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Newsletter — Week 7 of Term 1, March 16 2017

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 follows :

Attitude : Confident Without Being Bossy

Awareness : Of The Need To Stand Up For Oneself and Others

Action : Positive Voice and Body Language

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. Please note our school activities over the next weeks.

School Board 2017

Last night we held our AGM and elected the 2017 Members. We thank Mark Commadeur for his service and welcome Ben Ruscoe on as a Representative of Fr Michael.

Elected Representatives: Julie Buha, Julie Moore & Kate Bell (Board Chair)

Fr Michael's Representatives: Carolyn Hooker, Bill Masters & Ben Ruscoe

P & F Representative: Jacqui Hughes

Staff Representative: Kelly Newman

Finance: Tracey Commadeur

Principal: Paul Arnel

Vice-Principal: Therese Chalker

Parish Priest : Fr Michael

Congratulations to our Newly Elected P&F Executive

Last week we welcomed in our P&F Crew for 2017.

President – Trev Eddy

Vice President – Leah Laidlaw

Secretary – Wayne Dyson

Ass Secretary - Kate McGregor

Treasurer – Kelly Watters

School Board Rep – Jacqui Hughes

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

March 20 : Lachy B & Sam, Sophie K & Morgan SEN C&M

March 27 : Regan & Paige, Anthony & Oliver MID K & M

ALL WELCOME !

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

Dates To Remember

Tomorrow

St Patrick's Day, **St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 10am**

Sunday, March 19

FUN RUN 9.00 am start (arrive prior to check in)

Wed, March 22

School Photos

Friday, March 31

Last Day of Term 1—2:15pm Finish

School Photos—Wednesday, March 22 (pls return orders asap)



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!

Fortnightly Debits 24th March & 7th April

Monthly Debits take place on the 18th of each month up to and including November.

If you have any queries or concerns about your payment commitments please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Paul. If anyone is a Health Care Card Holder & they haven't notified us or completed an application for CSEF can they please do so and return asap to the office in order to receive funding. Forms are attached to the Newsletter. If you are wanting to amend your payment options please do so ASAP.

The Term Planner can be viewed from the school website under news & events \newsletters.

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo envelopes were sent home with students last week. If you are intending to order photos please send envelopes back with your payment. If you are ordering online you still need to send the envelope back to school prior to 22nd March 2017 noting your reference number on it. If you require a family photo envelopes can be obtained from the office. Please note full school summer uniform to be worn ie blue socks bring your runners if you have PE.

Classroom News

Preps

Preps are to be congratulated on the way they have settled into St Joseph's. They have involved themselves in every aspect of school life with enthusiasm and confidence. Our Grade 6 buddies have been wonderful in supporting our children and assisting in providing a very smooth transition. Thanks so much Seniors!

Take Home Toy

Some of you have been lucky enough to meet Papa Pete and Baby Pete this week. Each night they go home to spend time with your family. You are asked to write about the experience and read it back to your child several times. Also, make sure you read about the adventures other children have had as it is a lovely way to spend time together. Children retell their time with the teddy the following day. They are so proud to stand up in front of their peers.



Maths

We have been working hard to improve our Place Value skills. We are working on making numbers to 10, recognising numbers of objects without counting all and counting to 100.

This week we are looking at measuring using informal units e.g. blocks, icypole sticks etc.



Parent and Grandparent Helpers

Thank you so much for all the Parents and Grandparents who have been able to assist us in our Literacy block. Our programs have run so well with your support and children love having you in our room.

Literacy

We use Big Books to support our reading in the classroom. Repetition and rhyme are excellent strategies to help children recognise high frequency words and patterns in spelling. Keep reading at home and continue to practice your coloured words children!

The letters/sounds we are focusing on this Term are Ss, Tt, Aa, Mm, Pp, Cc, Oo, Gg & Ll

R.E.

We are learning about New Life and the story of Easter. We are reading stories from the Children's Bible and learning songs. This Friday we are going to Mass to celebrate St. Joseph's Day. Please come if you are free.

Inquiry Topic

We had a visit from G.V. Dental Group on Friday. We learnt about how we can be responsible for our own dental hygiene. You may have seen your child on Win News on Friday night.

Things/Dates to Remember

Sport/Art/Library each **Tuesday**

Music and P.M.P exercises each **Thursday**

Filled water bottles **each day**

Weekly reflection **each Friday at 3p.m. All welcome!**



SeeSaw

Please remember to check your SeeSaw App regularly as we will continue to post information and class news. You should receive a notification and email when something is posted. We use the app to post short notes, updates on class activities, examples of children's work and reminders.

We look forward to continue to work with you to build a happy learning environment.

Joanie, Tan and Bern





Juniors

Wow... Term 1 has flown!! We hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend and have re-charged their batteries ready for these last few weeks of this Term. It has been great to see all our students settling into our learning routines and forming new and exciting friendships.

Daily Routines

Fruit & Water:

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day. Students are to also bring in a piece of fresh fruit that is prepared the way your child likes (cut/peeled etc.) to be eaten each day during our morning session.

Art/Library/Sport/Music:

Our specialist classes will be on Wednesday and will be on a rotational basis. Due to this it is more practical for all the children to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Our Specialist Classes have now changed until the end of Term.

JUNIOR EAST (Sue/Deb & Ms Kelly) – Art & Library

JUNIOR WEST (Mrs Hamilton & Mrs P.G) – Sport & LOTE

Sport:

All our children will have an extra sport session on Friday, so please wear sports uniform on this day as well.

Morning Reading:

Well done to all the students who are remembering to get organised quickly on their reading day. We love having this 1 on 1 session with your children, as it is important for monitoring their progress. We ask that specifically on this day, your child arrive promptly to school, to enjoy this time with us.

All children are expected to read to an adult before school, if you are dropping your child off you may like to stay and hear them and others read.

Homework:

We ask that your child read each night. As some children are reading longer books they may only read a chapter or a few pages each night. All other children will have numerous readers at their level to read throughout the week. It is important for your child's progress to become familiar with nightly readers so they can practice fluency and expression as well as decoding. This is best achieved when readers become familiar but not boring, hence a change of readers will occur once a week.

In and around our classroom

Social Skills:

Our social skill is Assertiveness. In and around our classroom we are focusing on being proud and confident, setting a good example and being a positive role model.

Religion:

In Religion our focus has been on Lent and the sacrifices Jesus has made. Students have been encouraged to think about ways they can 'give more to others' 'make small personal sacrifices' and 'say an extra little prayer' as a way to show appreciation and understanding of Jesus' journey and the message he proclaims.



Literacy:

We have enjoyed finishing up procedural writing and have begun working on different forms of poetry. In particular, we have been looking at Acrostic poems. The children have enjoyed thinking about sentences that describe a common theme.

It has been fabulous to have so many parent helpers during our Literacy block. This has ensured the smooth running and effective format for our reading groups. It is wonderful to see how the children love having you involved in their learning program.

Our spelling sessions continue to refine our students spelling strategies. There is much to learn and remember with the numerous rules of the English language so practice makes perfect.

Numeracy:

In maths sessions we have been warming up and practicing our friendly facts. These are the numbers that join together to make 10 (or any other 10's number). This is important foundation knowledge for our number work and allows children to build to the next 10 in a more efficient way. We have also been focusing on tools and strategies to help with addition and subtraction. Children have practiced tasks using friendly facts, doubles, adding 10 and number lines.

Inquiry

During Inquiry we have been learning about Health & Hygiene. Topics we have covered have included Germs, Hand-washing, Healthy Food, Hydration, Exercise, Sleep, Dental Health and at the moment, being Sun Smart. Part of our learning included a visit from Goulburn Valley Dental to give us some awesome information about the importance of Dental Hygiene.



Sue, Deb, Celie, Jenny, Andrea, Karlene and Amanda.

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 to the students who are reading nightly and getting their diaries signed! Art, Library, PE and LOTE are on Wednesdays where students require an art smock and to bring their reader bag/library bag with books to return and borrow. Music lessons are on Tuesdays with Mr. Harber.

In and around our classrooms: A new routine commenced last week that ties in with our Inquiry topic (Health) where our students go outside for the first 10 minutes of each day to engage in some physical activity. A roster has been created where the students rotate each morning with a different teacher and do running activities, core strengthening exercises, yoga and overarm throwing games. We have found that this is beneficial in having our students alert and ready for our morning Literacy sessions, as well as providing important daily exercise. Students may bring their runners to school for this activity, but please be mindful that on non-PE days they will be expected to change back into their school shoes.



Literacy: Daily ISSR (independent silent sustained reading) is occurring in each of our classrooms where the students read and record unfamiliar or interesting new words in their word banks. These words can then go into their weekly spelling lists where they will learn the meaning of these words, thus extending their vocabulary. Daily reading group activities are well and truly up and running and the students have adapted magnificently to the routine and expectations in these sessions. In writing, our focus is currently on writing narratives. Students are being exposed to a great variety of narratives during daily whole class read aloud/mini lessons before students independently write. The narrative are being read aloud and discussed to stimulate, motivate and provide examples of what an excellent narrative looks like and the correct structure and features.



Numeracy: We have finished working on the topic of Place Value but will continue to incorporate this into our everyday warm up sessions. We are now moving into the relationship between addition and subtraction where we are exploring some new numeracy games. 'Double Double' is a great way to add different numbers together. Its lots of fun, why not have a go at home. We are excited to use some of the strategies that we have been practicing, such as chunking, counting up/down, near doubles and applying them in our problem solving.

Religion: Students are developing an understanding of the need for action during this Lent period. Caritas boxes have been distributed as one way that the school can support the project and in the Middle School we have sent home 'My Little Lent Books' to encourage the students to find positive ways to help serve others.

We are pleased with the response to homework this term. The focus for this terms 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,

Kim, Trish, Kate, Brennan, Di and Amy

Seniors

Thank you to all the Year Five and Six students who have continued to work in a very settled way this term. We are proud of all our Leaders as they continue to set a wonderful example by the way they present themselves in our beautiful uniform.

This reflects the message of Bianca Chatfield at our Leadership day. She explained to the Year Six students that *'they are the standard'* and that they give permission to others by the behavior that they set.

Inquiry. Our Senior Students led us in a beautifully, reverent Paraliturg for Ash Wednesday. This was a special way to start Lent.

We continue to work with our Inquiry on Healthy Living. We have looked at all the different aspects of being healthy: Eating well, emotional health and physical activity. Last Thursday was a great workshop for our students. A huge thankyou to – Leah Laidlaw for her session of Healthy Lunch boxes, Kim Johnson co-ordinated the physical fitness component, Kylie who showed us the benefits of yoga and our teachers who introduced the students to mindfulness. A wonderful day for all and great lessons for a healthy life.





Our Program Each after-noon we run a Program where some of our students work in a smaller group which suits their style of learning. We still work with the same Inquiry unit but are looking at different ways we can report our knowledge; using programs such as Key Note, mind mapping using Bubbl Us and other similar mapping tools. The students are very enthusiastic with their involvement in these sessions.

Religion. Caritas has been our main focus as we reflect on the meaning of Lent. Lent is a time where we try to be more like Jesus in prayer, giving and making positive choices. Friday, the 24th of March, the Senior School will organize a coin collection for Caritas, the students will be asked to make a donation of a gold coin as they enjoy wearing casual clothes.

Regional Swimming Congratulations to Taigh, Regan, Jake and Charlize for your great efforts last week in Shepparton coming third in the relay – so close to making State!

Asthma Medication If your child uses a Asthma puffer whilst at school could you please prompt them to take their puffers with them for Physical Education sessions and Sport activities. We have had a run of students returning to class needing to get their puffers during these sessions, which could be a risky practice.

Caritas A note will be coming home but on the last day of this term, Friday 31st of March, all students will enjoy a casual clothes day and bring a gold coin in support of Caritas who work tirelessly helping the people of the third world countries. We ask that all family's return their Caritas boxes from home and we will have a school wide coin line for Caritas. The students have been very receptive to their responsibility to these people who don't enjoy the freedom and standard of living we experience.

Please know that you are always welcome to join us in the Senior School as we work our way towards the end of term one.

Thank you

Kelly, Therese, Ebony, Brooke, Rachael, Loreena, Naomi, Wendy & Ray

Sport

Well done to those students who competed in the swimming last week. You did the school proud in giving it your all.

GOULBURN MURRAY DIVISION TRIALS

The following students have been invited to register for Divisional Trials to be conducted in late April.

NETBALL

Molly Arho
Jordan Hopkins
Morgan Judd

AFL FOOTBALL

Taigh Powles
Kobie Rahilly
Nathan Page

BASKETBALL

Abby Commadeur
Anthony Hargreaves

SOCCER

Nick Hughes
Lucas Roberts
Zac Cason

We wish them well with their endeavours and hope they enjoy the selection process.





WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Sen W Zac Bosse

For being so polite during interactions with all and working hard in maths.

Sen N Charlotte Plum

Transitioning so well to the senior school. Always listening and doing her best.

Sen C Tristan Kelly

For his great efforts in getting to School early in time to read.

Sen M Jemima Moore

For always doing her best and being ready to learn.

Mid K Rahni Lawless

For showing a wonderful attitude towards her class work. Keep it up Rahni.

Mid C Layla Sanders

For always being a helpful member of our class and aware how she can help others.

Mid J Aleece Bethell

For your continual dedication and effort towards all aspects of your learning.

Mid M Tristan Hopkins

For being a complete contributor in our class and a committed quiet achiever in all subjects.

Jun S Sienna Bosse

For putting her heart and soul into everything she does.

Jun K Nash Siermans

For making a great start this term with his home reading.

Jun PG Sol Frost

For his wonderful attitude towards his learning.

Jun H Yolana Rijthoven

For your 'Wonderful' handwriting which is smaller & sitting beautifully on the lines!

Prep N Leni Edis

For being happy & confident and sharing her acting skills with us.

Prep A Castiel White

For entering the room each day with a smile that brightens everyone's day.

Principal's Award

Week 1: Kate Buha

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what

they say and what they do.

CANTEEN

MARCH

17th Brooke Myers, [Volunteer](#)

20th Natasha Stell & Tracy Lomax

21st Cheryl Beatson & Dianne Scanlan

22nd Karyn Oswald & [Volunteer](#)

23rd Rachelle Moon, Rachel Robertson

24th Jemma Hansen, [Volunteer](#)

27th Tania Altoft,

28th Natasha Stell, Kimberley Chisolm

29th [Volunteer](#), Michelle Razga

30th Kate McGregor, Volunteer

31st Lil Ruscoe, Andrea Dobson

The Canteen roster has been drafted for 2017. There are still quite a few vacancies if anyone is able to help on these days (especially the 5th Wednesday of the month) please contact the Health Eating Officer Karen McIntyre at the school. If you are unable to commit to the whole year but you see a day that needs a volunteer & are able to help on that day. It would be most appreciated.



We have had a few instances where no-one has shown up to canteen duty or cancelled on the day of. If you are unable to make it can you please arrange a swap with someone else on the roster. The last week Karen had 40 lunches to prepare on her own.

Taco Tuesday is coming up on the 28th March. Order forms are attached. No other items will be available from the menu on this day.

Parents & Friends

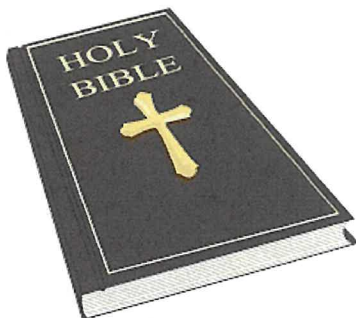
The Fun Run is on this Sunday 19th March 2017 9.00 am start. 1 & 2km events start at 10.15am. Please complete your registration form & bring along with cash or a cheque to the office. 1 & 2km events can pay on the day via a gold coin donation.

Parish News

ENGAGING WITH THE HOPES OF PARISHES

Fr Brendan Reed will give an interactive presentation based on his research work Wednesday 15 March 2017, 3.30-9.30pm., Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, Knight Street, Shepparton. Fr Brendan Reed, Parish Priest of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Catholic Parishes and Catholic Theological College lecturer in Theology. All are welcome to join the St Brendan's PPC for a dynamic and thought provoking evening. RSVP St Brendan's: Shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or Ph: 03 58212633 or the Chancery: adult-faith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au Ph: 03 54412544.

This could be a timely opportunity for us all, following on from our Parish survey and our desire to build-up community.



Beginning Theology

The Institute of Faith Education (Brisbane) and the Sandhurst Diocese is offering a study course "Beginning Theology". It is an introduction to theology designed for adults who have no formal theological background and are seeking a basic introduction to theology designed for adults who have no formal theological background and are seeking

a basic introduction to the Catholic Christian tradition. The course is an open learning course. That means you do not attend lectures. You study at home, but also meet regularly with a small group of other students to share your learnings.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lyn Breen, Adult Faith Education Sandhurst—Coordinator by 20 March 2017—adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or Ph 03 54412544.

Community Notices

KATUNGA AUSKICK & NET SET GO 2017

Katunga Football Netball Club will be running Auskick & Net Set Go for children aged 5-10 again this year.

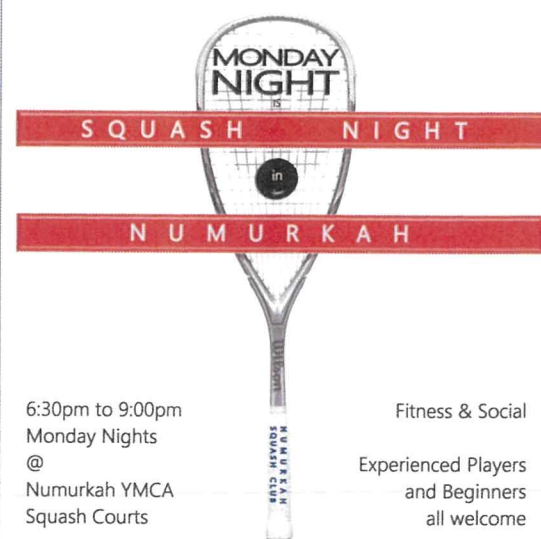
The sessions will be held on Thursdays from 5-6pm during Term 2 at Katunga Recreation Reserve.

All registrations must be done online.

To register for Auskick go to www.aflauskick.com.au To register for Net Set Go visit www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net

Further details are available for Auskick from Kate Bell on 0427 686 266 or for Net Set Go from Jo McDonald on 0407 732 334.





6:30pm to 9:00pm
Monday Nights
@
Numurkah YMCA
Squash Courts

Fitness & Social
Experienced Players
and Beginners
all welcome

● Free racquets
● Free court hire

Contact Dave Kelly
m: 0417 934 045





Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Health & Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

Information sessions are being held on:

Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 6:00pm
Department of Health & Human Services
43-47 Rowan Street, **Wangaratta**

Thursday 30th March 2017 at 6:00pm
Department of Health & Human Services
163-167 Welsford Street, **Shepparton**

Bookings not essential. For further information please contact:
Adoption & Permanent Care Program
☎: 5832 1500



So why not try

SPEED NETWORKING?

Speed Networking enables participants to engage through one on one focused conversations lasting just two minutes!

MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL, NUMURKAH DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE AND NUMURKAH LOVE OUR LIFESTYLE

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US@

Telegraph Hotel Beer Garden Wednesday 29th March, 2017

Time: 5.30pm until 7.00pm

Melville Street, Numurkah (Carpark at rear)

- * St Mary's School Band will play to open the evening
- * Refreshments supplied

\$15 per head Facilitator: Jamie Lea

For an evening of Speed Networking which is sure to be energising and fun!

Please come along to meet community members, professionals and business people at a relaxed networking event. Bring lots of business cards to introduce yourself, your business or profession and share your interests.

For more details contact Jenny Pickering
Ph: 0427 327 810

jpickering@moira.vic.gov.au

Bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/speed-networking-tickets-32314363130>



CANTEEN ROSTER – 14/2/2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st of the Month	Kate McGregor 0409 967 017	Jaclyn Hibberson 0409525117 Rocky Pellegrino 0409836051	Lucette Cook 0418 148 367 Michelle Razga 0429554146	Jo Newham 0438 624 674 Emma Gundrill 0400139054	Kate Bell 0427 686 266 Jen Bosse 0419 835 244
2nd of the Month	Maria Simpson 0419 550 347	Emilia Morris 0419 372 540 Carolyn Hooker 0409310126	Temara Smith 0437 449993 Leah Laidlaw 0407879105	Jane Borg 0432 603 768 Kirsty Kallasmae 0437062762	Jacque Hughes 0411 045 291 Volunteer
3rd of the Month	Natasha Stell Tracy Lomax 0419 550 347	Cheryl Beaton 0432 306 372 Dianne Scanlan 0419489384	Julie Buha 0428 898 182 Jacinta Simpson 0411 777245	Jodie Carkeek 0427 841 142 Mel O'Dwyer 0404 119 298	Brooke Myers 0408633154 Volunteer
4th of the Month	Tania Altoft 0400944804	Natasha Stell Kimberley Chisolm 0497505747	Karyn Oswald 0458732112	Rachel Robertson 0417 389 400 Rachelle Moon 0427 336 598	Jemma Hansen 0403 337615 Volunteer
5th of the Month (when it occurs)	Emily Cason 0458 632 822	Rebecca Phillips 0417 658 336 Volunteer	Nicole Osler 0407 004 142 Volunteer	Kate McGregor Volunteer	Lil Ruscoe 0409 363 413 Andrea Dobson 0437 623 100

- Canteen Volunteers start at 12.00 am. Please write your Canteen Day on your Calendar so you don't forget.
- If you are unable to do Canteen COULD WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEBODY, - If you can't arrange a swap, ring Karen McIntyre at the school on 03 58621804 with as much notice as possible.
- Please **KEEP** this Roster in case you need to arrange a swap.



The 28th of March is Taco Tuesday!

For \$2.50 the students will get a soft taco boat with minced beef [please note the meat will not be spicy].

Tacos will be collected by the students from the canteen at lunchtime where they will select their own toppings.

Please tick the boxes below for the toppings your child might like and return with payment by Friday 24th of March.

There is a maximum of 2 tacos per child.

Students name _____ Class _____ No. of taco _____

Topping choices

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tasty cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Grated carrot | <input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato | <input type="checkbox"/> Sour cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato salsa |

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