

St Joseph's School Newsletter

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30am-4:00pm
Tuesday: 8:30am-4:00pm
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Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

WHERE POSSIBLE PLEASE PHONE
THE SCHOOL DURING OFFICE

Calendar

Wednesday	18th Oct	P&F AGM. Community Hotel. 6.30pm
Friday	20th Oct	Fresh Fruit Friday - Donna H
Friday	27th Oct	Day for Daniel & Mission Day Alternate pasta lunch \$5 Fresh Fruit Friday - Donna S
Tuesday	31st Oct	PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday	6th Nov	NO BUSES
Tuesday	7th Nov	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Melbourne Cup

Dear Parents, carers, families and parishioners,

We continue to read from and listen to the Gospel of Matthew this week. The Pharisees are putting Jesus to the test with the aim of discrediting him in the eyes of his followers. They put a question to him about whether it is lawful to pay their taxes. Their hope is that an answer either will land him in trouble.

He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

Jesus' response reminds us that God always works for his people even through a foreign king. There is nothing apart from God. We live in the world and we work with God for the good of the world.

Transition Program



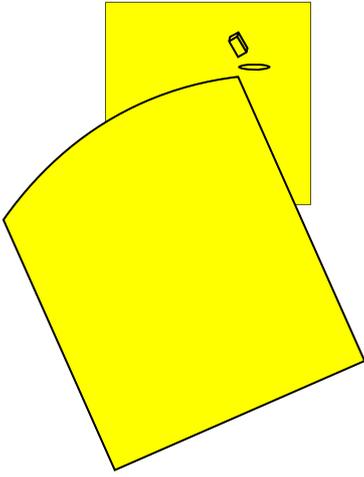
Last week, we had a visit from the Preschool children as part of the Transition to School Program. Over the coming weeks, commencing on Thursday, 2nd November, the 2024 Foundation children will have six visits to St Joseph's to spend time in the junior classroom and to have a taste of primary School. There will be a Morning Tea Information session on Thursday, 16th November for parents of the 2024 children.

Transition has also commenced for the year six students with a visit to St Joseph's by Year Seven students from Hopetoun P-12 College on Tuesday. The year six students will have their first day at the College on Thursday, 26th October. Information regarding the days for the 2024 Foundation students has been sent home. Letters with details about the year seven program will be sent to families concerned in coming days.



Until next week Chris

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School Advisory Council AGM

School Advisory Council members: (Chairperson), Luke Puckle, Nick Seipolt, Kimberly Landrigan, Alex Webster, Kim Decker, Cherie Hallam & Julie Grace.



Last night, the School Advisory Council held its Annual General Meeting. The Principal and Chairman's reports were presented and are included with today's newsletter. Financial reports were also presented. There were four nominations for the four vacancies so there was no need for an election. Congratulations to Nick Seipolt, Alex Webster and Kim Decker who were returned for a second two year term. We welcome Cherie Hallam who joins the council for her first two year term. Congratulations also to Lucas Puckle who was re-elected as Council Chair and Alex Webster who was re-elected Treasurer.

Following the AGM, the Council held its regular monthly meeting. Business included confirmation that a Capital Grant application has been lodged to allow the school to extend the Mary MacKillop Multi-purpose room and upgrade the student and staff toilets. The Council also endorsed the school fees for 2024. Good Gossip included a list of the many great events that had occurred since the last meeting. The Annual Christmas Concert will take place on the lake foreshore on Wednesday evening, 13th December at 6.00pm. The January Working Bee will take place on Sunday, 28th January.



Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world
like bright stars;
you are offering it the
word of life.
Alleluia

Supervision

A reminder that school supervision begins at 8.30am.

Life guarding expression of interest

As you would all know, our swimming program runs at the beginning of each year. In order for this to happen, we must have qualified Austswim teachers and qualified lifeguards present at the pool for each session. As we have such a wide range of water awareness and skills in our students, we use all our school staff to cover teaching groups - and often other helpers as well. Staff have made a commitment to training and we now have 4 Austswim trained teachers.

If anyone is interested in helping with our program and could see themselves helping with lifeguarding, there will be a training course in Hopetoun in November. Please contact the school if you are interested. This would mean we could share the load and not exhaust our current helpers. If we don't have a lifeguard, we cannot run the program and the lifeguards the pool employs are not always available at the times we need them.

Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the Parents and Friends annual general meeting is on tonight at 6.30pm at the Community Hotel. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Attached this week:

- AGM: Principal's Annual Report
- Chairman's Report

Relay

This Friday 20th October the Hopetoun P12 College Year 9 advance students are holding a 24 hour relay to raise funds for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. To support the students we will be participating from 12.30 - 1.30pm at the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve. There will be an early lunch for our students and our school will make a donation to the fundraiser. Further information is in the flyer attached today.





Foundation Writing

Foundation students have been writing sentences using picture prompts. Students are modelled a sentence using the following parts

- Sentence start with capital letters /capital letters are always tall.
 - Listen for the sounds in words to write it.
 - Leave spaces between words.
 - Full stops at the end of sentences.
 - Writing a text made up of two or more sentences.
 - Re-reading the words written in the sentence to be able to read it back.
 - Spelling tricky words, thinking about the tricky parts we revise regularly.
- They then have the opportunity to write their own sentences.



★ ★ Star of the Week ★ ★

What is your favourite movie?
Free Rein

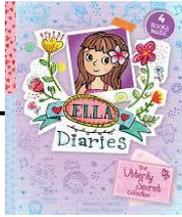


I am happiest when I'm riding
my horse Maple.



Cheyanne

What book would you recommend
to your peers? Ella's
Diaries



What do you think makes a
good friend? If someone is
hurt you will always be there
for them.



If you could only eat 1 food for
the rest of your life, what
would it be? Chocolate Cake



What's been the highlight of this
year so far? Riding my horse

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly last week:

- ◆ *Molly:* for writing three sentences independently and being able to read her sentences after writing.
- ◆ *Miah:* for working well through all subject areas.
- ◆ *Jakob:* for being very focussed during literacy this week. You have been working hard to learn new sounds and concentrating on your independent and small group tasks. Keep it up Jakob!
- ◆ *Reeva:* for using and sharing fantastic alliteration in her descriptive sentences during Writing this week.
- ◆ *Harry:* You were an engaged learner during integrated studies as we studied and explored elements of weather. You were supportive of your peers and showed great initiative when contributing to discussion. You worked with a positive attitude. Keep it up Harry!
- ◆ *Ellerdy:* You have been an all-round superstar this week Ellerdy. You have been engaged and enthusiastic when approaching all tasks, in particular in reading groups and maths. Keep up the amazing work Ellerdy, you star!
- ◆ *Playground raffle:* *Colt:* for being supportive with Harri
Wyatt: for cleaning up the basketball court

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Child Safe Standards -Hopetoun Diversity and Equity Policy

Policy Statement

St Joseph's Primary School, Hopetoun strives to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive school environment which values the human rights of all students and staff.

The nature of our school community is diverse, drawing from both the rural and town sectors of the Hopetoun district. The socio-economic makeup of the school community is likewise diverse and also fluctuating, representing a wide range of situations and circumstances. The school works with students with diverse learning needs, supporting these students through intervention programs. The school is also active in its support of students living in Out of Home Care and those from a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds.

St Joseph's Primary School, Hopetoun is committed to creating a school community where all members of the school community are welcomed, accepted, and treated equitably and with respect regardless of their backgrounds or personal attributes such as race, language, religious beliefs, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation so that they can participate, achieve, and thrive at school.

The full policy is available at

http://www.sjhopetoun.catholic.edu.au/uploads/8/9/4/9/8949668/sjh_diversity_and_equity_policy_2022.pdf

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Chris Robarts.



This month on SchoolTV - In this edition of SchoolTV - UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENCE



Adolescence is the transitional stage of development that is usually associated with the teenage years. In 2018, the Australian Curriculum Assessment Authority, redefined adolescence as affecting young people aged between 10-24 years. During this time, they experience rapid physical, cognitive and psychosocial growth which affects how teenagers feel, think, make decisions and interact with the world around them.

During adolescence, a child's brain can be considered as being "under-construction". The rate at which this progresses will vary depending on the individual and also their gender. As a result, some parents may view adolescence as stressful or difficult. However, it does not need to be. Setting boundaries, implementing consistent monitoring and maintaining a strong and loving connection will help families adjust during this time.

It is also an important time to keep the communication lines open through clear and age appropriate conversations. Speak openly about changes that they are experiencing and be conscious of their mental health as many of the conditions people confront in adulthood, can begin to manifest in adolescence.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers can learn how to guide and best support their young person as they transition through adolescence. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help. Here is the link to the **Understanding Adolescence** edition of SchoolTV

<https://sjhopetoun.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/understanding-adolescence>

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Vision Statement

St. Joseph's School is an inclusive community of faith and learning with Christ at its centre. St Joseph's School will educate its students to be of service to society in the Catholic tradition of love, faith and hope.

Mission Statement

As a Christ centred school we celebrate our Catholic beliefs, values, practices and traditions.

As an educational institution we:

- Will support the development of the whole person.
 - Will provide a comprehensive curriculum, which challenges all students in their pursuit of success.
 - Will cater for the varied learning styles of our students.
 - Will be a child safe school by providing a physical and online environment that is happy, safe and welcoming.
 - Will respect the dignity of the individual and value the participation and contribution of all.
 - Will work in partnership with parents, the parish and the wider community.
 - Will encourage our students to make a difference in the local, national and global communities in which they live.
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HOUSEKEEPING!!

Student Absence from School

A reminder that it is a legal requirement for parents to explain absences from school. We do not need to know 'nitty gritty' details, simply sickness, doctor's appointment or family reasons will suffice. ***Please remember to log on to PAM to complete the notification or email or phone the school prior to 10am on the day of absence. An absence SMS otherwise will be generated. If there is a scheduled absence please advise us in advance.*** Thank you.

Sunscreen

Sunscreen is provided by the school for our students, however we do encourage the children to bring their own sunscreen to school to assist with sun protection. Students are regularly encouraged by teachers to apply sunscreen throughout the day.

Hats

School hats MUST be worn at all times when students are outdoors, except for extremely windy days where hats blow over the fence. School Hats are now \$15.00.

Signing out

Please remember to sign out your child at the office if you need to take them from school during the day. This is not only a legal requirement but also an important part of our emergency management plan.

P & F docketts

A reminder that any purchases for P & F from IGA must be put on the P & F account (not school account). Docketts then need to be sent to school please.

Pie warmer containers

A reminder that students can bring lunch to school wrapped in foil or in a foil container to be heated in the pie warmer.

Pie warmer containers are available from the office for \$15.00 for 50 containers.

Grounds Roster: October- N Crisp



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HOPETOUN JUNIOR TENNIS

Starts - Thursday 19th October
At the Hopetoun Tennis Courts
4:30pm



NO GLASS

A reminder that there is to be no glass drinks sent to school in lunch boxes.



24-HOUR RELAY

20TH - 21ST
OCTOBER

VENUE: HOPETOUN REC RESERVE

HOPETOUN P-12 COLLEGE YEAR 9 STUDENTS ARE RAISING AWARENESS OF CANCER IN THE MALLEE.

PLEASE DONATE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PETER MACCALLUM CANCER FOUNDATION AND HELP US KEEP THE BATON MOVING. YOU CAN EITHER DONATE AT HOPETOUN P-12 COLLEGE OR AT THE REC RESERVE ON THE DAY.

STUDENTS WILL BE RUNNING/WALKING FROM FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER BETWEEN 9:30AM-3:00PM COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN JOIN IN FROM FRIDAY 20TH 3:00PM-SATURDAY 21ST 9:30AM.



PLEASE COME
AND SUPPORT
US!

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