



# 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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Friday, September 1st, 2023

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### WEEKLY REFLECTION



**Thank you for all the fathers and special men in our lives and the many ways they show us your face.**

**We ask that you bless them with joy and peace.**

**Guide their steps, use their hands, and make them a blessing to others.**

**Be with those whose fathers have died, but live in memories, appearances and actions.**

**Amen**

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all of our students who received the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation on Sunday. Thanks to families who joined us at the Mass and Fr George for being so generous with his time preparing the children.

On Thursday we took the bus up to Edenhope to take part in the Western Trinity Athletics Day. Yellow House

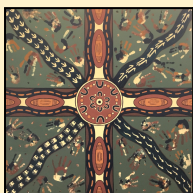
(MacKillop) reigned supreme to claim the Western Trinity House Shield. As for our age champions, we had four winners, the 6-year old girls champion was Isabelle Parry (Macaulay), the 7-year-old boys champion was Louis Vickery (Mercy House), and the 11-year-old boys champion was Austin Cunneen (Mercy House). The 12-year-old girls champion was Hannah Lambert (MacKillop).

This afternoon we would like to invite all dads, grandfathers and special men to school for a special sports afternoon between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. There will be a number of organised games, but there will also be some sporting equipment left out for use by everyone at their leisure. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Have a great weekend and Happy Father's Day to all our dads and special people.

**A reminder that there is no school on Monday as all staff will be in Casterton for Western Trinity strategic planning.**

*Karl Dwyer*



*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**  
Riley Koscal



**Excellent  
participation  
at the WT  
Athletics**

**Principal's  
Award**  
Xavier Harvey



**For fantastic  
writing and  
helping out LGC  
with Minecraft.**

**Behaviour  
Blitz Award**  
Austin  
Cunneen

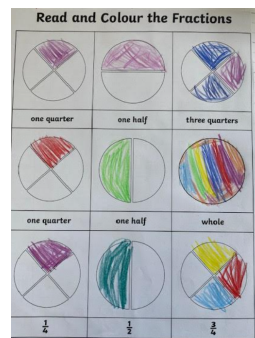
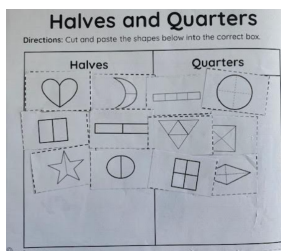


**Showing  
respect to  
others**

## Classroom News

### LGA

Over the last two weeks in the LGA classroom, we have been learning about fractions in maths. We have learnt that we can show a whole, a half, thirds and quarters with an object and with a group. We have been playing fraction games as well as colouring in fractions and cutting them and sorting them.



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FRACTIONS ARE HARD!

### LGB



This term in LGB, we are learning how to write a persuasive text. Last week, when we came into the classroom from a brain break, our chairs were TAPED UP and had gone ON STRIKE, and now we can't use them anymore! To get them back, we have to write a persuasive text to Mr Dwyer, and if we can persuade him to, he will stop the strike. If we can't persuade him, we will be standing at our desks, FOREVER! We have told Mr Dwyer that we want our chairs BACK! NOW!

### LGC

This term in Inquiry, we have been learning about geography and some of the different places and landmarks around the world. As part of their project students are to recreate an Island they have created in their Inquiry booklets. This island can be recreated by a number of different choices including diagram, minecraft and painting just to name a few. The project will be shared in this term's last week of school this term. Great work LGC. Below is a picture of Hannah's penguin island being created, great work LGC.



# Important Messages

## NEW FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM PAGE!



Please click on this link to follow our new page, which will be used to promote all the great things that we are currently doing in our school.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550484364252>

The official Instagram page for St Joseph's Primary School, Coleraine, is

@stjosephscoleraine

Click on the link here <https://www.instagram.com/stjosephscoleraine/> to follow us and stay updated on our enriching learning experiences.

#StJosephsColeraine

#LearningAtStJosephs



## Junior Badminton

There will be Junior badminton in the Coleraine stadium each Friday from 4.30-5.30pm.

Please bring your racquet if you have one.  
Gold Coin Donation



## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Wear your favourite football team colours to school!

Friday 15th  
September



## Monique Sobey

On Wednesday, we had Monique Sobey visit us at school to help decorate pots and plant some herbs and veggies to give to someone special in our lives to say "Thank you for helping us grow".

Thank you, Monique, for helping us make these gifts!



## School Wide Positive Behaviour Blitz



Our behaviour focus for the next two weeks is showing respect to ALL.

Some of the behaviours we are looking for are;

1. Including others
2. Listening to adults and others when speaking
3. Picking up rubbish
4. Waiting to talk when someone else is talking
5. Speaking kindly

## LSO Appreciation Week



# 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 this link [Child Safe Standards](#)

# Western Trinity Athletics



# School Advisory Council - SAC

Dear Families of St. Joseph's Coleraine,

The School Advisory Council (SAC), previously planned by the Parents Assoc, endeavours to hold a Twilight Fair every second year. A fair is a great way to showcase our community spirit and is something we, as the SAC, staff, the kids and the community, look forward to.

Next year, we would like to continue the success of our community fair. The SAC has agreed on the date, in line with previous years, of Friday, 22nd March 2024. We aim to raise money towards the next stage of our school master plan to improve the school to benefit the kids and the community. However, for this event to go ahead and succeed, we will require the help of our wonderful parents.

We look forward to planning this event as soon as possible, but we must ensure family commitment and support. On Wednesday, 13th September, at 3:30 pm, we would like to meet in the hall (or under the rotunda- weather dependent). Please let the school or a SAC member know if you cannot make this date but can help with planning.

In the past, we have split the organisation up to reduce the burden on one person (e.g. food, entertainment, stalls, marketing, cake stalls, kid stalls, produce, food safety, etc.).

We look forward to any assistance or feedback. Please comment below if you can meet on Wednesday 13th at 3.30 pm.

Kind regards,

St Joseph's Coleraine - School Advisory Council

Karl, Rhianna, Eisha, Nicole, Lachie & Dave

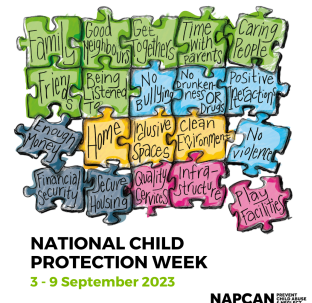
## Parent Information

### Webinar for parents: Getting started with social media

When: Tue September 5 @ 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Cost: Free

Visit the website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars> for more information, or click here <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2822124618746015758> to register.



### Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school. It includes practical tech tips, conversation starters and digital parenting advice.

It will cover:

- creating a positive digital identity
- privacy and sharing online
- managing what you see online
- good practices in group chats
- help-seeking.

Term 3 & 4 dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

- 5 September: 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- 21 November: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm (AEDT)

# Upcoming Dates

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 9	4/9 SCHOOL CLOSURE	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/10
Week 10	11/9	12/9	13/9	14/9	15/9 FOOTY COLOURS DAY Early Dismissal 2:20	16/17