz

READER: Sue T

SPECIAL MINISTER: Julie B

CLEANING: Julie B & Moz

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

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 AND TO CONTINUE TO
WEAR FACE MASKS INSIDE.**

NUMBERS IN OUR CHURCHES: We are still limited to 1 person per 4m² in our churches. That means 62 people in Euroa and 77 in Nagambie, however, if one un-vaccinated person attends, the number drops immediately to a limit of 30 people. This is why we all need to be double vaccinated and be ready to show our Government vaccination certificate.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Monday 22nd: St Cecilia

Tuesday 23rd: St Columban

Thursday 25th: St Catherine

Friday 26th: St Leonard



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

FROM FR TONY

It would be a wonderful thing I think to be able to look at the world and see its goodness most of the time. I'm inclined to think that there is much more goodness than there is evil. The problem is that part of human nature is to look for the negative before seeing the positive. And, it's often said that negatives speak louder than positives. Why? Wouldn't it be better to look with the heart of Jesus at the world than with the mind of the cynic?

I think it's a wonderful thing that our Holy Book begins completely from a positive perspective. Right from the very beginning of sacred scripture, in the creation of everything, God looked at what he had done and saw that it was good. God didn't look at the world with cynical eyes, and when he created the pinnacle of creation, humanity, he saw that as very good indeed.

We don't know exactly what the Fall was, but I wonder if it might not have been the moment humanity failed to see goodness? Up until the time of the Fall everything had been blessed; now it was cursed. And it took the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus to turn it around again - to make curse back into blessing.

Jesus blessed creation again. He turned the world from cursed to blessed. And this is something we learn again and again from the Celtic tradition where almost every aspect of life has a blessing associated with it.

To curse is to call evil or injury down on someone. It is to invoke or pray for evil. And so in life, we find ourselves offered the choice: to bless or to curse, to call forth goodness or to call down evil.

As Christians, we need to understand the implications that accompany the choice between blessing and curse. If we are to be a people of God, we need to relearn the forgotten art of blessing. To offer a blessing is not a difficult task. In fact, a blessing can be so simple that all too often we take the act of blessing for granted. The priest, for example, blesses us at the end of



each Mass. Whether we are aware of it or not, we bless ourselves each time we make the Sign of the Cross. Despite this inherent simplicity, the act of blessing can take on more meaning if we come to understand the three basic elements that comprise a blessing.

The first element in any blessing is that there has to be a relationship with God. When we bless, when we ask for goodness, we ask from the source of all goodness, we ask God.

The second element in a blessing is the ritual of transfer of the blessing or the goodness. Historically, this transfer of the blessing takes place physically through words that we pronounce and gestures that we make, such as uplifted arms or actual laying-on of hands.

The third element of a blessing is the change to the receiver, where we see the goodness of the blessing. Even Jesus, when he pronounced the Beatitudes, could see a goodness that would give comfort and hope to millions of believers. We have in our possession the ability to envision virtually any future for humanity. The power to bless is incredibly awesome. It is the vision of divine enhancement, of a people resting in the palm of God's hand.

So, as we celebrate the greatest blessing of all today; the Eucharist, perhaps we might pray that before we knock down or curse, we consider blessing instead.

APOLOGIES FROM FR TONY:

I simply didn't get time to produce the Memorial Books for November in Euroa, Violet Town or Longwood.

SORRY



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 on **Friday 3rd December at 12 noon** in the St Malachy's church. It will be followed by a BYO lunch with a Christmas theme.

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ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Advent discussion groups will be held in both Euroa and Nagambie. 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

Commencing Wednesday 24th November at 5:00pm (the week before the First Sunday of Advent) the discussions will be held in St John's Church Narthex.

NAGAMBIE

Ecumenical discussions will be held on four Thursdays at 11:00am for an hour in the church beginning

on 25th November. We will join with people from the Uniting and Anglican Churches to discuss the Advent Sunday readings.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

AROUND THE PARISHES

EUROA ST JOHN'S

Friday 24th December: 8:30pm Carols
Friday 24th December: 9:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 26th December: 10:30am Mass

NAGAMBIE ST MALACHY'S

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LONGWOOD ST PATRICK'S

Saturday 25th December: 8:30am Mass
Sunday 26th December: 9:00am Word & Communion

AVENEL ST MARY'S

Saturday 25th December: 10:00am Mass
Sunday 26th December: 11:00am Word & Communion

VIOLET TOWN ST ATTRACTA'S

Friday 24th December: 12:00 Midnight Mass
Sunday 26th December: 11:00am Word & Communion



NAGAMBIE COMMUNITY Christmas Carols 2021

ALCOHOL FREE, COVID FRIENDLY, FAMILY EVENT
organised by the churches and community groups of Nagambie
Let's celebrate Christmas together in an evening of joy, music,
stories, food and good company!

- Community Carols lead by the Larks
- Soloist items from local artists
- The Story of Christmas
- Santa on a fire truck
- Icy poles for all children
- St Joseph's Primary School
- Nagambie Primary School

Sunday 5th of December, 2021

Buckley Park

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Followed by

Mens' Shed Sausage Sizzle

Soft drinks and water to purchase

Sponsored by Strathbogie Shire Council, Nagambie Lions Club, Nagambie Lakes Community House, Nagambie Men's Shed, Nagambie/Avenel Uniting Church, St John's Anglican Church, and St Malachy's Catholic Church.

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 are currently preparing for their First Holy Communion on **Sunday 5th December.**





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