Term 3 Friday 18th August 2023

Caring for Self, Caring for Others, Caring for the Environment

Dear Families,

It is nice to see a little rain today to keep the gardens happy! We spent time with kindergarten students in this morning's session of 'Let's Play' and are looking forward to the follow up sessions in the weeks ahead.

Today is National Day for action against Bullying and Violence. The theme for 2023 is 'growing connections'. It supports the research findings that strong school community connections and social skills are protective factors in the prevention of bullying and help enable positive, help-seeking behaviours in students. The Bullying No Way website (<a href="https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/">https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/</a>) has a range of resources available for children and young people and for families under the Support and Advice tab at the top of the webpage.



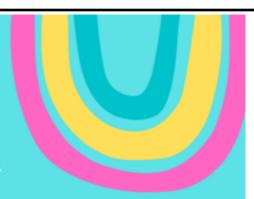
Next week is Book Week and we are very excited to read and share our favourite books. We will be celebrating with a Book Week dress up day on Monday 21st August, where teachers and students alike come dressed as their favourite character from their favourite books. This could include real people from the past that have been written about in nonfiction texts too! On this day we encourage students not only to dress up, but bring along the books that include their favourite characters or historical figures.

A friendly reminder that we still have one month to read as many texts as we can for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. The challenge will conclude at the end of this term and teachers will continue to verify texts for students as they log their home reading in diaries.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards, Kirsten Daly Principal

### St Joseph's Primary Wellbeing



## Supporting Children with Anxiety

### Hi Families,

In today's fast-paced world, understanding and addressing children's emotional wellbeing is more important than ever! Anxiety is a common emotional experience that many children face, and as a caring community, we are committed to providing the support and resources needed to help our young learners thrive.

### What is childhood anxiety?

Anxiety is a natural response to stress, change, or uncertainty. For children, it can manifest as worries, fears, or nervousness about various aspects of life, such as school, social interactions, or personal challenges. While occasional anxiety is a normal part of growing up, persistent or intense anxiety may impact a child's overall wellbeing and ability to engage in daily activities.

### Signs and Symptoms

Recognising the signs of anxiety in children can empower us to provide timely support. Some common signs include:

- Excessive worries or fears about specific situations or activities.
- Physical symptoms like stomach aches, headaches, or trouble sleeping.
- Avoidance of certain places, people, or activities.
- Difficulty concentrating or participating in class.
- Changes in behaviour, mood, or social interactions.

### Supporting Children with Anxiety

Our staff are dedicated to helping children manage their anxiety and build resilience. Here are a few ways we support our students:

- Creating a structured and predictable classroom routine to reduce uncertainty.
- Teaching coping skills such as deep breathing, mindfulness, and positive self-talk.
- Collective Calm 10- 15 min after lunch everyday
- Encouraging open discussions about feelings and emotions.
- Providing access to wellbeing support or advice on external supports available

### Collaboration with Families

Supporting children with anxiety is a team effort. We encourage parents and caregivers to maintain open lines of communication with teachers and staff. At home, we encourage families to work towards building emotional intelligence in their children. Emotional intelligence is an essential life skill. By helping children understand and manage their emotions, we empower them to navigate challenges with confidence. Through classroom discussions, activities, and age-appropriate resources, we aim to enhance their emotional literacy.

If you have any questions about supporting your child, please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Th<mark>an</mark>ks, Jenny

### THIS WEEKS PRAYER



### Trinity of Love

Creator God,
Creative Word,
Creating Spirit,
instil in us the humility of creatures
and the wisdom of co-creators.

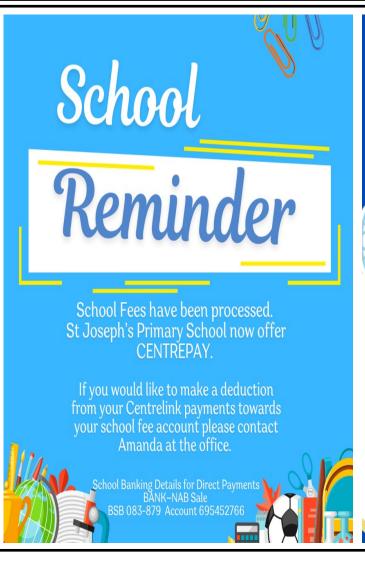
May we act and speak and breathe as if within your dance of divine love.

Open us to marvel at the wonder of your handiwork.
Enable us to see your spirit within all things.
Teach us to respect all that is created.
Humble us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
Empower us to respond with all our heart and mind and spirit.

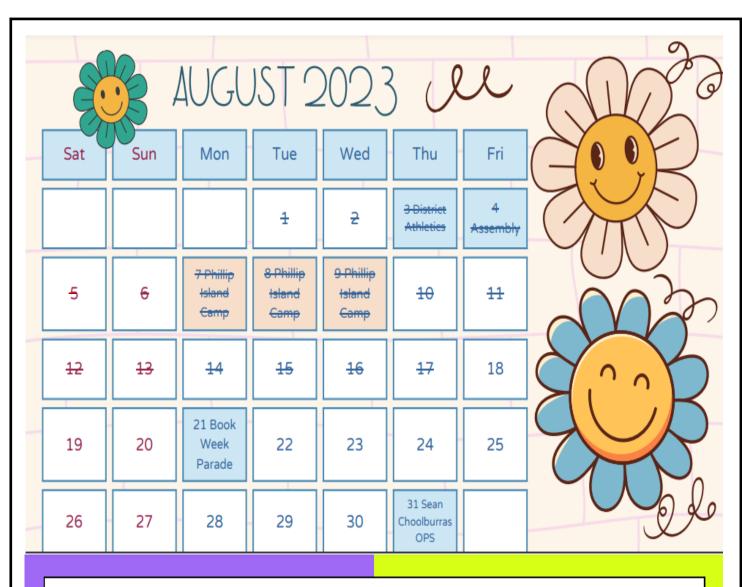
In Christ and through the Spirit we seek to be carers within your creation, Creator God.

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Australian Catholic Bishop's Statement 2021-2022 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'.







## SEPTEMBER \*\*

### 2023

•		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•							1 Fathers Day Breakfast 8am Lets Play School	2
•		3	4 School Closure Day	5 Child Safety Week	6	7	8 Lets Play Schools	9
	2	10	11	12	13	14 R U OK Day	15 Last Day Term 2.15 Finish Assembly	16 Holidays
		17 Holidays	18 Holidays	19 Holidays	20 Holidays	21 Holidays	22 Holidays	23 Holidays
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# CAMP CAMP









ON MONDAY 7TH OF AUGUST, WE LEFT SCHOOL AT 7:30 AM TO GO TO PHILLIP ISLAND.
WE STOPPED AT TRARALGON PARK TO EAT AND PLAY, THEN WE WENT TO THE TURN OFF
BEFORE YOU GO TO MELBOURNE.

WHEN WE GOT TO THE ADVENTURE PARK RESORT, WE UNPACKED AND CHOSE BEDS.
THE ROOMS WERE SEPARATED BETWEEN THE GIRLS AND BOYS.

AFTER WE UNPACKED WE WENT TO THE GIANT SWING, IT WAS 18 METERS HIGH. HARPER, OCEAN AND MS.JESS WENT TO THE VERY TOP AND HAD LOTS OF FUN.

THEN WE WENT CANOEING. IT WAS GREAT. THERE WAS A FOUNTAIN TO GO UNDER. WE DID FUN RACES AND GAMES IN THE CANOE.

AFTER DINNER AND DESSERT WE WENT FOR A NIGHT WALK TO THE BEACH.

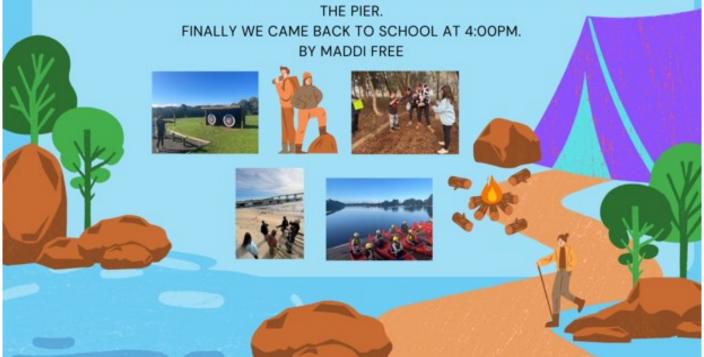
ON TUESDAY WE WOKE UP AT 7:00 AM AND HAD BREAKFAST. THEN WE WENT TO AN
INITIATIVES COURSE WHERE EVERYONE PUT IN A HARD EFFORT TO HELP EACH OTHER

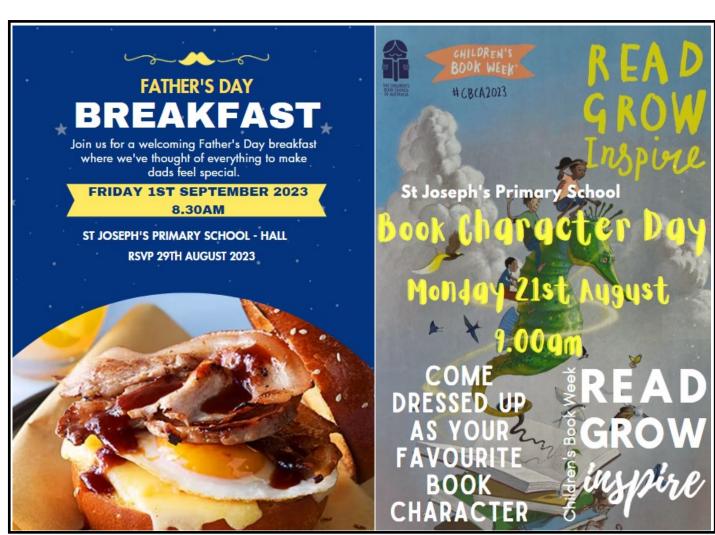
OUT. NEXT WE WENT TO ARCHERY, IT WAS EXTREMELY FUN.

AFTER ARCHERY, WE WENT TO THE GIANT FLYING FOX. IT WAS TERRIFYING BUT EVERYONE HAD A BALL, IT WAS 10 METERS HIGH AND 250 METERS LONG.

AND THAT NIGHT WE WENT TO THE PENGUIN PARADE WHICH WAS INTERESTING.
THE DAY AFTER THAT IT WAS WEDNESDAY, WE HAD BREAKFAST THEN WE WENT TO THE
SMALLER FLYING FOX WHICH WAS ENTERTAINING. IT WAS 3 METERS HIGH.

THEN, ON THE WAY BACK, WE WENT TO SAN REMO AND FED PELICANS AND WALKED ON



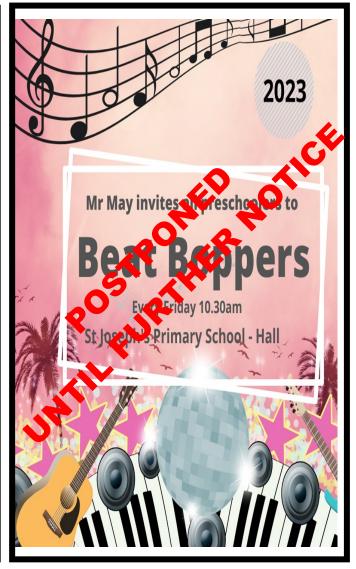














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