



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 REFLECTION



**God of Service,
In our bid to 'be
more', let us
never forget the
advice of
Jesus to be a
servant to
others.
May we
remember to look
for your face in
those who
serve us.
Amen.**

Dear Families,

As the term three draws to a close, it is an excellent time to reflect on all the activities we have participated in and to celebrate our achievements, however small.

So here goes...we have completed the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area), had the Wannon residents come to our school on numerous occasions to help students with gardening and visual arts, raised over \$200 from the Kids Kitchen and donated to St Vincent de Paul in Casterton, competed in Interschool Hockey, welcomed our Grandparents to our school, had four children become full members of the Catholic church after they completed the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, had an F-2 sleepover, saw some fantastic costumes to celebrate Book Week, completed in the Footy/Netball lightning Prems and the Western Trinity Athletics in Edenhope.

Most importantly, however, we have supported our children and their families in whatever way we can.

The beginning of Term 4 means that all students will again require school hats. It's time to locate school hats and have them ready in school bags for October as the weather becomes warmer and sunnier. Families are reminded to ensure that hats are clearly labelled. New hats are available from the school.

Have a great break, everyone!

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 Oscar Tindall



For being
persistent when
writing with his
left hand.

Principal's Award Nathen Cunningham



For his fantastic
efforts at making
a Google Slide
about the Zones
of Regulations.

Behaviour Blitz Award Lacey Dickson



For being
respectful
around adults

Classroom News

LGA

This week in sport, we focused on working as a team. We played lots of different team-building games. Some of them included

- **Human knot** is where you hold a hand from across a circle, and then as a team you have to try to unravel yourselves back out into a circle.
- **Egg and Spoon Race**
- **Fingertip Hula Hoop**- Teams have to stand in a circle around a hula hoop with one hand above their heads. The teacher then places the hula hoop in their fingertips - they have to lower it down to the ground without it falling.



We worked so well as teams and had so much fun!!

LGB

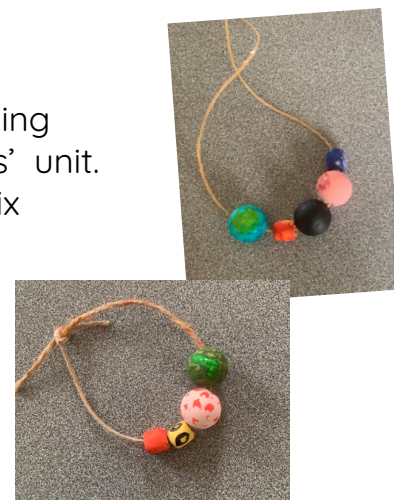
On Wednesday the 13th, the Wannon residents came to school and together with Mr Dwyer, we planted parsley, lettuce, mint, oregano, rosemary and thyme. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we enjoyed spending time outside with the residents. After we had finished planting, we read some books to them. I think they had a lovely time and next term we'll have beautiful, fresh herbs to use in the Kid's Kitchen.



Dylan Paton.

LGC

This term in religion, we have been looking at making rosary beads as part of our 'Mary Mother of Jesus' unit. The students needed to make seven beads, with six representing different stories in the bible of Mary and one of their choice. Below is a picture of some of the beads put together. Well done on a fantastic term, LGC!



Important Messages

Reflections on our waste audit

Earlier this term we conducted a waste audit at our school.

We had help from our principal, Karl, and our RSS facilitator, Elia, who visited the school. Our 4/5/6 students conducted the audit of our school bins.

On audit day, we checked the contents of the two landfill bins and one paper/cardboard bin and our compost bins.

We found that our 'contamination rate' in our landfill bins was about 15%. It was mostly made up of paper getting thrown away into our landfill bins that could have gone into our paper recycling. There was also a bit of organic material that we could have composted. If we get better about always putting paper in our paper recycling, our contamination rate would be cut in half, so this is where we can focus.

The contamination rate was lower in our paper and cardboard recycling bin. There was a bit of organic material in there, from school lunches, and a negligible amount of co-mingled recyclable and landfill material (including a few sheets of laminated paper that can be recycled as paper once laminated).



We also looked at our organics bin, and we found a contamination rate of only 2%, representing things that should have gone in paper/cardboard recycling.

A bit of paper, including waxed paper bags, that needed to go into landfill or paper recycling

We also took some of our organic waste inside, to see the reason why organic waste breaks down - invertebrates! We saw a couple slugs, several tiny mites, and even some fly maggots inside the food scraps, helping break down the organic matter and turn it into fertile soil.

Overall, we were pleased with our results, as our contamination rates were low, and with just a bit more attention paid to where we throw away paper in particular, we will bring those rates down considerably.



Resource Smart at St Joe's

"Start doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St Francis of Assisi.

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ATTENTION PEDDLERS!!!!



Coleraine Pedal Car Grand Prix will be held on **Saturday 14 October**.

If you would like your child to participate in a team and you may be available on the day to assist, please contact the school office on 55752131 **before the end of this week**.

Prescription Glasses Found

Please contact the school office on 5575 2131 if they belong to you or someone in your family.



Wellbeing



The new Child Safe Standards came into effect in July 2022 and are vital to 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 3

Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

At St Joseph's we can see this standard happens in various ways. Our Student Leaders come together to discuss what is happening in their school, and their ideas are then discussed with other students, staff and occasionally the School Advisory Council.

Throughout the year, the students have been running Mini Vinnies, collecting canned goods and donating these items to St Vincent's de Paul's for people in need. The Kids Kitchen has been a great success. Three times a term, students make recipes using fruit & vegetables from the school garden and staff, students and school families are invited to purchase their lunch. With the funds raised, the students have decided to give back to St Vincent DePaul Society in Casterton; for Term 3 they have decided to give back to the school by purchasing some fruit trees to plant at the school.

The students are also involved in choosing a leaders award for the school newsletter being on the lookout for a student that displays positive behaviour within the school. Throughout the term, students are given the opportunity to provide feedback and express what they have enjoyed!

We do many more things, but this is just a snapshot!

Upcoming Dates

TERM 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1	2/10 First day Term 4	3/10	4/10	5/10	6/10	7/8
Week 2	9/10 Lunch Orders Commence (Catching Pen)	10/10	11/10	12/10	13/10	14/15 Pedal Car Grand Prix
Week 3	16/10	17/10	18/10	18/10	20/10 Kids Kitchen	21/22
Week 4	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10	27/10	28/6
Week 5	30/10	31/10	1/11	2/11	3/11 Student Free Day	4/5
Week 6	6/11 SAC Meeting 7pm	7/11 Melbourne Cup Day	8/11	9/11	10/11 Kids Kitchen	11/12
Week 7	13/11	14/11 Kinder Transition 9-11:40am	15/11	16/11	17/11	18/19
Week 8	20/11	21/11 Kinder Transition 9 - 11:40am	22/11	23/11	24/11	25/26
Week 9	27/11	28/11 Kinder Transition 9 - 11:40am	29/11	30/11	1/12 Kids Kitchen	2/3
Week 10	4/12 Swimming Lessons	5/12 Swimming Lessons	6/12 Swimming Lessons	7/12 Swimming Lessons	8/12 Swimming Lessons	9/10
Week 11	11/12	12/12 Statewide Orientation Day F-6	13/12	14/12 Awards and Graduation Ceremony 5.30 followed by BBQ	15/12 Students Last Day of Term 3.30pm finish	16/17