

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Where Learning and Friendship Grow"

Dear Families

I hope that you all enjoyed your long weekend and it was a chance to catch up a little before tackling the rest of the year. Perhaps some of you even picked the winner of the cup! It was a shame the horse representing Marlo was scratched before the race, taking away the chance for the community to win \$50,000.

Well done to the families who remembered that children could wear red to school today, our Red for Daniel day. Child safety messages were reinforced with the students. They watched a short presentation about Kids Help Line. It is really important for everyone to know that there is someone to talk to or ask for help if no one in their network is available.

Staff members have given up much time recently to Professional Learning as we continue to improve our skills and knowledge, particularly in the area of wellbeing. Our current focus is Friendology 101, a program that we will integrate with Zones of Regulation and our 5Cs as part of our whole school approach to positive behaviour support. Our kids do have *Friendship Fires* and sometimes they can be *Mean on Purpose*. We will seek to develop strategies for understanding and dealing with these problems. We want to equip our students with the life skills to manage conflict and friendships.

Next week we will celebrate Naidoc Week on Thursday. Students and staff will participate in a range of activities to share understanding of Indigenous culture and promote inclusivity from 11am. We are beginning to plan what will go on our mural at the front of the school together. The children have already contributed some great

ideas. We can't wait to get started! It is very exciting!

Please keep up the good work of getting your children to school every day possible. Having missed so much face-to-face learning time this year, we especially want every child every day, unless they are ill, to squeeze as much learning in as possible.

Kind regards
Marie

Transition Program Step into Prep-2021

Our Transition Program for 2021 Preps, as long as regulations still allow, will continue on:

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



STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are requested to contact the office and explain student absences before 9.30am. After this time, we will initiate contact. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.
Thankyou ☺

Dates to Remember

Wed 11 th	8.45am-12.30pm Prep Transition
Thurs 12 th	11am-3pm Naidoc Week Celebrations

Calm – Confident – Curious – Caring – Creative



PRAYER

Loving God, we desire your presence in our lives from the depth of our hearts but we so often miss the signs of your coming. Give us the wisdom of your Spirit that we may alert to the coming of Jesus in all the circumstances of life and give us the strength to respond in love to whatever he brings. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

ORBOST PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CARE & VACATION CARE EFFECTIVE 01/01/2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Unfortunately, due to our funding circumstances all overdue fees MUST be paid by 18/12/2020 before enrolment in the upcoming 2021 Vacation Care Program and our After School Care Program in 2021.

Camp Coolamatong



HALLOWEEN

By Charlie D

1. On Halloween you can decorate your house with spiderwebs and other decorations.
2. You dress up as something spooky.
3. Go trick or treating to get lollies.
4. Get heaps of lollies from people and eat them ALL when you get home.
5. You can make spooky faces on pumpkins. These are called Jack O Lanterns.
6. I love HALLOWEEN!

