



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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WEEKLY PRAYER



May the ashes received on Ash Wednesday remind us that we all need forgiveness. Help us to build good relationships with our family, friends and teachers as we get ready for the Easter season.

AMEN

Dear Families,

This week marks two important days in our Catholic liturgical calendar, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. These days signify the beginning of the Lenten season, 40 days leading to Easter. We are encouraged to reflect, serve, and pray. During Lent at St Joseph's, our students will be given opportunities to think about what they can do to serve others. Traditionally, we think of Lent as a time of fasting. However, it is also a time to focus on the opportunities we have to support others in our lives.

I was proud of all children who competed in Casterton today at the District Swimming Carnival. All students gave their best effort, and their behaviour was outstanding. Congratulations to Mae Dwyer, the 10-year-old age champion, and Hannah Lambert, the 12-year-old age champion. Along with Angus Tindall, these three will compete at the Division Swimming Championships to be held at Warrnambool Aquazone next Thursday, 2nd March.

On **Wednesday, March 1st, at 5.00 pm, we will be holding a Parent Information Evening.** We will discuss camps and excursions, go through two key communication platforms we use at the school and provide plenty of time for any questions or queries. You can also visit your child's teacher to discuss their learning goals and how they are progressing this year.

Finally, camp permissions were sent out last week. Paper notes detailing what to pack, a schedule of activities, a camp contract, and a medical form were also sent home. Please complete these forms and return them so teachers can be prepared for what will be an excellent experience for our Grade 3/4 children.

Karl Dwyer
Principal



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live, the Gunditjmarra 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



For a great role model for Foundation students as well as helping them.

**Addie
Sutherland**

Principal's Award



For being enthusiastic about her nightly reading.

**Olivia
Koscal**

Assisi Award



Jasmine, Lacey & Emma-Jo for collecting herbs and veggies to sell for Mini Vinnies

Classroom News

LGA

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers. We have been writing numbers, counting forwards and backward, playing number games and matching numbers. We have been enjoying doing lots of hands-on activities in maths and learning the different number concepts.

We are really looking forward to teaching one of our number games to our parents on the parent information night.

Sunday the 26th we also celebrate our LSO Mitch and Toby's Birthdays!!

LGB

In Science, we are focusing on Biology for Term 1. On Tuesday, we conducted an experiment investigating which natural feature of the environment makes the best water filter. This may come in handy if you go to Survival School!

Children in LGB did a fantastic job at their hypothesis and investigating - Our initial thought was correct, leaves are the best water filter!



LGC

Over the past two weeks in LGC we have been learning about shape/location and transformation in maths as well as narratives in writing. We have also begun seeing some of the seeds from the pots that we planted a couple of weeks ago begin to sprout. Here are some of the sunflower seeds we planted starting to sprout.



Important Messages

Keen to help at school?

If you would like to help out in any way, many options are available...Reading, cooking, gardening, maintenance & art classes, library monitor.. just to name a few.
All volunteers in the school must hold a valid Working With Children Check. Please email Karl on kdwyer@sjcoleraine.catholic.edu.au or call the office.



[APPLY OR UPDATE YOUR WWCC HERE](#)

St Joseph's Parent Info Night



Wednesday 1st March 5pm-6pm

Join us for a brief run down of what happens here at our wonderful school. Some of the topics that will be covered on the night include:

- ★ School Camps
- ★ Class Dojo
- ★ SWPBS
- ★ Student Leadership
- ★ PAM

This night is also a great opportunity for students to introduce parents to their teachers and show them around our school.



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 Grade 6 Come & Try Day @ Baimbridge College	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 Grip Leadership Year 5/6	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	2/4 Palm Sunday
Week 11	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Final day of Term 1	7/4 Good Friday	9/4 Easter Sunday