



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

COLERAINE

NEWSLETTER

At St. Joseph's School, we are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Gospel Values. We believe that all students can achieve high levels of learning, and we are committed to embedding and providing a culture of child safety. We actively promote and respect the cultural diversity of all members of our school community.

Parish Mass Times

1st Sunday of the month - 9 am (Lay-Led), 2nd Sunday of the month - 9 am, 3rd Sunday of the month - 9 am, 4th Sunday of the month - 9 am, 5th Sunday of the month - 9 am Ecumenical Service
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ISSUE 2

WEEKLY REFLECTION



Jesus called on his disciples to have courage and believe in him. He reminded them once again that they were the "Salt of the Earth". Let us place our world in God's loving hands.



Well done to the students who completed swimming lessons this week. We were certainly blessed with fantastic weather. Thank you to Nicole Boxer, Mitch Lang, Jenny Mickel, and Alison Brunton for helping the children improve their swimming skills.

St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart and St. Malachy's will combine for the Western Trinity Swimming Carnival **next Wednesday, 14th Feb, 10:30 am at the Casterton Pool**. Students must bring their recess, lunch, sunscreen, bathers, towel, rashie or old t-shirt, plastic bag for wet items and goggles (optional). Students need to wear their sports uniform to school, with their house colour t-shirt and will change into their bathers in Casterton. Permission forms were sent home earlier this week.

Next week we will also celebrate our Opening School Liturgy on **Tuesday at 11.00 am at St Joseph's Church**. All parents are welcome! We will use this occasion to welcome new students and staff formally and also commission the Year 6 Leaders.

Karl Dwyer



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live, the Gunditjmara people, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We celebrate the stories, culture and traditions of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities who also live and work on this land.

Awards

Leader's Award

Completing her Jobs with a smile on her face



Olivia Tindall

Principal's Award

Helping others at swimming lessons



Louis Vickery

Behaviour Blitz Award

Putting away sports equipment



Jax Boxer

Classroom News

LGA

What a start to the school year! In LGA, the students have settled in brilliantly. They have been making friends, learning routines, swimming and learning what each of the subjects are all about.



In writing, the students have been learning how to write their names and the letters S and A.

In Maths, students have had the opportunity to explore all things shapes.

LGB

LGB has made a fantastic start to the new school year. We are learning our classroom expectations and routines. In only the first two weeks, we earned 200 DOJO points as a class and only need 300 more to get our first reward of 15 minutes extra playtime! Most of our points come from everybody doing a great job reading at home, returning our reader diary, and changing our books without being reminded. We are definitely on track to get those points! Super start from Super Stars!!



LGC

In LGC, our vibrant class has embraced our newest member of the class, Nevaeh, with open arms. Students have eagerly immersed themselves in the Learning to Learn program, actively participating in innovative "getting to know you" games that have strengthened bonds within the class. Celebrating achievements, some students proudly earned their pen licences, showcasing their dedication to neat handwriting. Engaging in a captivating novel study, all students have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the thought-provoking world of Morris Gleitzman's "Boy Overboard." It's been a dynamic and enriching two weeks of swimming and learning in our class, setting the stage for a promising academic journey ahead.

School Closure Days 2024



School Closure days have already been booked for 2024. Please note these for your diary.

Tuesday 20th February - Structured Literacy

Thursday 22nd August- Structured Literacy

Thursday 24th October- Western Trinity Staff Retreat

Friday 25th October- Western Trinity Staff Retreat

In addition, the school takes **Tuesday, 5th November**, as the designated Public Holiday for our Local Government Area for the Melbourne Cup.

Wellbeing



The new Child Safe Standards came into effect in July 2022 and are a vital part of what we do here at St Joseph's. What do these standards look like in practice? Each week we will look at a standard in closer detail.

Standard 1

Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued. At St Joseph's we display the Acknowledgement to Country at the main entrance of our school.

We also have a painting that our students and Indigenous Artist Sherry Johnstone created in 2018, it tells the stories of the Gunditjmarra people and their ancestors. The students discussed themes & ideas to represent meeting places, journeys, spiritual connections, flora and fauna. We dedicated a space in our school grounds for an Indigenous Garden and have planted over 50 plants including local, indigenous bush tucker plants.



For more information please visit [Child Safe Standards](#)



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Wellbeing Barometer survey has become a crucial tool for schools, offering insights into youth mental health and wellbeing. By understanding community concerns and the nature of these issues, schools are better equipped to support families and foster meaningful conversations, thereby building stronger relationships. This survey is part of an ongoing, longitudinal study, with the results being instrumental in tailoring support for students and their families.

Participation is strongly encouraged, as it provides a comprehensive view of students' experiences, challenges and achievements over the past year. Participating in this year's survey, will assist our school in identifying areas of strength and concern, as well as pinpointing opportunities for early intervention. The survey aims to capture a comprehensive picture of young people's lives, allowing for a tailored approach to enhance mental and emotional wellbeing.

Please complete **one survey for each child** you have at St Joseph's. There is no limit to how many times you can complete the survey. This will allow you to provide more accurate responses based on individual children.

Remember, all responses remain anonymous and should reflect observations made over the last 12 months. Survey results are only reported on an aggregated basis.

[Wellbeing Barometer survey- Primary](#)



Upcoming 2024 Dates

Week 3	12 Feb Lunch orders begin	13 Feb Beginning of Year Liturgy and School Leaders Induction 11.00am	14 Feb Ash Wednesday WT Swimming Casterton	15 Feb	16 Feb	17/18 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent
Week 4	19 Feb	20 Feb School Closure Day Structured Literacy	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24/25 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent
Week 5	26 Feb CDDSA Swimming SAC Meeting 7PM	27 Feb	28 Feb	29 Feb Division Swimming W'bool	1 March World Day of Prayer	2/3 March 3rd Sunday of Lent
Week 6	4 March	5 March	6 March	7 March 3/4 Camp The Outside Inn	8 March 3/4 Camp The Outside Inn	9/10 March 4th Sunday of Lent
Week 7 NAPLAN	11 March LABOUR DAY	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March ANTI BULLYING DAY	16/17 March 5th Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day
Week 8 NAPLAN	18 March	19 March	20 March	21 March	22 March Twilight Fair 4pm - 7pm	23/24 March Palm Sunday
Week 9	25 March SAC Meeting 7PM	26 March	27 March CDDSA Athletics	28 March	29 March Good Friday	30/31 March Easter Sunday