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# St Joseph's Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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### Student Report *Written by Damian Strickland.*

Last week year 3/4's went on camp to Coolamatong. Athletics Day coming up so here are some tips, you may want:

- practising running around basketball court
- Rope skipping to practise jumping
- Push ups to help with shot put.



**Reminder:** Student Council meeting Wed 7th, at recess.

### Principals Wrap up for the week

#### Welcome back to Term 2!

We had an unusual but exciting start to the term with our Year 3/4 students heading off to camp at Coolamatong. It was a two-night adventure filled with fun, resilience, and kindness. Well done to all the students who participated—you should be proud of how you represented yourselves and our school. It's these small wins that lead to lifelong success.

A special thank you to **Moki Lecompte** for representing St Joseph's Primary School at the Orbost ANZAC Day March and ceremony at the cenotaph. Your courage and pride in carrying the school banner and laying the wreath were truly commendable. We are very proud of you. Thank you also to **Mrs. Robinson** for creating a beautiful floral arrangement using native flowers—it was a thoughtful and fitting tribute.

Our **Collaborative Conferences** were held last night, and we are grateful to all the families who braved the cold to meet with teachers. Speaking of the cold, a gentle reminder to please send your child to school with a jumper. Mornings are chilly now, and clearly labelling jumpers with names helps us (and your child!) keep track of them.

Next week, we look forward to celebrating the amazing **mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures** in our community. We see the love, effort, and time you give to raise the incredible children we teach—thank you.

Finally, a **big call-out for volunteers!** Our **Bunnings BBQ fundraiser** is coming up and we currently only have two helpers signed up. We need more support to make this event a success, so please consider lending a hand.

We welcomed a new student this term, Noah Evans and his family (into year 3) and our new Learning Support Officer, Bryce Rowley!  
God Bless

Kirsten Daly  
**Principal**

### Upcoming Reminders

#### Next week

- Mother's Day stall (Thursday & Friday lunchtimes)
- Mother's Day High Tea/ Pamper -Friday 9th May at 2pm
- P & F Fundraiser—

**Sausage Sizzle**  
at Bunnings in Bairnsdale—  
Saturday 10th  
May . 9am to 4pm



Volunteers needed to cook or serve.

- Wednesday 14th May—  
Athletics Day at OCC.





### **ON THE DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS**

*Let us entrust ourselves to him, for he alone can make all things new (cf. Rev. 21:5)!  
(Homily of His Holiness, Pope Francis, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025)*

The people of the Catholic Diocese of Sale join with millions of people around the world as we mourn the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

We remember that when he was presented to the world on the balcony of St Peter's on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013, he bowed in humility and requested that we, the Church would pray for him. On that night as he commenced his Petrine Ministry as the Bishop of Rome and Pontiff of the world's Catholics, he showed us how he would lead.

In choosing the name Francis (after Saint Francis of Assisi), Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, claimed a way of being Pope. At his election he took immediate action that his papacy would reflect a humility in style, dress and manner. He would not preside over a papal court. He chose to live as others live in the Vatican and took up residence at Santa Marta, rather than the papal apartment. Throughout the past twelve years we have seen traces of the great saint of Assisi modelled in the manner of Pope Francis' leadership: Compassionate to the poor; merciful to the forgotten; welcoming to the stranger; humble in lifestyle; courageous in addressing concerns of the modern world; a voice of challenge to the powerful and always deeply concerned to remind the Church that her mission was the same as the mission of Jesus. Of course, within *Laudato Si* the poetry of St Francis's Canticle of Creation echoes so profoundly, as we are called to steward the beauty of God's creation. He has modelled the synodal way of being Church – a Church which accompanies the other by deep listening, respectful dialogue, working co-responsibly, and always attuned to the Holy Spirit.

Throughout his Pontificate, he became someone to whom the world would turn. He was a moral compass. He lived his papacy as a service to others and a source of communion. In moments of international crisis, in conflicts and division, unrest among nations, in reaching out to refugees and asylum seekers, in speaking to the hearts of the women and men of our time, he brought the message of Jesus to life.



In the midst of the anguish of others he spoke of the mercy of God: He said, 'the face of God is mercy.' The mission of the beatitudes was real, tangible and a participation in the mission of the Kingdom of God.

In his encyclicals, pastoral letters, his preaching and his actions, Pope Francis never left anyone in doubt about the source of his life. His dream was that if we could really live in solidarity as sisters and brothers, then we could truly experience a lasting peace. His constant challenge to the powerful who exploit the poverty and rights of others often made some world leaders and others uncomfortable. He was unafraid. He was tireless. As we wondered at this stamina, he continued to go to the peripheries to be a sign of hope and connection. Papal visits were opportunities for him to deeply connect with the faith of people, and also to bring an international lens to the forgotten, the oppressed and the marginalized. As he aged, he also showed us that even the challenge of growing older did not diminish his spirit. In him, vulnerability brought strength.

Pope Francis often spoke of his own sinfulness and the mercy of God in his life. He worked hard to address concerns of the misconduct of others. He confronted clericalism and any sense of entitlement or careerism. He was steely in his resolve to address issues of abuse. Curial reform was high on his agenda. He introduced reforms to the style of leadership he expected and wished the various dicasteries of the Holy See to model cooperation and accountability. He addressed the management of the economy of the Vatican and pursued reforms to address misappropriation of assets and finances. His appointment of women to significant positions of leadership within the Vatican and entrusting authority to their voice have been hallmarks.

I had the opportunity to meet Pope Francis and to be in his company on several occasions. He was always quick witted. Incisive and insightful. He did not suffer fools. His every response flowed from the scripture: He was clearly a man close to God and the Word had found a home in him. He spoke directly but with kindness. His words and witness were a powerful testimony on how we bishops were to live among our people. His famous quote that pastors should "know the smell of the sheep" said it all. That priests should know us as fathers and not be orphans! He was a man of personal integrity who practised what he preached, and by doing so, restored for many their trust in the Church, especially in those parts of the globe, like Australia, where trust had been so broken by the scandal of clerical sexual abuse of minors.

In January this year Pope Francis, released his autobiography, *Hope*. A beautiful reflection on the story of one man's life. He writes, "we Christians must know that hope doesn't deceive and doesn't disappoint. All is born to blossom in an eternal springtime."

And so, Pope Francis now enters the promise of eternal life in this, the Year of Hope, welcomed, we pray, by the God who inspired his first breath and who accompanied his last. We will miss him as our spiritual father, our bridge of unity, and our leader in faith. We entrust him to the mercy of the Father. We give thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis who has shown us how to be pilgrims of hope. We offer our prayers for him, confident that the loving arms of his merciful God are opened for him: 'welcome, good and faithful servant.'

May Pope Francis rest in peace.



# Yr 3/4 Camp Coolamatong







**ANZAC DAY**



**WELCOME**

**BRYCE**  
to the  
St Joseph's Team

New Learning Support  
Officer



## St Colman's & St Brendan's Catholic Church - Mass Times



Tuesdays: St Brendan's Lakes Entrance  
9:30am

Wednesdays : St Colman's Orbost  
9:30am

Fridays: St Brendan's Lakes Entrance  
9:30am

Saturdays:  
Once a month St Dymphna's Buchan  
check website  
1st, 3rd, 5th wks St Joseph's Swan Reach

## St Colman's Parish



## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to  
these students who  
celebrated their  
birthdays recently  
and in the coming  
weeks:

### May

17th Ms Dunphy  
22nd Noah



## Term dates

*"Hope Does Not Disappoint"*

**Term 2:** Tuesday 21st April - Friday 4th July (2:15pm finish)

**Term 3:** Tuesday 22nd July - Friday 19th September (2:15pm finish)

**Term 4:** Tuesday 7th October - Friday 19th December (2:15pm finish)

## School Closure Days

As education is an evolving process staff need ongoing Professional Development to keep abreast of educational developments. During the year there will be a number of School Closure Days to enable this to take place.

All School Closure Days are approved by the Catholic Education Office.

Please keep an eye on the calendar included in each newsletter.

**Tuesday 6th May** - Curriculum Planning - **No Students**

**Monday 21st July** - Curriculum Planning - **No Students**

**Friday 8th & Monday 11th August** - Catholic Identity & Religious Education / Indigenous Culture - **No Students**

**Monday 6th October** - Curriculum Planning - **No Students**

**Monday 3rd November** - Time in Lieu School Closure Day—**No Students**

# Term Calendar

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 <b>Week 3</b>	5 Division Cross Country- Lillian	6 <b>Curriculum Day</b> No students	7	8 <b>Mother's Day Stall</b>	9 <b>Mother's Day Stall</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>High Tea 2pm</b>	10 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser 9-4pm
11 <b>Week 4</b>	12	13 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	14 <b>Athletics Day</b>	15	16	17
18 <b>Week 5</b> <b>Catholic</b> <b>Education Week</b> <b>Begins</b>	19	20 Whole School Prayer 8:55am  Open Day - 11:30- 12:30	21	22  Open Day - 4:00- 5:30pm	23	24
25 <b>Week 6</b> <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Week</b>	26 National Sorry Day	27 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	28 <b>PJ Day</b> (wear PJ's to school)	29	30	31

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Week 7</b>	2	3 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	4	5	6	7
8 <b>Week 8</b>	9 <b>King's B/Day</b> <b>No School</b>	10 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	11	12	13	14
15 <b>Week 9</b> Kids Roar this week <b>PSG meetings this</b> <b>week</b>	16	17 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	18	19	20	21
22 <b>Week 10</b>	23 P & F Meeting 2:30pm	24 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	25	26	27	28
29 <b>Week 11</b>	30					

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Week 11</b>		1 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	2	3	4 <b>Last day Early</b> <b>finish 2:15pm</b>  <b>Reports go home</b>	5
6	7	8 <b>School Holidays</b>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <b>School Holidays</b>	16	17	18	19

Parents &  
Friends  
Association

Social News

Social Night Term 2 Date  
to be confirmed.

Fundraising

- Bunnings Sausage  
Sizzle

Help Needed 10th May

Next meeting  
Monday 16th  
June 2:30pm

## PRAYER

Pope Francis invites each of us to the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.



Let us help each other discover and experience an encounter with Christ who gives us life. Let us set out on a journey as pilgrims of hope to celebrate that life. May the Lord grant us the grace to rediscover hope, to proclaim hope and to build hope.

### **The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

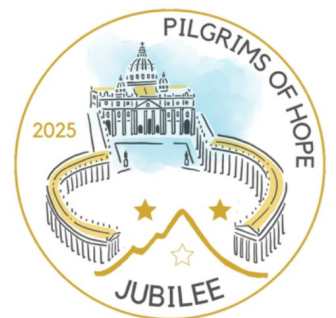
The Jubilee Prayer  
May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the  
whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen





## SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS



**YEAR 7 2026  
ENROLMENTS  
FILLING FAST!**



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APPLICATIONS CLOSING  
**9 MAY 2025**



JOIN US FOR

*Mother's Day*

**HIGH TEA & PAMPER**

FRIDAY      MAY      2PM  
                 9TH

St Joseph's Primary School  
Mary Mackillop Hall



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Orbost

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or at Neighbourhood House  
5154 6742

When you register, we'll send you the event details

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# "Pilgrims of Hope"

Join us in embracing  
hope, unity and faith

## Celebrating

Catholic Education Week  
16 May to 23 May 2025



Diocese of Sale  
Catholic Education Ltd

**St Joseph's Primary School, Orbost will celebrate Catholic Education Week with a number of special events commencing Friday 16 May, 2025**

Our Open days will be held on :

- Tuesday 20th May - 11:30 am to 1pm (student led tour)
- Thursday 22nd May - 4pm to 5:30pm

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, Pilgrims of Hope to align with the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis, inviting communities to reflect on the significance of hope and faith in their lives.

Our school will be helping to spread the message of 'hope' in our community as part of Catholic Education Week.

Tuesday 20th May

- 8:55am—whole school Walk of Faith—A mini pilgrimage around the school grounds with prayer stations
- 12:30pm—Special Lunch

Friday 21st May

- Mini Social Justice Project—Fundraiser run by Student Council—Coin trail House Challenge

Students have created a 'Hope Wall' with messages and artwork that reflect what Hope means to them, while others are undertaking social justice and fundraising projects to support those in need.

Catholic Education Week is a special time in our school calendar where we come together as a community to celebrate our faith, our identity, and the unique spirit that makes our school a place of love, learning, and belonging.

**"We warmly invite existing and new families to join in the activities planned for Catholic Education Week and experience firsthand what makes our school the little school with a big heart."**

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