



# 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.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TERM 2

#### MAY

20th - District Cross Country (Merino)

23rd - Bec Free Visit (Speech Path.)

#### 27th - 31st - Catholic Education Week

27th - Division Cross Country (W'bool)

#### 28th - OPEN DAY

30th - Diocesan Principals Mtg (Ballarat)

31st - Diocesan Principals Mtg (Ballarat)

#### JUNE

6th - Kinder Visit (LGA)  
- Graduate Teachers P.D.

#### 10th - LONG WEEKEND HOLIDAY

14th - Casterton Sec. College  
Grade 5 'Come & Try' Day

## WEEKLY PRAYER

Dear God,  
If I cannot be brilliant, let  
me be kind. If I cannot  
change the world, let me  
inspire just one other to do  
so. If I cannot give away  
riches, let me  
be loving. Let  
me be known  
for kindness,  
for it is the  
greatest glory.  
Amen



### ST MARY MACKILLOP WESTERN BORDER PARISH Coleraine Mass Times 2019

1st Sunday of the Month - 9am (Lay-Led)

3rd Sunday of the Month - 9am Mass

5th Sunday of the Month - 9am Ecumenical Service

2nd Sunday of the Month - 9am Mass

4th Sunday of the Month - 9am Mass

Canonical Administrator: Fr Patrick Mugavin

Principal: Mr Joshua McElgunn

S.A.C. Chair: Ms Melissa Jacobson

Friday 17th May 2019

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## CELEBRATING MUMS, NANS, AUNTIES & FRIENDS

We had a terrific turn out for our Mother's Day High Tea on Monday with over 40 esteemed guests joining us for the afternoon. Mums, grandmothers, aunts and special friends were all in attendance, giving our students the opportunity to say thank you for the wonderful people they are. Thank you to Hayley Rigby from 'Catching Pen' for the lovely cakes and slices (particularly the scones!). It was delightful to spend the afternoon.

I should mention that we have our Open Day for 2020 prospective students on **Tuesday 28th May** and we would appreciate you spreading the word to any kinder families looking at schools for next year.

In other news, Marianna, Mitchell, Thomas, Xander and Connor are off to the Cross Country in Merino on Monday so we wish them the very best of luck.

Have a great weekend,

*Josh McElgunn*  
Principal



### 'COME & SEE'

### OPEN DAY - NEW FAMILIES FOR 2020

Tuesday 28th May 2019 @ 9.00am - 10.30am

2020 School Information packs available



## NAPLAN ONLINE 2019

This week we did our NAPLAN tests online. This was the first year that we have done it on Chromebooks. The Grade 3's still did their writing test on paper, but the rest of it was on the computer. We got to wear headphones and we answered lots of different questions. I liked using the computer, especially to do the maths test because there was a button you could click to get the question read to you. The spelling questions in the language test were hard and so were some of the reading questions, but I think I did ok and I did get every question finished, so that's good. Everyone else said they liked it on the computer as well. I hope we still do it on the Chromebooks when I'm in Grade 5.

- Pheobe Wiese (Grade 3)



\* Simulated photo of NAPLAN conditions



# AWARDS

## Leader's Award:



**Xander Koscal**

For great story writing

## Principal's Award



**Austin Cunneen**

For great team work in  
maths groups

## Assisi Award



**Maddison Munro**

For modelling great skills when  
planting her garlic.

# MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

What a beautiful afternoon we had with our special people for our Mother's Day High Tea. Thank you to all that could come along to help celebrate this special event. A thank you must go out to Kate Novikov and the Catching Pen for the delicious food.







## THE 6Rs of Sustainability

Over the next 6 weeks LGB will provide some practical tips to help our community reduce waste and develop sustainable practices at home.

### REFUSE waste is the first R.

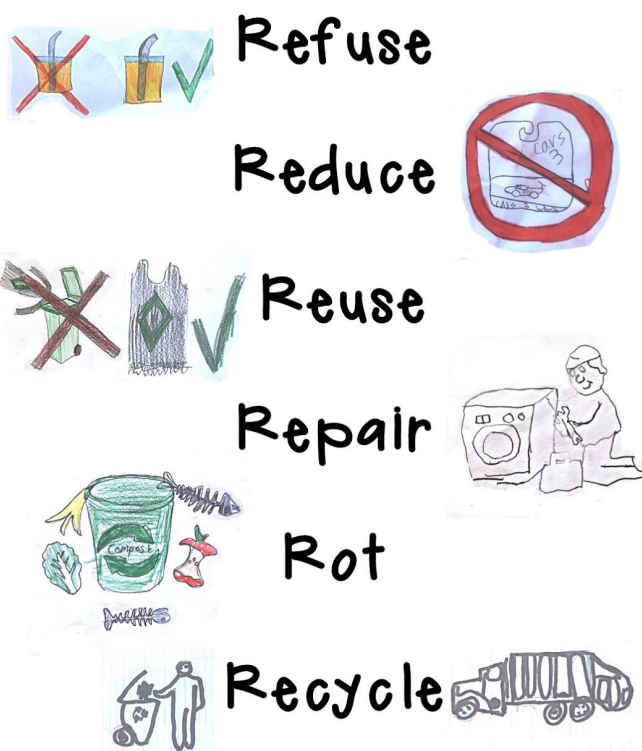
Here are some practical tips for families to help them **REFUSE** buying waste that will only end up in landfill.



1. Take metal straws or keep cups to cafes.
2. Refuse to buy small packs inside a bigger pack - Buy in bulk to reduce plastic and save money!
3. Take your own shopping bags and refuse to buy plastic shopping bags that can't be recycled anyway and will end up in our waterways.
4. Refuse to buy any fruit and vegetables in plastic containers or bags. Take your own produce bags.
5. Buy products in cans/tins (dog food, soft drink or food) where possible, as cans can be recycled back into new cans.
6. Use wax wraps or reusable wraps instead of plastic wrap.

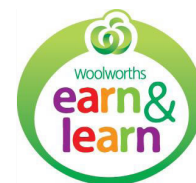
Written by Connor, Thomas, Jensen, Joshua, Marianna and Mitchell

## The 6Rs of Sustainability



## Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From 1st May to the 25th June 2019, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (available from school) and when it's complete, the sticker sheet or stickers can be dropped into the **Collection Box at the school** or into our collection box at **Woolworths in Hamilton**. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. Additional sticker sheets are available at the school office.



## Winter Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased through the office. If you have any requests, please contact the school and we will speak with Andrea Munro, our uniform coordinator. Thank you.

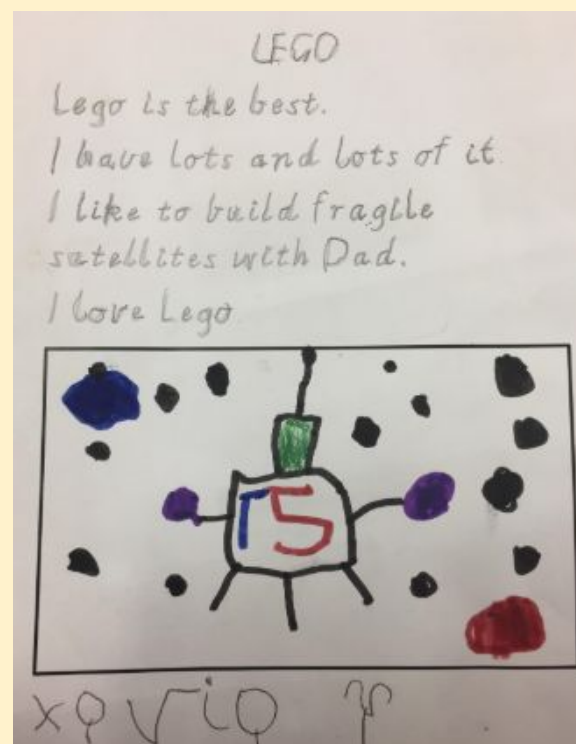
## School Banking

A reminder to families that St Joseph's School offers banking for our students through our Coleraine & District Community Bank. **School Banking day is every Wednesday.**



## AUTHOR OF THE WEEK

### 'My Favourite Toy' By Xavier Harvey (Prep)



## Letters from Lisa – Wellbeing

Hello again another week has flown by! This week we are looking at 'Depression Proofing' your kids by Andrew Fuller. You can look at any of Andrew's resources and YouTube clips on: [www.andrewfuller.com.au](http://www.andrewfuller.com.au)

### **Have some sources of "Flow"**

*We experience "flow" when we get involved in an activity that captivates us. At the end of these types of activities people often think, "Where did the time go?" There are many sources of flow – computer games, sports, drawing, dancing, reading, swimming and surfing are some. These are the things that you do that absorb you and take you away from your day to day cares and worries. Losing yourself in activities that challenge you is highly protective against depression.*

### **Belong to the karma club**

*Decide to increase good will in the world by doing something positive for others. Try this out for one week. Pick someone you know and try to "knock their socks off" as much as possible. Give them compliments, greet them exuberantly and take time to be with them. You'll be amazed at how much benefit you get from increasing someone else's happiness.*

### **Be grateful and lucky**

*Even people who have had rotten things happen to them can rise above them. They usually do this by deciding to be lucky. While we can focus on the things that have upset us, most of us have many things and people to be grateful for. Focusing on that part of your life and deciding that you are lucky makes an enormous difference to your life.*

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to make contact with me. Have a great weekend.

*Lisa Gonnert*

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## Student Article

### **THE MIRACLE OF THE WEEK!**

*Back in term one, I lost my fitbit on the school oval. Unfortunately, after hours of searching, it could not be found, much to my disappointment! As the days went on and the weeks went by, I had given up on finding the small device. The oval was mowed twice and 20mls of rain fell on the oval's surface during week 2 of the term. It was not looking good.*

*However, this week a miracle occurred! On Thursday, the bit was found by LGA's own Austin Cuneen. It was hidden in the grass on the oval. I was surprised, ecstatic and grinning from ear to ear! I am very thankful for Austin's help. The old saying remains, "Never Give Up Hope". By Jensen Soulsby (Grade 4)*



## Parents Association

Thank you to the parents who assisted with the preparation of the Mother's Day Stall and tidying of the kitchen. The students were thrilled to purchase from the variety of gifts - We're sure there will be many Mums who are made to feel extra special on Sunday morning. We were able to clear some cupboards in the today too, which has given us more room to store all our bits and pieces. Thanks again.

**SHEEP POO DRIVE-** orders are now open for bags of sheep manure (\$3 a bag). This year it's a "Pick Up Only" service with orders open until May 31st. Saturday June 1st will see us all bagging the orders and Sunday June 2nd will be pick up day for all orders at St. Joseph's School. Please keep June 1st free in your calendar as we will be needing volunteers to help bag the manure for a few hours that morning.

Please see below our calendar of events for the year.

### Fundraising Calendar 2019

<b>June-</b>	Sheep Poo Drive (Bagging on Sat June 1st)	<b>September-</b>	Fathers' Day Stall (Aug 30th)
<b>July-</b>	Winter Raffle	<b>October-</b>	
<b>August-</b>	Art Show Catering (Friday August 9th) Lightning Premiership Canteen (in conjunction with Coleraine PS) Aug 29th	<b>November-</b>	Twilight Fair (Nov 29th)
		<b>December-</b>	Christmas Carnival (Dec 13th) Major Raffle