



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

COLERAINE

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.

NEWSLETTER

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 PRAYER



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.

Dear Families,

Today we celebrated a liturgy in our parish church, marking the beginning of the school year and welcoming our new Foundation students, and acknowledging our Grade 6 leaders. Thanks to all family members and parishioners who were able to attend and to Fr George for being the principal celebrant.

It was a fantastic experience having Hockey Victoria attend our school today as part of their roadshow program. Our students learnt the skills of hockey through exciting game-based activities in an engaging, fun and safe environment.

While the roadshow is over, students can continue their hockey journey by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program at www.hookin2hockey.com.au.

With programs starting soon now is the perfect chance to get out on the pitch. Hookin2Hockey will allow children to expand on the skills they recently learnt at school, develop fundamental motor skills while making friends and having fun!

St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart and St. Malachy's will combine for the Western Trinity Swimming Carnival **next Tuesday 14th Feb, 10:30am at the Casterton Pool**. Students will need to 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 electronically.

Karl Dwyer
Principal



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



**Isabelle
Parry**

Principal's Award



**Ryan
Jones**
For trying a new
sport at recess

Assisi Award



**Emma-Jo
Milne**
For volunteering
to weed the
vegie garden

Classroom News

LGA

The last couple of weeks in the LGA classroom we have been really busy setting up our classroom norms. We have been learning and trying to remember our floor ma+ners (how we sit and how we speak) as well as learning about lots of different shapes, letters, sounds, numbers and of course we have coloured and drawn some pictures too.

- We have had such a fun week learning!!!

Homework:

In the LGA classroom this year it would be great that students complete at least 10-15 minutes of homework each night. Homework is purely for revision purposes and to spark conversations between parents and students.



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LGB

In LGB, we have spent lots of time setting up our classroom expectations, rules and routines. This will help us learn throughout the year and help make our classroom a happy place.

Homework:

In the LGB classroom this year, it would be great for students to complete at least 10-20 minutes of homework, Monday - Thursday. (Year 2 - 10mins, Year 3 - 15mins, Year 4 - 20mins). Homework is reading and a spelling sheet and is purely for revision purposes and to spark conversations between parents and students.

LGC

This week students as part of our growth unit for Religion have begun to paint gardening pots for each student. The designs look fantastic and they have done a great job, awesome work LGC !

Homework:

In the LGC classroom this year, It would be highly beneficial if students were able complete at least 20 minutes of homework , Monday - Thursday.

Homework is reading and a spelling sheet (One every two weeks) and is an activity to prepare students for the challenges of highscool as well as help consolidate learning from the day's learning.



Important Messages

School Times

The office is open from 8.30am - 3.30pm each day.

The bell for the start of the day rings at 8.55am, it is really beneficial for your child to arrive at least 5-10 mins prior to this bell. This will mean they have time to unpack their bags and have a quick play before they head into class for the day.

There is no school for Foundation students on Wednesdays during Term 1 unless otherwise informed.

The bell for the end of the day rings at 3.25pm. If for any reason you are going to be later than 3.30pm to collect your child/children, please contact the school office.

Absences from school

In line with Catholic Education Office requirements, parents will now be contacted on the day if their child is absent from school and we have not received any communication regarding this. We would ask that parents notify us of their child's absence as early as possible on the day (or earlier if the absence is planned). Our preferred method of notification is through PAM (Parent Access Module) or by ringing the office after 8.30am.

School Uniform

School Hats: Please see Nicole or Fiona if you need a new hat.

School Shoes: School shoes **must** be plain black. If you choose to buy black runners they must have black soles and no logo or brand name visible.

Sports Uniform: All students are to wear their sports uniform on **their sport day**.

Hair past the collar must be tied back. This applies to all genders for hygiene purposes.

Jewellery - dangling necklaces, bracelets and earrings are not to be worn to school. This is a safety issue.

School Fees

School Fees will be sent out towards the end of February. Fees are not payable in full until November, however I would suggest that you set-up a direct debit payment plan to keep your fees manageable. If you have any questions or queries regarding your fees, please contact the office.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students. Families that have applied for CSEF funding last year do not need to reapply, Fiona will get their forms ready to sign. New families will need to fill in the application form and provide a copy of their current Health Care Card. New forms can be collected from the school office.

[Follow this link for further information on the CSEF Fund.](#)

DOBCEL Family Fee Assistance Scheme

The Family Fee Assistance Scheme operates across all DOBCEL Catholic Primary Schools. Families who qualify for the scheme will pay \$520 (\$10 per week) for Primary School Tuition Fees. Tuition fee discounts are available to holders of a means tested Health Care Card, Pension Card or Veterans Card and must be eligible for the education maintenance allowance. Eligible families can present their cards to the office and complete an application form. If circumstances change at any time the office needs to be informed.

[Follow this link to access the DOBCEL website.](#)

Student Free Days for 2023

Term 2

April 24th- External Review and Validation Planning (Western Trinity Staff)

Term 3

July 10th- First Aid Training (Rhythm First Aid Training)

Term 4

November 3rd- Prayer Renewal Process- Justin McInerney (CEB)

Basketball



Basketball Skills Training

Venue: Coleraine Stadium

When: Friday 4pm

Date: Feb 10th

Ages: 7yrs & Up

Cost: \$0

Don't Forget your Drink Bottle

Non Marking Shoes only – No school shoes

15 weekly sessions on a Friday, (excluding school & public holidays)

Keep an eye on Coleraine Amateur Basketball Association Facebook page for any updates/changes

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Healthy Lunchbox Week

<https://www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au/>

Healthy Lunchbox Week is an initiative of Nutrition Australia that aims to inspire Australian families to create healthy and enjoyable lunchboxes.

Did you know children consume around 30% of their daily food intake at school? Most of this comes from the contents of their lunchbox.

What children eat during their day at school plays a crucial role in their learning and development.

Healthy Lunchbox Week helps families prepare healthy lunchboxes by:

- * Inspiring healthy lunchbox ideas and recipes
- * Informing a healthy lunchbox balance across core food groups
- * Awareness of lunchbox food hygiene and safety.

How to Build a Balanced Lunchbox

A healthy, balanced lunchbox includes a variety of foods from the 5 food groups (grains, veggies, fruit, dairy & alternatives, meat/protein).

Some examples of foods from these groups include:

Grains: bread, rice, wrap, pasta, crackers

Fruit: fresh fruits, dried fruit, canned fruit in natural juice

Veggies: cherry tomatoes, snow peas, veggie sticks, salad/coleslaw in a sandwich

Dairy: cheese, yoghurt etc.

Meat/protein: meat, tinned fish, boiled eggs, baked beans, hummus

Water: water in a reusable bottle is best!

Check out this handy **Healthy Lunchbox Planner Tool** from GenR8 Change

https://www.genr8change.com/healthy_lunchboxes_made_easy

<https://www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au/packing-a-healthy-lunchbox>



Upcoming Dates

TERM 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 2	30/1 No Student Staff PD	31/1 Students Return	1/2	2/2	3/2	
Week 3	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2	
Week 4	13/2 SAC Meeting 7pm @ School Yr 5/6 Students to attend Monivae Opening Mass	14/2 WT Swimming Carnival in Casterton Outdoor Pool (Wear sports uniform)	15/2	16/2	17/2	
Week 5	20/2 CDDSA Swimming Carnival in Casterton (Wear sports uniform)	21/2	22/2 Ash Wednesday	23/2	24/2	26/2 Monivae Discovery Day 10:00am-1:00 pm
Week 6	27/2	28/2	1/3 Parent Information Evening 5.00-6.00pm	2/3 Division Swimming in W'bool	3/3 Clean up Australia Day	
Week 7	6/3	7/3 Grade 3/4 camp to Grampians Retreat	8/3 Grade 3/4 camp to Grampians Retreat	9/3	10/3 SWPBS Professional Development for staff in Edenhope	
Week 8	13/3 Labour Day Holiday	14/3 Regional Swimming	15/3 NAPLAN begins	16/3	17/3	
Week 9	20/3 SAC Meeting 7pm @ School	21/3 CDDSA Athletics Carnival in Casterton	22/3	23/3	24/3	
Week 10	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	
Week 11	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Final day of Term 1	7/4 Good Friday	9/4 Easter Sunday