

Term 1 Friday 9th February 2024

# NEWSLETTER

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



## Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back! I hope this message finds you refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year filled with learning, growth, and wonderful memories. As we embark on this journey together, we want to extend our warmest greetings to each and every one of you. We especially welcome our new families to our school.

Here at St Joseph's, we believe in the power of community and the importance of collaboration between home and school. Our goal is to create a supportive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

With that in mind, we've planned an array of exciting activities and events to kick off the school year on a positive note:

1. **Prayer-** We have introduced whole school Monday morning prayer
2. **Camps** - Yrs 3-6 Camp Coolamatong (12th & 13th March), Yrs 5-6 Melbourne Camp (18th-20th March). Mackillop Class will have their camp experience later in the year.
3. **Shrove Tuesday** - Tuesday 13th Feb
4. **Swimming Carnival** - Thursday 15th Feb  
Whole school swimming races and activities for the younger students. 11:30am to 2:30pm
5. **Collaborative Conferences** - 26th & 27th Feb  
An opportunity to meet your child's teacher, look around their classroom and become familiar with their learning goals.
6. **Nudel Kart** incursion - 8th March
7. **Cross Country** - 27th March  
Along with Newmeralla and Marlo Primary Schools, we will be running/ walking the grounds at Newmerralla oval.
8. **Holy week** of activities 25th - 28th March  
Includes the Easter story, Easter Bonnet parade, egg hunt, whole school assembly and our favourite Easter time food to share.

We are excited to announce the commencement of our newly merged class, Francis Class, catering to students from Years 3 to 6. Housed in our spacious end classroom, Francis Class embodies the spirit of collaboration and shared learning, reflecting the values of St. Francis.

Under the guidance of two dedicated educators, Ms. Dunphy and Mrs. Den Otter, collaborative learning experiences will flourish, providing students with a rich and engaging educational journey.

In addition, Mackillop Class will continue to provide a nurturing environment for our Foundation to Year 2 students, led by the talented Miss Jamieson.

For further insights into school life and specific class details, we invite you to explore the 2024 Parent Handbook, which will be enclosed with this newsletter. It's our commitment to keeping you informed and involved every step of the way.

### Student council

We are thrilled to introduce the formation of our Student Council, led by our School Student Leaders (yet to be named), an exciting opportunity for our students to take an active role in shaping the future of our school community. The first meeting of the Student Council will be held next week, marking the beginning of a journey filled with leadership, collaboration, and positive change.

The aim of the Student Council is to empower students to voice their ideas, concerns, and aspirations, and to work together to implement meaningful initiatives that enhance school life for everyone. Through this platform, students will develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, while also fostering a sense of ownership and pride in their school.

We encourage all interested students to get involved and make their voices heard. Together, let's make a difference and create a school environment where every student feels valued, respected, and supported. Stay tuned for more details regarding the first meeting of the Student Council, and get ready to be a part of something truly special!

We're committed to making this school year a memorable and rewarding experience for your family. Together, we can inspire a love of learning and empower our children to reach their full potential.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to partnering with you in the year ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
God Bless,

Kirsten Daly  
Principal

## School Vision

United, as a school community, we walk in the light  
of faith, guiding our students in learning with  
compassion towards a purposeful future

Logan



Moki



WELCOME TO OUR 2024  
*Foundation*  
*Students*

Teacher  
Miss Jamieson



Ollie



Jack

## FEBRUARY 2024

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| 12 Coolamat<br>ong Camp | 13 Coolam-<br>atong Camp | 14 Hockey<br>Clinic | 15 Swim-<br>ming sports | 16                            | 17  | 18  |
| 19                      | 20                       | 21                  | 22                      | 23 <i>No<br/>Lunch Orders</i> | 24  | 25  |
| 26                      | 27                       | 28                  | 29                      |                               |     |     |

## MARCH 2024

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| 11 Labour<br>Day | 12             | 13                  | 14                         | 15                | 16                            | 17                          |
| 18 5-6<br>Camp   | 19 5-6<br>Camp | 20 5-6<br>Camp      | 21                         | 22                | 23                            | 24                          |
| 25               | 26             | 27 Cross<br>Country | 28 Last Day<br>Term 2.15pm | 29 Good<br>Friday | 30 <i>Easter<br/>Saturday</i> | 31 <i>Easter<br/>Sunday</i> |





### **Kitchen/ Garden**

Our Kitchen and Garden Program officially launched this past Tuesday, and we are thrilled to share some exciting updates with you! Over the holiday break, our dedicated team worked tirelessly to tend to our beloved veggie patch, and the results are nothing short of amazing.

After carefully weeding out any unwanted intruders, we were pleasantly surprised to discover a bounty of vibrant vegetables thriving in our garden beds. From luscious eggplants to juicy tomatoes, zesty zucchinis, and colourful capsicums, our garden is bursting with nature's goodness.

To nurture our plants and promote healthy growth, we've been using a special elixir known as worm juice, which is rich in essential nutrients and has proven to be incredibly beneficial for our garden ecosystem.

We can't wait to see these fresh, homegrown ingredients make their way into our kitchen and onto your plates, starting this week with Zucchini Fritters. Stay tuned for more updates as our garden continues to flourish and inspire our students to cultivate a deeper connection with the natural world.

**Helpers wanted :** We have mulch that needs distributing in our indigenous garden

# Our Prayer

Nominated by Isaac Joiner

In 1989 a spacecraft called 'Galileo' was launched on a journey to the planet Jupiter. The craft was named after the astronomer, Galileo, who died in 1642.

Using a telescope, Galileo (the astronomer) discovered four moons orbiting the planet Jupiter. We now know that Jupiter has at least 16 moons. The largest moon, Callisto, is larger than the planet Mercury. Jupiter itself is 1400 times the volume of our planet Earth. Whilst the Earth is 150 million km from the Sun, Jupiter's orbit is five times that distance from the Sun.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Let us pray:

Lord God, may all of your creation  
from the vastness of mighty planets and stars  
to the lowliness of the smallest living creature I can see remind me  
to live in wonder and appreciation of all that is around me. Amen.

## Reminders

- ☐ CAMP COOLAMATONG UPDATE  
Departure Time 8.30am
- ☐ No Lunch Orders FRIDAY 23rd FEB
- ☐ Swimming Carnival Thursday 15th  
February for all students
- ☐ Public Holiday - Monday 11th March





# School

# Reminder

School Fees have been processed.  
St Joseph's Primary School now offer  
CENTREPAY.

If you would like to make a deduction  
from your Centrelink payments towards  
your school fee account please contact  
Amanda at the office.

School Banking Details for Direct Payments  
BANK-NAB Sale  
BSB 083-879 Account 695452766

