



# St Joseph's Primary School, Red Cliffs

Newsletter 29  
Term 3, Week 10  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that it is the last week of term already! I hope everyone has a very relaxing and **terrific break** after a very busy term. We return for Term 4 on Monday 9th October.

This Friday we **farewell Mrs Manuel** as she commences her maternity leave. We wish Shanae and Nathan the very best as they move into their final preparations for the much-anticipated arrival of 'Baby Manuel'.

While we await Mr Darby receiving his 'Permission to Teach', Mrs Divola will be teaching Grade 4/5 with Mr Darby on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are yet to finalise who will be working on a Monday and Wednesday. Mrs Emma Kotsiakos will be working in Grade 2/3 for the first four weeks of Term Four on a Friday while Mrs Divola is working in Grade 4/5. In other staffing news, we will continue to employ Val Gray on a Wednesday for Term Four. Val is an experienced Educational Psychologist and will be working as a Learning/Behavioural Support Specialist during Term 4.

The Marimba Band and Senior Choir missed the opportunity to entertain the residents and share the things they have learnt in Music at **Jacaranda Village** last Friday. On Sunday 29th October these groups will have an opportunity to perform at the Jacaranda Village High Tea fundraiser. This will be a great opportunity that will have many people from the local and wider community present.

**St Joseph's Rosary Festa** is being held on Sunday 8th October from 1pm. Being the last weekend of the holidays and with the children having many community performance opportunities in Term Four our parents and students are not taking on formal roles at this year's event. We plan to have work displayed around the school that the children have been doing in their Italian. We encourage families to come along and join in the fun activities across the day and enjoy the wonderful food available. The event finishes with fireworks at around 8pm.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their **school fees**. Reminder to the families who opted for payment by term or year that these accounts MUST be paid in full by Friday 22nd Sept (end of Term 3) unless other arrangements have been made. As always, if you have experiencing any difficulty in making your fee payment please contact us to make an arrangement.

I will be away on Thursday and Friday attending a **Frameworks for Educators** workshop in Mildura. The workshop teaches the hidden rules of economic class and spreads the message that, despite the obstacles poverty can create in all types of interaction, there are specific strategies for overcoming them.

On the evening of Tuesday 31st October the St Joseph's Primary School Annual General Meeting will take place at 7.00pm. We are asking for interested parents to nominate as parent representatives for the **School Advisory Council (SAC)**. Please consider taking an active role in this body. Nomination forms are available from the Office, and we ask that any nomination be handed into the Office by Thursday 19th October.

Our Final **assembly** for the term will be at the earlier time of 1:45pm this Friday as school finishes at 2:20pm.

Mark Gibson

## School Calendar

The following dates are scheduled for the near future. Make sure you are aware of the ones that are applicable to you.

### SEPTEMBER

Fri 22 Last day of Term 3 (2.20pm finish)

### OCTOBER

Mon 9 First day Term 4

Mon 9 Hansel and Gretel Performance (Junior Unit)

Thu 12 Mini Show Day

Tue 17 Sunraysia South Div Basketball

Thu 19 P/1 Camp

Thu & 19 Grade 2/3 Local Camp

Fri & 20

Tue 31 SJPS AGM

### DECEMBER

Wed 6 School Christmas Concert

## 2017 School Closure Days

*The following dates are confirmed as school closure days. No school will occur on these days.*

6<sup>th</sup> November – Report Writing Day



The following students/staff celebrate birthdays over the next week and during the school holidays:

20<sup>th</sup> September – Hannah P

22<sup>nd</sup> September – Samantha J

25<sup>th</sup> September – Ian

1<sup>st</sup> October – Georgina

5<sup>th</sup> October – Mrs Needham

6<sup>th</sup> October – Miley

8<sup>th</sup> October – Christina L

## Notes Distributed

The following notices have been distributed over the last week. If you missed them, copies are available from the school office.

### Prep/1

No notes sent home

### Grade 2/3

18/9/2017 Camp details

### Grade 4/5

No notes sent home

### Grade 5/6

No notes sent home

### Whole School

18/9/2017 St Joseph's Mini Show

## RE & PARISH NEWS

**Footy Colours Day:** This Friday students are invited to wear their footy colours to school for a gold coin donation to launch our Mission fundraising for 2017. Please make sure that children wear sports shoes as they will be participating in footy tabloid activities during the day.

## GENERAL NEWS & UPDATES

**Breakfast Club Roster:** *Tuesday* - Sara Napoli, *Wednesday* - Jodie Pascoe, *Thursday* - Christina Everett, *Friday* - Fiona Diamantis.

**PSG meetings:** Next term PSG meetings will be held 24/25th October to review and sign 2018 funding submissions. All families will be emailed the details of the meeting times. Please let Janice Divola know if you *do not* want to be contacted via email for these meetings.

**Nude Food Lunch Celebration as part of Enviroweek:** Congratulations to the Grade Five and Six students for having the greatest number of Nude Food lunches this Thursday with **85%!** (Wow!!!) Congratulations to all students and families for helping us to reduce the waste at our school. Some parents have been asking about what items can be recycled. Loddon Mallee waste have created an info app to help you decide which items go in which bin to help increase recycling and reduce contamination. You can find it at the app store by searching: Loddon Mallee (it is free).

**Footy Tipping:** In last week's newsletter we listed the winners of this competition, please call into the school office to collect your winnings if you have not done so already.

**Earn and Learn:** There is only one more week to collect your Earn and Learn stickers! Don't forget to keep collecting your stickers for our school and return them to our collection box in the entrance to school. Thank-you for supporting us.

### Next Term

**Hansel and Gretel Performance:** The Junior Unit will be attending the Opera performance of Hansel and Gretel at the Mildura Art Centre on the first day of Term 3. Please see the note sent home last week for details or contact your child's class teacher for more information.

**St Joseph's Mini Show:** This year we will be holding our annual school show on Thursday 12th October. More information can be found on the additional flyer. So happy making over the holidays. We can't wait to see all of your fabulous entries. Any questions come and see Mrs Williams.

**Walk to School October** Children are encouraged to walk, ride or scooter to and from school. Part way is okay! If you can't walk the whole way, why not try parking the car a few blocks from your school and walk, ride or scooter the rest! The class who participates the most will receive a trip to Inflatable World. Teachers will be recording each day the amount of students. The Top 3 schools with the highest % of student population participating in Walk to School will receive a 5 x 1 hour Bike Education Program delivered to the winning class in their school (by Wild Side Outdoors). Children are encouraged to walk with parents.

**Uniform** - Our Uniform Policy states: 'Children can make a personal preference between wearing their summer or winter uniform. Children are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather conditions but it won't be strictly enforced.' With the weather warming up many children will start wearing their summer uniform from the start of next term.

**Sporting Schools Basketball**- During our last two PE lessons students have been learning about basketball with Russell Knights. They've enjoyed practising dribbling, shooting and passing.



St Joseph's will be participating in Walk to School in 2017. This runs from October 9 until November 3. Join thousands of Victorian families for Walk to School 2017! Prizes can be won for schools and classes with high participation rates.

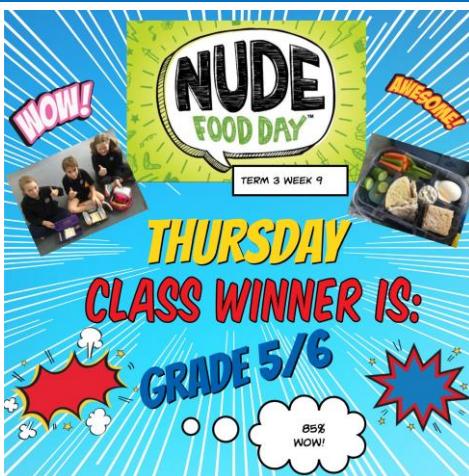
Every October, VicHealth's Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids and their families to walk, ride or scooter to and from school every day. It's a great way for the whole family to increase their physical activity levels. Plus, it is a chance to enjoy more time with your kids and meet other local families along the way.

Part way is okay! If you can't walk the whole way, why not try parking the car a few blocks from your school and walk, ride or scooter the rest!

Last year, more than 144,000 students and their families took part in the program walking the equivalent of two return trips to the moon and with your families help, we can make 2017 our biggest year yet!

In 2017, we're encouraging Victorian kids to put their best foot forward by decorating their shoes, bikes or scooters to make Walk to School even more fun.

Get involved with Walk to School and see our creative decorating tips and help your family build healthy habits for life: [walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://walktoschool.vic.gov.au)



## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS & UPDATES

Congratulations to Mia and Riley for reaching their 150 nights of reading. Well done!

**BASKETBALL SKILLS** have been proving to be a great hit with all the students engaging in more ball handling skills during their recess and lunch breaks. Thank you Mrs Tiller for organising some special coaches to come in and teach the students skills and techniques.  
**Pictured- Riley, John, Domenic and Samantha practising their passing techniques.**



**Special Forever** - Artwork above reflects some of the work from the Year 2 and 3's, which will be on display at the Mildura Arts Centre early next term. Well done to everyone for their conscientious attention to detail.

**Reminder:** The Preps and Ones have lots of holiday activities to do on [Studyladder](#) if they are wanting some extra maths over the holidays.

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS & UPDATES

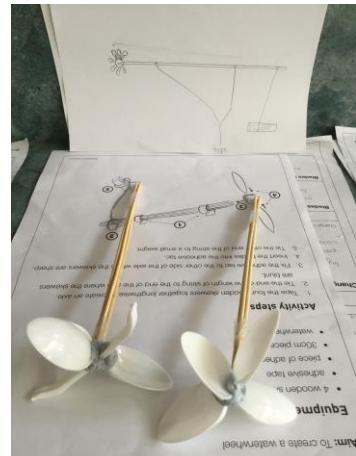
Some things we learnt about water wheels last week:

1. Using cardboard in your design is not a great option
2. The weight needs to be just right- not too heavy, not too light
3. Four blades or more makes the water wheel function more effectively
4. If you fail the first time with an experiment, don't give up! Do your research and try again.

An image of teams testing their water wheels:

We wish Mrs Manuel all the best for her maternity leave and can't wait to hear when baby Manuel is born. We will all miss her dedication, love for our school and community and sense of humour. Come back and visit us!

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday break together as a family. See you in Term 4, when we welcome a new member to our team- Mr Darby.



**Term 3 Week 7:**  
**No. of students who reached individual target**

**Prep/1W**

18/21

**Grade 2/3F**

23/23

**Grade 4/5M**

18/20

**Grade 5/6H**

16/22



### The following students won awards last week:

**Grade Prep/1W** - **Dashiell** - for doing the 5 L's when sitting on the floor.

**Grade 2/3F** - **Riley P** - for persistent work in mathematics.

**Grade 4/5M** - **Luka** - for being a waste warrior and committing to bringing Nude Food.

**Grade 5/6H** - **George** - for displaying great improvement in maths over the last two weeks.

**Music** - **Grade 2/3** - for demonstrating wonderful part singing and marimba part playing to the African song 'Banawa'.

**P.E.** - **Christina** - for great dribbling during our basketball lesson.

**Digital Tech**. - **Cheltzie** - for being a wonderful 'techspert' and assisting other students in the class to use the app Book Creator.



**Be safe**  
**Junior Unit**  
**Hannah** - for playing safely.  
**Senior Unit**  
**Rustyn** - for safely and responsibly lining up each recess and lunchtime when the music plays.

# Mallee Murray Girls Cricket Carnival Mildura 17

## Register now to

- Play 4 games of fast, fun and exciting cricket under the new junior formats
- Take part in clinics & other fun activities such as the 'Renegades Roadshow'
- Get free giveaways from the Melbourne Renegades
- Get the chance to win prizes
- All equipment provided
- Caters for all abilities
- For any girls aged 10-17
- Find a team in the brand new Sunraysia junior girls competition

## PLUS!

- Get coached by Australian Cricket Legend Cathryn Fitzpatrick!
- Try out for the Mallee Murray Heat teams to play in the Victorian State Championships in January

The perfect place to be for new players wanting to give cricket a go!

Travel & accommodation may be available for traveling teams – ask us for more info

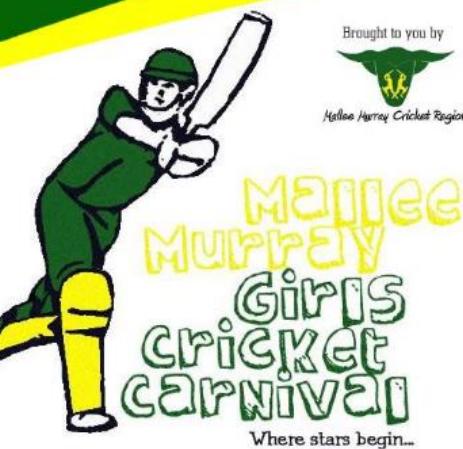
## C'mon, just play!

#AllGirlsCan #GetOnRed

## To register

Registration forms or more info available at:  
[www.malleemurrayregion.cricketvictoria.com.au](http://www.malleemurrayregion.cricketvictoria.com.au)  
or email [mmgirlsbrick@gmail.com](mailto:mmgirlsbrick@gmail.com)  
Registrations close 5pm 1<sup>st</sup> October

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## Managing your waste in the Loddon Mallee Region JUST GOT EASIER

The Loddon Mallee Waste Info App has been developed to help residents make quick and simple waste and recycling decisions with the aim to reduce contamination and increase recycling levels.

Download the Loddon Mallee Waste Info App  
FREE from the App Store or Google Play  
Search: Loddon Mallee



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