



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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Almighty and ever living
God,
you invite us deeper into
your world, your people,
your Lent.
May this time be one of
outward focus;
seeking you in those we
often ignore.
Help us live a Lent
focused on freedom,
generosity, and
encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to
serve you
and those who need what
we have to give.

- Author Unknown

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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Friday, March 10th, 2023

ISSUE 6

Dear Families,

On Tuesday, the students from years 3 and 4 headed off to the Grampians Retreat in Dunkeld with students from Catholic schools in Edenhope, Penshurst and Casterton. The camp runs all of the activities, provides all meals and allows the children to begin to develop independence and organisational skills.

With 48 campers across four schools, the students rotated through various activities in three groups. These activities included the big swing, flying fox, and Indigenous Art. The students' behaviour on camp was commendable, and the highlight for me was seeing children interact with other students from other schools whom they hadn't met before.

Please be aware that Friday the 10th of March is a pupil-free day. Enjoy the extra-long weekend! All Western Trinity Staff will be at St Malachy's, Edenhope, working with Education Officer, Anne Ruddell, on School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Anne assists us in collecting student data based on agreed behaviours and expectations. She then assists the school in planning future actions to ensure our school is providing a safe and engaging learning space for all students.

Have a lovely long weekend with your families,

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



Carter Soulsby

For playing fairly and including others.

Principal's Award



Isaac Sutherland

For helping others to regulate their emotions



Assisi Award Year 6s

For their contributions towards the Kid's Kitchen

Classroom News

LGA

Science in LGA -

In Science, we have been investigating how people use fibres for a specific purpose. Children identified a need for a product that could be used to protect an animal. As part of their design solution, we investigated the properties of various fibres, and, in consultation, they decided on the most suitable fibre for their design. Next week, children will draw their design and explain how it satisfies the design solution. Well done, LGA!

Pictured are Louis and Benji writing their results from the tests they did.

Isabelle and Olivia, testing whether cardboard is water proof!



LGB

Year 3 & 4 Camp- On Tuesday we left for Grampians Retreat. First we went on a hike at Picaninny. There were three Activities, the Giant Swing, Flying Fox and Indigenous Art. The food was amazing and the activities were great.

We all had the best time ever!

Mae Dwyer.



LGC

Here is a picture of the grade six new jumpers that arrived. They are a great way for the students to show off the school logo. Thanks to Rhiana Paton who has organised and ordered the jumpers and shirts over the past three years. The kids and school very much appreciate your hard work.



Important Messages



Lent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, and the Church recommends prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a way to focus our preparation. These are 'The 3 pillars of Lent'.

1. Prayer- Love for God

Setting aside time for family prayer during Lent draws us closer to one another and to God.

2. Fasting- Love for yourself

During Lent, we “give things up” not to torture ourselves but to free ourselves! By giving up things we find pleasurable during Lent, or abstain from actions or thoughts that are not good for you, we are eliminating any stumbling blocks between ourselves and God’s love.

3. Almsgiving- Love for others

As a sign of gratitude for all God has given us, and as an act of love to those in need, Christians give generously to the poor and needy, especially during Lent.



What is Project Compassion?

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s main annual fundraising campaign. It mobilises Australians to raise much-needed funds to help alleviate poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity in the most vulnerable and marginalised communities in the world.

Held during Lent, the six-week period before Easter, Catholic schools, Parishes, and the wider Australian public participate in a diverse range of fundraising activities and events to support Caritas Australia’s programs both overseas and here with our First Australian partners.

The theme of Project Compassion is For All Future Generations. This year, we focus on the stories of four remarkable, resilient people from Nepal, Australia, Zimbabwe and Vietnam.

Last week we had [Monique Sobey](#) from [Vic Kids Eat Well](#) and Karen Huf, the Gener8 Change Coordinator, talk to the students about eating a "rainbow of foods" and that certain colours of fresh fruits and vegetables give you super powers!

Children made a rainbow fruit skewer to try, then made more skewers for some of the residents from the Coleraine Hostel who visited the school this afternoon.

It's been lovely to see some of the residents at school- it's their second visit this term and we look forward to seeing them again in a fortnight.

We are proud of the children for trying these delicious fruits. Thank you to Monique who is working closely with the Year 6s in organising a "St Joes Kids Kitchen" - stay tuned for more updates on this exciting venture!



**ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL-
COLERAINE HAS
JOINED THE
MOVEMENT!**





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Year 6 Leadership and Stewardship

St. Joe's Kids Kitchen

A very big thank you to the **Coleraine IGA** who have donated some fresh fruit and veggies. The Year 6s have started to make some fresh fruit icy poles to sell using this fruit that was donated.

Peach, pear, orange, apple and grapefruit icy poles is just one of their combinations.

Not only are our leaders inspiring healthy eating choices, they are also raising money for their Mini Vinnies Project. All money raised will go to disadvantaged people.

If you have any surplus of fresh fruit or veggies that you will not be using - our Year 6 Leaders will put it to good use!

If you are interested in helping at all, please contact Emily Dwyer at;

edwyer@sjcoleraine.catholic.edu.au

All helpers will need a current Working with Children's Check.



Thank You

Upcoming Dates

TERM 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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 AFL Clinics 12.40-1.40pm for LGA	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

District Athletics Carnival – Island Park, Casterton

WHO: Students in Year 3/4/5/6

WHAT: CDSSA Athletics Carnival

WHEN: Tuesday 21st March, 2023

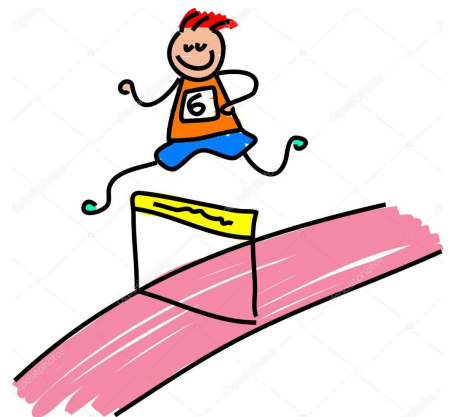
WHERE: Little Aths Oval, Island Park, Casterton

Our students will compete against schools who are members of the Casterton District School Sports Assembly (CDSSA) which include St. Joseph's Coleraine, Casterton Primary, Coleraine Primary and Merino Consolidated School.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform and runners. School athletics tops will be provided on the day.

There will be a canteen. Students will need to bring money or their recess and lunch. Please pack plenty of water.

Permission Forms will be uploaded to PAM next week.



We are seeking parent volunteers to help out on the day. If you are able to help out, let us know at the office.