St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Sorrento

MY FAITH
MY LIFE
MY LEARNING

TERM 1: issue 1: February 2nd 2022

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday 7th February
- Prep—Yr 2 Swimming program commences

Wednesday 9th February
- 3/4 Swimming program commences
- Swim squad commences
- Prep Information Session 5pm (in Prep space)
- Yr's 1-6 Information session online

Wednesday 16th February
- Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (online)
- Students finish at 1pm

Wed 23rd—Fri 25th Feb
- Year 5/6 Camp Rumbug

Monday 14th March
- Labour Day Public Holiday

Sunday 3rd April
- Daylight Saving finishes

Friday 8th April
- Term 1 finishes

Monday 25th April
- ANZAC Day

Tuesday 26th April
- Term 2 commences

welcome to another school year

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2022 School Year. I am very excited to be here, as the new Principal at St Joseph's. I feel humbled and blessed to have been chosen to serve St Joseph's Primary School community and I look forward to working in partnership with you as together we support your childrens' learning and growth. I am looking forward to getting to know all of our students and their families over the next few weeks. Thank you to those of you who attended our Welcome Back morning tea and have already introduced yourselves to me. It is certainly a vibrant and welcoming community and I feel a great sense of belonging already.

We welcome Indigo, Joe, Aleesha, Lillianne, Toby, Saorise, Skyla, Hamish, Ned, Charlie, Oliver, Aniela, Paul and Evie our new preps and William (Y2), Charlotte (Y1), Annabel (Y2) and Patrick Y(5). We hope all new students and their families find their experience at St Joseph's to be positive and rewarding..

Staff returned to work last Friday. Staff spent some time exploring our theme for this year; "Above & Beyond." We listed and committed to ways we can go above and beyond this year in faith, life and learning to ensure all members of our community flourish.

Staff for 2022

Prep Learning Area - Lisa Inglese and Sarah Byrne

Year 1/2 Learning Area—Monica Caddie, Julie Finn and Prue Birch

Year 3/4 Learning Area—Vicki Stirling, Jess Lumsden, Jess Virtue and Laura Dimogerondas

Year 5/6 Learning Area - Jenny Todd, Jess Virtue and Nick Krstic

Specialist Teachers– Jacqui Hayes (PE), Roberta Varrenti (Italian), Jenny Young (Visual and Performing Art)

STEM Specialist—Ryan Robinson

Tutor Program—Jasmine Gregory

Learning Support Officers—Mel McFayden, Kamica Broadsmith, Lauren James, Donna McPherson, Jenni Goss, Emma Cervi, Sarah Pancic and Laura McGinness

Playgroup—Marg McInnes, Laura McGinness

Administration—Teresa Laird and Lucy O'Brien.

Deputy Principal—Megan Barber

Principal—Monica O'Shannassy

I have been so impressed with the professionalism of staff and how the teachers collaborate in their planning, analysis of data and implementation of learning programs. To further support this collaboration, could I please ask that any email communication regarding your child be sent to all teaching staff in the learning area. An information letter, which will contain staff email addresses will be sent out today—this will be sent via Konnective

As we continue to navigate the present COVID situation, please continue to test your children twice a week with the rapid antigen tests provided, isolate for seven days if household contacts and if a positive result is returned from a test, follow the latest advice at https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests including notifying us at school and the Health Department.

Due to the present COVID situation, it has been decided that the Information Evenings for Years 1 - 6 will be recorded and sent to parents next Wednesday 9th February. The Prep Information Evening will be held onsite in the Prep Learning Space at 5:00pm. Parents will need to sign in and show proof of vaccination.

Parent/teacher interviews have been scheduled for Wednesday 16th February. This is an opportunity for parents to meet and share information with their child's teacher(s) that may impact their learning this year. School will finish at 1:00pm on this day. Parents will need to make a booking via an online booking site. These will be held via Google Meets this year. More details will be sent home via Konnective in the coming days.

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will take place next Wednesday at 10am via Zoom. The role of the SAC is to provide a crucial point of connection between the wider community and school leaders. While the School Advisory Council does not have governance responsibility or decision making authority, it supports myself and school leadership and provides a connection to the parish. It is not a governing body but its role is to support the overall governance of the system as it gives consideration, and advice on important school matters in order to support the strategic interest of the school. We are specifically looking for people with experience in marketing and grant application. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a member of this group, please email me.

Please keep the Denton-Hughes family in your thoughts and prayers at the moment as they grieve the passing of Zoe's mother.

Thank you all, for the wonderful start to the new school year. It is always such a lovely time for our students and staff, as they return refreshed and energised from the summer holidays. As I have walked throughout the learning spaces, the students have all been extremely settled and engaged in their learning.

A blessing for the new year.

Bless us Spirit of Life, during this new year with

The light of new dawn

The radiance of the rainbow

The gratitude of thirsty ground in the rain

The steadiness of the mountains

The delight of the honey bird

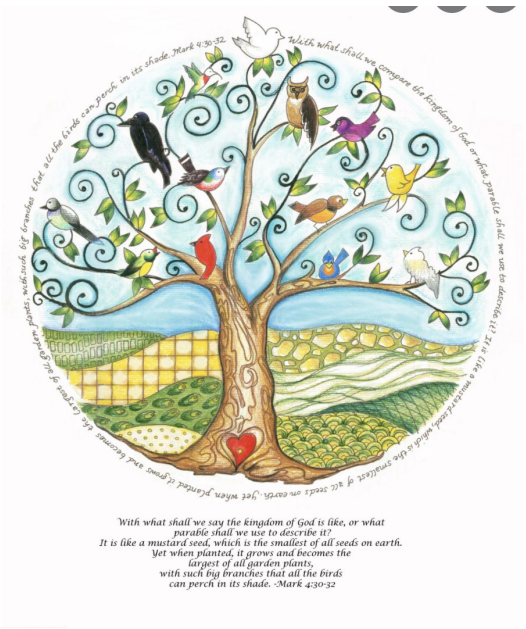
The industry of insects

The glory of sunflowers

The wonder of children

And the resolve of a mountain stream.

Amen.



Have an enjoyable week,

Monica

Administration

INFORMATION FORMS

Today, each family should have received personal details information and the annual permission forms; an Incidental Excursion form, Permission to Publish form and an Acceptable use of Digital Technology form. Please check the information on the personal details form and make any needed corrections. Complete the remaining forms and return all forms to the school as soon as possible. Thank you

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder to all parents to CLEARLY name all items of school uniform, sport uniform, bags, lunch containers , etc. Uniform items that are named will be given back to the owner, un-named items will be added to the second hand uniform shop.

NEWSLETTER DATES FOR TERM 1

Our school newsletter is one of the school's major forms of communication. We publish the newsletter fortnightly and newsletters are emailed to parents. A few paper copies are available from the school office. Please ensure you receive the newsletter and take note of important dates and information.

The newsletter dates for Term one: Wednesday 2ndFebruary
Wednesday 16th February
Wednesday 2nd March
Wednesday 16th March
Wednesday 30th March

FACE MASKS

Following government and Department of Education regulations, all students from Year three are required to wear a face mask while indoors at school. Please ensure your child has a face mask when they arrive at school each day. MACS also recommends, but it is not mandatory, that students in Prep to Year 2 also wear a mask.

VALET DROP OFF and PICK UP

Morning valet runs from 8.40am until 9.00am—Any students arriving after 9.00am must enter via the school office.

Afternoon times: Prep, Yr 1, Yr 2 and older siblings—3.20pm
Year 3-6—3.30pm

The bus leaves school at approximately 3,30pm

KONNNECTIVE 2022

The Konnective App is probably our main form of communication between school and home.
We send alerts, updates and news through this App and parents are able to use it to send us important information (e.g student absences).

New and prep parents have been sent information about how to register on Konnective, all other parents have automatically been transferred to their child's new class.

If you have any problems please email Vicki Stirling, our ICT coordinator on:
vstirling@sjsorrrento.catholic.edu.au

ABSENTEES , LATE ARRIVALS or EARLY DEPARTERS

It is very important that you let the school know if your child is going to be absent from school or will be late. We also need the reason. We ask that you let us know by 9.30am via Konnective, phone call or email. All absentee emails should be sent to office@sjsorrento.catholic.edu.au. If you do not let the school know we will be contacting parents; this process is very time consuming for our office staff and is made a lot simpler if you let us know. If your child is absent for more than one day, and you have let us know the reason previously, we will not call you to check but will presume that the reason is the same. If your child arrives at school after 9am (late arrival) please come through the office area and sign them in.
If you need to collect your child early from school please come to the school office to sign them out. Your child will be called to the office for you.
Thank you for your assistance.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

It is a government regulation that all adults wanting to work or volunteer with children MUST have a Working With Children Check. If you are wanting to help at the school in any capacity; canteen, excursions, classroom help, sporting activities, etc we require a copy of your current Working With Children Certificate. These can be applied for online and are free to all people volunteering. We have noticed that many WWCC expired over the last two years, please check you expiry date, renew it if you need to and bring your new card into the office so that we can take note of your new details.

SCHOOL BUS

The School bus is not a free service. In order to be eligible for a government conveyance subsidy you must live more than 4.8km from the school and be within our catchment area. You must also complete a conveyance form and lodge it at the school office before your child uses the bus. If your child caught the bus in previous years you only need to resubmit an application if; you have changed address or a younger sibling needs to be added. Conveyance forms are available from the school office.

If you are not eligible (ie. You live closer to the school than 4.8km), there is a charge of $1 per trip per child (tickets can be purchased at the school office). This charge applies if your child catches the bus on a regular basis or only occasionally. If your child is a regular bus user there are several payment options available. Please ask at the school office.

CHANGE and CREDIT

We rarely keep money at the school so will not usually have change. If you need to pay cash for something, please ensure you have the correct money. The school does not have eftpos facilities but we are able to complete credit card transactions at the school office.

LIBRARY

Library is held every Friday. Prep children can borrow one book, all other grades can borrow two books at a time. Children are asked to put their library book in a bag or communication folder if they are taking their borrowed books home.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We finally received last year's school photos, These were given to the students either yesterday or today.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

We are hoping that Subway lunch orders will recommence next week (11th Feb). Please remember that orders need to be placed on Thursday for a Friday delivery. The students have been given order forms. Obviously Preps will not be able to order until they are here on Fridays.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund)

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund). To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- Be a holder of a Veteran's Affairs gold card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card holder (HCC) or Pension Card (PCC) holder, or
- Be a temporary foster parent.

If you think you are eligible, you must collect an application form from the school office and return it to school be no later than Friday 18th March. We also need to photocopy your benefit card. Families who claimed this last year and who are still eligible do not need to complete another form.

Parents who only receive a Carers Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF. For more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

UNIFORM

It is expected that students of St. Joseph's School will wear full and correct uniform.

Summer Uniform

School hat
School jumper
Black School shoes
Summer dress
Navy Skort
Navy pleated shorts
Blue short sleeve shirt
Navy socks

Winter Uniform

School Jumper
Black School shoes
Blue long sleeve shirt
Winter tunic
Navy pleated pants
Navy tights or socks
School Beanie (opt)

A school rain jacket is also available

Sport Uniform

School rugby top
School polo shirt
Navy Rugby shorts
White socks
Athletic shoes (runners)
Navy tracksuit pants

Grades 3-6 need an athletics top (available from Beleza) and navy mesh shorts (available from Kmart)

- Summer and Winter uniform may be worn at any time however; children may not wear a combination of summer and winter uniforms.
- School shoes are considered to be shoes made of leather or synthetic leather only. Black Volleys or Converse leisure footwear are not acceptable.
- Athletic shoes include runners and cross trainers. Basketball boots, Converse and Volleys are not appropriate footwear for sport.
- Sport uniform will be worn on 2 designated days per week.
- Jewellery is restricted to stud or sleeper earrings. For safety reasons necklaces and bracelets are not to be worn,
- Children are to use the St. Joseph's school bag.
- A note from parents to explain non-compliance is expected.

Sustainability

NUDE FOOD

St Josephs is a nude food school. This means that we have no rubbish bins in the school grounds and strive to add zero waste to landfill. Wherever possible please try to consider the environment when purchasing and packing your child's lunch box. Any packaging will come home in your child's lunch box to be recycled at home.

BREAD TAGS

We will continue to collect Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs. We have, to date, collected 5 Kilos of tags. Well done to those families who continue to send them to school with their children. A reminder that the Mornington Peninsula Shire , waste and recycle guide, lets you know what you can recycle and where. mornpen.vic.gov.au/recyclingguide

Dates to remember

Friday 4th March	-DRI Moonraker Ambassadors , Dolphin Swim.
Sunday 6th March	- Clean Up Australia Day, come and give us a hand at Websters Beach, Sorrento, at the end of St Pauls Road. Gloves and bags provided.
Friday 18th March	-Plain Clothes Day— gold coin for our Hooded Plovers. Chris Wilocks will be in to talk to our Preps and Year 1/2 students on the plight of these adorable little birds.

Community News