Week 7 of Term 1 – 2016 School Newsletter

Saint Mary MacKillop said, “Never see a need without doing something about it!” At St Joseph’s We: Need to have a Positive Attitude, Need to be Aware and Need to Take Action.

Our next fortnight’s Triple A Social Skill is Assertiveness. Our focus within the three areas as follows:

- Attitude: Confident Without Being Boss
- Awareness: Of The Need to Stand Up For Oneself and Others
- Action: Positive Voice and Body Language

Dear Parents and Friends

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION and SUPPORT

At St Joseph’s we have a culture built on mutual respect and acceptance of difference. We expect this of each other and teach this to our children. Through our Religious Education Program, our Social Skills Program and PBIS we work to ensure this culture is nurtured and preserved. Our programs aim to build good character and instil Christian values in the name of our Catholic Faith. Jesus is our teacher, St Mary MacKillop is our model. This positive approach is powerful and most effective but we must also ensure a consistent and fair approach to managing inappropriate behaviours across our school. All kids are good, sometimes their behaviours aren’t appropriate. Our PBIS framework serves to manage and educate children in relation to how their actions affect others and what they need to do to fix it. As we say, we want Strong, Confident and Proud kids who head off to secondary school ready to engage and grow.

Lent & Easter

We continue through our Church’s Season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. We focus on the following three areas – Almsgiving (Giving), Fasting (Giving Up) and Prayer. It can especially be a positive time where it’s not a matter of what we can give up but more so what we can do for others.

Important Dates: Weeks 7-9

- Wednesday, March 16: School Board AGM
- Thursday, March 17: St Patrick’s Day
- Friday, March 18: St Joseph’s Mass 10am
- Saturday, March 19: St Joseph’s Day
- Thursday, March 24: Last Day Term 2:15pm finish

Congratulations to our Newly Elected P&F Executive

- President – Trev Eddy
- Vice President – Leah Laidlaw
- Secretary – Mick Holding
- Ass Secretary – Chris Bethell
- Treasurer – vacant

Crazy Socks Day

In rewarding positive action, awareness and attitude we celebrate with Crazy Socks Day tomorrow. Normal uniform but your choice of socks

Our Parish Council extends a big vote of thanks for our school’s work in developing the Car Park. It is proving to be a great asset.

Fr Michael asks though if parents could park on the asphalt around the ring road in front of the presbytery. The grass is suffering and takes away from the work of our Parish Gardeners

Afternoon Assembly: Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer
March 21: Callum & Clara, Holly & Eva JUN S&V
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

Last day of Term One – Thursday, March 24 2:15pm Finish
Welfare
“The first day of school could not have been merrier.”
The teacher turned out to be a fox terrier,
Who taught us to leap & taught us to bark,
And chase little birdies all over the park.
For the rest of our lives we still had the spark.
From the Wonderful first day of school.
Michael Leunig

Anthony Brophy

PRIVACY POLICY
For access please visit our website. www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au.

SCHOOL FEES:
If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

- Next Fortnightly Debits: 18th March and 1st April.
- Monthly Debits take place on the 18th of each month up to and including November.
- Term 1 Fees are due now.

If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Tracey at the office on 5862 1804.

CLASSROOM NEWS

PREPS
This term has flown! This is a good indication that we have enjoyed our first days of school life, learning so many things along the way! We are very proud of the progress the children have made and take much pleasure seeing them grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Buddies
The Preps and Year 6s have formed wonderful friendships. They particularly enjoy Thursdays as they know they will spend time with each other. The activities the children have been involved in have included Reading, Writing, Maths, Art and Oral Language Activities. If you haven’t seen the photos in our room please come in and see who your child talks about at home. This photo shows the masks we made together last week. Lots of fun was had.
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Our conversations were most beneficial and we enjoyed learning more about your child and family life. We hope you enjoyed the cuppa and biscuits and the relaxing setting. Please feel free to make yourself a coffee in the kitchen before you commence work in the classroom.

Take Home Toy
Many of the children have met Pappa Pete and Baby Pete, our classroom teddies. They are very lucky bears to have such exciting adventures. Thank you parents for supporting this activity as it promotes both Oral Language and Reading and Writing skills.

Maths
We have started work on measurement and using different objects to compare size, length, height, weight and width. We have used “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” as a starting point. A trip to the supermarket is a great way to reinforce this concept. We continue to count each day and talk about one more and one less. Ask your child about subitising - the skill to see an amount straight away rather than counting each object. A dice is a good tool.

Literacy
We have decided it is better to have your child take home a few books at a time and really get to know the books and therefore quickly identify the words in the text. Rather than change daily, we will change the books on their reading days. Remember to practice the coloured words as these are most frequently used in their books. Please read regularly over the upcoming holidays to ensure your child maintains what they have learned.

R.E.
We are learning about the Holy Week story and celebrating the life of Jesus. Easter is fast approaching!

Things/Dates to Remember
Sport/Art/Library each Tuesday
Music each Thursday
Filled water bottles each day
Weekly reflection each Friday at 3p.m.
St. Joseph’s Feast Day Mass Friday 18th March
No more rests on a Wednesday!

Thank you so much for your support and open communication. We have enjoyed every day of this term working with your beautiful children. Always feel free to come into the classroom at any time. Thanks also to those parents who have been able to help out and we are sure you have enjoyed the interaction with all of the children. Many laughs have been had!
Enjoy the holidays with your child and come back rested for another great term.
Joanie, Tan, Tim, Bern and Deb
JUNIORS

Juniors have enjoyed some very busy learning time within all our subject areas. We have settled into our classroom routines now and look forward to continued success throughout the remainder of the term. It was wonderful to catch up with most of our parents / carers at parent, teacher, student conferences as this gave us the opportunity to share your child’s progress and achievements and hear from you about your child. We recently were able to enjoy ‘Hello Night’ with an information session showing our wonderful learning spaces and what we value at our school. Thank you to those who toured the classrooms and enjoyed the BBQ dinner with our school community. Children love showing off their classroom to parents and carers!

Routines

Students are expected to read on arrival to school, before they head out to play. This is also the best time for students to change their readers, if required.

Fruit & Water:

Students are expected to bring a water bottle to school each day. Please ensure your child has fresh fruit ready to eat (already cut/peeled if necessary).

Homework:

Well done to those students who are reading nightly and having their yellow Log Books filled in. Students are encouraged to read every week night with an older person. Even if it is a story from home that you both enjoy reading together. Your child’s teacher will check reading logs on a regular basis. Some students will also begin to bring home coloured words in the coming weeks to practise.

Religion / Inquiry

Within Religion and our Inquiry topics, we have introduced Project Compassion and have begun our focus on ‘Lent’. We have discussed how we can be ‘Giving’ through ways of ‘doing extra’ throughout the forty days of Lent and being a living example of Jesus. This has lined up beautifully to our Inquiry focus of community services. We enjoyed a walk around our local services as well as being treated with a visit from Fireman Chris Bethell and the Numurkah Fire Brigade. We enjoyed some activities including using the fire hose, trying on uniform and learning some fire safety information.

Literacy

Our ‘big books’ have been a wonderful platform for the learning that follows throughout each of our weeks. Students have been enthusiastically building their rhyming word banks and learning to write a variety of poems. We have been focussing on ensuring our handwriting sits on the ‘blue solid line’ and some of us are also becoming more familiar in using our dotted-thirds appropriately.
We have been privileged to have help in our literacy block from some of our fabulous parents. If any parents would like to help in either a one hour block (9:00 – 10:00, 10:00 – 11:00) or our entire two hour literacy block, we would love your help on a Wednesday or a Friday.

**Numeracy**
In maths we have concluded our work on Patterns and are now introducing Addition and shortly also Subtraction. We continue to practise our Counting Patterns, Place Value and our Rainbow Facts to 10 (and other’s 20, 100 & 1000). This is a simple home task you may like to practise at home which will support your child with their learning.

If you have any queries the door is always open
Sue, Virginia, Andrea, Jen, Deb & Jo

**MIDDLES**

Fantastic learning has been taking place in the Middle Area in various subject areas. We are happy to see such enthusiastic students ready for new topics and exciting learning opportunities!

**Daily Routines:**
Students are encouraged to read on arrival to school before heading out to play. Well done students who are reading nightly and getting their diaries signed! Art, Library, PE and Music are on Wednesdays where students require an art smock and to bring their reader bag/library bag with books to return and borrow. LOTE lessons are on Fridays with Mr. Harber where they are learning about Italy and its culture.

**In and around our classrooms**
Literacy: The students are enjoying their exposure to ‘Boss of the Pool’. Students can identify the dramatic change in the main character Shelly. From the novel comes a rich array of learning opportunities. In writing we have been focusing on persuasive texts and encouraging the students to express their point of view. We have also included formal handwriting lessons to support the children develop their handwriting skills.

**Numeracy:** We have continued working on the topic of Place Value and addition, and are now moving into the relationship between addition and subtraction. We are excited to use some of the strategies that we have been practicing and apply them in our problem solving.

**Religion:** Students are developing an understanding for the need for action during this Lenten period. Please discuss with your child a positive way to help serve others. Caritas boxes have been distributed as one way that the school can support the project.

**Sacramental** The Parish Sacramental program for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist will commence mid way through term two. The Sacramental program involves the students participating in a series of evening lessons commencing Tuesday 10th May. Details of the program will become available during the first week of next term. All initial inquiries can be made through Tony Kent.

We are pleased with the response to homework this term. The focus for this term’s homework has been a mixture of numeracy, literacy, handwriting and spelling questions. Continue to encourage your child to do their weekly homework sheets because this is a great learning routine for all students.

Our doors are always open if you have any queries or concerns,
Tony, Kim, Nikki, Di and Alli
Congratulations to our Senior students who have had a very successful start to our new school year. They have very quickly stepped up into their positions of leadership and have been very settled in their routines.

**Literacy**
We are very proud of our Senior students and the work they have produced already this Term. The students are working very well in their reading groups, completing reading comprehension, grammar and spelling activities each week. In writing we have looked at Information Reports, trying to ensure that they have met the ‘Success Criteria’. We have also had a fun few days on ‘Noisy Poems’. Looking at the noises of a place. The children came with some great poems about Australia, Cricket, the river, the swimming pool and the park. Have a look at Alex and Kobie’s poem below. We were very proud of their poem!

*The Sounds at the Cricket*

Chris Gayle bashing, the Renegades are smashing
Balls are flying, West Indies are dying
Into the third tier, everyone has a cheer.
That’s the sound at the cricket!

Sixes are getting pumped, Thunder erupt
India’s crashing, Australia’s smashing
Koli middle stump, Starc is up and pumped.
That’s the sound at the cricket!

Johnson at the head, McCallum nearly dead
Finch has a swing, but doesn’t get the ding
Marsh is blocking, Smith is knocking.
That’s the sound at the cricket!

Warner made a tonne, people having fun
Dhoni can’t catch, Watson having a bash,
Koli calls DRS, Umpi’ says “have a rest”.
That’s the sound at the cricket!

**Numeracy**
The students have been looking at Place Value and are now completing a block on Fractions. We have looked at fractions of an amount, simplifying fractions, improper fractions, mixed fractions, equivalent fractions and word problems. The questions given in homework reinforce the skill taught the week previously.

**Inquiry**
It was wonderful to sit back and appreciate the hardwork the students put into their research poster’s on Tuesday. The students were given the opportunity to share their poster on a Leader and reflect on how this person shows leadership, as well as reflecting on how they worked as part of a team. Once again they had to check if they met all the criteria. We learnt a lot about time management as some children needed to complete their work at recess times, well done to the students who did this, unfortunately not all students took up this option and could only discuss with the group what they found out about a leader as they had no poster to share.
**Regional Swimming**
Well done to all the students who participated in Regional Swimming yesterday. What a great achievement to have made it that far.

Please remind your child to bring their water bottles especially during this hot spell of weather.
Kelly, Reen, Ebony, Jake & Therese

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**REGIONAL SWIMMING**
Congratulations on representing our school and district so proudly yesterday.

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**P & F NEWS**
Thank you to all the P & F and helpers in the organising of a successful Fun Run. Despite the heat it was great to see so many people participate.

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### Fun Run Results

1Km Boys
- 1st Caleb Gilmour
- 2nd Nate Warrin
- 3rd Jarred Bethell

1Km Girls
- Tessa Warrin
- Jasmine Broad
- Ashleigh Story

2Km Boys
- 1st Sam Heinnen
- 2nd Nic Hughes
- 3rd Nathan Gundrill

2Km Girls
- Keisha Broad
- Bridie Kelly
- Nakia Broad

**Under 16 10km**

**Male**
- 1st Rhys Cason
- 2nd Oliver Masters & Tom Hughes
- 3rd Thomas Masters

**Female**
- Tessa George
- Mel O’Dwyer
- Leanne Rawson

**Open 10km**

**Male**
- 1st Mark Thompson
- 2nd Mick Dickens
- 3rd Benjamin Goode

**Female**
- Yazmin Hayes
- Neive O’Dywer
- Daisey Lester

**Under 16 5km**

**Male**
- 1st Clancy Lester
- 2nd Darcy Holding
- 3rd Ben Bramich

**Female**
- Brooke Williams
- Vanessa Ward
- Sidney Kneebone

**Open 5km**

**Male**
- 1st Tom Avram
- 2nd Connor Terry
- 3rd Luke Joiner

**Female**
- Brooke Williams
- Vanessa Ward
- Sidney Kneebone
Scholastic Bookclub is up and running once again this year. Twice per term your child will bring home a bookclub catalogue. This year all children will receive one catalogue that contains all bookclubs. If you wish to order from bookclub please fill out the order form in the middle of the catalogue. Return this form to school as soon as possible along with your payment (cash, credit card or cheque - made payable to Scholastic Australia)

*Please remember to have your child’s name and grade on the top of the order form and the envelope.*

Your child’s teacher will be able to tell you the date these forms need to be back at school and the due date will also be included on the school newsletter. Due date for issue 2 is Friday 11th March.

**LOOP**

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Clubs Online & Payment platform for parents. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

See below for more detailed instructions on how to use LOOP. Scholastic delivers the ordered books to the school and I will then give them to your child’s class teacher to give out.

I encourage everyone to support bookclub. Your child benefits through reading and our school library also receives free books and book coupons through your support. Should you have any queries about bookclub please feel free to come and see me in the library.

A reminder for all children to please bring a library bag for their weekly borrowing.

Mary
WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Sen E Natalie Hobbs
For her outstanding efforts with her home reading.

Lachie O’Hara
For his excellent leadership and positive ways in the classroom.

Sen J Teega Brattle
For her efforts in the division swimming. Well Done!!

Alex Waasdorp
For working well with Kobie and writing a fantastic noisy poem.

Sen T Amber Burston
For her happy smiling & positive attitude.

Porsha Stuart
For her great work in understanding fractions.

Sen K Pat Millen
For his super reading efforts at home and at school.

Damen McIntyre
For his wonderful support in the classroom. Thankyou for setting up the computers each morning.

Mid A Ruby Sprunt
For believing in herself and giving her best effort in spelling.

Mitch Ward
For his responsible & focused attitude towards his work. Great Leadership Mitch!

Mid T Aleece Bethell
Role model for her academic and social behavior

Lochie O’Brien
For ‘having a go’ in so many aspects of life- school, sport, music.

Mid K Ava Morris
For being a polite and helpful friend who always has a smile to brighten your day!

Madison Brewer
For always being an attentive listener and for her helpful manner in the class.

Mid N Emily Phillips
For her amazing effort at zone swimming sports.

Ayden Siermans
For the fantastic effort he is putting into reading. Keep it up!

Jun V Eva Laidlaw
For her leadership skills and looking out for others.

Ocean Frost
For taking pride in all his work. Top efforts!

Jun S Alice Trimble
For her great work in place values working with numbers up to 6 digits.

Lily Camm
For reading with increased confidence and for giving everything a go!

Jun PG Tobie Lomax
For his wonderful enthusiasm with our classroom learning.

Ella Pelchen
For her fantastic effort and improvement with her reading and writing.

Jun J Jobe Garner
For being organized & ready for ‘Morning Reading’ each & every morning. Well Done!!

Monet Curtis
For your happy smile and the positive energy you bring to our classroom each day.

Prep J Nicholas Danaher
For a wonderful start to school life. Best wishes for the rest of the year!

Hannah Kelly
For helping others without being asked.

Prep T Jack Keane
For being organised and reading everyday.

Molly O’Callaghan
For being a very responsible and friendly member of our class.
Principal's Award:
Vanessa Mangles
Teea Brattle
Living out the values of Saint Mary MacKillop through what they say and what they do.

CANTEEN

March
11th Jacquie Hughes, Caroline Waasdorp
14th Kylie Mangles, Cathy Nuttall
15th Frances Hodgson, Cheryl Beatson
16th Julie Buha, Michelle Emanuelli
17th Jodie Carkeek, Mel O'Dwyer
18th Lauren Board, Leah Laidlaw
21st Kristy-Anne Bright, Tracy Lomax, Susan Maskell
22nd Karyn Oswald, Narelle Schreenan
23rd Stacey Handford, Renee Judd
24th Leah Laidlaw, Rachel Robertson

April
1st Kate Bell, Jen Bosse
4th Kate McGregor
5th Jaclyn Hibberson, Rocky Pellegrino
6th Lucette Cook, Katrina Jones
7th Jo Newham, Shanna Milne
8th Jacquie Hughes, Caroline Waasdorp
11th Kylie Mangles, Cathy Nuttall
12th Emilia Morris, Kimberley Chisolm,
13th Rachelle Moon, Kelly James
14th Jess Murmane, Kirsty Kallasmae

Please note that we still require a volunteer for the 5th Tuesday of the month and the 2nd Wednesday of the month. And if anyone is interested in helping on a Friday as a 3rd person for the fresh food Friday. Please note that siblings are welcome at the school while you help with canteen. Please call Andrea Boschetti 0437127926 or the office if you are able to help.

Fresh Food Friday is on again. You can purchase fresh food snacks at the canteen window.
Numurkah Primary Schools
Football
Registration Night Tuesday 15th
March 2016 5-5.30pm at
Numurkah Showgrounds
upstairs in clubrooms.
Players need to be at least 8 before 01/01/2016
Registration cost $60
Playing jumper $45. (if required)

Anyone requiring a jumper must have it ordered
and paid for on the night.

Training starts Thursday April 14th at the
Showgrounds from 5-6pm.
Games are played Saturday mornings in
Numurkah, Shepparton & surrounding districts.

Enquiries to mickholding@bigpond.com or
rogkylie@bigpond.com

If anyone has jumpers they have grown out of in
good order that they don’t wish to keep can they
please contact Mick Holding.
Caritas
AUSTRALIA

CARITAS CAKE STALL...

Friday the 11th of March
Recess...

We will be selling cake which will be given to the people of Fiji, who have recently been affected by Cyclone Winston. The cake slices will be 50c or less. Hopefully we will raise a lot of money to help the people of Fiji.

The cake stall will be run by the Senior school students.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!