



St Joseph's School Newsletter

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SCHOOL VISION

At St Joseph's School, we are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ. We value harmony, inclusiveness and respect for God, each other and our world.

PARISH MASS TIMES

1st Sunday of the Month – 9am (Lay-Led) 2nd Sunday of the Month – 5pm
3rd Sunday of the Month – 9am 4th Sunday of the Month – 9am
5th Sunday of the Month – 9am Ecumenical Service

Co Pastors: Fr Patrick Mugavin & Fr George Kuruvila Principal: Mr Karl Dwyer SAC Chair: Mrs Andrea Munro

February 12th 2020

ISSUE 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1 - 2021

- Feb 15 Dental Van visiting
- Feb 15 SAC Meeting 7.00pm
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am
- Feb 21 Beginning of Year Mass 9am
- Feb 22 District Swimming Sports
- Feb 24 Parents Association 3.30pm
- Feb 25 School Open Night (TBC)
- Mar 2 Clean Up Australia Day
- Mar 8 Labour Day Public Holiday
- Mar 10 District Aths
- Mar 12 Division Swimming
- Mar 15 SAC Meeting 7.00pm
- Mar 26 St Joseph's Twilight Fair
- Apr 1 Final Day of Term 1

Dear Families,

On Monday the Parents Association met for the first time this year. Thanks to those that were able to attend. Much of the discussion involved the organization of the Twilight Fair which is to be held in the second last week of this term. The minutes of this meeting are in this newsletter. Our next meeting will be held on February 24th at 3.30pm and any family members connected to the school are welcome to attend.

The Western Trinity Swimming Carnival was a very successful day. It was the first time I'd been to a whole school swimming sports, and I was very impressed by how smoothly everything ran. Congratulations to the McAuley House (Blue Team) for taking out the shield. Hopefully, Mercy and can McKillop can sneak up on them at the Cross Country and Athletics later in the year. Thank you to Mrs McManus and her staff at Sacred Heart in Casterton for hosting the day and to all of our parents and friends who travelled over to support the students or help out with assorted jobs at the pool.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and students will attend Mass at 9.15am. Parents and Friends are warmly invited.

Whilst Kate Plush works across three schools in the Western Trinity, she will endeavor to be at Coleraine in my absence. If both Kate and myself are off-site, then please direct your inquiries to Emily Dwyer.

Below is a list of roles and responsibilities of staff members at St Joseph's.

2021 Administration Team

Principal	Karl Dwyer
Lead Teacher	Emily Dwyer
Business Managers	Fiona Fitzgerald & Nicole Tindall

Learning Coordinators

Religious Education	Karl Dwyer
Teaching & Learning Coordinator	Kate Plush
Learning Diversity	Emily Dwyer
Science & Art	Chris Cooney
LOTE (Indonesian) Coordinator	Karl Dwyer
Health & PE	Nicky Lowe
Numeracy	Patrick Sinnott
Music	Tara Stephens

Kind regards,
Karl Dwyer

WEEKLY PRAYER

*The day is filled with splendour
When God brings light from light,
And all renewed creation
Rejoices in his sight.*

*The Father gives his children
The wonder of the world
In which his power and glory
Like banners are unfurled.*

*With every living creature,
Awaking with the day,
We turn to God our Father,
Lift up our hearts and pray:*

*O Father, Son and Spirit,
Your grace and mercy send,
That we may live to praise you
Today and to the end.*

AWARDS

Principal's Award:

Zara Ly

For trying her best and having-a-go at swimming this week.

Well done Zara!



Leader's Award

Jensen Soulsby

For a great start to the year, awesome job Jensen!



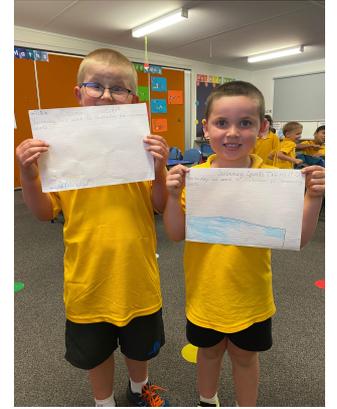
Assisi Award **Angus Tindall**

For making sure our Redcycle is sorted correctly.

CLASSROOM NEWS

LGA

This week the whole school competed in the house swimming sports. For us in LGA it was our first time competing. The LGA students got to play fun games in the toddler pool such as washing on the line and collecting the balls. In class we then worked really hard to write recounts about our day and how much fun we had. Thomas and William both said that their day was so much fun and they can not wait to go back to the swimming sports.



LGB

We've had another fun/busy week in LGB this week. A highlight for us all was the Western Trinity Swimming Sports. It was fantastic to see everyone had fun and all tried their best. We have written a Recount about the sports - a big focus in our writing this week was our handwriting. Everyone was very keen to work on this and should be really proud of themselves. In Maths we have started our Shape Unit. We played a shape game on Thursday with partners and had lots of fun. Thanks for another great week LGB!



LGC

This week in maths LGC we have been learning about the different types of irregular and regular shapes and have had fun getting back into the learning cycle of shape/location and transformation. Swimming day Wednesday was a fantastic day. Thanks to all the parents that helped out at the swimming carnival and made it a fantastic day for the students, parents and teachers alike. Awesome job !



Messages from the school office



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Izaak Hempel



Child Safety

Please remember that all parents assisting in the school must have a current Working with Children card and have signed a 2021 Code of Conduct. The code is available to be signed at the office.

Parents interested in gaining a Working With Children's Card can find out more information at: <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

School Fees 2021

Family School Fees were sent home this week. Families who are eligible for exemptions eg. CSEF or Family Assistance, please ensure you consider these credits when making payments to your school fees. These applications will be processed as soon as practicable.

Families with 2020 **outstanding balances** are reminded to please consider finalising their accounts, if you require assistance please contact Mr Karl Dwyer at principal@sjcoleraine.catholic.edu.au

CSEF 2021

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you applied for CSEF in 2020 you **DO NOT** need to complete a 2021 application unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

The annual CSEF annual amount is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

Please see attached application and information flyer for parents included with this week's newsletter. New applicants should contact the school office if you require assistance.

Family Assistance Scheme 2021

Family Assistance is available to families who are eligible for a Health Care Card. The scheme offers a discount on school fees only, it does not cover additional charges such as camps, books or stationery.

All eligible families must provide a copy of their current HHC to the school office or scan and email to admin@sjcoleraine.catholic.edu.au

Please see attached Family Assistance form attached with this week's newsletter.

School Banking

The Coleraine and District Community Bank is no longer collecting school banking due to banking regulations however, we would like to encourage all students to continue sending your school banking in on a Wednesday, office staff will drop off and collect.

COVID-19 Arrangements

As we begin the new year, there are still a number of regulations that need to be observed.

Student Illness and Symptoms

Students and staff who are unwell **should not** attend school.

Students who have underlying conditions such as asthma and hay fever should still be COVID tested if the symptoms are worse than usual.

Students whose symptoms for these conditions are as would normally be expected may attend school.

Students who have recently tested negative for COVID can return as soon as acute symptoms have subsided.

Adult Entry

Parents are able to enter the school but must **sign in** during school hours or if onsite for more than 15 minutes. This is a contact tracing measure and also a child safety regulation. Due to recent developments, we will hold off classroom parent helpers for the time being.



Face Masks

All adults are required to wear masks inside until further notice.

Letters from Lisa

Hello again, this week I am continuing to share the following article on sleep which can be accessed on:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/sleep/understanding-sleep/school-age-sleep>

Relaxing before bed

After a big day at school, your child might still be thinking about the day's events and worries. If your child's mind is still busy at bedtime, it can cause a restless night or bad dreams.

You can help your child settle and relax for sleep by keeping activities quiet in the hour before bed. For example, you could play gentle music or read a story together. Making a bath part of your child's bedtime routine can also help with relaxation.

Relaxing before bed also helps with better sleep for pre-teens and teenagers.

Good sleep habits

Your child might sleep better at night if they:

- keep regular sleep and wake times, even on the weekend
- turn computers, tablets and TV off an hour before bedtime
- have a quiet and dimly lit place to sleep
- get plenty of natural light during the day, especially in the morning
- avoid caffeine in tea, coffee, sports drinks and chocolate, especially in the late afternoon and evening.

Some sleep problems are behaviour issues that you can manage at home with good sleep habits. It's a good idea to talk with your GP if you've been trying good sleep habits and they don't seem to be helping. Sleep medications usually aren't the solution to children's sleep problems.

Bedwetting

Bedwetting happens when children don't wake up in the night when they need to do a wee. Some children wet the bed because they sleep very deeply. Other children wet the bed because they produce larger than usual amounts of wee at night, or because their bladder spasms during sleep.

Children can't control bedwetting, and they almost always grow out of it. Reassure your child that **bedwetting is normal**. It might help to explain in simple terms some of the reasons for bedwetting.

It might be a good idea to see the GP if your child is still wetting the bed regularly at 7-8 years and:

- you're concerned about how your child will handle sleepovers or overnight school camps
- bedwetting is starting to bother or worry your child.

I continue to work 8.30 – 4.30.: Monday – Penshurst. Tuesday – Hamilton. Thursday – Coleraine.

My contact details are 0400 994 032 or email lisa.gonnet@centacarewarnambool.org.au

Kind regards and have a wonderful week

Lisa Gonnet

Schools pastoral care worker



Resource Smart at St Joe's

"Start doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St Francis of Assisi.

Sustainability Victoria

VICTORIA

ZUCCHINIS, ZUCCHINIS ZUCCHINIS!

Jensen and Phoebe harvested some of our delicious zucchinis and they are available to take home and enjoy. We'll be donating your gold coin donation to our school's Project Compassion fundraiser which starts next week. If you've got any great zucchini recipes send them in.

ZUCCHINIS

Take one home and enjoy!

**Gold coin donation
To CARITAS Project
Compassion**



	<p>Coleraine Show – 1st wknd in Nov. Limited families at kinder so offer to share the load/ revenue with them. Christmas Carnival (stall/ raffle) – early Dec Drive in Cinema (catering) – ??? no date set/ unsure if this will be an event this year</p> <p>5. Fundraising calendar for 2021: Twilight Fair- 26th March Sheep Poo: May/June (Smalls, Mickel’s, Fitzgerald’s, Miller) Mother’s Day high tea & \$5 tray (May) & Father’s Day b’fast & raffle (Sunday 5th Sept) Raffles: Fair (March) & End of Year (Dec)</p> <p>6. School Council representation: Discussed the importance of ‘Student Voice’ within the P&A forum – so that the students can tell PA what they would like us to help with. Also ensure that a member of the PA in on the School Council for open communication between the two bodies.</p> <p>7. School Sport Uniform- swimming caps and new running tops. AM to look into purchasing to make school look professional.</p> <p>8. Second Hand uniform stall- open up at end of year and start of year.</p>	
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Meeting Close:	Next Meeting:
8:30pm	General Meeting – 08/02/21

PA Presidents Report 2020

Firstly we would like to thank the school & staff for an incredible year. We’d also like to acknowledge Kate N for her 6 months as president. We reluctantly took on the role to see out the year but were very fortunate to have a wonderful group of parents working together to raise some funds.

It was a difficult year and due to limitations we weren’t able to meet in person and fundraise to our usual capacity. Our many workshops and planning for parent support at the school has been postponed. Although thankfully we were still able to cater for Mothers Day and Fathers Day and I believe the gifts were well received. We have also had our 2 raffles in Term 4 and we hope that with this we raised some much needed funds which we hope to use in one of the school projects in 2021.

Unfortunately we said goodbye to a few families as their children moved on to higher education and other schools. We thank them for all their contributions over the years. In particular to the McElgunns, Novikovs and Smalls who have been very active members on our parents association. They will very much be missed and we wish them all the best. We were also lucky to introduce some new families in 2021 who I’m sure will be great contributors for our future fundraising!

Lastly we look forward to 2021. We have big plans to start the year with our Easter Twilight Fair. Planning is underway and we anticipate that the changed timing of this will be a success. We look forward to some face to face meetings this year!

Many thanks,

Rhianna Paton & Benita Lambert

Co-President. St Joseph’s Coleraine Parents Assoc.

Parents Association Minutes

Monday 8th Feb 2021

PA Meeting Details			
Location:	St Joseph's Hall	Time:	8:30pm
President:	Rhianna & Benita	Minutes:	Rhianna
Vice President:	-	Date:	08/02/2021

Time:	Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country:	Presenter
	We acknowledge the Gunditjmarra, Tjap Wurrung and Bunganditjs people, as the traditional custodians of the lands where we meet, live and work. We pay our respects to their ancestors and elders, past and present. We respect and recognise the deep feelings of attachment and spiritual relationship indigenous people have with the land & water.	

Time:	1. Parents Association Management	Presenter
	<p>1. Present: Rhianna Paton, Benita Lambert, Chelsea Miller, Andrea Munro, Nicole Tindall, Karl Dwyer</p> <p>2. Apologies: Kate Plush, Emily Dwyer, Eisha McKerlie, Robyn Soulsby, Sarah Harvey, Melissa Jacobson, Nicole Boxer</p> <p>3. Previous Minutes: Accepted.</p> <p>4. Business Arising: School Jumpers- take off agenda (large order to arrive April ETA)</p> <p>5. Produce Bags and Wax Wrap Workshops: Will need to follow up with CC possible options. On site workshops will need to be in 2021.</p> <p>i. Produce Bags: Sent home with Chelsea, Kellie (returned) & Rhianna for sewing. RP has a lot - pass some onto Andrea and Benita/Sandra.</p> <p>ii. Wax Wraps: Check CC as to a date. Need more wax on wrap!</p> <p>6. Grade 6 jumpers/polos: Colours (green and gold). Maybe split cost half half. Polos maybe a more utilised option and not sure if hoodies are appropriate for school attire. Hip Pocket (Hamilton) have sent through some options. Vinyl print best option as screen print needs a minimum of 10 items. RP to contact grade 6 parents and see what they prefer/think. Design will need to be passed by SAC 15th Feb.</p> <p>7. Fundraising:</p> <p>i. Twilight Fair 2021: St Joe's Easter Fair will be held the Friday of the second last week in Term 1 2021 (26/03/21). Ideas for the next fair can be sent to the Parents Association Email address: parents@sjcoleraine.catholic.edu.au and use this as the collection point. SMC has tabled a detailed guideline for month by month tasks for organising the fair starting from Oct20. Lamb- donated by Jade&Leigh Cunneen. They will also cook. Entertainment- company from 2019 NA- KP to look into options & "slushie man". KP has emailed Jamie&Kims Zoo- this has been booked just need to decide rides- KD to put a poll to the kids. Caitlen Martin has been booked again for music 😊 Food- more kids options (hot dogs), more spuds (100), no nachos (too many options. Increase prices as incorrect flyers in 2019. CM to contact Lions and Action for hiring bbq/van/hot dog machine. CM suggested some of Cambo's sushi- Heng to let us know soon. Will also need to check food handling requirements due to covid and if we fall under the school banner or do we need to submit individual event. Set up a Free QR code. Social media/ Marketing- Flyer has been updated as an editable document for future fairs. BBL logo added as they are our major sponsors again. BL to take over marketing from SMC. New flyer to be sent out, posted on social media and put around town. Stalls- RP sent out email. Have a few stallholders express interest. Only 2 confirmed. Invoices to be sent early March. Clean of kitchen to be done by CM 17th Dec 20. Fridge- issues with temperature. AM to look into pricing for a new fridge. \$1,000 budget. Moved: AM, Seconded: RP Showbags- Mr Showbags... No. Try and get donations. Contact shire, supermarkets. Stalls- Currently at approx. 8. Increase price to \$20 and remove dinner option (keep at \$15 and inc food for those that have already returned forms). BL has a few stallholders to follow up with. Easter Bunny- BL to arrange suit and ask for donations from</p>	<p>KP/ CC</p> <p>RP</p> <p>ALL</p>

	supermarkets/families Raffle- Easter hamper and a garden hamper. Maybe put raffle table between the plant/produce stall and cake stall? Need to go through fundraising boxes.	
	8. Correspondence:	
	9. Reports	RP/ BL
	I. President: Welcome to 2021.	RP
	II. School Council: Haven't met.	NT
	III. Treasurer: Account Balances \$6,431.48 and TD \$7,000 matured 4Dec.	CM
	IV. Food Health & Safety Officer: CM cleaned	
	V. Student Council: Not in operation.	

Time:	New Business	Presenter
	1. Book Club/Week Organiser- KP wishes to hand over to a parent. Anyone willing to take over this roles. 2 orders per term. Andrea M to take on. 2.	

Meeting Close:	Next Meeting:
9:35pm	Wednesday 24 th Feb @ 3.30pm

Agenda items & ideas on Hold until 2021

- School Projects PFA help with: (Astro Turf, sign for the indigenous garden?) Waiting on the Master Plan from school. Delayed until after restrictions. Once this is determined we will have an idea of what we can assist with. **School has postponed 2021 until we can get someone to come to school. School are currently looking at using money in other areas until we can get someone on site. Options are updating technology and phone system, intervention program (books), fencing to make school access points clear, shade sail, water boiler, cushions for music.**
- Classroom Rosters: PFA will establish a roster to help with classroom activities: eg reading, lunch orders, library, book club. Kate Plush discussed this with the staff at their meeting and the idea of a Parent Roster to help was well received. We will promote the idea in the newsletter and build a pool of parents who can go on a roster and assist. Any participating parent will have to have a WWCC on file. **Parent Volunteers: Not allowed at the school at this stage. Postponed 2021.**
- Student Voice in PFA meetings: Yet to have a conversation with the student group about the idea. Will develop a set of general questions with the students to help structure their report for the meetings if they are unable to attend and present in person. Ie. Information that they think the PFA should know? Help they would like from the PFA? **Postponed 2021.**
- Pedal Car: **SM spoke to Soulsby's and they are happy to lead a sub-committee with the PA paying any registration fees. Pedal car is currently been built, as a donation, by the same person that made the one that the school loaned in 2019. PA will purchase a thankyou gift.**
- Responsible Buying: Reduce Fast Fashion: Clothes swap: Swap don't shop! See link for how it works at Biome: <https://www.biome.com.au/home/22567-swop-don-t-shop-event-sat-feb-2-paddington-qld.html>: Homework for next meeting is to look at how we can do this. **Postponed to 2021**
- Party kit network Aus. www.partykitnetwork.org A reusable party kit (colourful plates, cups and more) to hire out. May be eligible for a \$500 Can Do Communities Grant to help with set up. RP enquire further and then discuss further after fair.
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