

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Where Learning and Friendship Grow"

Dear Families

In the words of a song, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going", I congratulate you all on your toughness in managing remote learning again. Your mental toughness is appreciated. There have been some amazing achievements during this time. For example, a student who asked the teacher when he was supposed to complete a task because he had looked at his daily schedule and there didn't seem to be time allocated for it; several examples of students using technology to introduce their friends to their environment and their pets online and a great suggestion for a Catholic Social Justice response from another.

You should have received a letter this morning about arrangements for Term 4. Please note that all of our students return to school from **Monday 5th October**. As there will be no further remote learning sessions **all borrowed Chrome Books must be returned to school** by this time to enable class use when required.

My good news to share is:

- Miss Sophie Reichelt will be continuing as the MacKillop teacher until the end of the year. Many thanks to Sophie for extending her contract and enabling continuity for our Grade 1&2 children. I am sure you are all as thrilled as I am.
- Mrs Jamee Royce will be returning from maternity leave. She will be working on Wednesdays from 28th October. She will teach in the MacKillop class with Miss Reichelt each morning, providing extra support for students in English and Maths. Afternoons will be spent providing

support for teachers and students in the role of Learning Adjustment Leader. We are looking forward to welcoming Jamee back.

Finally, I wish you all well-deserved, restful holidays. If you haven't already done so, don't forget to use your voucher to enjoy a coffee on us as a thank you for your co-operation and assistance during remote learning.

Kind regards

Marie

Last Day
of
School 🍎

**Today is the last day of
Term 3**

**Term 4 commences on Monday 12th
October with face to face classroom
learning for all students.**

**From all the Staff at St Joseph's we
hope that you all have safe and
happy holidays.**

Dates to Remember

Monday 5 th	Term 4 commences – All Face to Face Learning
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Calm – Confident – Curious – Caring – Creative

PRAYER



Lord our God, in our pursuit of justice we often close our hearts to another's need. Make us conscious of your mercy towards us, that in our dealings with others we may allow your generosity to temper our desire for justice. We ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear us.

2021 Prep Enrolments



Enrolments are now open for our 2021 Prep students. If you know of any families who are considering St Joseph's for their child in 2021 can you please encourage them to come in to the school for information in regards to our Prep Orientation Program and enrolment procedure – thank you!

Transition Program Step into Prep-2021

Our Transition Program for 2021 Preps, as long as regulations allow, will commence on the following days:

Wednesday 28th Oct 8.45-12.30pm
Wednesday 4th Nov 8.45-12.30pm
Wednesday 11th Nov 8.45-12.30pm
Wednesday 18th Nov 8.45am-3.15pm
Wednesday 25th Nov 8.45am-3.15pm



Let's Play Schools with St Joseph's



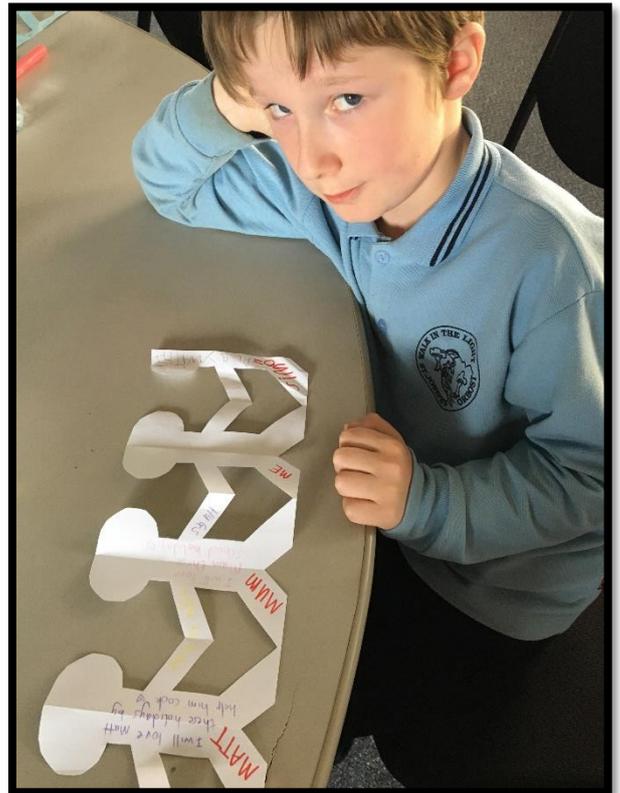
Thursday, 15th October
Thursday, 22nd October

St Joseph's Primary School welcomes pre-school children and their parents to spend time in our Prep room and see what we offer.

We provide an inclusive and affordable option. Sessions begin at 8.45am and conclude at 12.30pm.

For more information, please call: 5154 1289

All welcome



End of Term Three Awards

MacKillop

Harper Milliken: For solving multiplication equations.

Mia Cummings: For remembering full stops and capital letters in my writing.

Amara Martin: For writing about reading.

Ocean O'Neill: For learning to draw shapes and characters.

Isabella Derbyshire: For trying to write all by myself.

Damian Strickland: For decoding words when I am reading.

Charlie Cullinan: For using full stops in my writing.

Charlie Derbyshire: For writing letters correctly.

Colman

Zach Owen: For co-operating and trying my best during PE lessons.

Indigo Westaway: For gardening, especially growing snow peas.

Taylah Curry: For improving my writing on the chrome books.

Laclan Carey: For getting along well with my friends.

Tyran Walker: For doing lots of sketches during remote learning.

Holly Cummings: For composing stories on the ipad.

Alfred Bady-Campbell: For working towards the advanced certificate in Typing.com.

Hayley-Jade Martin: For trying to keep my fingers on correct keys when I am typing.

Asha Milliken: For greater focus during remote learning.

Aza Wilkinson: For my creative writing in fantasy.

Chase Cullinan: For learning multiplication facts for three.

Layla Millard: For improving my writing on the chrome books.

Zenn Cain: For writing more interesting stories.

Beau Power: For enjoying reading lots of books.

Jaydah Hood: For improving in reading and maths.

Maddison Free: For being resilient during Art lessons.

Xavier

Angus Sparkman: For using PowerPoint to present factual writing.

Jasmine Edwards: For articulating my mathematical thinking better.

Shyer Milliken: For stepping up to help younger children when they need it.

Ashley Perlado: For recalling multiplication facts quickly.

Ramona Bady-Campbell: For using my learning in Business and Economics to make good business decisions as a journalist.

Jasmine Westaway: For getting my vision board made and started.

Lucas Shanahan: For writing more interesting stories in Writer's Workshop.

Dominic Preston: For settling back into school really well and trying my best.

Congratulations to Jasmine Westaway for winning a poetry competition she entered about the recent bushfires.

*We were surrounded by a red glow
But there was nowhere else to go
We decided our house wasn't really safe
We ended up in town and then at the evacuation place.*

*The floor was hard and the room was so hot
We had full cotton clothing so I was sweating a lot
It was the middle of the night, mum told us to rest
I think she tried to be calm but i know she was stressed.*

*The fire looked like it was near my house or coming close
It was turning the bush into burnt toast
I thought I was going to lose everything even my life
I definitely felt like my dad was in real strife.*

*Me and my sisters laid on the hard old floor
We were near some friends, mum said stay near the door
We kept a woollen blanket next to us in case
And a cotton tablecloth mum had ripped for our face.*

*The smoke was so thick and stinging my eyes
If only I could close them and wake up to blue skies
But this night was not done
And my holidays were not going to be fun.*

