



# St Joseph's School Newsletter

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## SCHOOL VISION

*At St Joseph's School, we are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ. We value harmony, inclusiveness and respect for God, each other and our world.*

### PARISH MASS TIMES

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month – 9am (Lay-Led)      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month – 5pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month – 9am      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – 9am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – 9am Ecumenical Service

**Co Pastors:** Fr Patrick Mugavin & Fr George Kuruwila    **Principal:** Mr Karl Dwyer    **SAC Chair:** Mrs Andrea Munro

March 5th 2021

ISSUE 5

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TERM 1 - 2021

- Mar 8 Labour Day Public Holiday
- Mar 10 District Aths
- Mar 12 Division Swimming
- Mar 19 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
- Mar 26 St Joseph's Twilight Fair
- Apr 1 Final Day of Term 1

### TERM 2- 2021

- Apr 19 1st Day of Term 2
- Apr 28 WT Cross country
- May 3-5 Grade 5/6 Camp (TBC)
- May 10 NAPLAN assessment period begins

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

[pietrafitness.com](http://pietrafitness.com)



Dear Families,

Permission forms for next Wednesday's District Athletics in Casterton went home yesterday. If your son or daughter received one of these notes, please discuss the events they have been nominated for and sign and return by Tuesday. There is also a canteen menu attached to this newsletter. Good luck to all who represent our school and remember... it is not about being the best, it is about doing your best!

In other sporting news, Mitchell Munro competed in the Division Tennis Finals in Warrnambool today. He played well, winning two games and losing two games. Hannah Lambert has also qualified for the 10 YO relay team for Division Swimming in Warrnambool next Friday. Fantastic effort Hannah and Mitchell!

All classrooms have been engaging in 'What is my Community?' activities occurring as a part of the beginning of the year. A highlight of this unit was yesterday's whole school excursion around the town of Coleraine where students learnt about different community spaces. There was discussion around who uses that space, what the positives of that space were and how it could be improved. Thanks to all teachers in the school for your organisation as well as all the children for your participation and care for each other.

A reminder about no school on Monday. I wish everyone a restful and relaxing long weekend with family and friends.

Karl Dwyer





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EASTER



# Twilight Fair

Join us for some Easter fun!

FRI 26th  
MAR 2021 5pm-8pm

MARKET \* HOT COFFEE \* MUSIC \* CAKE STALLS  
DINNER \* DESSERTS \* KIDS ACTIVITIES \* PRODUCE

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## AWARDS

### Principal's Award:

Angus Tindall



For showing excellent leadership with junior students and having a fantastic week, well done Angus!

### Leader's Award



For working hard with her reading and being able to recognise and read High Frequency words. Well done Emma-Jo great work.

### Assisi Award

Billie



For putting on his gloves to be safe while cleaning up the school.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### LGA

This week in LGA we have been learning how to write sentences. We have been learning that all sentences need to have capitals at the beginning, full stops at the end of them and finger spaces in between each word. To practice what we have learnt, we drew a picture of a bird and explained in one sentence what it was doing in our picture. Below is a picture of our preps having a go at telling their teacher their sentence and then putting the sentence back together.



### LGB Homework Expectations

- For homework this term, children are expected to read for at least 10-15mins, Monday - Thursday. This can be a book, the star words that I have sent home or both.
- Books for reading at home should be easy, the focus is on reading with fluency and comprehension.
- Students also need to be doing their nightly spelling sheets if they have received them.
- Parents need to sign the reading diary nightly. This can also be used for any communication for me to know about. Urgent matters should be directed to the reception.

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- If your child is wanting to read more or do more homework, Reading Eggs, Epic Reading or Mathletics passwords are in your child's reading diary.



### LGC

This week in LGC we had an experiment to measure whether you could use a filter system made of rocks, leaves or sand to filter dirty water into clean water if you were caught in a survival situation. The students had lots of fun and found the rocks were best for filtering water. Here are some pictures below.



Homework expectations for LGC are the following

- For homework this term, children are expected to read for at least 20 plus mins, Monday to Friday.
- A weekly spelling sheet that is sent out on a Monday and completed and brought back in on a Friday
- Books for reading at home should be at students level, difficulty wise, the focus is on reading with fluency and comprehension.
- Parents should aim to sign the reading diary nightly as well as students signing in the morning on the reader sheet in the classroom. The diary can also be used for any communication purposes. Urgent matters should be directed to the reception.
- If your child is wanting to read more or do more homework, Reading Eggs or Mathletics are a way to extend students.

## Book Club Orders - due back by 12/03/2021



## WE STEPPED UP TO CLEAN UP!

We had a very successful Clean Up day on Tuesday. Students picked up **237** pieces of rubbish in the schoolyard and around the school grounds and streets. The great thing was that only **67** pieces of rubbish were in our school grounds because of everyone's efforts to bring Nude Food and eat our food inside at recess and lunchtime.

**Great work everyone!**



Hello, here we are mid-way through the term and I have had a few conversations around resilience, which led to me researching specific topics of concern. This week I sourced the following article, on helping a child who is being teased, which I found quite practical. If you wish to access it on line the website is:

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/lip-tease.html>

### ***How to support a child being teased at school.***

*Adults can help by letting all kids know that teasing and making fun is never OK — that it is unkind, unfair, and hurtful.*

*Still, many kids will experience occasional teasing, and it can be difficult for them to handle. Kids with physical differences can be easy targets because the differences are so visible.*

*Kids who get teased may need help knowing how to respond. Encourage your child to tell you if they get teased. Calmly listen and show them that you understand their feelings. Then talk together about some ways they can deal with it if it happens again.*

*For example, depending on the situation and your child's age, you may want to teach them to:*

- *Use a confident voice to tell the child who is making fun to stop.*
- *Ignore or calmly walk away from the teasing.*
- *Avoid acting too upset by teasing (getting a big reaction can satisfy the teasers and make them likely to try again).*
- *Think of a short phrase or joke to say in response.*
- *Walk away and find a friend to be near.*
- *Tell a teacher or another adult.*

*Talk with your child about which of those ideas might work best for them and practice them by role-playing. Remind your child not to tease back, fight, or say something hurtful in return, which can only make the situation worse.*

*You also can help them become more resilient by offering your support and encouraging activities and friendships that develop their strengths and confidence. When you're hearing about their day, be sure to focus on what they enjoyed and what went well, in addition to any difficult moments they faced.*

*Many schools now have programs to deal with teasing and bullying and promote positive relationships between kids. Ask the school staff (a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal) if your child's school has such a program. If teasing tends to occur in specific settings (like at the bus stop or during recess), work with school personnel to make sure that an adult in charge responds to the situation when it happens.*

*If teasing becomes an ongoing issue or if you notice sudden changes that concern you (like your child doesn't want to go to school, seems sad, or seems to have a hard time separating from you or family members), talk with a counsellor or mental health professional for additional support.*

As always I hope this is of interest and can be of help, if you wish to discuss this or any other issue/topic please contact me on 0400 994 032.

Kind regards,

Lisa Gonnet,

Schools pastoral care worker.

# THE ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL EASTER TWILIGHT FAIR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

Leading up to *Friday March 26th*, we will be updating this page with friendly reminders about our upcoming major fundraising event.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

**\*WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH @ 3:30pm\***

We encourage and welcome all parents to attend this meeting, to support the discussion and further organisations for our major fundraising event. We would love to see you!

## FAMILY DONATION LETTERS

*This week your child/children would have received a Family Donation Letter.*

As this is our major fundraiser, it is vital that we can all contribute in some way. Your note will have outlined requested donations for the 'food component' - *Food Items can be left at the School Hall Kitchen/Fridge or monetary donations can be left in the School Office.*

## DONATIONS FOR STALLS

- **Easter Raffle...** Easter eggy goodness for our raffle prizes.
- **Cake, Preserves & Lolly Stalls...** if you or anyone you know is a whiz in the kitchen it would be great if you could bring along something to sell on these stalls. Please package up and label with ingredients.
- **Kids activities...** Small novelty items, wrapped lollies/chocolate's, small chips, fruit boxes, hair ties, art/craft, pencils, stationary, fruit boxes, etc
- **Plant & Produce Stall...** Home grown vegetables, fruit, bags of pine cones or bunches of flowers/herbs, Eggs, reusable shopping bags or something for a garden hamper raffle

## HOW CAN YOU HELP ON THE DAY OF THE TWILIGHT FAIR?

Please nominate some time slots for when you or a family member could assist for preparation throughout the day, or/and during the Twilight Fair event. You will find this information on the Family Donation letter that was sent home with your child/ren this week.

We kindly ask that this information is returned to school by **Friday 19th March**.

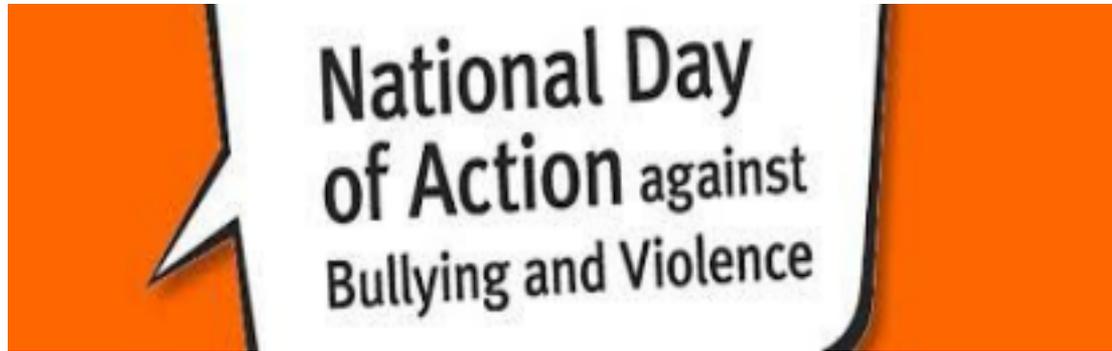
*Thank you in advance for all your support and the contributions you will make in enabling our Twilight Fair to be successful.*

Kind regards,

**ST JOSEPH'S PARENT ASSOCIATION**



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence On Friday the 19th March, we will be acknowledging the **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**. Classes will be participating in activities and learning that highlights the need to prevent bullying and violence occurring in our community. Children, staff and family members are encouraged to wear a splash of orange on this day.



## St Joseph's School is a Child Safe Community

*St Joseph's School community is committed to creating an environment where the safety, wellbeing, and participation of all children within our care is paramount.*

1. We have established a Child Safe Culture.
2. We have a Child Safe Policy.
3. We are committed to upholding the Child Safe Code of Conduct.
4. We impose rigid and thorough human resource background checks when employing staff and contractors. All adults who work with children in our school have Working With Children Cards.
5. We have processes in place for reporting anyone who abuses a young person or child.
6. We have risk assessments that identify potential risks and minimising strategies.
7. We have an Inclusive Practices Policy and strategies to ensure that we treat all students equally regardless of their cultural or linguistic backgrounds and disabilities.

# MENU

## CDSSA District Athletics Day

### SANDWICHES AND WRAPS

- \$4.00 Egg and lettuce sandwich
- \$4.00 Ham and cheese sandwiches  
(toasted on request)
- \$3.00 Cheese sandwich  
(toasted on request)
- \$6.00 Chicken Caesar wrap
- \$6.00 Chicken, salad, and mayo wrap

### DRINKS

- \$1.00 Juice box
- \$2.00 Water bottles
- \$2.00 Tea, coffee, and hot Milo

### WARM FOOD

- \$1.00 Steamed dim sims
- \$1.00 Party pie
- \$1.00 Mini sausage rolls
- \$3.00 Hot dog in bun
- \$2.00 Soup with bread  
Tomato sauce, BBQ sauce,  
and soy sauce available

### SOMETHING SWEET

- \$1.00 Icy pole tubes
- \$1.00-\$4.00 A range of slices and biscuits will be available on the day

Good luck to all who compete today!