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

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Our Prayer for this week

*Prayer for week 10, term 3 2021*

*Our Prayer for the end of an interesting Term!*

*We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.*

*Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.*

*Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.*

*Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.*

*May we always be conscious of you in our lives.*

*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 3**

**IT'S A GIRL, born 9.20am this morning, no name yet. Congratulations Bridgette & Anthony Haysom.**



This is our end of term 3 newsletter. It has been a much disrupted term but I believe, we as a school, have weathered it well. It has been so rewarding having the F, 1 and 2 students back. I hope that we will have all back for the start of next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank!

- All the staff for the work they have done throughout this difficult term. Especially Liz and Chris, despite being unwell, did a great deal of preparation work.
- You the parents, for all your work with remote learning and adapting. You have not only juggled remote learning and work from home but continue to support us in a way of teaching, which could never have been imagined.
- To the children for all their hard work, either here at school or at home. They have missed their friends and normal routines but continue to be their best. They have experienced many disappointments this term but with their positive mindset have made the best of the situation.

I wish all our students, parents, staff and school community a safe and restful holiday. Put the screens away, get out in the sun, and enjoy the outdoors. I know I will.

### **Update on Chris Hooper and Liz Tang.**

I spoke to both our staff members this week. They are both on the mend slowly and keen to be back at school next term. Liz has had long service booked for the first two weeks of term 4 since the beginning of the year, which she still wants to take and then she will be back at school. Colleen O'Donnell will be in the F1 room for those two weeks.

I have worked out with Liz that she will work until lunchtime so she can rest for the next day. On Monday the F/1 have Indonesian in the afternoon, Tuesday they have performing arts and then Wednesday and Thursday they will be in with the 2,3,4 class. On Friday, I will continue to teach them.

Chris Hooper intends to be back for the start of term 4. I will confirm this with her in the second week of the holidays.

### **Bluearth Coach Dillon**

Unfortunately, Dillon has had a change of career and will no longer be our coach. The Bluearth Foundation is in the process of filling his role. I will find out more in the second week of the holidays.

### **ICON**

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, we have moved to a new administration system. Janelle is slowly getting her head around the new system. This week she managed to do a pay run and pay half a dozen bills. It is a very slow process as it is all new, but she is getting there.

### **St Joseph's Athletics Carnival**

We will see what we can do next term. I am keen to have something for the students as they trained so well. The district is also keen to try to have a meet of some description.

### **Footy Colours Day**

This Friday, our last day is our traditional Footy colours day. The students are invited to dress up in their favourite footy team regardless of the code. Even the students at home are welcome to dress up and send a photo to school.

### **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.

### **Raffle**

Thank you to those families who have returned their wood raffle tickets. Please try to sell as many as you can. The money raised by these raffles will help to pay for a Science excursion we will have later this term or early next term. The shall be drawn next term.

### **Try School/Transition**

We will commence our Try School/Transition 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](mailto:smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au)

All Student Absence Please TXT to 0417 489 577

## St. Joseph's Calendar

### September.

17<sup>th</sup> Footy colours dress up day.

17<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1.20 finish.

25<sup>th</sup> AFL Grand Final.

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight savings starts.

4<sup>th</sup> Start Term 4

13<sup>th</sup> to the 15th 2/3/4 camp at Nillahcootie (Depending on restriction)

20<sup>th</sup> Advisory Council

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Pupil Free Day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup)

3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit day. (For Confirmation Students)

4<sup>th</sup> Science show- Chemistry Capers.

8<sup>th</sup> to the 12th Swimming

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> Fun Fields Day

7<sup>th</sup> Statewide Orientation

8<sup>th</sup> End of Year Graduation Mass (to be confirmed)

15<sup>th</sup> End of Year celebration

16<sup>th</sup> Last day for Students

17<sup>th</sup> Last day for Staff.



Attendance Matters

### Unexplained Absences

If a student is absent without reason, the school will contact the parent

If contact cannot be made with the parent, the emergency contact/s will be contacted to ensure the safety of the student

SHOW YOUR TRUE

**COLOURS**

**FOOTY COLOURS DAY!**

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Dress up in your favourite FOOTBALL COLOURS!**

Grade 5/6	100%
Grade 3/4	94%
Grade F/1/2	94%

**ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE WK 8 & 9**

## Classroom News - Term 3, Week 10

### End of Term

Well done for a great term of learning. We have been able to have some excellent things happening both at school and at home. We thank you as parents and carers for the fantastic job you have done supporting our students in their work at home. The F/1/2 students have settled in well and have had an enjoyable end to the term together. We look forward to welcoming our older students back to school next term.

### Book Week

We hope to be able to conduct our book week celebration when we return to school.

### Athletics

Our athletics were to take place last week; this has been put on hold. 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.

### 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 or 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 in 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 holidays everyone!

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

### CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

- After reading a story or watching a TV program ask your child what they would do if they were in that character's shoes.

Encourage them to start with the phrase;

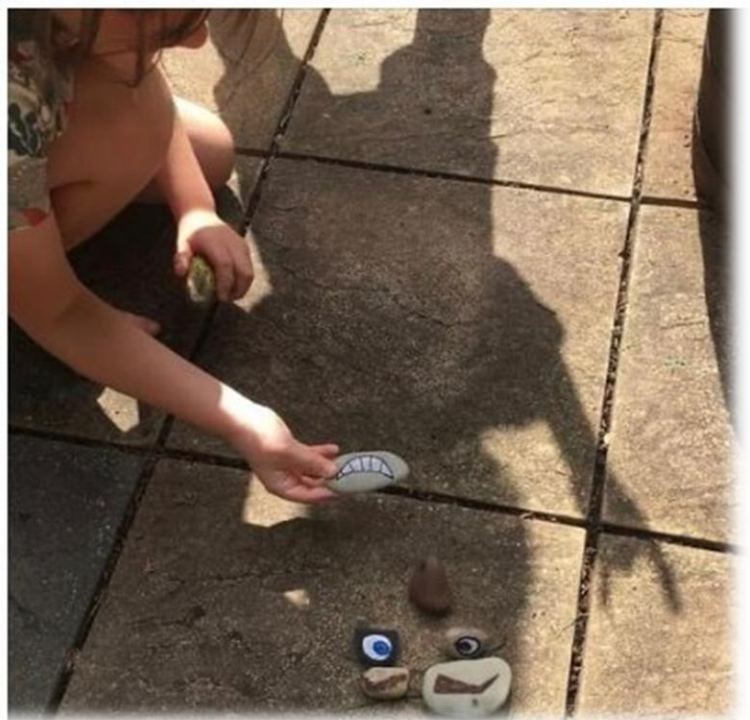
"If I was a ..... I would....."



- Try some acting! Bring your child's favourite story to life by creating masks, costumes, dress ups, or puppets. Get in character and act the story out, or create a new story or problem for the character. Entertain the whole family by putting on a show.

- While sharing a story with your child, change a predictable part to something totally outrageous that does not fit with the story or pictures. See if your child notices and can suggest something more appropriate.





## KIDS RETHINK RECYCLING



This school holidays join us online and take a peek at what happens to your recycling after it's picked up by the truck.

SEPT 30 | 10-11.15AM | FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL [www.kidsrethinkrecycling.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.kidsrethinkrecycling.eventbrite.com.au)



## Webinar for Parents

of 2 - 12 year olds

A webinar for parents to learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety and build resilience in your child

**ENROL NOW!**

## NO SCAREDY CATS

This interactive webinar offers parents of 2-12 year-olds reliable and easy-to-implement strategies to help parents identify and challenge anxious behaviours and build resilience in their child.

Presented by Michael Hawton, MAPS. Held over 3 interactive webinar sessions

Thursdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

From 6.30 - 8.45 PM AEST

Over 3 sessions you will learn to:

- Identify and combat your child's anxious behaviours.
- Learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety.
- Build resilience in your child for greater social and academic success.
- Improve your parenting confidence and family bonds.



*Tickets on Sale*

~~\$99~~ per person

**\$59**

*"Good for learning practical aspects of parenting regarding building resilient kids - All with a neat scientific background to assist in understanding."* RHEA, PARENT.

*"Very practical, user-friendly evidence based information to support parents, so they can better support their children."* TRACEY, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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