



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope students and families enjoyed the 'extra-long weekend'.

Thanks to the parents that attended our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. Congratulations to Peter Manno (re-elected), Tamara Leamon (re-elected), Natasha Anstee and Maria Camera who were nominated and accepted roles on the School Advisory Council.

Good luck to the **junior choir** who are singing at the launch of the Special Forever Art Exhibition at the Mildura Art Centre this Thursday.

I am away tomorrow and Friday attending a meeting with Principals from across the Diocese of Ballarat in Horsham. While away Mrs Divola and Mrs Hawkes will continue to lead the school.

We have finalised our **classroom groupings** for 2018. We will again have four groupings next year. These will be Prep/1, Grade 2/3, Grade 4/5 and Grade 6. We will finalise teachers for these groupings by the end of November.

Well done to all our students who participated in the **Count Us In** music program last Thursday. The children once again sang beautifully and enjoyed seeing the other schools participating around Australia through the live feed.

Today we have a Grade 5/6 boys' team in the **T-20 Blast Cricket** competition and on Friday we have a Grade 3/4 mixed team representing the school. We wish the children all the best.

Each family will be provided with one copy of our **2017 School Magazine**. If families want to order more than their provided copy they need to let the Office know and provide payment of \$20 by Wednesday, 15th November.

This year we will be conducting our **Swimming Program** at the First Stroke Swim School in Mildura. We will source 3-4 instructors for each class. Our sessions will be for 30 minutes for each class. The program will be conducted on 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th December, our last week at school. Our Grade 5/6 class will have longer sessions on 11th, 14th and 15th December due to Grade 6's having their Orientation days. Children will be transported on buses.

Please complete relevant **forms** in regards to 2018 enrolment that were sent home last Wednesday: **School Fee commitment forms and Family Verification Reports** (*check and make any changes in biro*) which need to be returned in the envelope back to school by Wednesday 15th November. Please give this your immediate attention as it is important that all our school records are up to date.

Please put in your diary our **School Christmas Concert** evening that will be held on Wednesday 6th December starting at 7pm in the School Hall. Further details will be outlined in a later newsletter.

We look forward to having an **assembly** again this week with the Grade 2/3 leading the assembly.

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.

NOVEMBER

Wed	8	Gr 5/6 Milo Cricket T20 Blast Cup
Fri	10	Gr 3/4 Milo Cricket T20 Blast Cup
Sun	12	Eucharist – Lesson 5
Mon	20	Prep Transition 9.15-11.15am
Thurs-	23-	RACV Energy Breakthrough
Sat	25	Challenge
Tues	28	Prep Transition 9am-11.30am

DECEMBER

Mon	4	Prep Transition 9am-1.30pm
Tues	5	Gr 5 SJC visit
Wed	6	School Christmas Concert – 7pm
Fri	8	Gr 6 Retreat
Mon	11	Swimming Program
Tues	12	Swimming Program
Tues	12	Prep Transition 9am-2.20pm
Wed	12	Swimming Program
Thurs	13	Gr 6 Orientation Day (RCSC)
Thurs	13	Swimming Program
Fri	14	Swimming Program
Fri	15	Last day of School for Students 3.20pm finish



The following students/staff celebrate birthdays over the next week.

9th November – Ivan

12th November – Sam C

12th November – Jai G

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

No notes sent home

Grade 4/5

No notes sent home

Grade 5/6

27/10/2017 RACV EB Team Sausage Sizzle
Parent Helper

Whole School

1/11/2017 2018 Enrolment Forms

ST JOES PS 'SWIFT SAINTS' RACV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH TEAM

BATTERY FUNDRAISER 2017

Calling out for all lead-acid BATTERIES from cars, boats, tractors and heavy equipment



For the first time St Joseph's PS Red Cliffs Grade 4, 5 & 6 students are participating in the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge. They are fundraising to send a team of students to race their push cart in Maryborough in November. To help them get there they are raising money by recycling lead-acid batteries from Cars, Boats and Heavy Machinery as well as Copper wire.



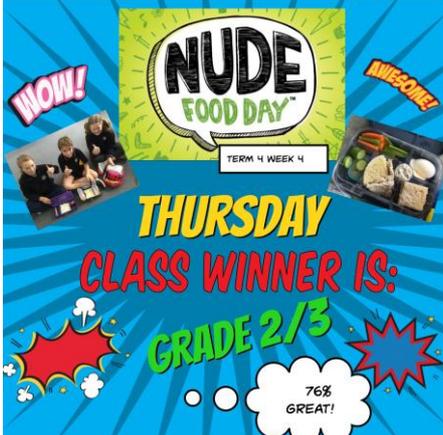
If you have a battery or copper wire you would like to dispose of we would love to have it! You can drop off your items at:

SJPS @ 17 FITZROY AVE RED CLIFFS

Or call to arrange pick up



For info: please call the school office on 50241654 Or just drop them off to school by the 17th Nov



WOW! NUDE FOOD DAY! WINEGONE!

TERM 4 WEEK 4

THURSDAY CLASS WINNER IS: GRADE 2/3

76% GREAT!

RE & PARISH NEWS

Mission Month: As we still have Crunchas left in the freezer we will continue selling them each Wednesday for \$1 until they have all been eaten.

First Eucharist: We have a number of our students receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist, at Mass on Sunday, 19th November. Please support them with your prayers in this significant step along their faith journey. Lessons continue this Sunday, November 12, at 9am.

End of Year Mass: Sunday the 10th of December at 10:00am.

GENERAL NEWS & UPDATES

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

Special Forever - Art Exhibition Opening Junior Choir Performance: On Thursday 9th November the Junior Choir will be helping to launch the Special Forever Art Exhibition at the Mildura Art Centre by singing two songs at the opening at 6pm in the foyer of the MAC. We hope that many students will be able to attend, as the Grade 2/3 students have some beautiful artwork on display in the exhibition which would be wonderful to see! A note has gone home about this event. If parents could please return the attendance slip to Ms Leamon, so we can gauge numbers and plan appropriately.

RACV EB Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser @ The Red Cliffs Golf Club 11th Nov: Our RACV EB team along with their parents will be running the Sausage Sizzle at the Red Cliffs Golf Club to raise money to get our team to Maryborough.

Nude Food Lunch Celebration as part of Enviroweek: Congratulations to the Grade 2/3 students for having the greatest number of Nude Food lunches this Thursday with **76%**!

National Recycling Week: Our school is participating in this program by running a lead-acid recycling drive. We will also be having our weekly rubbish free lunch on Thursday and conducting a lunch shed bin audit on this day to see how we are going!

Veggie Patches: Our new wicking beds are up and running with seedlings of herbs, tomatoes, eggplant, cucumber and strawberries starting to grow. A big thank you to the Finis and Diamantis families for donating some of the plants. Our SRC students have been doing a great job of watering them daily, until their roots get down deep enough to wick the water from the bottom reservoir.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS): As a school we are working towards helping children to understand how important it is to:

- Be a learner
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

We know that there is a lot to learn and children can find it challenging so we need to have staff, parents and children working together to help us understand. As part of SWPBS we are constantly trying to teach the children how to behave in the school setting and to prevent problem behaviours. As a school we are presently having a focus on children returning to the classroom promptly after the music commences and walking bikes and scooters through the school yard. Children are taught what the expectations are and are rewarded through a Bee token if expected behaviours are noticed. In extreme cases where children do not follow our expectations a lunch-time detention might be given. Parents will be notified if this is the case. Thank you to everyone for supporting this initiative.

Library News: Please return your overdue library books or renew them so you can enjoy the fantastic new books we have available.

Transition to Prep Dates: Dates have been set for practice dates for our new 2018 Prep Enrolments. Enrolment letters will be sent out soon outlining more details.

1. Monday 20th November - 9.15am-11.15am
2. Tuesday 28th November - 9am - 11.30am (Parent Meeting)
3. Monday 4th December - 9am - 1.30pm
4. Tuesday 12th December - 9am - 2.20pm

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS & UPDATES

Silkworms in the classrooms..... The Junior unit is focussing on Biological Science this term. You would have heard by now that we have Silkworms in our classrooms. They are fascinating to watch grow and change and a fabulous way to learn all about Life-Cycles. As part of this learning and in preparation for next year we have decided that every Wednesday afternoon we will switch classes for our Science hour. This means the Preps and ones will go to Mrs Fuoco, while the twos and threes will go with Mrs Williams. If you have a Mulberry tree at your place would you please let us know. We will need more food as they grow. Thanks.



Congratulations to Aydin, Annamieke, Harman, Megan, Ryder, Lily and Logan for reaching 250 nights of reading. This is a tremendous effort!!! Congratulations Connie and Charli for 200 nights. All students will receive a book as a special prize for this achievement.

SENIOR UNIT NEWS & UPDATES

Last week we focused on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We talked about the mistakes that we make as humans and that we all make mistakes. It is the coming to terms with our mistakes, recognising the need to make a change and making amends that allows us to receive forgiveness. We wrote and then 'burnt our sins' during prayer time and reflected on new life rising from the ashes as happens after a bushfire with native plants.

We ask all Year 6 students to bring in a Prep and Year 6 photo to be scanned in preparation for our end of year Mass. Alternatively, they could be scanned and emailed to khawkes@siredcliffs.catholic.edu.au.

Last week was the final week of Walk to School October. Our senior students did a magnificent job- we thank all of families for their support.



Term 4 Week 4:

No. of students who reached individual target

Prep/1W

21/21

Grade 2/3F

20/23

Grade 4/5M

18/20

Grade 5/6H

19/23



The following students won awards last week:

Grade Prep/1W - Alexandra - for a huge improvement with her reading.

Grade 2/3 F - Holly- for great confidence in writing recounts and narratives.

Grade 4/5M - Ellesciah - for her great determination when solving mathematical problems.

Grade 5/6H - Natalie- for composing a descriptive and imaginative narrative.

Music - Isabella - For being a learner and choosing to challenge herself!

P.E. - Dashiell - for trying hard and following instructions to keep his arm straight when bowling.

Digital Tech. - Rajdeep - for demonstrating great logic when coding his Beebot, and having so much fun at the same time!



Be responsible
Junior Unit

Xavier - for reminding other students about the correct use of equipment.

Senior Unit

Katie - for being a responsible school leader by assisting P/1 with their Class Mass.



Community Fun Festival

Saturday Nov. 11th 2017

Activities

- 11.30am Open Golf \$10.00 per person.
- 6.30pm Try Foot Golf.

Followed by

- Food Vans and Evening concert
- Featuring
- Easy Street Trio,
- Community Choir & more.



**Concert \$10.00 per person
or \$15.00 per family**

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